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To make room for New Spring Goods, we are offering the following inducements:

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## P. BURNS & CO.

Dealers in

Fresh and Salt Meats, Fish and Poultry

Shops in nearly all the towns of Boundary and the Kootenay.

### Passing Throng

There are a few cases of gripple in the city.

J. H. Macfarlane and family have moved to Vancouver.

Up in Phoenix the fireman are dancing this evening.

Born—In Greenwood, February 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Davidson, a daughter.

The C. P. R. will replace the trestle near the city with an embankment and steel spans.

Messrs. McMyun, Wilson, Johnson and Bishop are in Rossland playing in the curling bonspiel.

M. W. Ludlow left his card at our office Tuesday. It has the figure 2 engraved in the corner.

Mrs. J. M. Smith returned to Beaverdell last Saturday, having recovered from her recent illness.

The wrestling match between Jack Calder and Frank Ellard has been postponed, owing to Ellard cracking a rib while training in Phoenix.

Tom Marks played four times in Greenwood to crowded houses. His show seems to please the multitude, but is a mince meat drama to dramatic critics.

Midway lodge, Knights of Pythias will hold their fourth annual ball in Terry's hall, Thursday evening, February 18th. Tickets, including supper, \$2.

Floyd & Cox have bought the 320-acre ranch between Greenwood and Eholst from M. D. Hall and I. R. Jacobs. It is said that they paid \$8,000 for it.

Tom Lowry, the great financier, died in Minneapolis last Thursday and a statue will be erected to his memory. As far as known he has no relatives in Greenwood.

Asiatics were once permitted to join the Industrial Workers in Greenwood, but nothing is heard about them these days, as that organization is now defunct in this city.

Randolph Stuart and a party of Greenwood men will leave in May for the Stewart river placer grounds in the Yukon. They expect to spend three years in that country digging gold.

Although ready to go on with his case against the B. C. Copper Co., James Dimmick has to wait until May before it will come up. It is slow work in B. C. lawing with a big company.

E. B. Hall, on behalf of himself and other relatives of the late Fred K. Hall, wishes to convey his thanks for the sympathy and assistance of the many friends of his brother in this district.

Verily they who advertise in The Ledge shall be rewarded. For more than three weeks the Home hotel at Nelson has been so crowded with business that the manager has found it impossible to supply some of the guests with beds.

Water is valuable in Greenwood. An hotel man was fined \$10 last week for wasting it. The case probably has no precedent in the annals of B. C. boozeology. The innkeepers generally can avoid wasting water by putting more of it in their whiskey and less in their chasers.

The editor of the Phoenix Pioneer should either buy a marriage license or have a gyroscope inserted in his upper stoop. Because a man buys a bull pup it doesn't necessarily follow that he is going to start a sausage factory. Propose by telephone, T. Alfred, buy a license, charter a parson, and it won't be long before the matrimonial dope is worked out of your system.

### Bridesville Holdup.

C. J. Bunbury and his men did a clever piece of work by rounding up Ben Hart and the Newman brothress for holding up Ingram and Charlton at Bridesville a few weeks ago. The arrests were made across the line near Molson upon various warrants, as warrants for the holdup were not in the hands of the officers at the time the trio were apprehended. Hart turned king's evidence and quietly came to Greenwood with Chief Bunbury. Last Monday he was committed by Judge Brown to stand his trial at the May assizes. Bill Newman is now in the federal jail at Spokane awaiting extradition, which will take thirty days. From Bill's actions he is likely to reveal something when he crosses the line. Olive Newman was arrested on a warrant for horse stealing and taken to Oroville jail. He made a plea there that his mother was sick and that he wanted to go home and cut some wood. Upon promising to return for a hearing of his case, the easy authorities let him go and he was last seen riding furiously through Tunk creek.

S. federal officers are now searching for him and expect to capture him at any moment.

Since these men were arrested Indians and others around Molson accuse them of stealing many horses and from their general record they seem to be a tough band. Rumor has it that they are the men who shot Thymet to death in Midway last August, but there is no foundation for this. While they may know something about the Midway murder, it is others who are marked out for that outrage. Mrs. Yonnie, who lives five miles from Molson, has been brought to Greenwood where she will be detained or bound over to appear as a witness in the Bridesville raid. She says that she made the masks for the two, but thought they were to be used in a masquerade.

In Anaconda the store of L. A. Smith & Co. has among many other delicacies, sweet potatoes and saurkraut.

### Mother Lode: Fatal.

Fred K. Hall, just after midday last Saturday, was making a short cut and carrying a bucket of water to his machine in the Mother Lode when he tripped and fell 45 feet down a slope. From there he fell 45 feet farther to the bottom of a chute. His lifeless body was found a few minutes later, the skull being crushed. Coroner Black did not deem an inquest necessary.

The deceased was 33 years old and came here from Colorado seven or eight years ago and had many warm friends in the district. Services were held in St. Jude's church yesterday at 2:30, at which a large number of members of the Miners Union and Knights of Pythias were present, he being a member of Greenwood Miners' union and Silver Lake Miners' union and Silver Lake, Knights of Pythias, of Cripple Creek, Colo. The body was taken on this morning's G. N. train by his brother for interment at Medford, Ore., where the relatives of deceased reside.

Barclay & Co. carry the largest and best-assorted stock of ladies and children's shoes shown in the Boundary.

### Friendly to Asiatics.

At the annual district convention of the United Mine Workers of America in Lethbridge last week it was decided to amend the constitution so that Japanese and Chinese could join the union.

The men were advised not to strike when their agreement with the coal mine operators expired on March 31st, but, instead, where necessary, to ask for a board of Conciliation under the Lemieux Act.

A telegram was sent to Premier McBride and other members of the house at Victoria, urging immediate legislation towards making a bi-monthly payday. A similar telegram was sent to the premier at Edmonton.

Woollen goods, all kinds, at big discounts during the sale at Barclay & Co's.

### Curling.

The finals in the Burns cup games between Phoenix and Greenwood were played Monday night, resulting in a tie. This gives Greenwood the cup for this year by 5 games to 3. In the absence of W. G. McMyun, S. M. Johnson skipped his rink. Following were the scores Monday night:

Birnie	.....15	Smith	.....5
Firth	.....5	Strachan	.....16
McMyun	.....9	Campbell	.....14
Dill	.....10	McNichol	.....7

Barclay & Co. are opening up the largest line of new spring goods ever shown in the city.

### Guarantee Wanted.

The Grand Trunk Pacific will build from Fort George to Vancouver this year if the provincial government will guarantee the bonds.

Fort George, whence the new line starts, is well situated for a townsite and has a rich but undeveloped country of great agricultural possibilities tributary to it. The greater part of the desirable land for townsite purposes in the immediate vicinity of Fort George is now occupied by an Indian reserve, but it is understood that the Indian population is not very numerous and arrangements such as were concluded in connection with the reserve at Prince Rupert will no doubt be effected without much difficulty.

Big sale at Barclay & Co. Shop early while the sizes and lines remain complete.

### The Greatest Mine.

The largest copper mine, and in fact the largest mine in the world, is the Calumet and Hecla, in the northern peninsula of Michigan. This property has paid in dividends over \$108,000,000 on a capitalization of two and a half millions of dollars, and the \$25 shares are

History—The Jeinit mission-aries, as in the case of the Home-stake, are closely connected with the early events in the copper country. It does not appear that the Indians ever discovered the existence of the copper lodes. Evidence in the mounds of Ohio point to the fact that the early mound builders knew of the existence of the Lake Superior copper deposits and mined them to a certain extent.

Mining proper on the peninsula began about 1845, with the development of cross-veins, but it was not until some years later that the beds of amygdaloid and conglomerates bearing copper were found. The Calumet lode is the only true conglomerate. The other lodes are frequently called conglomerates, but erroneously so. The copper in the balance of the lodes occurring in the bubbles or vesicles of lava are known as amygdaloid. The lodes vary in width from 5 to 40 feet, the average slopes being from 12 to 14 feet wide. The district is noted for its extremely deep shafts. The No. 4 of the Calumet being 4,684 feet vertical, or 8,100 feet on the dip. In addition there is a winze of 190 feet at the bottom. On Red Jacket a vertical shaft is 4,920 feet deep, and did not cut the lode until the 3,000-foot mark was passed. Pillars 75 feet wide are left each side of all shafts, and when the present workings are exhausted the pillars will give a product equal to 20 per cent of all previous production. Ore is kept blocked out for eight years ahead, and the Calumet and Hecla workings aggregate about two hundred miles of shafts, drifts, etc. The Red Jacket shaft is equipped with 3,000-horsepower hoist, which will lift a ten-ton load at the rate of 40 miles an hour, only 90 seconds being consumed in making a trip of nearly a mile, including stopping and starting, a performance which no locomotive on a horizontal plane can duplicate.

Milling capacity is provided for 8,000 tons daily, and the steam stamps which are employed have a capacity of 500 to 800 tons per day to each head.

Interesting figures in connection with the magnitude of the operations involved is that one coal shed has a capacity of 200,000 tons, and that 50 tons of drill steel are sharpened daily, over one hundred blacksmiths being employed.

The Calumet and Hecla's closest competitor is the Anaconda of Butte, Montana, with a total production of \$39,000,000 on a capital of \$30,000,000. A comparison of costs between these two properties is interesting—the Calumet and Hecla being able to produce copper for 8½ cents, while the average cost for the Anaconda company last year was over 11½ cents per pound.

Barclay & Co. have purchased the dry goods stock of the Hunter-Kendrick Co. at a discount, and are giving their customers the benefit. Big sale now on.

### Effects of Smelter Fumes.

There is a great opportunity presented to scientists and inventors to make themselves famous, enrich them, and at the same time confer a great benefit to the world by evolving a means or the discovery of methods to obviate the deleterious effects of the smelter smoke gases on the vegetation within a large radius of the smelters. The smelting industry, and consequently certain mining industries, have been seriously embarrassed by the fact that the gases from the smelters have destroyed vegetation and caused incalculable damage to farmers in the same districts, causing numerous suits for abnormal damages and the closing down of the works.

The United States government has taken up the matter, as it is found that forests on some of the reserves have been thus injured. The closing down of smelters or the forced establishment of them in the out-of-way places will retard the development of some of the branches of the mining industry and cause a loss of employment and capital to hundreds, while the continuing of the smelters will mean the loss of thousands of dollars to the agriculturists. Who will find a remedy?—Grass Valley Union.

Barclay & Co. are the only exclusive dry goods and ladies' furnishing firm doing business in the Boundary district.

Vernon now has a chance to drink clarified milk from sterilized glass bottles.

Get your valentines for the 14th at McKee Bros.

The B. C. Copper Co. during the seven months it was running in 1908 made 3,365 tons of copper.

You have a long time to live yet. Decorate your homes with pictures from the New Art Store.

### Western Float

There is some talk of building a smelter at Chasew.

In Phoenix the council is appropriating \$100 towards a gymnasium for the fire department. The police no doubt will be permitted to use it.

The B. C. Telephone company will put up a brick building in Grand Forks this spring.

The following appointments have been made by the provincial government as commissioners for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court under the Provincial Elections Act: J. Appleby and W. A. Rickard, Phoenix; T. J. Benninger and T. L. Crossen, Grand Forks; W. E. Spinkie, J. L. Coles, Geo. Swayne, S. M. Johnson and P. M. Christophers, Greenwood; D. R. Tait, Rock Creek.

In Grand Forks the ranchers should today be discussing the irrigation question.

In a short time a train twice a week will run from Grand Forks to Lynch creek.

The Grand Forks board of trade are talking about an agricultural fair for that city.

John A. Finch has been elected president of the Spokane Humane society.

Vernon wants a general delivery of express parcels. Here in Greenwood we would be pleased to have an express office in the middle of the city and do the packing of our own parcels.

The old town hall of Lytton was destroyed by fire a short time ago.

G. M. Davies of Victoria has sold 11,200 acres in the Nechaco valley to an Iowa syndicate for \$140,000.

A parson has peached on the hotels at Oreston for selling booze upon Sunday, and it may become necessary in that town to pack your own bottle on the Sabbath.

The editor of the Creston Review has moved his family from New Denver to that town. This event has made quite a notable increase in the population.

Shorty Fessler and Steve Edwards had their cabin robbed in Morritt. Lampreau, a halfbreed, has been sent up for trial over the affair.

The Board of Trade in Revelstoke purposes to expend \$5,000 advertising the resources of the city.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. are getting ready to build 1,000 more coke ovens in Fernie. When completed and in operation the city of calamity will look more like hades than ever before.

Fernie has become so good that recently hotel men are fined or selling booze on Sundays.

Last year buildings valued at \$163,000 were erected in Kelowna.

It cost Kelowna last year \$1,902 to run its police department.

George Armstrong of Vernon has bought the Salmon Arm Observer. Being a good newspaper man he will have a chance to make the Arm famous.

There are 65 men working at the Blue Bell mine on Kootenay lake.

Last week there was six feet of snow upon the wharf at Port Eslington and nearly three feet at Prince Rupert.

At Goose Bay 40 men are working in a mine that promises to be a great copper producer.

Peter Bergland of Seattle was recently killed at a railway camp up the Skeena by a premature blast. For six days his body was packed by eight men over rough country until boat transportation was reached and the gruesome journey ended.

The Prince Rupert board of trade charges its members an annual fee of \$10.

The cider saloons in Prince Rupert manage to keep a few people drunk in that town.

Several of the streets in Prince Rupert are named after the members of the B. C. government.

S. E. Needham died in Revelstoke last week.

Common lumber in Vancouver has been advanced \$2 a thousand feet.

In the Trail Creek mining division last year 43 locations were made and eight bills of sale recorded. This is different from its once was around Rossland.

During 1908 an average of 817 men were employed in the Rossland mines.

Another soul has been made happy. Bob Tapping is now city foreman in Revelstoke.

Mrs. E. W. Northey died in Spokane from appendicitis. Her husband has been a resident of Olalla for many years and formerly published papers in Revelstoke and Rossland.

The electric light has been turned on in Moyie and the town is no longer illuminated by the local editor's diamonds.

Cobalt, the big silver camp in Ontario has a payroll of \$300,000 a month.

The Payne bridge, on the K. & S. railway near Sandon has been destroyed by a snowslide. This makes it doubtful about the time the little railroad will run its next train to the sunless city.

The Review says that Summerland may be the southern terminus of the C. P. R. from Nicola, owing to the lake being liable to freeze at Penticton.

While it is urged that the C. P. R. charges 4 cents a mile passenger rate in British Columbia, as compared with 3 cents a mile on the prairies, the freight rates are said to be far more excessive in comparison. It is likely, therefore, that the whole subject will be gone into when the railway's mission site in this province.

The Old Timers are having a banquet in Revelstoke this evening. Tickets are \$2 each for a seat and a Collins in the morning.

Blake Wilson will move from Nelson to Vancouver.

In Moyie yesterday the payroll was \$41,000.

A bridge is being built across the Bulkley river at Telkwa.

W. A. Bauer, the surveyor, will build a seven-story hotel in Vancouver at a cost of \$150,000. It will be on the corner of Howe and Hastings streets.

James Vallance of Hamilton, Ont., while on a visit to his son Jim in Vernon, died in that town last Friday from pneumonia. Jim has the sympathy of his old Slokan friends.

J. C. Ryan has a mining office in Spokane.

There is an oil land boom at Malheur in Eastern Oregon.

In the 200-foot level of the First Thought mine at Orient, Wash., gold ore worth \$1,640 a ton was recently struck. If this keeps up Pat Burns and Blake Wilson will soon be in a position to keep the wolf from the back door.

Pat Perkins has closed his store in Kaslo.

Snow slides have closed the Trust Chance at Sandon for a time.

Randall H. Kemp is editing the mining department of a Spokane paper.

L. Hanna of Kaslo may move to Cobalt.

John Daly, formerly of Sandon, has struck it rich, according to rumor, in the Cœur d'Alenes. He has six feet of ore in sight, and that is worth something in Idaho.

The Kaslo Kootenayan is trying to hide its age. It is a year older than it claims upon the title page.

Dr. Jermyn has obliterated the hog cholera near Chilliwack.

W. J. Stover has returned to Keremeos from California, preferring the former as a place of residence.

Last week sixteen surveyors arrived in Oroville to survey the route between that town and Wenatchee for the Great Northern railway. This road when completed will shorten the distance between Greenwood and Seattle nearly two hundred miles.

The ledge on the Saranack, near Chasew, has widened from a few inches to several feet. It is likely that power drills will be used this summer on the property.

The former townsite of Sumpter, Oregon, has been turned into a fruit ranch. Just like Nashville, near Kaslo.

Four men have been put to work sinking a 200-foot shaft on the Golden Zone near Hedley.

A week ago Sunday some people in Hedley thought they felt a slight earthquake shock. Might have been caused by Major Megraw saying his prayers out loud.

Last month there were 508 children attending the public schools in Rossland.

W. A. Caryle is in Rossland examining the Le Roi.

The twelfth annual carnival in Rossland last week was a success.

Harry Howson, now mining in Bulkley valley, is on a trip to England.

Portrait enlargements, done at the New Art Store, from \$1 to \$25.

The Kootenay Cigar Co. of Nelson have in the Royal Seal a cigar that is known and smoked between the wheat country and the blue Pacific.



## BOWSER ON NEW TACK

Wrote Speech With Idea of Saving the Country.

HOW IT STRUCK DRUGGIST.

That Impartial Critic Was So Impressed He Called Policeman, Who Took Charge of His Visitor as a Precaution.

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For the last two weeks of the recent campaign Mrs. Bowser had a careful eye on Mr. Bowser in the direction of politics. She did not fail to note that as the campaign drew toward its close he was uneasy and evinced a disposition to mix in politics. He read political articles, suspicious men called to see him in the evening, and on several occasions she heard him muttering to himself, as if getting off a speech. It was policy for her to say nothing and continue to watch.

When Mr. Bowser came home from the office the other evening Mrs. Bowser knew that some sort of climax had come. She expected to hear him say that he had engaged to address a great mass meeting of electors, but he didn't. He was noncommittal and carried a puzzled air until after dinner, and then he broke out with:

"Mrs. Bowser, you will perhaps remember that at the beginning of this



campaign I stated in vigorous terms that I should not interest myself in it."

"Yes, you said so, and I thought it very wise for you."

"I told you that I didn't care a copper cent who was elected."

"Remember."

"That the country would run along just the same."

"Yes."

"And that there would be no real reform."

"Yes, you said that, and you added that things had reached such a pass that honest, decent men would no longer have anything to do with politics. You said you wouldn't cross the street to help any candidate's chances. You said that it was all graft and corruption and that you intended to keep out of it. I thought you a very sensible man."

"Um! Just so," he murmured, hitching around as if he had heard bad news.

"There have been dozens of meetings in this district, and you have shown your good sense by staying away from them. I see that there is to be a grand rally tonight, but of course you won't be there. Why can't we go to the theater tonight?"

"Um, um! Mrs. Bowser, who is a patriot?"

"One that loves his country."

"Well, I love her. I can't help it. I thought I could—I thought she might go to thunder for all me—but I find that I can't throw her down after all. It's like trying to go back on one's own mother. Whenever I see that star spangled banner rippling in the breeze—"

"But you are not going to mix up with things now," interrupted Mrs. Bowser.

"I feel that my country is calling me. I can't stand by and see her destroyed. I have hesitated long to answer her appeal, but I can hesitate no longer."

"He Didn't Register."

"That's all nonsense. You hear some grafter calling you instead of your grafter. What on earth can you do to help save her? You didn't register this year, and so you can't even vote. Why not go to the theater with me and let 'em fight it out?"

"Woman, you ask what I can do," sternly replied Mr. Bowser as he rose up and stood before her. "It is true that I cannot cast a ballot, but does my influence end there? Go to the theater! Go to the theater when our beloved country is passing through the crisis of her life! Woman, you must have taken leave of your senses!"

"But you are not going to the meeting tonight to speak? You know you couldn't get up before a howling crowd and say ten words. As for any great crisis, the papers haven't mentioned it. It's just such an election as we have had a dozen times over."

"No, I can't make a political speech," pathetically replied Mr. Bowser as he walked to and fro, with his hands behind his back, "but there are things that count above speeches. If one cannot shout his words from the platform he can put them into print for thinking men to read and reflect upon. I believe that such a course has changed more votes than any oratory."

"Oh, then, you have been writing out a speech?"

There was a plain sneer in Mrs. Bowser's tones, and the wonder was that he didn't grow red in the face and jump up and down and shout. He didn't, however. He hung on to himself and even worked up a smile as he answered:

"Yes, my dear woman, I have been writing a speech. I am not going to the meeting tonight to deliver it in person because I am no speechmaker, but it will be sent there and read as the speech of Samuel Bowser."

"But you will let me see it first?" "I will quote you some extracts from it. Perhaps when you hear them that sneer will leave your face and you will think I amount to something after all."

"I think so now, dear," replied Mrs. Bowser, "but I do wish you would let politics alone. You are too good a man to mix up with politicians."

"I shall do very little mixing; only sufficient to call the attention of the country to the fact that this is the crisis, and liberty may be strangled and our glorious banner trailed in the dust. Listen to these extracts and see if they move you."

Reads Part of His Speech.

"The bulwarks of American liberty are tottering to their fall. Freeman, beware!"

"The infernal opposition would ruin the country body and soul for the sake of the spoils of office."

"Freeborn electors, do you know that this country is close upon the verge of anarchy as I write? You must save her by your ballots. If necessary you must shed your blood as freely as did your grandfathers before you."

"Our country has fallen into the hands of men who clutch the throat of the Goddess of Liberty with one hand while holding out the other for spoils. Shall we sit supinely by and see her strangled, or shall we rally and rescue her at any cost of blood and treasure?"

Reading the above had brought the sweat to Mr. Bowser's face and neck, and he paused to mop himself and ask:

"Well, what do you think of it thus far?"

"Isn't it a little too strong?" queried Mrs. Bowser.

"It's not half strong enough. Listen to these extracts:

"Arouse, freemen, and arm yourselves and drive the infernal opposition into the sea!"

"If one of these liberty stragglers challenges your right to vote, murder him on the spot!"

"This is no time for honeyed words! Arm yourselves with daggers and pistols!"

"The infernal opposition is made up of assassins and red-handed murderers! Give them no mercy!"

"I even regard it as a solemn duty of every man of my party to kill off as many of the others as he can!"

"Rally, freemen, rally! Don't leave one of the pirate crew alive by sundown of election day!"

"Don't argue! Don't appeal! Use knife and pistol!"

Mr. Bowser here folded up the manuscript, mopped more perspiration away and stood looking at Mrs. Bowser in a questioning way.

"I wish you would go over and read those extracts to the druggist," she said.

"What for?"

"He's a politician and can give you a political opinion of them."

Mr. Bowser took the proposition under advisement for a couple of minutes and then decided to go. It happened to be an easy half hour with the druggist, and when he had heard the extracts read he gently took Mr. Bowser by the arm and led him outdoors.

A policeman happened to come along just then, and the man of drugs sorrowfully said to him:

"Here is a poor insane man that I found wandering around. I think his name is Bowser and that he lives on the block below. Take him home and tell his wife to put a bread and milk poultice on his head and get him to bed."

M. QUAD.

He Knew Better.

Gladys—My brother is just awful. He can't save a cent.

Harold—He has saved a ten spot of mine for the last eight months.—Browning's Magazine.

Explaining It.

"Although my father is an invalid," said Miss Howell, "he takes a deep interest in my musical education. He always encourages me to practice my singing at home, even when he's in greatest pain."

"Well," replied Miss Cutting, "they do say that one may be made to forget a great pain by a greater one."—Catholic Standard and Times.

SURFEIT OF ADVICE.

I've had a cold And can't endure The colds to know A certain cure I've been advised Just what to do To make a thing Look good as new.

Suppositions I Have had my share, Just what to eat And what to wear, But since my baby Came, I swear, I get advice From everywhere.

Some tell us that We mustn't feed Her more than such A child should need, Two hours apart.

And some say three, And some when'er She cries tell me, Don't walk the floor, I have been told, In time she'll be as Good as gold.

Don't rock her nights, And if she cries, To leave her quite Alone is wise.

If hiccoughs come "Twere best, some say, To let them wear Themselves away, While others swear Warm water will Relieve her quick And keep her still.

I never knew Till lately smiled How many folks Can raise a child, —Detroit Free Press.

## OF WHAT SHE DIED.

What the Bereaved Customer Told the Sympathetic Bartender.

An old German woman became ill and was taken by her husband to a hospital for treatment. The first day she was there when her husband called to inquire about her the doctor said she was improving. On the second day he was again told she was improving, and on the third and fourth days the assurance was the same. This was very encouraging to the old German, but when he called on the fifth day he was told that his wife was dead. In his grief he sought his favorite saloon to drown his sorrow.

"Vat de matter?" asked the sympathetic bartender, noting his customer's despondent condition.

"Ach! My wife is dead," replied the German.

"So? Vat did she die of?" asked the bartender.

"Improvements," replied the bereaved husband, calling for another glass of beer.—Baltimore.

The Colonel's Yarn.

The old fighting colonel was reminiscient.

"Geeze saved Rome," he began as he lit his black cigar, and gentlemen, at the battle of Bull Run my men were saved by a flock of chickens flying in front of them. It was the greatest coup of the battle, sir."

"That's pretty good, colonel," laughed the civilian bystander. "I suppose you would call that a chicken coup?"—Bohemian Magazine.

Curious Woman.

"Hienpeck says he has never belonged to a club of any kind, he is not a member of any fraternal order, he does not use tobacco in any form, he is a total abstainer from all alcoholic drinks, and he has eyes for no woman save his wife."

"I know it. And yet she doesn't seem to be absolutely sure that he is an ideal husband. Curious about woman, isn't it?"—New York Herald.

Great Ignorance.

Colonel Phlebotom was under the painful necessity of administering a severe castigation to his son Archie. After he had completed his labors he said sternly to the suffering victim:

"Now tell me why I punish you."

"That's it," sobbed Archie. "You nearly found the life out of me, and now you don't even know why you did it."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Good Reason Why.

Porcupine—That's funny. My mam

ma never likes me that way.

Superfluous.

The architect was explaining the plans for the proposed new mansion.

"Here," he said, "will be the inner court."

"What's the use of that?" sharply asked Mr. Struckoyle. "The girls can do their spunking in the front parlor, same as their mam and me did."—Chicago Tribune.

The Family Autocrat.

"The face of that woman who passed us just now is very familiar. Where have I seen her?"

"At my house probably."

"At your house. Do you know her?"

"Yes, she's our cook, but she doesn't notice me on the street."—Houston Post.

One Theory.

Friend—Do you think when that amateur hunter shot you he did it just for a joke or thought you were really a mark?

Victim—All I know is he seemed to be making game of me.—Baltimore American.

The Basis.

He—I wonder if we can get along all right.

She—Certainly. We can buy the auto with the money father left me, and you will surely make enough to pay for running it, don't you think?—Puck.

Keeping Him Quiet.

First Dear Mute—Who is that fellow over in the corner of the store with his hands tied behind him?

Second Dear Mute—That is my silent partner.—Harper's Weekly.

They Were Strangers.

Howell—Howell doesn't seem to be at home much.

Powell—He is there so seldom that he really needs a letter of introduction to his wife.—New York Press.

A Downpour.

"They fairly rained congratulations on the prima donna."

"That was the result of her taking the house by storm."—Baltimore American.

Must Have a Drink.

"Mamma, please give me a drink of water; I'm so thirsty."

"No, you are not thirsty. Turn over and go to sleep."

A pause.

"Mamma, won't you please give me a drink? I'm so thirsty."

"If you don't turn over and go to sleep I'll get up and spank you!"

Another pause.

"Mamma, won't you please give me a drink when you get up to spank me?"—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## THE TORTURES WOMEN SUFFER

Can be Relieved by Keeping the Blood Supply Rich With Dr.

Williams' Pink Pills.

A woman needs a blood building medicine regularly just because she is a woman. From maturity to middle life the health and happiness of every woman depends upon her blood, its richness and its regularity.

If her blood is poor and watery she is weak, languid, pale and nervous. If her blood supply is irregular she suffers from headaches, backaches, sideaches and the other unspeakable distress which only women know. Some women have grown to expect this suffering at regular intervals and to bear it in hopeless silence. But women would escape much of this misery if they took a box or two of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to help them over each critical period. These pills actually make new blood. They help a woman just when nature makes the greatest demand upon her blood supply. They have done this for thousands of women throughout Canada, why not for you?

N. S. Joseph, Kinney, Gilbert's Cove, N. S., says: "For ten years I suffered from nervousness and those troubles that make the lives of so many women one of almost constant misery. At times I would be confined to my bed for weeks. I spent sleepless nights and seemed to lose all courage. I tried several doctors but they failed to give me any relief. The last doctor I consulted told me frankly that he could not undertake my case unless I would undergo an examination. It was then I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. After taking six boxes I was much improved in health, but I continued to take the pills for a couple of months more when I felt like a new woman, and was enjoying such health as I had not experienced for ten years before. I have had no return of this trouble since, but I have used the pills once since that time for the after effects of la grippe and the result was all I hoped for. These are plain facts from my own experience and I have always felt that I cannot too strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to the many women who suffer as I did."

Harold (pale but calm)—Some fly cop in the employ of my father.—Chicago Tribune.

A Medical Need Supplied.—When a medicine is found that not only acts upon the stomach, but is so composed that certain ingredients of it pass unaltered through the stomach to find action in the bowels, then there is available a purgative and a cleanser of great effectiveness. Parmentier's Vegetable Pills are of this character, and are the best of all pills. During the years that they have been in use they have established themselves as no other pill has done.

"Yes, indeed; I've had many a good time taking my motor boat out for an all-day fishing trip."

"About how much fuel do you use in a day?"

"Aw, don't ask a man that! How do you suppose I know—O, you mean how much gasoline? About four gallons or so."—Chicago Tribune.

Repeat it:—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

Fond Parent—What assurance have I that you will be able to provide for my beloved George Washington Rastus?

Miss Amanda Jackson—I'm doin' fourteen family washin's now, Mr. Johnsing, and wiv de interduction ob improved machinery I kin jest double my output.—Judge.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

A maiden just out of Bryn Mawr went walking, a young fellow saw, and asked the sweet miss.

Would she give him a kiss, "Good gracious," she answered, "what law?"

Repeat it:—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

Comfort For Germ Finders.

The woman who washes all her coin and handles bills with tongs can enjoy her money henceforth with less fear of microbes. Dr. Warren W. Eldritch, a Yale scientist, has made bacteriological tests, with the result that "money constitutes an unimportant factor in the transmission of disease."

Strange as it may appear, the cleanest looking bills had the highest number of bacteria, while the dirtiest had the fewest.

However, this will not diminish a woman's love for nice clean bills, but it will make her less nervous when she has to handle the dirty ones for fear she will contract some terrible disease.

Cretone Book Cover.

The new cretines or cretonnes make wonderfully good looking book covers. It is quite easy to accomplish one of these at home. Instead of the commonplace flowered fabrics the striped and small pattern cretines are chosen and bound with gold galloon.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

If people laughed when they would all be happier and healthier.

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When a splinter has been driven deep into the hand it can be extracted without pain by steam. Nearly fill a wide mouthed bottle with hot water, place the injured part over the mouth of the bottle and press tightly. The suction will draw the flesh down, and in a minute or two the steam will extract the splinter and the inflammation will disappear.

A shoe which compresses the foot retards circulation of the blood much as the compression of a rubber hose retards the flow of water. It is as foolish and unhygienic to wear such shoes as it would be to sleep in a poorly ventilated room in a bed several feet too short to accommodate the full length of the body. Can you imagine any greater discomfort or one more calculated to destroy the health and cause the most distressing of nightmares?

W. N. U. No. 722

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

ALL KIDNEY DISEASES

GRAVEL, RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, DIABETES, BILIOUSNESS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.

The public may only be informed that this medicine is sold only in the original package.

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## THE BRAINY SNOB.

Women in the Front Rank in This Character.

"A good lady who goes to the art class," says Samuel McChord Crothers in the Atlantic Monthly, "is able to talk of Botticelli. But she has no right to look down upon her husband as an inferior creature because he supposes that Botticelli is one of a certain kind of pickles. He may have some things which she has not, and they may be fully as important."

True enough, they may be fully as important, but it would be hard to get our lady who goes to the art class to realize this fact. This is because of no conscious perversity on her part, but rather because her judgments are irretrievably based on a certain little round of standards of her own making.

When she meets a person for the first time she performs much the same operation that a merchant does when he checks off a bill of goods. She looks him over and decides whether he tallies up with the items on the bill of her perfectly satisfactory and sufficiently cultured person, and if he does all well and good. If not, if he pronounces bas-relief with an "s" or thinks that Puccini is the name of a new cheese-scratch goes the pencil, and the newcomer is marked "hopeless." Hopeless he may be as far as grand opera and mural decorations are concerned.

In so doing she merely betrays her ignorance of the value and importance of the other fellow's knowledge, and you may rest assured that in some particular branch of knowledge your ignorant doll is as proficient as she is in the things she by her own verdict has pronounced all important.

TABLE DECORATIONS.

Bisque Figures in Poss of Premiere of the Ballet.

Hostesses who are at their wits' ends trying to break away from the trite and formal in the matter of decorations for the dinner table appear to owe a debt of gratitude to the result of the happy collaboration of two Frenchmen, M. Pierre Carrier-Belleuse, the painter, and M. Gregoire Catlet, equally celebrated as a sculptor.

Together these two artists have spent three years in designing and executing a dozen or so of the daintiest and most bewitching dancing girl figures imaginable.

Each figure perpetuates a characteristic pose of a premiere of the ballet. It is the psychological moment of the dance, when the little figure, the gauzy skirts, the graceful limbs, the expression of the irresistible countenance, all combine to define an emotion that is captivating.

The graceful abandon of the figures and the management of the ballet skirts convey a wonder sense of motion. The figures seem almost to skip on toe tips, to whirl about, to fly, so painstaking, yet apparently careless, have the artists been with their detail.

The material of these joyous little statues is "bisquit de Sevres." The models are executed for the art market at the French national factory at Sevres. Probably no other medium would express the artists' ideas half as well. Every one acquainted with examples of bisquit statuary will understand how exquisitely light and fragile must appear these dainty figures.

It can be imagined how well these charming figures serve as accessories to the decorative piece de resistance on a dinner table. Perhaps they are placed in a line up and down the length of the table or in groups here and there. If the hostess is lavish in such matters, she may place one before each cover—to be carried away as a souvenir.

Preserving Lingerie Waists.

The lacey lingerie waists so popular of late are "things of beauty," but, alas, not "foys forever" by any means, says Housekeeper. They are easily ruined in the laundering, and the broken lace is difficult, well nigh impossible, to mend. To greatly prolong their usefulness buy common, waist net, cut in strips or the shape of the insets, and sew upon the underside of the inserted lace when the waist is new or as soon as it begins to break. Even badly torn pieces may be mended in this way, the pattern being darned down invisibly upon the net. Many very open patterns are really improved in looks by the addition of the net.

Ceylon's Camphor Trees.

It is estimated that the planting of between 15,000 and 20,000 acres to camphor trees in Ceylon would develop a production of 8,000,000 pounds which, according to most authorities is the quantity of camphor demanded annually at present. The camphor tree naturally grows to a height of forty feet, but in Ceylon it is being kept at the more convenient height of four to five feet.

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## To Regulate the Bowels

MOST IMPORTANT RULE OF HEALTH—CARRY IT OUT—REASON OF POPULARITY OF

## Dr. A.W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills

Keep the bowels regular. This is the first and most important rule of health. You can depend on Dr. A.W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to help you carry out this rule. They effect prompt and thorough movement of the bowels and as they do not lose their effect the dose does not have to be increased. By their enlivening action on the liver they positively cure biliousness and constipation. Mrs. R. Morrow, Bricebridge, Ont., writes: "For a good many years I was troubled almost constantly with constipation of the bowels, and never got anything to do me the lasting good that has been obtained from Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They not only relieved that trouble, but have entirely cured the headaches from which I used to suffer, and have improved my health in a general way. Many people have been cured of constipation and headaches through my recommendation of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. There is no question as to the efficiency of this well-known family medicine. I have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills for constipation with most satisfactory results," writes Mr. Peter McIntosh, postmaster, Pleasant Bay, N.S. They have also cured a young man here of backache, from which he suffered a great deal. An occasional dose of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will save doctor bills. The M.D. are on signature of A.W. Chase, M.D., and on every box 25 cents at all dealers or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Love's Domain. For Government, Republics I would choose. Wherein the Star of Liberty doth shine. Where equal rights for all are all men's dues. And every man a King by right divine.

Oil for Toothache.—There is no pain so acute and distressing as toothache. When you have so unwelcome a visitor apply Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil according to directions and you will find immediate relief. It touches the nerve with soothing effect and the pain departs at once. That it will ease toothache is another fine quality of this Oil, showing the many uses it has.

"A man is only half a man until after he gets married," says a woman writer. Yes, and after that he may be nothing at all.

HOW'S THIS? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. W. A. Kinnear, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

"Does he pay as he goes?" "No; he goes when he can't pay."

Minard's Liniment cures Distemper.

"Guinness's." Guinness's stout and Lord Iveagh, who will celebrate his sixty-first birthday on November 10th, are inseparably inseparable, but so are Lord Iveagh and philanthropy. For Guinness's stout has made Lord Iveagh one of the richest men in the world, and Lord Iveagh has chosen to be one of the most charitable. The debt of gratitude which dear, dirty Dublin owes to his lordship can never be repaid, and in spite of his immense wealth, he is still content to work at his business. Often one may see him walking briskly from his house on St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, to the south side of the Liffey, where Guinness's stout comes from. Next to philanthropy, his lordship's chief hobbies are collecting art treasures and sports. Lord Iveagh, by the way, belongs to the "two bag" brigade, when out with the guns. He invariably goes out with an esquire, and it is said that the only time he has been seen with his head covered, while in pursuit of game, was on the occasion when a certain distinguished guest was so surprised to see his lordship standing bareheaded in the rain that he, knotted his handkerchief at the four corners, and insisted on placing it on Lord Iveagh's unprotected brow.

## Your Hair Contrary?

Is it inclined to run away? Don't punish it with a cruel brush and comb! Feed it, nourish it, save it with Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula. Then your hair will remain at home, on your head, where it belongs. An elegant dressing. Keeps the scalp healthy.

Does not change the color of the hair.

Ayer's Hair Vigor. We certainly believe this, or we would not say so. Ayer's Hair Vigor, as now made from our new improved formula, is a great preparation for the hair and scalp. Stops falling hair. Cures dandruff. Promotes the growth of hair.

## IVORY TOILET SETS.

Extremely Popular, but Very Difficult to Clean Properly.

Ivory toilet articles are quite as fashionable as silver ones now, and the fact that they are more difficult to clean in no way detracts from their popularity.

It is not easy to remove stains from the mellow, creamy material without spoiling its tone.

Some useful hints on cleaning ivory are given herewith. When the stains are very slight and do not seem to be permanent, though they cannot be rubbed off with a dry cloth, wash the ivory thoroughly in warm water and soap, and then, without drying it on a cloth, place it in the bright sunlight for a few minutes. This exposure will usually remove the stains. After they have disappeared wash the ivory again in soap and water, rinse it thoroughly and dry carefully with a soft cloth.

When the stains do not disappear entirely after contact with the sun's rays the ivory should be washed again in soap and water, then rinsed in clear water to which a little lemon juice has been added. Care must be taken to have the temperature of the water right, as too great heat will injure the ivory. Very dark discolorations require the services of an expert to remove, though one may be fairly successful by rubbing oxalic acid solution, not too strong, and applying this to the dark spots or streaks with a brush. Afterward wash the ivory well in clear warm water and dry with absorbent cotton or a soft cloth, and then leave in the sunshine or in a warm place to bleach.

The acid of a lemon is not harmful to the most delicate piece of ivory. In fact, the juice of a lemon can be applied with a mixture of cleansing powder or whiting directly to the ivory without running any risk of spoiling its tone or texture. It should, however, be removed quickly and the ivory thoroughly cleansed afterward with plenty of warm water. Cabinet pieces that become discolored can be cleaned in this way and will be greatly improved in color and appearance.

## THE FRESH AIR LADY.

She Could Sneeze at a Draft That Wasn't There.

The fear of fresh air is mostly a figment of imagination.

Two women were traveling through Europe together. The one, a modern of the moderns, had the ozone habit; the other was of the good old fashioned type to whom a breath of air meant a sneeze, a draft a foreboding cold and an open window at night an immediate need for the undertaker.

One night fate forced these two to room together. Miss Ozone, being the last to retire, threw up both windows as high as possible, then turning out the light. Immediately came a sneeze after sneeze from the bed.

"Oh, I can never stand that draft! Those windows must come down. I'm taking cold already," cried Mrs. Fresh-air.

"But it would kill me to sleep in a stuffy room," replied Miss Ozone.

"Well, I'll have pneumonia by morning if you don't!"

"How ridiculous! Don't you know thorough ventilation is the surest safeguard against pneumonia?"

"Oh, dear, I'm getting a chill now. It's outrageously selfish of you to keep those windows up."

So Miss Ozone, being younger and really fearing the relatively young sneezing fever, reluctantly pulled down the windows and endured a restless night to wake up with a bad headache.

In the morning it was found that the open windows that had caused the sneezing and chill were double ones, the outer pair of which had been tight closed throughout the whole discussion.

## W. L. M. KING AND THE COW.

One of Prospective Labor Minister's Adventures During Campaign.

Have you heard the story of the recent encounter between W. L. M. King, M.P., and the auctioneer? If not, it is a good one. It takes place in the course of the campaign in North Waterloo the presumptive Minister of Labor and his friends had a series of adventures. First they met a crowd of men who were putting up a telephone or telegraph poles, and, of course, the candidate had to get out of his buggy and give a hand. Next they met a crowd of men who were raising and, of course, nothing would do but that the boy who had been raised on a farm should turn to and give a hand. These two experiences ought to have been enough for one day, but as the tour proceeded fortune brought them to a farmhouse where there was an auction sale of cattle. And pretty cattle they were—almost on a par with the farm itself. Just as soon as the new arrivals looked in sight the worst animal in the barnyard was being brought up for disposal.

"Now," said the auctioneer, seizing his opportunity, "we have an unexpected and a most valued addition to our audience. We have now with us the next member of Parliament for North Waterloo, and we are going to give him the first chance at this most valuable animal." And, seizing opportunity by the ears, he at once put the cow on parade.

"How much am I offered?" said the auctioneer.

Mr. King, not wishing to appear mean, after it was apparent that no one else would bid, presumably because they did not wish to forestall the politician, bid "Five dollars."

And the auctioneer, without waiting for further bids, at once knocked down the animal to Mr. King for five dollars. It was a case of "Going, going, gone," at once.

And you ought to hear Mackenzie King tell of his troubles in finding a widow who had no family, and therefore no vote attached to her household, without arousing suspicion of bribery and corruption, he could hand over the wretched animal.

Goodness knows what would have happened had woman suffrage been in force in Canada. Mr. King might have had to take the cow China with him.

## MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Directors and Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held at noon yesterday, Wednesday, December 14th, in the Grand Ball Room, Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C. The President, Sir H. Montagu Allan, in the chair. Amongst other directors and shareholders present were Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, O. F. Smith, Hugh A. Allan, Alex. Barnett, R. Campbell Nelles, G. Durand, George Hague, John Patterson, C. N. Black, A. Brown, M. S. Foley, F. Hague, J. Watson, E. F. Hedden, T. E. Merrett and D. C. Macdonald.

The President appointed Mr. J. M. Kilbourn, secretary of the Bank, to act as secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The President then submitted the annual report of the Directors, as follows:

Your directors beg to submit the Annual Statement of the affairs of the Bank at close of books on November 30th last, covering the year's business. The net profits amount to \$738,597.19, which is less than those of a year ago, but it will be borne in mind that conditions have been less favorable. Our interest-bearing deposits have grown to a considerably larger sum favorably, while our call loans have nearly \$11,000,000 have likewise greatly increased under a slowing down of trade activity, the latter yielding a substantially less return than at any date for many years back.

After paying the usual dividend of 8 per cent, we have disposed of the surplus earnings by writing down Bank Premises Account \$100,000, contributing \$25,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and carrying forward the balance to Undivided Profits Account, which has now reached the total of \$400,997.94.

All the Branches of the Bank have been duly inspected. We have found it desirable to close the sub-office at Douglas, Ontario, which did not justify being continued. We have opened Branches at Melville, Sask., Watrous, Alta., and in Toronto on Parliament Street.

With reference to the world-wide monetary stringency experienced the past year, bordering at times on panicky conditions without claiming undue precedence, we had early indication of the coming storm and prepared for something of the kind well in advance, so that our course through the growing pressure was made much easier and without stress to our extensive discounting clientele. Meantime, a clearer financial outlook has supervened, and we look from this day to a gradual revival of general trade, following upon an excellent crop in the North-West and good prices. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGU ALLAN, President.

STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE BANK FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1922.

The Net Profits of the year after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to \$738,597.19. The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1921, was \$367,400.75. Making a total of \$1,106,000.94.

This has been disposed of as follows:—  
Dividend No. 82 at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum \$120,000.00  
Dividend No. 83 at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum \$120,000.00  
Dividend No. 84 at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum \$120,000.00  
Dividend No. 85 at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum \$120,000.00  
Written-off Bank Premises Account 100,000.00  
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund 25,000.00  
Balance carried forward 400,997.94  
\$1,106,000.94

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

At 30th November, 1922.

Liabilities.

1.—To the public:—  
Notes in Circulation \$1,740,478.00  
Deposits at Call \$12,514,562.52  
Deposits subject to notice (included interest to date included) \$5,890,153.87  
Deposits by other Banks in Canada \$2,933,156.29  
Balance due to Agents in Great Britain \$4,327.69  
Dividend No. 85 \$120,000.00  
Dividends unclaimed \$67,625.83  
\$46,197,625.83

2.—To the stockholders:—  
Capital paid up \$5,000,000.00  
Reserve Fund 400,997.94  
Balance of Profits carried forward 400,997.94  
\$5,801,997.94

Assets.

Gold and Silver Coin on hand \$15,922.58  
Dominion Notes on hand \$1,013,220.00  
Notes and Cheques of other Banks \$2,764,482.84  
Balances due by other Banks in Canada \$4,796.56  
Balances due Banks and Agents in the United States \$1,957,782.71  
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada \$1,957,782.71  
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada \$2,988,351.07  
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities \$60,971.56  
Municipal, Railway and other Debentures \$3,344,224.21  
Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of Interest reserved) \$24,795,622.31  
Loans to other Banks, secured \$46,889.89  
Loans and Discounts over and above those provided for \$46,758.01  
Deposits with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation \$240,000.00  
Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank \$5,794.88  
Real Estate \$9,368.69  
Bank Premises and Furniture \$1,118,685.83  
Other Assets \$1,089.21  
\$56,598,625.77

E. F. HEDDEN, General Manager.

The President having invited discussion of the report, Mr. O. R. Black spoke as follows:—

I would like to say that I am sure all the Shareholders must be very much pleased with the result of last year's business. It is true that we had a slightly better report last year but when we consider the tremendous upheaval that has taken place across the line, and the fact that we cannot in this country stand aside from the effects of anything like that, and that our financial affairs, our industries and business generally, are influenced very largely by business conditions in the United States, I think that we will be satisfactory to you, and I am sure that all the Shareholders are greatly pleased with the result of their efforts. (Applause.)

The Directors and the Management must have exercised great prudence, and at the same time cared for the interests of their clients.

Mr. Geo. Hague moved that the scrutineers cast one ballot in favor of the following persons as directors:—

Sir H. Montagu Allan, Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, O. F. Smith, Hugh A. Allan, Charles M. Hayes, Alex. Barnett, E. O. Lewis and Bryce J. Allan.

Continuing Mr. Hague said:—

"With regard to the Statement just presented I would say that although the profits are not such as they were a year ago, or such as some other institutions have made, they might have been very much worse if extraordinary care had not been taken to keep the bank in a perfectly strong condition, which is much more important than making great profits. At this moment the Bank is in an exceptionally strong position with regard to its immediately available resources. As shown by this statement, they amount to \$59 per cent. of the Liabilities. Formerly we used to be well satisfied if our available resources amounted to 25 per cent. but times have changed and most of the Banks now keep larger reserves."

"With regard to the names presented, they are the same as last year with one exception to replace a director who has resigned to join the last year of another bank, and I feel that this will be satisfactory to you, and I am sure that all the Shareholders are greatly pleased with the result of their efforts. (Applause.)"

The annual report was then unanimously adopted on the following motion:—

Moved by the President and seconded by the Vice-president that the report of the Directors as submitted be and the same is hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution among the shareholders.

The General Manager of the Bank, Mr. E. F. Hedden, briefly discussed the report, remarking: "There is very little to say beyond expressing the hope that the shareholders may find the exhibit placed before them satisfactory."

"The only other matter I have to refer to is the staff, and to testify to the continuing loyalty and devotion of its members to the shareholders' interests, and to the excellent spirit animating them towards the Bank and one another, and to the good work performed."

Messrs. John Patterson and O. R. Black were appointed scrutineers for the election of Directors.

The President briefly explained that the appointment of Mr. Bryce J. Allan to the directorate was merely temporary, to fill the gap caused by the resignation of Mr. O. R. Black from the Board. He explained that as soon as it was possible to call a full meeting of the Board a permanent director would be elected.

The motion for the election of the Directors by one ballot was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. J. Campbell Nelles—"I think a vote of thanks should be tendered the President, Vice-president and Directors and to the General Manager and Staff. While I am not one of the oldest, I am not one of the youngest here. I have had an account with this bank since 1882 and in all that time I have never met with a single word of discourtesy, while my business has always been carefully looked after, and anyone who has met with the attention that I have always received will have no cause of complaint regarding the Merchants' Bank." (Hear, hear.)

The President, on behalf of himself and the Staff, briefly returned thanks for the meeting's appreciation of their services, after which the meeting adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Directors subsequently held the following officers were re-elected: President, Sir H. Montagu Allan; Vice-president, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.

"Although my father is an invalid," said Miss Howell, "the takes a great interest in my musical education. He always encourages me to practise my piano at home even when he's in his greatest pain."

"Well," replied Miss Cutting, "they do say that one may be made to forget a great pain by a greater one."

Catholic Record & Times.

Voice at other end—Doctor, I've tried everything, and I cannot get to sleep. Can't you do something for me?

The Doctor—Yes; hold the wire and I'll sing you a lullaby—Woman's Home Companion.

Child—Mother I called you a mean old pig, what would happen?

Governess—I should tell your father and he would punish you.

Child—And if I only thought it?

Governess—No harm so long as you don't say it.

Child—Then I only think it.—Life.

## DIANA OF THE DIRECTOIRE

Bring me my new fur hat, mamma, for I want to put it on. It is wider than the widest hats we wore in years ago. It is so deep wide, and the brim is thick, and it has a lot of weight. And it makes me wear three heads of hair just to keep it sitting straight.

My shoes! Ah, yes! I have put them on, and the heels are good and high, and they press against my tender feet till I feel that I must die. Yet I wear them, as you see, and go, and I force a pleasant smile. For one has to be in style, mamma—one has to be in style.

And now my directorie gown, mamma. I've managed to don my stays. You will have to slip me into it, for my arms I cannot raise. And I'm willowy, as you may see, with the willowiness of steel. It will be tonight ere I take a bite, for I cannot hold a meal!

And now I go for a little stroll, and I go to make a call. And I shall not sit upon a chair, but shall lean against the wall. For I can't sit down in my nice new gown, for I know that if I do I'll be certain to break in two, mamma—I'll certainly break in two!

—WILHELM NEUBIT in Chicago Post.

## EASY DISHWASHING.

Lightening the Weary Work of "Three Times a Day."

One of the unnecessary things in housekeeping is the continuous washing and wiping of dishes, says a woman in the Housekeeper.

Months I hear a cry of horror from a horde of housekeepers, but many of them have nevertheless at one time or another rebelled against the stack of dishes which looms up like the school-boy's hush, "three times a day."

It is queer how some women will wear themselves out rather than step aside from the beaten path. They have yet to learn the joy that comes from taking an independent tack and making the work subservient to the worker, from being the master instead of the slave.

To many women the bugbear of housework is dishwashing. Why wash dishes three times a day? Do it in the morning when fresh. Scrub the dinner dishes, stack in a large pan filled with cold water and cover.

Treat the supper dishes the same way, and do not allow your conscience to keep you awake one single hour. It will not make the task too heavy the next morning if you try my way.

After washing each piece in hot suds and rinsing in hot (not warm) water, put them, piece by piece, in the wire drainer (price 10 cents) as nearly on edge or aslant as possible, and let stand until dry.

Glasses, of course, and silver must be wiped, but the former can be left alled after using and the latter put into a pitcher or deep jug until some odd minute when one is not so weary with well doing that another turn of the screw seems next to impossible.

A Soap Bubble Race.

This game makes plenty of fun. To play it provide each contestant with a Japanese fan or one made from stiff paper, for with these the bubbles are propelled to a goal. At a given signal the bubbles are blown from a starting point and fanned toward the goal.

If a bubble bursts before a player reaches the goal, the player may return to blow a second one.

Very similar to this is a soap bubble battle, for it consists in dividing the room by a string or screen, organizing the players into parties, the reds and the blues, giving one company places on the right of the line and the others on the left, three feet from the line itself. Then, all being in readiness, armed with fans to drive the bubbles, the signal is given and the game begins. The sides blow in turn, the enemy fanning or blowing the bubbles back.

The point of the contest is to see on which side of the rope the bubbles burst, the number that sends over the greatest number of bubbles being the winner.

Among the appropriate prizes for the winners of this game are pieces of iridescent glass, glass paperweights or, indeed, any article of sparkling crystal. Of course each contestant carries home the pipe with which he or she has done valiant service.

"My youngest boy, 3 years old, was sick with fever last June, and when he got better the doctor prescribed Scott's Emulsion, and he liked it so well that he drank it out of the bottle, and is now just as plump and strong as any child of his age anywhere... two bottles fixed him O.K."—MR. JOHN F. TEDDER, Box 263, Teague-Freestone Co., Texas.

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

is the greatest help for babies and young children there is. It just fits their need; it just suits their delicate, sensitive natures; they thrive on it. Just a little does them so much good and saves you so much worry. You owe it to them and yourself to make them as strong and healthy as possible. Scott's Emulsion will help you better than anything else; but be sure, and there are so many worthless imitations.

ALL DRUGGISTS

Mr. Tedder has just written another letter about his brother-in-law's children. Get under your hat and read this letter, in the subject. A Post Card, mentioning this paper, is sufficient.

SCOTT & BOWNE

126 Wellington St. W. Toronto

## The Merchants' Bank.

In another column of this issue appears a detailed report of the forty-fifth annual meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada. The report of the president was received with much enthusiasm by the directors and shareholders present at the meeting and it was the general opinion that in consideration of the recent monetary stringency, the affairs of the bank had been managed during the past year with wonderful care and caution.

In reference to the financial depression, which at times bordered on panicky conditions, the directors had taken every possible precaution to prepare in advance for the pending trouble. A safe amount of cash or securities that could be immediately realized upon was held in reserve, in order to be prepared to at once meet any calls which the connections of the bank might give rise to at any time. In order to carry out this sound policy it was easily seen that the Merchants' Bank had to sacrifice considerable of its earning power. But it was considered advisable for the sake of the community more even than for their own sakes to adopt this safe business method.

That the result of the year's operations has proven more than satisfactory is shown by the report presented at a meeting of the directors. On a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000, the profits were \$738,597.19. From this amount, \$480,000 was devoted to the payment of a dividend of 8 per cent, \$100,000 was withdrawn of Bank Premises account, and \$25,000 as a contribution to the Officers' Pension Fund. The balance was carried forward to the good of profit and loss. The bank, whose capital is supported by a net of \$4,000,000, has assets of \$56,598,625.77, which is held in shape to meet any contingency. Commenting on the statement, Mr. George Hague referred to the exceptionally strong position of the bank with regard to its immediately available resources. They amounted to about 50 per cent. of the liabilities, while formerly the bank was satisfied if the available resources amounted to 25 per cent. A much more promising financial outlook is now apparent, and with a general revival in trade conditions, the business prospects for the coming year are most favorable.

Repeat it:—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

It isn't safe to judge by appearances. The man who acts ferocious abroad may be as meek as a lamb at home.

There is no poisonous ingredient in Holloway's Corn Cure, and it can be used without danger of injury.

Yes, marriage is a lottery. In which every man draws something; But it is a well known fact that he seldom draws a dumb thing.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. Grove. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Mrs. Chinnon—Tell Marie I want her to come up and take my hair down.

Rose (the new maid)—Can't I take it down to her, ma'am?—Harper's Bazar.

Take Notice.

We publish simple, straight testimonials, not press agents' interviews, from well-known people.

From all over America they testify to the merits of MINARD'S LINIMENT, the best of Household Remedies. MINARD'S LINIMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE MATCHMAKER.

There's Nothing Beats a Brother in This Capacity.

As a matchmaker there is nothing to excel the brother.

The role is not taken by him willingly, but he fills it to perfection, because of his innocent unconsciousness.

The girl with a brother is certain to meet his friends. He brings them home from school when he is a youngster, and the sister, in her superior way, joins in their sports.

Of course the idea that any one should fall in love with a sister of a boy never occurs to the boy himself.

Later in life he brings his fellow students home from college. Then the sister is a young lady. Still, that anybody should fall in love with her strikes the brother as absurd, if it strikes him at all. At last the truth dawns upon him, and he resents it.

Suddenly he discovers that Tom, Dick and Harry are not good enough for his sister. "They're all right for chums, you know, sis," he will explain, "but you don't want to marry any of them, you know. Why, that chap Tom," etc.

But the brother is no longer an equation in the matter. His part has been done. There is not the slightest use of opposition from him, for it has no effect this is just



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Greenwood. The most durable and stylish cutters, sleighs and carriages in the Boundary. Turnouts furnished with or without drivers. Prompt service day or night. Draying to any part of the city or country.

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### PHOENIX BEER

is delicious in taste and free from impurities. Order a case or bottle at the earliest opportunity.

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Is the best furnished hotel in the Boundary district. It is heated with steam and lighted by electricity. Excellent sample rooms. The bar is always abreast of the times, and meals are served in the Cafe at any hour, day or night.

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"Unequalled for Domestic Use."

### KASLO HOTEL

KASLO B. C.

Is a comfortable home for all who travel to that city.

COCKLE &amp; PAPWORTH.

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Is smoked in every camp, town, city and hamlet in British Columbia. It is made in Vancouver by Wm. Tietjen and sold on the road by

Nat Darling.

LOWERY'S CLAIM

During the 87 months that Lowery's Claim was on earth it did business all over the world. It was the most unique, independent and fearless journal ever produced in Canada. Political and theological enemies pursued it with the venom of a rattlesnake until the government shut it out of the mails, and its editor ceased to publish it, partly because it takes a pile of money to run a paper that is outlawed. There are still 55 different editions of this renowned journal in print. Send 10 cents and get one or \$2.50 and get the bunch.

R. T. LOWERY.

## Smoke...

Mountaineer and Kootenay Standard Cigars. Made by

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### Newmarket Hotel

Is the home for all tourists and millionaires visiting New Denver, British Columbia.

HENRY STEGE, PROP.

### TREMONT HOUSE

Nelson, B. C., is run on the American and European plan. Nothing yellow about the house except the gold in the safe.

Malone & Tregillus

### LAND ACT—FORM OF NOTICE.

Shillikameen Land District—District of Yale  
Take Notice that Edward Leckie, Steven of Midway, B. C., occupation, contractor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted about 20 chains distant and in a northerly direction from the south east corner of Lot 2800, Kettle River, Shillikameen District, thence north 80 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, and containing 360 acres, more or less, January 20th, 1908.

## THE LEDGE

Is published every Thursday at Greenwood, B. C., and the price is \$3 a year, postage free to all parts of Canada, and Great Britain. To the United States and other countries it is sent postpaid for \$2.50 a year. Address all letters to The Ledge, Greenwood, B. C.

R. T. LOWERY,  
PUBLISHER.

GREENWOOD B. C., FEB. 11, 1908



A blue mark here indicates that your Subscription has become deceased, and that the editor would once more like to commune with your collateral.

He who lies proclaims himself a coward.

Living for others makes our own life interesting.

NEARLY all women over thirty can keep the secret of their age.

NEARLY every chap who owns diamonds is a good advertiser.

MORALITY is to theology as chloride of lime to a typhoid camp.

No, sonny, see in the hole cannot be used as collateral at the bank.

A few people in the Boundary are encased. They have been here too long without money.

We believe that a woman should have one-third of everything she finds in her husband's trousers.

THE Kinecardine Review remarks that the best way to stop usury is to increase the bounty on wolves.

GREAT bodies move slowly. Perhaps that is the reason why it takes railroads such a long time to pay a bill.

SEVERAL women in Canada have been enabled by the use of the washtub to keep their husbands from starving.

BON EDWARDS of the Calgary Eye Opener is in Ottawa praying to the postmaster-general for cathartic privileges.

THREE are 12 distilleries in Canada, all making second sight whiskey. That is, provided you drink early and often.

It is said that a gentleman is never in a hurry. When it comes to walking Greenwood is honey-combed with gentility.

A SPOKANE paper wants to know who wrote Shakespeare. It wasn't us. Better write to Roosevelt or the editor of the Toronto Globe.

THERE was a terrible tragedy last week in Creston, according to the local paper. The office towel fell off the hook and broke its neck.

IN the early days God looked upon His work and saw that it was good. Since then parsons and creed promoters have appealed against His impression.

WITH copper selling at \$300 a ton, silver at \$12,000, and gold at \$480,000 a ton it is lucky for some of us that potatoes are not worth much more than \$20 a ton.

DURING 1903 148,500 immigrants came into Canada. Of this number 75,124 came from the United States, which shows how popular the Dominion is across the line.

THE editor of the Revelstoke Mail-Herald wants more eggs. He says: "Scientists say the white ant lays 80,000 eggs a month. Would it, we desire to ask, would it be possible to cross the white ant with the Plymouth Rock hen?"

THE Prince Rupert Empire says that over \$100,000 was spent in Kootenay upon roads and trails in order to make a man named Good-evil an M. P., and it wants to know if the expenditure was justifiable. Time will tell, if the roads help the country.

THE penitentiary in New Westminster must be a terrible place, for we notice that within three months three of its criminals have committed suicide. The Fernie lockup cannot equal this, for in that cool resort the worst the inmates get is frozen feet.

IN some parts of the country the C. P. R. proposes to make parsons pay full fare. Now that it has become fat and rich, the greatest power in Canada probably thinks it does not need any more prayers, or else it wishes to take preachers out of the "under twelve" class.

IT is said that the C. P. R. hauls flour from Edmonton to Vancouver for \$6.85 a ton, and charges \$10.00 to Greenwood. If this be true it is a commercial injustice that should be rectified by the railway commission. The C. P. R. is becoming too wolfish for the safety of the people.

liquent subscribers to come in with the pangs the editor of the Creston Review says that it takes wind, gall, and an acrobatic imagination, and a whole lot of rattle to keep his pantry door above low water. We believe it, for he has a wife and six or more children.

BURGERS in the pursuit of their business are losing money by not being thorough in their methods. In nearly every case where they rob a place they overlook something. One of them tapped an hotel cash register in Cranbrook the other night and overlooked \$80. Even a bartender could do better than that.

THE best authority in the world says that vaccination does and may cause lockjaw. Dr. Carr says that compulsory vaccination with the possible result of tetanus is the greatest crime against humanity ever committed by blind and legalized bigotry. That vaccination makes us immune from smallpox is an assumption; that vaccination occasionally causes death is a fact.

GREAT BRITAIN is Canada's big creditor. The Dominion owes \$264,000,000 to the people of the United Kingdom, and the provinces \$50,000,000, while the indebtedness of railways and other business concerns will swell the total to \$500,000,000. Canada's greatest borrowing record was last year, when \$196,000,000 worth of securities of all kinds were sold abroad, of which the United Kingdom took \$175,000,000.

We have suspected for a long time that Bill Blakemore was a liar. Bill edits a pro-English paper in Victoria and has some brains. He is a good genial soul and once gave us his word for some paper. We still have his word, but the paper, oh, where is it? Bill seems to have located Bill, for he says in the Saturday Sunset: "In times past I have commented upon the hypocrisy and lying proclivities of that slimy commercial commodity, the editor of the Week." And once Bill breathed the ozone that vibrated Joe Chamberlain's Well! Well! It is truly wonderful how the wreck of time and the crash of subsequent events pushes some into the sun of prevarication. Since Bill lost his hair he may have become wicked, for we have known him to drink tea on duty. Let us pray that Bill gets his eyes open before he runs against the truth and scintillates his upper lip. Or it might be better for some kind friend to introduce truth to Bill. If acquainted they might become bosom friends. We have compassion for him, because many a genius has blind spots, and if we could see ourselves as others see us none but angels would live on this earth, even in Victoria. In fifty years Bill will be better.

IN Anaconda L. A. Smith & Co. are selling fresh local eggs, only a day old, for 60 cents a dozen. Orders by phone receive prompt attention.

A WISE DRUMMER.

Three drummers were conversing in the reading room at the Creston hotel, and one of them asked the others what they did to let their wives know when they were coming home. I, he said, send a wire to my old hen the day before I arrive. The second said: I generally wait until I strike my home town, and then I go to the nearest telephone office and ring up my old dutch. Said the third: Say, you fellows are as slow as the K. V. train. I always go straight up to our door without any warning; ring the front door violently; and then sneak round to the back with a club. And, say, there hasn't been one get away on me for three years.

VIEW the many varieties of comic and sentimental valentines being exhibited by McKee Bros.

SHE WAS BIG ONE.

The Fra prints the following as a true story: Fra Torro McKee tells me that while he was clerking in a shoe store in Quebec, the following order was received from a worthy habitant.

Monsieur—Please put some shoe on my little family like dis, and send by Sam Jamieson de carrier. One man, Jean St Jean, 39 year, me; one woman, Sophie St Jean, 38 year, she; Hermedes and Genevieve, 19 year; Honoré, 18 year; Celena, 17 year; Narcisse, Orville, and Philias, 16; Batiste, 15; Celeste, 14; Philippa, 13; Emile and George 12; Babette, 11; Madore, 10; Pierre, 9; Eugene, wo lese him; Paul, 7; Alphonse, 6; Guston, 5; Armand, 4; Maurice, 3; Edward, 2; Muriel, 1 year; Hilaré, he go barefoot. How much?

THE best thing you can use for a sore and irritated throat, caused by sudden changes in the weather, is ANTISEPTIC and ASTRINGENT GARGLE.

GAROLINE is highly recommended, as it is both antiseptic and astringent, and one fifty-cent bottle will keep your throat in good condition for the balance of the winter. You can get it from White Bros., Druggists and Opticians, Greenwood.

Got His Reward Soon.

A school teacher sends this note:

primary grade of a public school.

The competition is entitled "A Romance."

"Once there was a poor young man who was in love with a rich girl whose mother had a large candy store. The poor young man wanted to marry the candy lady's daughter, but he was too poor to buy furniture. One day a bad man offered him \$25 to become a drunkard. The poor young man was dreadfully tempted because he wanted to be rich enough to marry the candy lady's daughter. But when he got to the saloon door with the bad man, he said: 'I will not break my pledge, even to be rich.' Get thee behind me, Satan!" So he went home and on his way found a pocket book with one hundred million dollars in it. So he went and told the candy lady's daughter and they were married. They had a lovely wedding, and the next day they had twins. Thus we see that virtue is its own reward."

St. Valentine's Day occurs upon the 14th, and it is the date upon which comic and sentimental Valentines become popular. You can get many kinds from J. L. Coles.

Do you consider your nerve is sufficiently steady to fit you for an air-ship navigator?

Well, I've been out in a canoe with a nervous fat girl!

Widdowson, Assayer, Nelson, B. C.

Religions of the World.

Dr. H. Zeller, director of the statistical bureau in Stuttgart, has just published his religious census of the world. He computes the number of human beings in the world at 1,544,510,000. Of these 534,940,000 are Christian, 175,250,000 are Mohammedans, 10,860,000 are Jews and the remaining 823,420,000 are placed under a general heading and include 300,000,000 Confucians, 214,000,000 Brahmins and 121,000,000 Buddhists with other bodies less in numbers.

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IN Phoenix D. J. Matheson has the agency for nearly all the best life, fire and accident insurance companies. He also insures plate glass, and if you are looking for insurance drop him a line with particulars of what you want.

For the New Year.

If you have enemies, go straight on and don't mind them. If they get in your way, walk around them regardless of their spite. A man who has no enemies is seldom good for anything; he is made of that kind of material which is so easily worked that everyone has a hand in it. A sterling character is one who thinks for himself, he is always sure to have enemies. They are as necessary to him as fresh air; they keep him alive and active. A celebrated character who was surrounded by enemies used to remark: "They are sparks which, if you do not blow, will go out of themselves." "Live down prejudice," was the Iron Duke's motto. Let this be your feeling while endeavoring to live down the scandal of those who are bitter against you. If you stop to dispute, you do but as they desire, and open the way for more abuse. Let the poor fellow talk there will be a reaction if you perform your duty, and hundreds who were once alienated from you will flock to you and acknowledge their error. —Selected.

When you want a monument or headstone, write to the Kootenay Marble Works, Nelson, B. C.

After paying all expenses the Phoenix minstrels made \$30 for J. B. Carrigan's new leg.

Dry goods and trimmings in great variety at Barclay & Co's big sale now going on. Visit their store. They can save you money.

If Templeman is not elected in Coimox-Atlin it is an even bet that he will get a seat in Victoria.

The Columbia cigar is a large and free-smoking cigar. It is sold in all mountain towns and made in Nelson.

At Middlesboro the Nicola Valley coal mine is shipping 300 tons a day, and 220 men are employed.

All 15c. lines flannellettes and wrapperettes at 10c. during the sale at Barclay & Co's.

The Great Northern will soon change its time, getting to Phoenix at 4 p. m. and running through to Kereones without a night's stop at Oroville.

Pictures from 10 cts. up at the New Art Store.

Bill Biner and Bob Pritchard will box in Phoenix next week.

Comforters and pillows, all kinds, 30 per cent off during the big sale at Barclay & Co's.

John Pipo and Miss Blanche Perry were married in Phoenix last week.

For Sale—A house on Kimberley avenue for \$1,000. Terms, \$100 down and balance to suit purchaser. Apply to Alex. S.

Starlight shoes for children. Give them a trial. Barclay & Co. George Grant of Sandon died in Victoria last week after an operation for internal troubles.

The postoffice at Rosebery has been closed.

Conductor (to passenger)—Did I get your fare?

Passenger—You must have got it, for the register did not ring when I handed you the nickel.—Judge.

The Ledge will send a copy of Frost to any address for 25 cents.

AT THE

### Hotel - Balmoral

In Phoenix the dining room will please the gastronomically critical, the beds bring sweet repose, while the beverages are of the bar will appear any ordinary human thirst. Miners, muckers, tourists and mountaineers are welcome.

J. A. McMASTER, Proprietor.

### C. S. BAKER

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### The Kootenay Saloon

Sandon, B. C., has a line of nerve braces unsurpassed in any mountain town of the Great West. A glass of aqua pura given free with spirits ment.

### Hotel Alexander

PHOENIX, B. C.

Is a comfortable home for the miner and traveler. Good meals and pleasant rooms. Pure liquors and fragrant cigars in the bar.

R. V. CHISHOLM, PROPRIETOR.

### J. R. Cameron.

Leading Tailor of the Kootenays.

### Kaslo, B. C.

### Northern Hotel

EHOLT, B. C.

First-class meals and rooms.

Railroad men, miners and others will find a pleasant home at this hotel. The bar contains fragrant cigars and the most popular beverages of the day.

N. LUSE, PROPRIETOR

### MINERAL ACT

#### Certificate of Improvements

#### NOTICE

Mountain Belle Mineral Claim, situated in the Greenwood Mining Division of Yale District, Where located: North of Wallace Mountain, West Fork of Kettle River. TAKE NOTICE that I, Robert Wood, Free Miner's Certificate No. 11000, for myself and as agent for Samuel S. Fowler, Free Miner's Certificate No. 11855, and Thomas Cherry, Free Miner's Certificate No. 12078 intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 10th day of February, A. D. 1908. ROBERT WOOD.

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