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SLOCAN NEWS

Camp Gossip Concentrated for the Benefit of the Paid-Up Subscriber.

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Fred Williamson left for Kettle River last week.

A money order office has been opened at Halcyon.

Louise Brehany sang to a 170-dollar house Thursday night.

The Mero building on the water front is about ready for occupancy.

Garden making and fence building have become epidemic in town.

Services in the Methodist church next Sunday, morning and evening. Rev. A. E. Roberts, pastor.

Rev. John G. Duncan, M. A., will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a.m. All welcome.

Contractor McLean is putting the finishing touches on the McKenzie home, on the plateau overlooking the town.

There was a temperance lecture at the wharf in New Denver last week. The Slocan took on a car load of empty bottles.

Assayer West met with a painful accident in his laboratory on Monday. As a result his hands and face were badly burned.

Charlie Caldwell, of Kaslo, was married at Spokane on Monday to Alice Grace Sweet, of Vernon, Rev. J. A. Wood officiating.

Several Sandonites spent Easter Sunday and Monday in America's Lucerne. They thoroughly enjoyed the bright sunshine and clean, dry sidewalks.

Two hundred and fifty dollars expended on the government block would add $1000 to the value of the property, but apparently the government is too poor to make the investment.

It is just possible that there is a land this side of paradise more beautiful than New Denver on a bright, balmy spring morning, but we haven't heard of it up to the time of going to press.

Another good attraction will occupy the boards at the Bosun Friday night. The Webb-Hodsdon company will give one of their pleasing recitals, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church.

Another fair admirer of New Denver is Miss Louise Brehany. She said in Sandon that in all her travels she had never seen a more beautiful spot than the Lucerne. Louise fell in love with the place. We reciprocate.

The Paris exposition has opened. After mature consideration THE LEDGE force has concluded to forego the pleasure of the trip this year and will put itself in readiness to attend when the exposition is held at Rosebery or Silverton.

Frank N. O'Neil arrived in New Denver from Napanee, Ont., Monday. He will size up the situation with a view to locating here. As he is an experienced bandsman his presence will be a valuable acquisition to the local band.

James Wigginton had to quit the butcher business because the Pat Burns meat kings sold him wholesale and undersold him retail. When Jim quit Pat quit, and the meat-eating populace has to suffer for the want of a butcher shop with meat on the hooks.

It isn't sensible for any man to dabble in rotten politics at the sacrifice of his business. Business is one thing, politics another. Politics should end where business begins. One is a side dish and the other the main thing. Business is what the country wants, and business men. We have had enough of politics and politicians.

If there is a mining company with a big bank roll looking for a snap and a chance to open up a gold mine of magnificent dividend-paying proportions, it should run a tunnel into the bowels of Goat mountain and see what's there. The numerous stringers and ledges of rich gold-silver ore that are being exposed on that hill have not come from the clouds, but must have their source from a great ore body below.

Jacob Dover has in Nelson the fifth largest jewelery store in Canada. A Kaslo man, who had been reading THE LEDGE, stepped in the other day and bought $600 worth of goods from Dover instead of going to Spokane for them. Live merchants catch the trade of their own country.

The Slocan must be considered the suckers' paradise, judging from the number of catalogues sent into it by the big departmental stores of the east and west. The latest to obstruct the wheels of commerce in our town is one from a San Francisco firm, promising, like all the others, a dollar's worth of goods for 99 cents.

It seems impossible for the s.s. Slocan to cut herself loose from the freight barge these days, and if the present pressure of business keeps up it is just possible that the C. P. R. will get $100 ahead and build another station at the siding. The right foreleg of the old stove has been found and will be held in readiness so when the balance of the sole warmer is gathered together it can be put in place, thereby saving the corporation 10 cents.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

Arlington mines stock has reached 25 cents.

The lower tunnel at the Ivanhoe is in 1100 feet.

Since Jan. 1st 640 tons of ore have been shipped from Slocan City.

Another strike of five feet of ore is reported from the Rambler-Carriboo.

The Camp Mansfield properties are still paying $3.50 for eight hour shifts

It is said that the Chapleau will erect a cyanide mill. Seventeen men are working on the property.

A fourth tunnel has been started at the Heewtt. It will tap the ore a little over 400 feet from the surface.

An option has been given on the Tail Holt and Alberta, two Lemon creek claims, and it is likely they will be floated in England.

Wm. McMasters will have charge of the work to be put on the Frisco group under the new company, which takes charge on May 1st.

The Minnesota Silver Co. will commence the erection of their concentrator at Sandon in a few days. It will have a capacity of 150 tons daily.

Eighty tons of ore are being run daily through the Wakefield concentrator, making 10 tons of concentrates. The mill can handle 100 tons a day.

Messrs. Young and Murchison are still at work on their Goat Mountain property. They have a good showing of ore and are highly encouraged.

The Slocan Star mill commenced running last week. The force at the mine will soon be complete. A new body of ore was found in the west drift last week.

A crown grant has been issued, after years of legal fighting, on the Legal Tender claim, adjoining the Noble Five and Madison, and work will be started on the property soon.

It will be impossible to ship any ore from the Enterprise for 15 days or more. A land slide carried away about 160 feet of the roadbed, and the same will have to be cribbed up before any hauling can be done.

The second payment on the Silver Tip bond was made last week to H. Hess and Chas. Miller by S. Schwander, acting for the Morris Syndicate. The final payment on the $45,000 bond will be made October 1st.

A subscription paper was circulated last Wednesday night and money raised to get a survey made of a road to the Hartney mine from the New Denver-Three Forks wagon road. The Hartney Company is waiting for the government to do something in the matter before starting work.

FLOAT FROM SANDON.

W. J. Armstrong & Co. have opened a tailor shop.

Quite a number of Sandon people attended church in New Denver on Sunday.

W. H. Lilly has been appointed coroner. No inquest will be held on black jack stiffs.

The female negro population of this burg is the largest in the Slocan. Superstition must prevail among the sports of the silver city.

Sandon's next mayor will probably be John Burkley. He has a mind of his own and is not afraid to do what he considers is right.

The eating houses have formed a union and made the minimum price for meals 35 cents. The local scab paper should throw some of its heavy editorials at this arrangement, and have every man's name struck off the voters' list who eats at this price.

The Paystreak has put in a paper cutter and has the office swept every week. The paper is diseased with prosperity, and if the editor does not use extreme caution his bank account will become swelled and difficult to suppress. He is also liable to make the rival editor turn green, although for years the old man with voters in his hair has been strictly orange.

Charley Cliffe is a great man and would be elected for the provincial wrangling assembly at Victoria without the least trouble if all the voters were knocked off except his own family. Charles is not a dude, but he can write editorials heavy enough to crush a bull frog. As an orator he is sublimely sublime; to hear him plead for the poor, down-trodden mine owner is enough to touch even the heart of a cigar sign, and it is almost incredible that a man with such eloquence would ever have been touched for seven dollars. Charles is great although some day the maggots will chew his whiskers. The people should run him for something. Even if they cannot run him for the legislature they should find him an office. Such a noble and generous man should not be left out in the cold. He might get frozen to death, and then Sandon would receive a shock from which it might not recover. Do something. There is still hope while even a dozen names remain upon the knifed and bleeding voters' list.

The first sub-contract on the Balfour extension from Nelson will be completed this month. The whole section will be finshed by May 15.

CONCENTRATES FROM ROSSLAND.

J. C. Drewry has bonded for the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, the Sunset mine, near Whitewater, for $30,000. He has gone to Montreal and on his return will start development.

As to the mining situation the Rossland Miner says: A force of men were set to work yesterday upon the Le Roi mine, and a start has thus been made. The management state that this will be done upon the War Eagle and Centre Star early in the week. The certainty is therefore that the trouble in the camp is now a thing of the past. A few after surges, taking the possible shape of a few hitches in the details of the settlement will possibly mark the passing away of the recent disagreement.

The Record finds that whatever decrease the shipments may show on account of the stoppage of the supply from the War Eagle and Centre Star is likely to be made up from the other mines which will come forward into the ranks of the regular shippers. The Josie has an electric hoist with a capacity of 300 tons in ten hours at the present depth of the shaft, and a counter-part of this machine is being installed in the No. 1. The levels in both these mines are being extended and they will become shippers as soon as tramways have been built to the railroad and ore bins put in. These improvements have been delayed by the snow. The Nickel Plate will be ready to ship ore about the same time, for its 80 horse-power double drum hoist, with two cages, will be in operation in about 10 days and can hoist 250 tons in about 10 hours from a depth of 800 feet. Levels have been run as far down as 200 feet and will be run every 100 feet as soon as the 600-foot level is reached.

FORT STEELE NOTES.

The North Star is now shipping 100 tons of ore daily.

There are several claims on Wild Horse creek which will be developed this summer.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of W. W. Barker has not yet been cleared up, and there is a strong probability that it never will.

Reports from the Sullivan are to the effect that the property is improving every day. Large bodies of ore are being blocked out. Shipments will commence in a short time.

Considerable ore will be shipped from the Swansea mine near Windermere this summer. It is said that 2,000 or 3,000 sacks were made ready during the winter and hauled to the landing.

Why New Denver Continues to Advance

KNOWLEDGE isn't wisdom, but without knowledge it would be difficult to make a man wise. If we would act wisely in anything we must first gain the knowledge to know how to act and then with wisdom put our knowledge into practical use. When a man is casting about, looking for a location where he can make his home with the assurance that, if he "attends to his knitting" and honestly strives to make the best of his opportunities, his efforts will be crowned with success, he wants to know the merits and demerits of the locality and the conditions existing, so as to act with wisdom.

It is because men act without wisdom on very little knowledge that so many make failures of life. They are led by impulse and flirt with Dame Fortune like a giddy school girl. The result is always the same. They fail; and when they go down they take some body with them, and the community at large suffers in some measure with every failure. It is not failures, but successes, that go to build up a community. One strong, energetic, successful man in a town, who has won through sheer "stick-to-itiveness" and merit, is worth a dozen hangers-on, who, without wisdom or worth, attempt to win by pot luck.

It is the former class that are wanted in this part of British Columbia. If any such are seeking an opening, they can come this way. There are openings for every one. Success will be their's as sure as they work for it. New Denver makes the first bid for this class of men. We have some here but there is room for more. The inducements offered are many. We will state a few, as briefly as possible:

New Denver's location on a plateau sloping to the shore of Slocan lake, makes it an ideal spot for a residential centre, which it is fast being made. Its homes are far above the average found in most mining camps, and its public halls and buildings and business blocks are commodious, substantial, and built with a view to permanency. There is nothing shoddy about them. Like the men who built them, they are here to stay.

It is but natural that this feeling of confidence in New Denver's stability should prevail. Aside from the advantages that the town has as a residential centre, it is fast becoming the headquarters for some of the strongest mining companies operating in the Slocan. The Silver mountain, Goat mountain and Fidelity-Bosun mines, carrying big gold, silver and lead values, are rapidly developing into heavy shippers. Their payrolls at present will not aggregate more than 100 men, but this number will be more than tripled in a short time.

New Denver is the banking and commercial centre, as well as the residential town on the beautiful Slocan lake. The business done by the Bank of Montreal is surprisingly large and ever increasing. All the local mines and those of Four Mile, Ten Mile and Springer and Lemon creeks pay through the local bank.

New Denver's school facilities are good; its churches are neat, well-constructed and well-attended. Its streets are sidewalked in all directions. The town is not laid out with one street and a back yard, but covers fully a mile square, and is without doubt the prettiest spot for a home in the mining section of British Columbia.

New Denver's citizens are the pioneers of the Slocan. They have made money in the camp and re-invested it. They own their homes and are continually improving them, confident that they will be amply repaid for the expenditure in the comfort and enjoyment of them

There are openings in New Denver for several lines of business.

New Denver's scenic beauty is unparalled in North America; its climate is temperate, and the health of its citizens marvelously good—sickness from local causes is seldom experienced.

SONG-SERVICE

Louise Brehany Captivated Music Lovers

A Gratis Grading Gang Goes Grading

A MUSICAL ITEM.

To hear an act of opera in New Denver is like getting money from a delinquent subscriber. Through the efforts of Messrs. Garrett and Delaney Louise Brehany and her coterie of artists came to town last Thursday, and Bosun Hall was filled with the lovers of music from all parts of the camp. W. G. Sauvlett opened the proceedings by playing the piano with the fingers of an artist. He delighted the audience, and even Deadwood Bill could not refrain from speaking right out and saying it was "pretty work." Carr and Mintz, the male singers of the company, can make a noise, but nature never intended them to storm the heart of man by the music that is not in their souls. They would do better hitting the drill. Alga Schmall can play the violin in a way that shows wonderful command of such a difficult instrument by such a young player. As time goes on she ought to become one of the brightest stars in the violin firmament if matrimony and other matters do not interfere with her progress. Jessie Monroe has a voice that is pleasant to hear, but she will have to improve before the universe will throw a flower garden at her. Louise Brehany sings soprano and her voice shows close education. She has been touched by the Goddess of melody and when her voice penetrates the atmosphere listeners are possessed with the idea that this world would be poorer without such sweet singers as Louise. The concert concluded by the company playing the second act from the opera Martha.

Hall Mines to Resume.

Word comes from London that at a meeting of the shareholders of the Hall Mines it was decided to reorganize the company on the basis of a fresh assessment of five shillings per share. It is permissable to infer that the work of reorganization will proceed at once, and that soon the enterprises of the company, so valuable to Nelson, will once more be in full operation. What changes will be involved in the Nelson staff must of course be mere matter of conjecture.

Cigar Makers on Strike.

Two hundred cigar makers went on strike at Montreal last week. They were employed by two firms, J. Hirsch, Sons & Co., and I. O. Grothe & Co. The issue is purely one of the recognition of the International Cigar Makers' Union. The strike will probably spread, for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association are to bond the firms which have refused to recognize the union and has promised to supply men to replace the striking operators.

A Pyrithic Smelter.

For Eastern Canadian mining investors, Andrew Laidlaw, of Spokane, has bonded the Moren claim, in the southern extension of the Buckhorn mine, in Deadwood Camp, for $30,000. Mr. Laidlaw has been spending the past two weeks at Greenwood with a view to securing a site for a pyrithic smelter. He has a deal on to purchase the Boundary Falls power, three miles south of Greenwood.

Francis A. Cook Dead.

Francis A. Cook died at his residence, New Denver, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, after a brief illness. He was taken sick with la grippe less than a week ago, and as he was a man 68 years of age he was not physically able to stand the severity of it. Deceased leaves a widow and two sons, residents of New Denver, who have the deep sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Slocan citizens will give a grand concert on the 27th in aid of the Canadian Patriotic fund.

GRATIS GRADING GANG.

This week a number of our energetic citizens got together and inaugurated a Gratis Grading Gang. They were headed by Cashier Gibbs, of the Bank of Montreal, who persuaded the local teamsters to contribute three teams on Monday, and others will be put on later. It was the aim of Mr. Gibbs and those leading the Gang to fill in the culvert crossing the Government block, and make of it good recreation grounds, for the use of the football team and other outdoor athletes. Fifty men promised to put in Easter Monday doing the work, but only 15 or 20 appeared on the scene. However, this number did yoeman service. They tackled the culvert on Belleview Ave. first and by nightfall had that pretty well filled in. The work is still going on at intervals, but the force of graders is worked out and is greatly reduced. This work has so far been contributed free, and is an evidence of what a few men of energy and push can do when they have a mind to. Every citizen should be as ready to bear his share of the work. This is concerted action arising from individual effort. What would be the result if we could get combined action from concerted effort? Let's try it.

ANOTHER DEAL MADE.

Messrs. McMasters Take Over a New Denver Property.

Another mining deal was made this week that means very much to New Denver. The McMasters brothers, representing extensive Colorado capital, have taken a short time bond on the Frisco group, situated on the northwest slope of Fidelity bluff and adjoining the Bosun-Fidelity Mines. The properties embraced in the group are known as the Frisco, Perseverance, Ruby Fraction and Morning Glory. Work has been put on the Frisco for the past three months with very satisfactory results. A strong ledge, seven or eight feet in width, has been exposed, carrying stringers of carbonates.

It is the intention of the purchasers to put a large force of men to work as soon as possible to open the ledge and make a mine out of it. That they will do this, and that the Frisco will soon be as favorably known as the Hartney, Marion and Bosun there is no doubt, for the Frisco will have the same thorough, practical mining men at the head of it as these other properties are favored with, and with such a good showing to start on it should not be long until the property is made a shipper.

Those interested in the deal are Andy Jacobson, S. T. and H. M. Walker. The purchase price is $15,000, the bond maturing in six months.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan from January 1, 1899, to June 30, 1899, was 15,113 tons. From July 1, 1899, to Dec. 31, 1899, the shipments were 4,319 tons. Following are the shipments from January 1, 1900, to April 14:

	Week	Total
Payne	209	2,803
American Boy		61
Last Chance	40	306
Sunshine		20
Queen Bess		345
Rambler		421
Surprise		20
Ruth		18
Lucky Jim		73
Florida		38
B N A		16
Gibson		6
Bosun	20	260
Hartney		20
Capella		7
Emily Edith		20
Vancouver		20
Enterprise	60	360
Arlington	20	280
Black Prince		60
Total tons	349	6,734

About the first thing the next Provincial Government should do—if we are ever so unfortunate as to have such a thing—is to provide for an additional school building in New Dever and another teacher.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1900.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Dreyfus seems to have dropped out of the world's talk; snowed under by the African war and other topics.

If partyism continues to grow in Canadian politics it will not be many years before a revolution will teach the people that most of them are fools.

Ice cream can be sold openly in Toronto on Sunday. It is still necessary to have a password before you can get a drink of whiskey in that city of quiet morality.

A Nelson paper states that a company with 30 millions of dollars capital will operate some claims tributary to Kootenay lake Why did the paper not say 300 millions instead of 30? It only takes another cipher and sounds much better.

It was 35 years ago last week since the American war closed and not a private who was then in the war can be found to-day to tell the tale. The deficiency is counterbalanced by the great number of officers who are still alive and doing fairly well.

Hundreds of names on the voters' list in the Slocan riding have been objected to by some genius with more ability for making trouble than anything else. A genius of this kind is liable to be bitten by a louse some day and lose his earthly career.

Bovine and equine creatures are great friends of man and much appreciated when they are strictly in place. When they become float and spread over the townsite until it resembles a healthy manure pile we protest and call upon the populace to intervene and save some of these animals from an early grave.

There are 120,000 barmaids in England. They make $2.50 a week and board. They work from 7 a.m. until 12.30 p.m, and generally die young from standing on their feet too much. We have heard it stated that they were not virtuous. This is a base slander upon the unfortunate slaves. No woman can work 17½ hours a day and be vicious at the same time. England is a great country, but evidently not yet great enough to abolish white slavery. We think that eight hours is long enough for any girl to deal out drinks, and right here in far-off British Columbia we protest against such inhuman treatment of the female sex. To allow fair damsels to work 17½ hours daily in gin mills is something that should not be tolerated in a pagan country, let alone such a civilized country as England where the beauty of Christ's teachings has been held up to the people ever since religion became a habit, and poverty a prevalent complaint.

How time wings its way onwards to eternity. Last Thursday it was 41 years since the world and mother first looked at us and said, "What a fine child?" And yet it does not seem over 40, so rapidly has one event after another tangled us up in its meshes. In our early days mother used to look into our soft blue optics and say that we were the best boy in the world. After all these years she has not changed her opinion. Notwithstanding that for years we have been addicted to the newspaper habit we are still the same sweet boy to mother that we were in the days when we robbed orchards and thrashed all the other boys in the neighborhood. She has never changed. She loved us when we first met and she loves us yet. Her love, and we presume all mothers are alike, is the kind that lasts until the end of this life and is carried over to the next page. A mother's love rises supreme to all the passions that torment the soul, and we regret that so many sons in the West so soon forget their best friend.

A NEW MINING LAW.

The Ontario Government's mining bill abolishes all royalties on minerals, but provides that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may impose a mineral tax on the gross quantity of the ore mined. The tax will be at the following rates:

Iron, 50 cents per ton; zinc, $5 per ton, or $15 per ton of metal contents if partly treated or reduced; copper $2 per ton, or $25 if partly treated or reduced; nickel $10 per ton, or $60 if partly treated or reduced; copper and nickel ore $7 per ton, or $20 and $50 respectively per ton of metal contents if partly treated or reduced; all other ores, such rates as may be imposed by Order-in-Council, but not to exceed 5 per cent, of the selling prices thereof in a free market. A license, to cost $10, shall be necessary to mine any of the metals for which a license is imposed.

It is provided, however, that where such ores are smelted or treated in the Dominion of Canada, in such a way as to yield fine metals, or any form suitable for direct use in the arts without further treatment, the tax may be remitted.

The tax will not apply to mines where the annual output of ore is less than 500 tons.

A further provision in reference to the tax is that by proclamation it may be remitted, or a lower rate substituted, in case of ore or minerals refind in the United Kingdom, or any British colony or dependency.

Another clause ratifies the Order-in-Council providing that all lands patented or leased will contain the condition that the ore be refined in Canada.

A number of further clauses contain provisions which are intended to safeguard the miners in the use of explosives, the internal working of the mines, and a complete code of signals for hoisting and descending the shaft.

All reservations of mines, ores and minerals contained in patents issued prior to July 1, 1897 are to be recinded

A FARMERS' TRUST.

The old adage "to trust is to bust, to bust is hell," no longer holds good. This is the age of trusts. Not the antiquated kind of trust, 'tis true, but trusts, nevertheless. There are trusts formed to control the price and output of everything that man eats, wears and looks at. The only thing that has escaped the leaches of commerce, is the air we breathe, the sunshine we enjoy and the magnificent scenery that nature has so bountifully bestowed upon New Denver. The latest in the trust line is the proposition to form all the farmers of the world in a sort of international trust to restrict the production of wheat and raise prices. It is hoped to carry into effect this plan at the international conference in Paris, July 9-16. It is proposed to ask the farmers of the world to reduce their wheat output by 20 per cent and not to sell a bushel for less than a dollar. J.C.Hanley of St. Paul, executive agent of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union, the National Growers' association the Farmers' Federation of the Mississippi Valley and the National Grain Growers' Association, is the chief promoter in the agricultural trust in America. Professor G. Ruhland of the University of Freiburg, Switzerland, is the chief promoter of the plan in Europe.

The idea was conceived by these two men independently. Mr.Hanley who has been interested in many hold-your-wheat schemes, is prominently associated with the Farmers' elevators and various co-operative undertakings. He has long believed that if the farmers would only come to an understanding as to limiting production and agree to sell only when their price could be obtained they could easily master the situation. As a professor of economics Professor Ruhland had come to the same conclusion. His study of the agrarian problems of different countries led him to believe that the only cure for the wide-spread troubles of farmers, which are much more severe in the old than in the new world, is to restrict production. Both were hard at work getting the idea into practice when they encountered each other's correspondence. Since then they have been working with a common idea, viz: To persuade the international congress to introduce the plan and recommend it to the various national associations for application next year.

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In the lucent dawn of the May morning Beatrice Engledew awoke. She lay quiet while the light of the opening day strengthened and brightened,and flooded her chamber which faced the rising sun. There passed in to her through the open casement the near twittering of birds, the farther flutter and rustle of moving leaves, and behind all the recurrent sound of sea waves breaking and dashing on a pebbly beach. In a while the golden refulgence of the sun poured in on her, and then she arose for the day of her wedding was come. She stood up in the bare cleanness of the simple room, tall and fair and excellently well-formed, a young woman good to look on. With a composed deftness she made ready. When she had arrayed herself in a bridal gown of an exquisitely fine white linen she passed softly down the steep narrow stair, unlatched and drew open the house door and stepped out into the garden which lay like a Paradise in the glory of the morning. Dazzling dew powdered the lawn, the scent of violets and lilac perfumed the air, and the bushes shone like green fire against the sun. Beatrice looked past this vivid beauty to the stately fir wood, beyond. She paused at the wicket, holding it ajar, while her eyes searched the fragrant aisles. Between their living columns the sea glimmered brightly blue For a space she waited,watching the wood empty of human life. Then, on a sudden, her face glowed, her eyes shone, for out of the wood's dim recesses she saw her bridegroom, Frank Hope, coming swiftly towards her. Flinging the wicket wide open she ran out to him, and they met in a kind of solemn gladness. He, tall and comely and ruddy, like a young David, she, pure and strong and sweet—a mated pair. In the freshness of the morning, in Nature's sanctuary, in the presence of the all-pervading unity of the Creative Love, they plighted their troth. The interior harmonious voices of the man and woman welled up and flowed out into a spontaneous form of sacramental words.

"You to me—I to thee while love lasts," they said each to the other, holding hands. It was the love espousal of virgins and the sacred wedding of souls.

The bridal pair breakfasted in the garden. The table was set by a bush of dewy lilac. It was their first breaking of bread in common; a true lovefeast. They lingered in the charmed seclusion till afternoon. Then, in the low ebb of the day, Beatrice and Frank walked down to the little mediæval church in the valley to go through that antiquated form of words known as the "Solemnization of Matrimony." They went out of earth's sunshine for a brief eclipsing period, into the dimmed perverted light of the chill Gothic edifice Here they decorously submitted to the religious ceremony officially prescribed by the State of which they were citizens. The words they uttered were inexpressive symbols of the truth as they realized it; the ceremony in which they played their allotted part were to their clear seeing eyes the vain semblance of an impertinent piece of mediæval mummery. It was as if a full grown man and woman of the present had condescended to a momentary swathing of their untrammelled bodies in mouldy swaddling clothes, handed down by sacerdotal figures from bygone ages: as if they had, for some fleeting seconds, permitted their unbroken limbs to be perfunctorily bound up in musty bandages, torn off cerements which borrowing men had rescued from Time's tomb They bore with this for the names' sake of their unborn children: they endured it considering the weak of the community; and it was their pious, formal acknowledgement of inexpressible divine unity. Written words marked the finish of these verbal concessions to man-made laws This parenthetic intrusion of the formal on the real, this barely relevant incident of their wedding day, passed over and receded from their serene joy like a cloud from before the face of the sun. They left behind them the ecclesiastical building with its oppressive twilights, its chilling shades, and in the warm quickening brightness of the spring day they began to mount one of Earth's hills together.

WORDS FORMING.

The year had drawn so near its close that it was the eve of Christmas.

It was a sharply cold starlight night. A nipping gusty wind from the northeast was whirling the thin fine snow into small shifting heaps on the hard ground, driving it into miniature drifts, scattering it and re-forming it, making bitter play with the eddying crystalline powder. Out of the darkness there was borne fitfully the ceaseless noise of a restless sea beating on a stony beach. From out the same quarter as the wind came two women of apparently the ordinary height and make. They were closely wrapped in furs and they walked at a brisk pace in the direction of the little Gothic church Skirting the north side of the edifice they turned up a churchyard path so narrow that a couple bound by the sacramental vows as we could not walk abreast in it. The slightly shorter of the two ladies led the way, her iron-tipped heels smiting the asphalt with ringing taps; the taller, rather larger one, followed in her wake with less decisive steps. The path ended at the old, narrow, oak door of the vestry. Twisting back with both hands a massive wrought-iron ring protruding from the rail-studded surface, the preceding lady pushed the door open and entered, her manner suggesting a vested interest in the place. She was the Vicar's wife. The lady following, her sister and the wife of a local doctor They were confronted by cheerful gaslight, a substantial blazing fire and jumbled heaps of the season's greenery. The Vicar's wife promptly sorted the pliant yew and the inoffensive ivy into convenient piles; the prickly mass of glistening holly she handled more gingerly. One by one she put the thick berried boughs over the threshhold, and shut the door on them.

Meanwhile, the doctor's wife had seated herself in a plain deal chair at the end of a long table placed against the high, ancient screen of carved oak which cut the vestry off from the chancel's sacred precincts. With laborious care she began to paste a succession of cotton wool letters on to a band of scarlet cloth. She was finishing the half formed text "The Word was God." When the Vicar's wife had heaped coals on the fire, she placed herself in a black oak chair of ecclesiastical pattern, at the opposite end of the table. Armed with scissors she nipped brittle straw into letters, which she stuck with rapid precision on to crimson calico. The text "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us," taking quick shape beneath her adroit fingers. A completed text in blue and red, "Immanuel—God with us," was stretched out on the floor; hard by it lay an opened packet of nails. Intermittent snatches of subdued sound came from a bevy of decorators on the church side of the screen; a decorous staccato of trebles and altos, backed by the cultivated drawl of a youthful baritone which unmistakably proclaimed the assisting curate. The sisters worked on steadily, maintaining a busy silence. At last the plodding doctor's wife broke it.

"Jane, are you really determined to drive the Engledew Hopes away from the neighborhood?"

The Vicar's wife gave some final snips to a letter before answering.

"Yes. Cuthbert and I have decided that they must go. They are setting a most pernicious example."

"It seems a pity. I like her so much She is a sweet, noble woman, and Philip thinks most highly of them both."

The Vicar's wife eyed her sister keenly.

"Indeed! Why, pray? What does he know about them?

The doctor's wife hesitated a moment, fiddled with a cotton wool letter, then met her sister's eyes fully

"Philip has been seeing them quite often of late. You know the baby is expected in April, though that is not the reason for his visit, because things have gone quite normally with her, she is so splendidly healthy and so sensible She has had the most modern education, and is wonderfully well up in medical and scientific subjects."

"Exactly. Those advanced women are brimful of prurient curiosity. They pry into all sorts of disgusting subjects they should know nothing about. They get hold of the wildest notions, they scoff at convention, they reject dogmatic religion they deny God, and they spred their horrid ideas broadcast, and do incalculable mischief Mrs. Englsdew Hope is one of them, and a dangerous woman. She must be suppressed." The small grey eyes of the Vicar's wife gleamed.

"Philip says she is the only woman in the neighborhood he can talk with on anything like equal terms."

"So she has got hold of Philip, has she!" said the Vicar's wife. Her thin lips curled.

"Jane—I know she is not that kind of a woman She is pure and innocent, and clear-minded. Philip says she has a fine intellect and a large heart "

"Really! What do you know of her past?"

"I know they are gentlefolk. He comes of very good people, and he has been to Eton and to Oxford. She has lived abroad a great deal; all her near relations are dead. They both have private means. She told me she was an Economic Independent. She thinks every married woman should be, because if she is not she cannot be really free."

The Vicar's wife stood upright with suspended scissors.

"Free! How can a married woman, however rich, be free when she has vowed a sacramental vow at God's holy alter that she will love, honor and obey her husband all her life long? He is her head, and she is in duty bound to submit to him and study his wishes. Really Emmeline you should know better than echo such pestilent nonsense. Mrs. Engledew Hope is as much are, because she was married in this very church."

The Vicar's wife resumed her letter snipping "As to her past—I felt it my duty to make searching inquiry into that."

"O Jane, how could you? What had you to do with it? I am sure you discovered nothing wrong about it." The voice of the doctor's wife was anxiously remonstrant.

The Vicar's wife snipped fast with an assured hand.

"It was my duty to enquire and I found just what I expected. I have ascertained that she was born in Australia, and that her mother was a deceased wife's sister, therefore according to English law she is illegitimate. The church of course classes her with those born out of holy wedlock. Mrs. Engledew Hope is the offspring of incest, the child of deadly sin. She—"

"Jane, Jane, you go too far. Philip knows about her mother. These marriages are legal in Australia. Mrs. Engledew Hope's family history is exceptionally good, and she is the child of a real love marriage. He calls her one of the well-born."

The Vicar's wife flushed crimson.

"To call her well-born is a wicked, materialistic, atheistic free thinking perversion of doctrinal truth You horrify me Emmeline! Now listen—I have ascertained that since she has been an orphan, that is for the last four years, she has lived a wild, fast life in London, consorting with socialists and anarchists and free-thinkers, not to speak of actors and actresses and Bohemian artists and musicians and other immortal, evil-living persons. She got hold of young Hope, and I know for a fact that she used to go constantly to his room alone and stay with him for hours My firm belief is that they married because they had to."

The doctor's wife stopped working.

"Jane, your version cannot be the true one. She told us all about her London experiences. She was only seeing what life was really like. She thinks every educated woman of full age ought to see for herself, so that she may understand things as a man does, and so be able to help all sorts of people in the best, most adequate way. And her marriage seems to me an ideal marriage. He was twenty-seven and she twenty-five when they first met, and they had never been really in love before. Yes, I know it sounds incredible, but they told me so, and they are very truthful. For a whole year they were just loving comrades, and they married deliberately, with a full understanding of what was involved. And Jane," the doctor's wife leaned over the table, lowering her voice, "do you know, that as soon as they knew a baby was coming he simply lived with Beatrice as a brother, and considered her and their unborn child in every possible way. It is beautiful, I think, and so right. Philip says Frank Hope led a stainless life before marriage, and that is why he can live like this afterwards so much more easily and healthily than most men can. Being Lord Thurston's estate agent of course takes him out into the open air a great deal. He leads a wholesome, restrained life He is splendid, I think." The speaker's plump face glowed with enthusiasm.

The Vicar's wife eyed her sister with contemptuous cynical eyes

"My good Emmeline, what a mare's nest you have got hold of! Human nature is human nature all the world over You cannot make me believe that a young man and a young woman in love, seeing one another constantly, and holding their free-thinking views, would not gratify their unbridled passions to the utmost. They would see no sin in it. And as to Mr. Hope's alleged post-nuptial conduct, well, I do not credit it for an instant. It is impossible. I know men and women well enough to know that."

"Philip says it is rare as yet, but that it is quite possible, and that as men and women grow healthier and wiser, and freer, and more self-restrained, such marriages will increase, and that the offspring of such noble, restrained love marriages will be the wohl geboren, the well and nobly born of the earth. I believe Philip, for he knows what he is talking about " The doctor's wife spoke with determined emphasis.

The Vicar's wife smiled, shrugged her shoulders, and continued snipping.

The jarring interchange of spoken words ceased. The quietude was broken by other sounds: the snipping of scissors through brittle straw, the cracking of burning coals, the sibilant staccato of youthful voices beyond the screen, and from without, the whistling cry of the gusty wind. Then sounds fraught with a human significance were borne in out of the night. The sisters heard distinctly the low, faltering steps of a woman striking uncertainly on the hard road beneath the vestry window. Then deep-drawn sobs and a quivering moan.

The doctor's wife started up: "Oh, it is some poor thing in pain or in great trouble!"

The Vicar's wife went on snipping: "A drunken woman most probably."

Her sister stood by the window listening. A gust of wind whistled by, burdened with a woman's sobs: it passed away, and then out of the silence came the sound of voices and approaching footsteps. Both sisters listened. There came a knocking at the door. Grasping her scissors resolutely, the Vicar's wife walked forward and opened it. Gaslight glared out and imperfectly outlined the forms of two women standing as near the threshold as the holy would permit. One, convulsed by gasping sobs, clung to the supporting arm of the other, and her face was hidden on it.

"Mrs. Engledew Hope!"

The fine-edged exclamation of the Vicar's wife cut sharply across the throbbing sounds of human anguish. A clear contralto voice thrilled out in quick response.

"Will you let me bring her in for a few minutes? I am going to take her home with me, but she must rest a little first. Oh, she is in such great trouble." Beatrice bent forward, and the light showed her grey eyes brimming with tears.

The Vicar's wife stiffened. "Pray what is the matter?"

"It is Mary Thorn. Her father has turned her out of his house. She is homeless."

The gusty wind buffeted the two womanly forms and drove their garments clingingly about them. The fitful blast and the flaring light made visible the fact that they were great with child.

The thin, narrow-hipped figure of the Vicar's wife confronted them.

"I shall certainly not admit Mary Thorn here I know her disgraceful story. Of course, I cannot prevent you taking her home with you, but that you should contemplate such a step shows me that your sense of what is right and fitting must be strangely perverted. If you extend shelter and protection to that degraded, fallen woman, you will simply encourage immorality and put a premium on vice. The proper place for such a person is the Workhouse Infirmary. She shall not enter here. Good evening."

Beatrice did not utter one word. She bent to caress her sister woman, whose frame was shaken anew with heart-rending sobs.

The Vicar's wife shut the door.

The doctor's wife was standing with her back to the fire.

"Jane, you have been cruelly hard," she said; there was a new stern note in her voice. "I pity Mary. Do you not know that the father of her unborn child was drowned only yesterday? The poor fellow was an honest, hard-working, steady young man, and he was devoted to her. He would have legally married her, but he could not get a divorce, though his wife is hopelessly insane; she went raving mad six years ago, after her baby was born; before that she used to drink—she was really a dipsomaniac—she led her husband a terrible life. That poor drowned man was Mary's husband in all but name, and she——"

"Emmeline, not another word, please. I decline to discuss the subject. This last outrage on morality clinches the matter. The Engledew Hopes shall go. Cuthbert shall speak to his cousin, Lord Thurston, at once. That pernicious couple are contaminating the place I will drive them out. Such people should be exterminated."

The doctor's wife did not speak; she resumed her text making in silence.

The Vicar's wife picked up some stray holly, ivy and yew, and cast them on the fire. The decorative foliage curled and spluttered and hissed in the shrivel ling flames: their burning was a leafy auto-da-fe.

That done she returned to her snipping.

WORDS BROUGHT FORTH.

The fiat of banishment against the Engledew Hopes went forth from the vicarage. Lord Thurston, the land owner, strenuously opposed it: Frank Hope was his invaluable agent and right-hand man: but Lord Thurston, the Vicar's cousin and a staunch supporter of the Established Church, the Tory magistrate and the unflinching upholder of conventional morality complied; he conformed in the spirit of an ancient Roman.

The spirit in which their neighbors ostracised them was the ancient Athenian.

So these wedded mates were banned and scouted; they were numbered among the shameless transgressors. Mary Thorn accompanied them, a widowed woman consoled by the son she had brought forth; he was one of the well-born of the earth. Like the Eve of the Hebrew Bible, Beatrice brought forth her first-born in the wilderness of an alien world, yet Paradise was about her and her mate, for they bore it within them. Love radiated from them and formed the illuminating atmosphere of home. The child was the outward expression of their divine unity, a true love-child, most nobly born.—Apira Wilson, in the Humanitarian.

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The voice of England for the Right and mindful of her own,
From capital to coast it finds its echo near and far,
To light the land and warn the world that what we were, we are!
It was no host of holiday; no passing show, I ween,
That chivalry that two years gone with love engirl our Queen.
See them to-day—no gold, no gaud—in fighting khaki clad,
Commander, captain, subaltern and simple soldier lad,
Gone forth with "Duty" on each lip and "Duty" at each heart,
As went their Fathers, and we know—to bear their Fathers' part!
These are the Builders that have set our house upon the rock,
And hold it against foes who fight—and foes who dare but mock.
How ran their scoff?—"Fine soldiers, these!—a pampered nation's toys,
A motley rabble hired with gold—half-blackguards and half-boys."
Back from the battle-field to-day there comes the proud reply,
"We may be boys, we're not too young to show men how to die!
They've told us we're for ornament, they'll find that we're for use,
To fire as straight as does the foe—though not on flags of truce.
Blackguards we are not—witness bear both countryside and town,
Ask heathered hill and turfy bog and English dale and down,
Ask hearths that miss and long for us; the homes where we were born;
The mothers proud of us that pray 'God bless them' night and morn."
"God bless them one and all!" say we, "our Tommies and our Tars,"
Whose four point seven marks the track of England's shooting stars.
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Laugh, little folk! for joy to think that England's sun has set,
But Fame laughs louder than ye all—and Freedom louder yet.
Take back your spite-engendered sneer, your conscript-nurtured scorn,
Hark! to the cry that comes from East out-heralding the Morn,
And Westward of the sunset—from the Race ye so revile,
From continent to continent it sounds—from isle to isle!
From by the broad St. Lawrence—from beneath the Southern Cross,
"We—we are England's! Count with us before you count her loss!"
Longer than ocean's leagues it comes and louder than its foam,
"The Motherland is calling us—we're wanted, boys, at Home!
To fight the Empire's battles and to wear the English rose,"
And clarion-like and clearer still it gathers and it grows!
"Take us!" their manhood cries as one, "we heed not limb nor life!"
"Take them! they're yours! we grudge them not!" cry mother, sister, wife,
"Ten thousand men to fight for you of British blood and breed,
Ay, twice ten times ten thousand shall be with you if you need.
We are as staunch as brave Natal that bears the battle's brunt,
In gear and gold and side by side fights with you at the front!"
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4. The enactment of an accurate system of Government scaling of logs, and its rigid enforcement.

5. The re-enactment of the disallowed Labor Regulation Act, 1898, and also all the statutes of 1899, containing anti-Mongolian clauses if disallowed as proposed by the Dominion Government.

6. To take a firm stand in every other possible way with a view of discouraging the spread of Oriental cheap labor in this Province.

7. To provide for official inspection of all buildings, machinery and works, with a view to compelling the adoption of proper safeguards to life and health.

8. With regard to the eight-hour law the Government will continue to enforce the law as it stands. An immediate enquiry will be made by the Minister of Mines into all grievances put forward in connection with its operation, with a view of bringing about an amicable settlement. If no settlement is reached the principle of the referendum will be applied and a vote taken at the general election as to whether the law shall be repealed. If the law is sustained by the vote it will be retained upon the statute book with its penalty clause. If modifications can be made removing any of the friction brought about, without impairing the principle of the law, they will be adopted. If the vote is against it the law will be repealed.

9. To re-establish the London Agency of British Columbia, and to take every effective means of bringing before the British people the advantages of this Province, as a place for the profitable investment of capital.

10. The retaining of the resources of the Province as an asset for the benefit of the people, and taking effective measures to prevent the alienation of the public domain, except to actual settlers or for actual bona fide business, or industrial purposes, putting an end to the practice of speculating in connection with the same.

11. The taking of active measures for the systematic exploration of the Province.

12. The borrowing of money for the purpose of providing roads, trails and bridges, provided that in every case the money necessary to pay the interest and sinking fund in connection with the loan shall be provided by additional taxation so as not to impair the credit of the Province.

13. In connection with the construction of Government roads and trails, to provide by the employment of competent civil engineers and otherwise that the Government money is expended upon some system which will be advantageous to the general public, so that the old system of providing roads as a special favor to supporters of the Government may be entirely discontinued.

14. To keep the ordinary annual expenditure within the ordinary annual revenue, in order to preserve intact the credit of the Province, which is its best asset.

15. To adopt a system of Government construction and operation of railways, and immediately to proceed with the construction of a railway on the south side of the Fraser river connecting the coast with the Kootenay district, with the understanding that unless the other railways now constructed in the Province give fair freight and passenger arrangements, the Province will continue this line to the eastern boundary of the Province. Proper connection with such Kootenay railway to be given to the Island of Vancouver. With respect to other parts of the Province, to proceed to give to every portion of it railway connection at as early a date as possible, the railway when constructed to be operated by the Government through a Commission.

16. A railway bridge to be constructed in connection with the Kootenay railway across the Fraser river, at or near New Westminster, and running powers given over it to any railway company applying for the same, under proper conditions.

17. In case it is thought at any time advisable to give a bonus to any railway company, the same to be in cash, and not by way of a land grant; and no such bonus to be granted except upon the condition that a fair amount of the bonds or shares of the company be transferred to the Province, and effective means taken to give the Province control of the freight and passenger rates, and provision made against such railway having any liabilities against it except actual cost.

18. To take away from the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council any power to make substantive changes in the law, confining the jurisdiction entirely to matters of detail in working out the laws enacted by the Legislature.

19. The establishment of an institution within the Province for the education of the deaf and dumb.

20. To repeal the Alien Exclusion Act, as the reasons justifying its enactment no longer obtain.

21. An amicable settlement of the dispute with the Dominion Government as to Deadman's Island, Stanley Park and other lands, and an arrangement with Mr. Ludgate, by which, if possible, a sawmill industry may be established and carried on on Deadman's Island, under satisfactory conditions, protecting the interests of the public.

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