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In discussing the machinists' recent strike the Colonist, as usual with it where a labor union is concerned, can see but one side of the question, that of the employer. It says "a strange fatality seems to govern the conduct of the labor organizations. They managed to interfere with mining in this province at the very moment when it was most desirable that everything should go on smoothly. They have succeeded in creating a disturbance at a time when owing to the high price of labor and the cost of iron it is cheaper for our great transcontinental railway to get its work done abroad. * * The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is a business corporation. It is conducted on business principles. It will get its rolling stock where it can get it most cheaply. * * The machinists without stopping to consider what the effect of their action would be upon the future operations of the company, have compelled the works to close." The machinists' association is also a business organization, run on strictly business principles. When a few years ago times were hard, business dull and the labor market over-crowded did the company stop to consider what its action in reducing wages and cutting down its working staff would have on the future of its employees? Certainly not. As a business concern it saw its opportunity and grasped it. Wholesale reductions and dismissals followed and many were driven across the line to seek employment. Conditions are now different. Labor is scarce and high priced. Business is good and the rolling stock of the company is taxed to its utmost capacity to handle the immense volume of traffic offered. The machinists saw their opportunity. As a matter of business they have taken advantage of it to make certain demands upon the company. The action of the company a few years ago threw more men out of employment than the closing of the locomotive foundry will do, and caused a great deal of distress along its line. It is business pure and simple and not sentiment that rules labor unions as well as railway companies.

It has always been supposed that the sidewalk now being built was for the purpose of connecting the upper and lower towns. It is not now intended to build the walk up the Douglas street hill. This is a mistake, as this place is dangerous for pedestrians in the winter season, in a narrow road with swiftly moving teams. If this portion of the sidewalk is not to be built on account of the extra cost the board of public works is practising very poor economy. Many times the cost of this piece of sidewalk has been expended this season for improvements of far more doubtful utility.

The court of revision for Revelstoke riding will sit November 6th. Those intending to register should do so at once. If a voter's name is not on the list at the sitting of this court it will take some weeks to place it there and in the meantime many things may happen in the political world.

The announcement made during the progress o' the machinists' strike that the C. P. R. had sent to an American firm an order for thirty locomotives, was used by those opposed to combinations of labor as grounds for declaring that the unions were driving business out of the country. This is a mistake, and the placing of this order has no special significance. The company has always sent across the line for most of its locomotives, and a great majority of those running on the C. P. R. today are of American make.

So far there is but one paper in the province which heartily and unequivocally indorses the action of the recent tory convention. It is the Vernon News.

METALLURGICAL WORKS

At Vancouver is Most Completely Equipped.

Every mining man in West Kootenay knows W. Pellew Harvey as an expert metallurgist of long experience, but very few know how complete is his establishment for all kinds of assay work, checking of smelter pulps, and testing ores for the purpose of ascertaining the kind of treatment best suited for their reduction. An inspection of this plant, one of the best in the Dominion, will well repay anyone interested in minerals and their treatment. The staff of assistants is a large one, and every member is a certificated expert. They have at their command all the latest and most improved machinery and appliances.

The first thing that strikes the visitor's eye as he enters the establishment at 717-719 Pender street, Vancouver, is an immense safe, the best made, where the returning Klondyker's gold is stored. A large pair of gold weighing scales in a glass case stands near. Leaving this room you enter another department and find a couple of experts arriving at the results of assays with scales so delicately adjusted they will give the weight of a pencil mark on a slip of paper.

In another building in the rear are the sampling works, furnaces and machinery, and a complete cyanidation plant. Here is a Gates Grinder, an automatic amalgamator, and other machines run by a Crossley gas engine. There several furnaces: a gold melting furnace for reducing gold dust to be run into bricks; one for roasting ores, and a gas furnace. The latter is heated by gas, and is automatic in its action, keeping the temperature at any point desired for any length of time.

Mr. Harvey is also the government assayer, and on the arrival of the gold from the north it is weighed, a receipt given for it, then placed in the strong room for safe keeping until the time comes for melting it, when it is run into bricks and its value certified by the assayer; it will then be purchased by the banks at its full value less a very small commission for handling it.

Mr. Harvey is the B. C. agent for the patentees of the cyanide process of treating ores and has done a great deal of work in their interests. He also represents several old country smelters and refineries and will purchase all gold, silver, copper and lead ores offered.

Canada's Contingent.

There will be very general regret that while Canada will furnish a contingent of men to aid the imperial forces in South Africa, there will be no Canadian contingent, strictly speaking. The troops from the Dominion will not be in a corps by themselves, officered by Canadians, but will be absorbed in British regiments and be under British commanders. The Dominion will not be called upon to pay the men while on service. As this matter is necessarily in the hands of imperial government, who are responsible for the whole management of the war, there is nothing left but to accept its decision loyally. Probably from a military point of view the plan adopted will prove better than that which Canadians would naturally have preferred.

As there is no means of telling what the demands upon the Empire may be before there is peace again, Canada may yet be given an opportunity to exhibit her grateful love for the flag in some other way. We do not for a moment fancy that the Boers are capable of a prolonged resistance, or that they will not be taken care of in a satisfactory fashion without any further call upon the colonies; but when the cord of war has once been ignited, no one can pretend to say when it will extinguished. Other nations have shown no disposition to interfere, but our empire is not loved in foreign courts, where jealousy of our crowned democracy blinds the judgment of rulers and statesmen. An attempt may be made to take advantage of hostilities in South Africa to settle some other matters to the disadvantage of Great Britain. The fitting out of a flying squadron indicates that the Imperial authorities recognize that it is necessary to be prepared for any eventuality. John Bull's fighting blood is up, and the nation will not take very much from any one without resenting it vi et armis. So Canada may yet have all the chance she could ask for to prove her mettle.—Colonist.

A Member of the Union.

President McKinley has been elected a member of the Bricklayers' and stonemasons' International union, No 21, of Chicago, Ill. This was done so that he could lay the corner stone of the new Government building on Monday. He will be the first President of the United States, and the first ruler of any nation to become a member of the building trades affiliated with the Building Trades Council of Chicago. The laws of this body make it compulsory for the President to have a working card in his pocket before he could handle a trowel on any building in the city or in Cook county, Ill.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

William Dean Howells' novel, "A Hazard of New Fortunes," is being dramatized by Frank C. Drake for production next season.

Victor Herbert will compose the music for a new comic opera which the Bostonians will produce probably in December. Harry B. Smith may write the libretto.

William Gill, who wrote "Adonis" and "The Seven Ages" for Henry E Dixey has just about completed an entirely new work, in which this comedian may be seen next season.

Charles Wyndham will open his new theater in London next October with a revival of David Garrick. During the holidays he will present Stuart Ogilvie's adaptation of "Cyrano de Bergerac."

Vaudeville teams are displaying a penchant for queer names, a custom heretofore confined to the soubrette directory. A pair of gymnasts now appearing at the London music halls rejoice in the unique names Undah and Ovah.

Mme. Modjeska will appear the comic season in a new play, "Marie Antoinette," by Clinton Stuart. The play is said to have many points of resemblance to "Robespierre," Sir Henry Irving's latest production, containing the revolutionary characters of Robespierre, Marat and Mirabeau, besides those of King Louis and the unfortunate queen.

It is said there will be an expenditure of $100,000 in the production of "Ben-Hur" before the play makes its appearance at the Broadway theater, New York, next November. The chariot race is to be reproduced on the stage, and in order to get the requisite effect a revolving stage apparatus is being constructed, so that the audience can be thrilled by horses galloping at genuine top speed.

NEW ENGLISH WORDS.

As a result of the "literary competition" of the London academy, a list of new words which have been added to the English language is given to the world. It will surprise most persons that such words have been coined.

Sinequononymous: Most essential.

Conflumption: Muddle, catastrophe.

Quinnydingles: Irrelevance and trivialities.

Whillesuent: Object of small importance.

Twink: A testy person full of kinks and cranks.

Glug: A greasy mud peculiar to the streets of large cities.

Smarmy: Saying treacly things which do not sound genuine.

Floguent: One's adipose aunt's method of sitting or reclining.

Scrungle: The feeling of hearing a slate pencil squeaked on a slate.

Tilge: Decoction of tea which has stood too long, whether warm or cold.

Screel: To feel the sensation produced by hearing a knife edge squeal on a plate.

Gluxy: An adjective denoting the quality that is not quite oily or creamy or glutinous, but something of each.

Roofer: A letter written after staying with a friend to express your gratitude for the time spent under his hospitable roof.

Bluedomer: One who declines to go to church because he says he worships God more easily "under the blue dome" of heaven.

Crotion: An occurrence which enables you to "crow" over another person. It is the noun corresponding to Mr. Kipling's interjections, "Gloats, gloats and gids!"—Waverly Magazine.

SECTIONAL SASS.

New York people do not admit that Chicago is on the map except when they want to borrow money.—Chicago Record.

New York is experiencing an epidemic of lockjaw, but so far the politicians have managed to figure in the immune class.—Washington Post.

With feuds in two counties, smallpox in others and a political campaign involving the whole state, Sister Kentucky's nerves are under a big strain.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Chicago has decided not to have a stadium for this year's fall festival, but the promoters of the idea do not feel that their time has been entirely lost. They have educated at least a quarter of the people up to knowing indistinctly what a stadium is.

SIMPLE SALVE.

In Finland and Lapland amber oil is believed to be a certain cure for rheumatism, neuralgia and similar troubles.

If any foreign substance is swallowed which is sharp, a needle, for instance, do not give an emetic, but confine the diet to mashed potatoes for two days.

The main reason why consumptives are sent to New Mexico is that it is always warm enough there to stay out doors. Staying out of doors is the specific for almost every ill.

Dr. London Carter Gray says that a healthy person in middle age needs eight hours' sleep. If one wastes an hour in trying to get to sleep, he must add that hour to the right, making nine in all. The alarm clock kills more people than war does.

SOME CURIOUS RINGS.

Denon, the French savant, wore a ring set with a tooth of Voltaire.

An Englishman owns a gold ring set with a miniature painting by Cosway of the eye of George, Prince of Wales.

A tooth of Sir Isaac Newton was sold to a nobleman in 1816 for a large sum. He had it placed in a ring and wore it constantly on his finger.

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated near Trout Lake City, in Trout Lake District, West Kootenay.

Commencing at a post at the north-east corner of George Oleson's preemption near Trout Lake, thence south 20 chains, thence east 60 chains, thence north 60 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence south 20 chains; thence west 60 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 60 chains to initial post, containing 480 acres more or less.

Also commencing at a post on the Great Northern trail about one mile up from Trout Lake wagon road, thence north 20 chains, thence east 50 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 30 chains, thence north 20 chains to initial post, containing 200 acres more or less.

Also commencing at a post on Lardeau trail on Lardeau Creek near 2-mile post, thence west 40 Chains, thence north 70 chains, thence east 40 chains more or less to Lardeau Creek, thence following creek south 70 chains to initial post, containing 280 acres more or less. In all 960 acres.

FRED ROBINSON.
Revelstoke, B. C., October 10th, 1899.

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on Trout Lake, in Trout Lake District.

Commencing at a post at the north-east corner of Trout Lake City townsite at the north-west corner of Trout Lake, running north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains more or less to lake shore, thence west along lake shore, 80 chains, to initial post, containing 160 acres more or less.

Also commencing at a post on the south shore of Trout Lake about one mile east of what is known as Six-Mile Point, thence south 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence north 40 chains more or less to lake shore, thence east along lake shore to initial post, containing 500 acres more or less.

Also commencing at a post on south shore of Trout Lake at a point called Eight-Mile Point, thence running in an easterly direction along the shore of Trout Lake 30 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence north 20 chains, more or less, to initial post, containing 160 acres more or less. In all 880 acres.

DANIEL ROBINSON.
Revelstoke, B. C., October 10th, 1899.

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.

G. S. FLINDT, SECRETARY.

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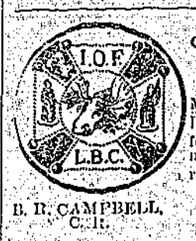

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ON AN OLD BATTLEGROUND.

Valley and farmland meet the west,
Purple and gold and green;
Orchard and vineyard, song and rest,
Where their old world wars have been.

Over the gleaners lightly sings
The lark to the falling sun,
Over that grave of far off things
And old wars lost and won.

And over the hills where long ago
Strange old world warriors met,
How sweet the purple vineyards grow,
How well the fields forget!
—Arthur J. Stringer in Ainslee's Magazine.

THE INTELLIGENT LION.

A Lion Story That Equals Some Fish Stories.

By Crittenden Marriott.

"This," said the African traveler as he looked around him, "is not a lie, though it may seem so to any one wanting in sufficient intelligence to realize that truth does not need to be reasonable.

"It happened a good many years ago, on my very first trip to Africa and at a time when I was considerably younger than I am now. I had started north from Johannesburg with an ox wagon and a party of surveyors who knew almost as little of the interior of Africa as I did.

"When we had trekked north for about a month we came to a place which was clearly impassable along the route that we had been pursuing. However, we didn't mind that much, as we had intended to stop for a day or two to rest the oxen. So we outspanned and had a good night's rest, and the next morning sent out two parties, one to the east and the other to the west, to search for a pass.

"The only ones to remain with the wagons were a big Englishman, six native boys and myself. We loafed around camp all day, the boys keeping close together and jabbering away a good deal. The next morning every one of them had disappeared, and most of our lighter camp furniture, including our surplus firearms, had disappeared with them. We had just one rifle, belonging to the Englishman, and one miserable little pistol which had come out of the ark, belonging to me.

"When he realized the situation, the Englishman swore in a blood curdling fashion and started out to run down the boys, taking his rifle with him. He never came back, and I never heard of him again.

"When evening drew near, I began to get uneasy. Here I was, alone in a strange country, 70 miles from a village, with no weapon except a worthless pistol and with beasts roaming all around me. We heard lions nearly every night for a week, but had kept them well away by a circle of brush fires. Of course I might try to keep these up that night, but knew it would be very difficult when I was all by myself. Moreover, when I went out in the afternoon to drive up the oxen to the wagons where I could hitch them for the night the brutes became frightened and finally broke away in a wild stampede and vanished from view.

"I knew neither of the exploring parties was likely to be back till morning, and so I determined to sleep in a tree and leave the ground free for any lions that liked to investigate the wagons and their contents. It was lions that I was chiefly afraid of, and I had read somewhere, probably in a copy book at school, that those animals couldn't climb trees. The books didn't say anything about their foolish intelligence, but I was to find that out for myself.

"Presently I found a convenient tree, one that had no big limbs near the ground and that did have two or three pretty well up, to which I could hang, swing my hammock and let the rain world go. A little way above these the trunk had been broken short off, so that it was not possible to retreat higher up. But as I was a good 30 feet above ground as it was I thought myself perfectly safe.

"In clearing the smaller branches out of the way of my hammock I used a small saw which the natives had forgotten. When I had finished, I fortunately hung it on a twig close beside me instead of taking it down to the wagon again. That bit of carelessness saved my life.

"When night fell, I ate my supper and climbed to my airy resting place, smoked a cigar and tried to go to sleep, but the circumstances were not conducive to slumber, and the romantic beauty of the spot under the soft beams of the tropic moon kept me awake for hours.

"Finally I slept and did not awaken until nearly morning. The moon was low, but still threw a good deal of light on the ground, and showed a number of dark forms moving beneath me. My heart jumped into my mouth and stuck there, and I grasped the ridiculous little revolver at my belt in an agony of fear. I felt certain at once that the beasts below me were lions, and even as I watched a thunderous roar showed that I did not mistake. A lion's roar may sound more or less contemptible when it comes from the other side of the iron bars of a cage, but it is quite a different thing when heard in the open.

"After a time I recovered my nerve and began to take interest in the scene. After all, I thought, the lions could not reach me where I was, and they would probably go away at daybreak, which was now not far distant. I could afford to smile at the huge beasts as they rolled over each other like kittens at play.

"Finally the idea came into my head that I ought to bag one of them, and without stopping to think I drew my fool pistol and blazed away at the largest. Strange to say, I hit him. Never before and never afterward did I hit anything at which I fired with that pistol, but I did that time.

"The great brute gave a short snarl of rage and peered around for the person who had so spitefully used him. It did not take him long to locate me in the tree, and in spite of myself I shivered when I saw the look of cold malevolence with which he regarded me. The others came up and licked his wound and gazed at me and expressed their indignation by repeated roars. It was a most uncomfortable experience, and I wished again and again that they would turn their attention elsewhere. The concentrated stares of a dozen angry lions is no joke to a man of sensitive temperament like myself.

"After awhile the wounded lion seemed to be making a speech to the others, who responded by short roars and vindictive glances at my unfortunate self. Of course I can't be certain as to what he was saying, but I feel sure that it was embarrassingly personal. When he finished, they all roared in concert, and for a moment I hoped that they were going away with merely an expression of their contempt.

"But I was soon undeceived. The lions formed in line about 100 yards away. Then the first came toward me with a sort of bounding gallop just like an athlete preparing for a high jump. When he was near enough, he bounded into the air straight for me, but the tree was too tall, and he fell short and went rattling down to the ground with a snarl that sounded remarkably like a human curse. One after another all the lions had a try at the jump, but all failed to reach the limbs of the tree.

"Finally the old lion called another consultation, and when it broke up I saw in his eye that something was going to happen. About 30 feet away from my tree was the stump of another some 50 feet high and studded from top to bottom with the remains of dead branches. If it should fall over toward me, it would certainly catch on by a projecting branch of my tree and would furnish a nicely inclined plane up which a whole tribe of lions could easily walk. I did not realize this at first, but nevertheless, as the lions walked over and took positions behind it, I shuddered with apprehension.

"The big wounded one was the first to act. Bounding gracefully along the ground, he sprung high in the air and struck the dead stump some 15 feet above the ground, making it quiver and creak. It did not fall, however, and the lion dropped to the ground. He was quickly followed by another and another and another, each springing against the stump with all his might, until to my dazed eyes the air seemed full of tumbling lions.

"But the stump held splendidly, and I was beginning to feel safe again and to take some interest in the unprecedented show when the big one again called a conference. The stump was held from falling by a large root that extended directly away from my position, thus exerting its greatest leverage against the efforts of the lions. It lay in plain sight on the surface of the ground, and you can imagine how my heart sank when I saw the lions form in a double row along it and proceed to claw it up. Then I knew the end was near. Deprived of that root, the stump would fall at the first assault, and an instant later the lions would be upon me. Already I could feel their jaws crunching my bones.

"Suddenly a last chance entered my head. There was but one branch on my tree that extended in the proper direction to catch the stump as it fell. If I could cut that off, the stump might miss me and go crashing to the ground. Fortunately I had at hand the saw of which I spoke a moment ago. I seized it and began to saw through the limb. You can imagine how I worked, but the wood was green and the saw small, and I made slow progress. Besides, the lions heard the saw and probably guessed what I was doing, for they redoubled their efforts.

"At last the branch was half sawed through, but the root was wholly gone, and the lions backed away and formed up for the spring. The big lion again took the lead. Swish! he came through the air, striking the stump at least 20 feet above the ground. It reeled, creaked and fell slowly at first, but with gathering speed. Crash! it came against my limb, and the next second the whole string of lions was swarming up it.

"But their haste saved my life. A large lion weighs quite a quarter of a ton, and when four of them were on the trunk their combined weight proved too much for the half sawed branch. It gave way, and stump and branch and lions went down in a heap together, while I clung to the remainder of the tree, with a great gash across my knee, where the big lion had touched me before he fell. So near a thing it was!

"Well, there isn't much more to tell. The lions looked disgusted, as they probably were, and they all walked sedately away. Three hours later the exploring parties came back.

"Did they believe my account of the night? Of course they did. Hadn't I the trees, and the sawed limb, and the gash in my knee to prove it?"—Philadelphia Press.

A Mind Reading Trick.

"The mind reading trick of finding concealed articles is absurdly easy," declared a New Orleans newspaper man. "It can be done by almost anybody of ordinary intelligence. The way to go about it is this: Let six or eight people seat themselves about a room, not too close together, and have somebody, selected as assistant, blindfold you with a handkerchief and lead you to another apartment. While you are absent some small article is hidden anywhere they choose.

"On your return take the hand of the person who did the hiding, tell everybody to think about the place of concealment and start in a run around the room. Let yourself be perfectly passive and stop when you feel an impulse to do so. Then stretch out the hand that is being held, grope about, still passive and still obeying impulse only, and three times out of five you'll find the article.

"That sounds strange, but it's true. If you don't believe it, try for yourself. You will improve by practice, by the way, and finally you'll hit it almost every time. It is capital amusement for a little evening party, but I would warn you not to be discouraged by a few failures and not to permit any laughing or giggling. The secret of the thing is undoubtedly unconscious muscle reading, but I have not bothered my head about theories. The facts are as I have stated."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Mr. Malaprop.

One of Cleveland's sudden rich citizens is credited with a number of Malapropisms that would have filled Richard Brinsley Sheridan's dear old lady with profound envy.

Some time ago a friend called his attention to a certain popular young doctor who sports a handsome beard.

"I wonder why Dr. Dash wears all those whiskers?" remarked the friend.

"I suppose he wears them," said the sudden rich man in a profoundly sagacious tone, "to give himself a more matronly look."

Our hero saw Julia Marlowe as Rosalind, and came away from the opera house quite delighted.

On the street car a friend asked him how he liked the performance.

"It was splendid," he answered. Then he wisely added, "What a pity it is that that man didn't write some more plays!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

KNEW THE CRITTERS

SHE WAS THOROUGHLY POSTED ON THE TRIBE OF HUSBANDS.

Her Experience Was as Wonderful as Her Inquisitiveness, and Both Were Turned Loose on the Pretty Girl Who Said She Was Engaged.

The conversation began in the Erie ferryboat going over. The young woman was pretty. Her hair was violently auburn. There were many vacant seats in the boat, but the elderly stout woman in black and a whiskered mole on her chin sat down in the seat next the young woman. She was one of that sort of elderly stout women, not too uncommon, who seem burdened with the fear that if they don't begin to talk with you on the cars or on the boat or in the stage the moment they settle down you will think they don't want to be agreeable. She glanced at the positive hair of the pretty young woman and at once had her doubts as to whether it was so by nature or by art. Vigorously agitating the atmosphere a moment with her fan, she turned to the pretty young woman and said in a robust voice:

"Nasty weather!"

The young woman replied, with a little start at the suddenness and rotundity of the remark, that it was, and then the stout, elderly woman snapped out:

"You look to me jest as if you was goin to the train to meet somebody."

The pretty young girl blushed to the color of her hair and then smiled and said yes, she was. The stout woman did not pause long.

"Be you ingaged to him?" she asked.

There was no doubt from the expression on the pretty young woman's face that the stout old woman was a mind reader.

"Thought so," said she, "but I hope he ain't a railroad man. Don't never marry a railroad man. Laws! They're liable to be smashed up any time, and then they have setch all pervadin chances for flirtin. I hope he ain't a railroad man."

The young woman smiled and said he wasn't a railroad man. The stout, elderly woman glanced suspiciously at the young woman's red hair again. She had strong doubts of it, that was plain.

"I hope you ain't goin to tell me he's a hotel keeper," she resumed. "Massy on us, don't you do it! My first husband was a hotel keeper, and he fell down the elevator and had forgot to have his life insured. It riles me yit when I think of the forgitfulness o' that man. Please don't tell me youru is goin to be a hotel keeper."

The young woman relieved the stout woman's mind. He wasn't a hotel keeper.

"Ain't a sojer, is he?" and the inquisitor seemed anxious. "Think twice before you marry a sojer. Sojer clothes is deceivin, and they draw women like lasses does flies. You better think twice before you go and marry a sojer."

The young woman said she hadn't thought twice, but she wasn't going to marry a soldier.

"Then," said the elderly stout woman, "I s'pose he's a travelin man. Well, I hope neither one o' you will be sorry," and she glanced again at the girl's head and shook her own. "Travelin men is away from home a lot, 'cause they have to be, though some of 'em stays away longer than they have to, and I know it! Nobody knows what they're up to when they're away either. Travelin man, hey? Well, I hope neither one o' you won't be sorry."

The young woman tossed her head and said he wasn't a traveling man.

"Some girls fancies steamboaters," the stout elderly woman resumed, "and may be yours is. Don't marry a steamboater, whatever you do. My second husband was a steamboater, and the biler busted and blowed him into morn'n a thousan' pieces! I always feel terrible put out when I look at his pictur' haugin over the mantelpiece. Steamboaters is mighty uncertain, miss. 'Tain't a steamboater, hey? Well, now, I'm amazin glad to hear it! But if he's a dry goods man he ain't much better. Smellin the dyes in the calico and t'other things is terrible injurious, and dry goods men never live out half their days. And even if the dyes don't kill him he'll see the women that is shoppin all the time, and there ain't no tellin where he'll land. I wouldn't marry a dry goods man if I was you."

The young woman said she didn't intend to.

"Well, a grocer is jist as bad, and I don't know but he's worse, 'cause grocers always has setch dirty hands," said the elderly stout person. "My third husband was a grocer, and setch hands as he had! Massy! Enough to make you wonder! He got killed, poor man, by a bar'l o' 'lasses rollin on to him. A woman can't naturally be expected to feel happy as the day when she knows her husband has hands that no soap kin git a hitch on to and is liable any minute to be fetched home rolled out flat by a 'lasses bar'l, and I hope you won't go to the altar thinkin that she kin."

The young woman said that she would not, because she wasn't going there with a grocer.

"Then you're lucky," said the elderly stout woman—"that is, perviding you don't goin to marry a machinist. Don't do that, whatever you do! My fourth husband was a machinist, and I never kin forgit the day they fetched him home on a board. I didn't recognize him. They told me a belt or somethin had slipped loose and fetched him some swipes in the face and tossed him around the shop considerable. Poor Jasper! I promised him on his dyin bed that I'd never marry another machinist, and I never have. I hope you"—

The boat banged into the slip just then, and the pretty young woman rose and walked forward. The stout elderly woman followed along. As they passed off of the boat the stout elderly woman, speaking loud, said to the pretty young woman:

"What did you say your'n was goin to be?"

"He's going to be an insurance agent!" replied the young woman, and she said it very short and snappy.

"Massy lands!" exclaimed the stout elderly lady. "Don't! My fifth"—

But the pretty young woman had hurried on to meet the train. The stout elderly woman watched her until she disappeared.

"Insurance agent, hey?" she said. "Well, if that red head o' her'n is natural he's goin to take an extry hazardous risk, I kin say!"

And the stout elderly woman, with a grim smile, boarded a Hoboken car.—New York Sun.

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MANNING—At Revelstoke, on Tuesday, October 17th, 1899, the wife of Horace Manning of a son.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

The Shamrock appears to be hoo dooed.

E. McBean came down from Carnes Creek Sunday.

Dan Alton came down from Field Thursday evening.

I. A Elson and wife are registered at the Badminton, Vancouver.

Debs on "Labor and Liberty" Monday evening, Tapping's Hall.

Geo. Laforme's pack train came in from Big Bend Sunday evening.

"Labor and Liberty," Debs great lecture, opera house, Monday night.

T. Lewis, of Trout Lake City, was in town for a couple of days this week.

Geo. T. Newman, of Arrowhead, spent a couple of days in town this week.

B. E. Drew has returned to town and taken a position as manager of the Cash Bazaar.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. L. Taylor and Chris Cao returned from the coast Tuesday morning.

D. Woolsey, of Illecillewaet, sent in this week a fine caribou head which is being mounted by H. W. Edwards.

Hear Eugene V. Debs at Tapping's Hall Monday evening.

The Canadian and imperial military authorities are considering plans for the defense of Vancouver harbor.

The Columbia won the third race which took place yesterday under a high wind thus ending the competition for the cup.

Mrs. L. F. Plummer returned Sunday morning from New Westminster where she had been in the hospital for the past three months.

Don't forget your Christmas photos. R. H. Trueman is at his studio this week and will remain until November 10th. Call early.

The sawmill plant at the L. F. R. & C. G. F. Co.'s property Laurie has been sold to the Ymir Gold Mining Co., Limited, and is being removed to Ymir.

Services in the Presbyterian church tomorrow at the usual hours. Subject for the morning, "Glory, Human and Divine;" for the evening, "God's Humanity."

Tickets for the lecture Monday night may be obtained at Jas. Gill & Co.'s or from R. P. Pettipiece, gents 50c. ladies 25c.

Rev. Scott, late of Okotoks, Alta., a collegemate of Rev. Menzies, was in town Sunday and occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church both morning and evening.

Six months in jail for what he believed to be right—Eugene V. Debs.

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the adjourned meeting of the Board of License Commissioners called to meet at the court house, Revelstoke, on Thursday, 19th October, 1899, for the purpose of considering the applications of Wm. Price, Queen's Hotel, Comaplix, to transfer said license to Howard Moore, and W. C. Bunce, Riverside Hotel, Selkirk City, to transfer said license to N. P. Roman, and John Hector, has been adjourned to Wednesday, 25th October, 1899.

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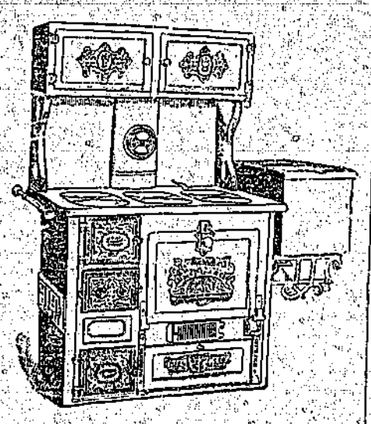

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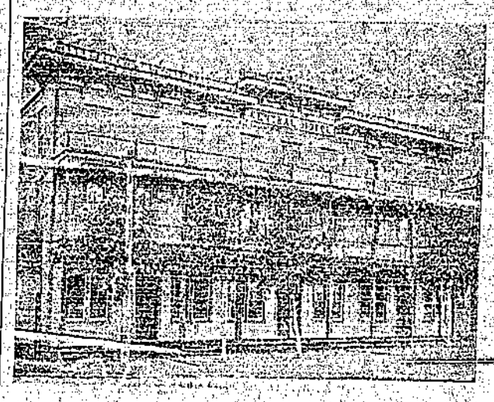

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