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# SLOCAN NEWS

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

### LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

W. P. Murdock is taking a look at the sights of Arizona.

George Wilson allowed a revolver to shoot him in the leg last Monday.

Large numbers from Silverton and New Denver were picking berries last Sunday. They are still alive

There will not be any Sunday services held in the English church here until the third Sunday in August.

Any amount of big game can be shot on Glacier creek near the summit. Several cariboo have been bagged in the past few weeks.

J. O. Marino is spending a few days in New Denver, from his home in Colorado. He is here looking after his interest in the Marion.

Service will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday at 7:30 p. m Special collection in aid of the funds of the church. Ladies' Aid society will be re-organized at the close of service.

The thermometer has been flirting with the nineties this week much to the satisfaction of John Williams. He has increased the output of ice cream almost to the limit of his factory and still the public are never satisfied.

By the upsetting of a canoe at the mouth of Carpenter creek Saturday evening, Surveyor Twigg and Banker Brown were thrown into the lake, Mr. Twigg narrowly escaping drowning. He was sinking to the bottom when Mr. Brown dove after him and brought him safely to shore.

H. S. Mugg, of Higgins, Texas, has been in town for a week or so sizing up the country and is camping with W. D. Mitchell. He expresses himself as delighted with the people, the country, the climate and the scenery, and especially with the beautiful display of flowers, and fruits on the young trees in the gardens.

Several New Denver ladies went to the head of the lake Tuesday to pick berries. Mrs. A. H. Blumenauer had a most exciting time. A bear, driven down from the hill above by a prospecting party, rushed through the bush in the direction of Mrs. Blumenauer, who made the air ring with vocal sounds as only a woman can and climbed a tree to get out of danger. The bear, unaccustomed to the sight of a woman up a tree, was thrice afraid, and ran wildly the other way.

### SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The Whitewater shipped over 1,100 tons during July.

Work was resumed on the long tunnel on the Bosun this week.

In the upraise on the Cornith a strike of two feet of clean ore is reported.

It is reported that a concentrator will be built at the Enterprise, on Ten Mile creek.

More locations are being made on Glacier creek, opposite New Denver, this season.

The Lorna Doon, near the Vancouver, will have considerable work done upon it this year.

Fifteen inches of rich galena has come into the surface workings on the Mountain Con.

Assessment work on the Silver Nugget, Eight Mile, has exposed eight inches of galena.

Strikes are reported from the Bismark, Cork and Granite, on the south fork of Kaslo creek.

Claim owners above Cody are shouting for trails. They should get them as speedily as possible

If sufficient ore can be blocked out at the Jeannette, on Wilson creek, a mill will be put in to concentrate it.

The Warner-Miller Syndicate are negotiating for the Neepawa, owned by Ed Shannon and Angus McGillivray.

The Hercules is the latest mining company in Kaslo. The company is working a property in the Ibex basin.

The Vulture, after a year's steady development, has commenced to ship, a carload being packed down the hill last week

The North-west Mining Syndicate are doing the assessment work on 17 claims owned by them up Four Mile creek

The Washington, one of the earliest Slocan producers, may again be worked. When shut down it had shipped about $300,000 worth of ore.

Last week the Payne shipped 200 tons; Slocan Star, 40; Ruth, 100; Last Chance, 20; American Boy, 20; Enterprise, 20; Wakefield, 60; Vancouver, 20.

Wm. Thompson met a bear on the Ten Mile wagon road some days ago. He took off his hat and cut many ludicrous gyrations like mad. Bruin stood upright, saluted in return, and made for the bush.

Jas. O'Neill and John Wereley returned on Monday from doing assessment work on the Sunrise, Ten Mile. They are well pleased with their claim, and, among other things, tell some highly interesting bear stories. The bear family is out in full force on that creek.

The ore shoot on the Ruby is steadily improving as work progresses. The tunnel has been driven 15 feet along side the ore, and at the face the shoot is now 10 inches wide at the base. The ore is of a better grade than any yet encountered, being massed with grey copper, and carrying blue and green oxides.

The strike reported last week on the Eclipse has proven better than the owners first anticipated. The shoot has widened to two feet and is composed of red carbonates, kidneyed with galena. Eight inches of very high grade grey copper ore is also showing in the face of the tunnel driven on the dry ore ledge on the same property.

### CARIBOO CREEK.

The Silver Queen Co. is being reorganized.

The Golden Hope is being surveyed for a crown grant.

A trial shipment will be made from the Hailstorm. It is owned by Thos. Mathews, of Vancouver, and Taylor and Jamieson, of Nakusp.

James Ashton, of Tacoma, has the Red Mountain ready for a crown grant. A trail will be cut from McDonald creek.

Eight men are working on the Chieftain, a property in which Pat Burns is largely interested.

### A Great Sale.

Martin O'Reilly & Co. are selling goods at their store in Nelson at prices which are seldom heard of in Kootenay Ladies' blouses formerly sold at $1.75 are now 75 cents. Dress goods formerly sold at 90 cents a yard are now on the bargain counter for 50 cents. All other dress goods as low, or lower in price. Lace curtains can be had for 40 cents a pair, and bedspreads at half the former price. This is a genuine summer clearing sale, and ladies all over Kootenay should take advantage of the bargains offered if they have any desire to save money. If you cannot call at the store write for prices, and tell them where you heard the good news.

The man who gets up on Sunday and tells his brethren what a wicked old sinner he is, usually spends the other six days in proving his assertion.

Time rolls ever onwards, and so do the crowd to Williams' store in New Denver when they want the cold and refreshing beverage of modern days, commonly known as a milk shake.

## THE WAKEFIELD MINE TROUBLE

### Expert Enroute From Scotland to Examine the Property.

Some weeks ago the fact became known that the Wakefield Mine, situated on Four Mile, near New Denver, had shut down, under the most unfavorable circumstances, and the report became current that the mine would have to be abandoned, owing to the ore becoming suddenly of such low grade that it did not pay to ship. In the face of all the favorable reports that had been sent out from time to time relating to this property, and the fact that a very expensive aerial tram had recently been built to handle the ore from the mine, together with other very expensive improvements made to facilitate the working of the property, it was difficult to understand the meaning of the sudden change in affairs. Nor was any explanation given, other than that already stated that the ore was of low grade, and no light has been thrown upon the matter since the mine closed down.

A recently issued report of an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders, held in the office of the company at Glasgow on July 9th, will, however, make clear what occasioned the shut down, and give an idea of what the future operations of the mine are to be.

On June 15th, E. A. Patterson, manager of the mine, cabled his company as follows:

"Regret to inform you that mine does not look well for the present and not likely to improve. Grade of ore at various points of development is not maintained. Is petering out rapidly."

In reply to this the directors cabled Mr. Paterson under date of June 19:

"Directors very much disgusted. Are we to consider your past reports unreliable and calculations valueless? If you think the mine is petering out rapidly, is it advisable to abandon?"

To this Mr. Paterson replied:

"In reply to your first question, ore has fallen off in grade, over which we have no control. In reply to second question, mine is a dead failure. Advise you to abandon, as soon as pay ore exhausted, within three weeks."

Commenting upon these reports from Mr Paterson, the chairman of the share holders' meeting said:

"* * * Since these cables were received, a letter, dated 16th June, has come to hand, which takes the same gloomy view, but is written in such a depressed tone generally that the directors feel that too much weight cannot be attached to it, as it suggests that Mr. Paterson is taking a distorted view of everything. * * * It is possible that he is so much run down that he is unable to face any difficulties that may have arisen."

Some months ago Mr. Paterson was obliged to take a rest, owing to poor health, and T. Trafford Wynne, who represents Messrs. Torezeau & Jansen along with Mr. Paterson in B. C., took charge of the mine in his absence. Mr. Wynne had ample opportunity to become thoroughly conversant with the property, and he is unable to accept Mr. Paterson's conclusions in any particular. The report says:

"Mr. Wynne's opinion is that the mine is probably much as it has been all along, though at the moment it may be looking particularly bad. In a mine of this kind it is necessary to have a large number of stopes, so that a constant supply of ore may be obtained for the mill, even when some of them are not yielding a full output. This plan has not been followed in your mine, owing to the scarcity of money, but Mr. Wynne considers that this ought to be done, and that before there is any thought of abandonment, further exploration should be carried out."

At the suggestion of the Directors, Mr. Wynne submitted a report on the Wakefield, which was read before the meeting. It was in all respects contrary to the view taken by Mr. Paterson, and when it was heard the meeting concluded that matters were not so bad as Mr Paterson represented, and recommended that an independent engineer be sent out to examine the property. Upon his favorable report additional funds for operating the mine, £25,000, will be raised, the management reconstructed and the mine reopened. In the meantime Mr. Paterson has resigned the management and has been sent to Brazil by the company. It is understood the expert to examine the mine is already well on his way here from Scotland.

Man did not make the earth, and though he had a natural right to occupy it, he had no right to locate as his property in perpetuity any part of it; neither did the Creator of the earth open a land office, from whence title deeds should issue.—'Agrarian Justice,' by Thomas Paine.

## TWO EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES

### The Clara Mathes Company Plays to Large and Appreciative Houses.

It is seldom that a company so well balanced and in every way so good as the Clara Mathes troupe of players finds its way into a mining camp the size of New Denver. But this town has gained an enviable reputation with theatrical people. We have as complete a little play house as there is in Kootenay and theatrical companies know that if they have any merit they will be well received. It was owing to this fact being known that the Clara Mathes company ventured to play two nights here They opened their engagement with the comedy-drama, "Brown's in Town," a play sparkling with rich, clean fun, and with just enough plot about it to hold it together. Friday evening they put on "Ingomar, the Barbarian."

Of the two performances "Ingomar" was the best received. It was well put on, and Miss Mathes as Parthenia and Mr. Preston as Ingomar, the star performers, were delightfully real and carried their trying parts through with the greatest of credit. The other members of the company did not lack any of the force, ease and grace necessary to balance the rendition, and it was high-class throughout. The characters of the Timarch, and Alaster, the Barbarian warrior, were portrayed with force and fervor by Mr. Reid and Mr. Rayner. In "Brown's in Town," there is greater chance for the other members of the company to show them selves. Especially pleasing was Mr. Marsh as Mr. Brown, who kept the audience in a happy mood from first to last by his droll fun and slow wit, but sharp tactics. The character could not have been better taken.

This company will play a return engagement here in September, at which time they will present as one of their repertoire the great dramatization of "Faust." This can be presented very well in Bosun hall, with electrical stage effects and weird scenes. The company will be gladly welcomed upon their return by New Denver theatre goers.

### Claim Poor.

A mining claim is realty, and a man has a legal right to hold as many claims as he can do annual required work on: yet it is not wise to attempt to grab or hold the whole countryside. This is a habit and a bad one A locality where one man or a few men hold nearly all the claims is not sought by investors, and wholesale claim holders defeat their own purpose. "Just doing assessment work will keep a camp poor forever" It is development work that makes a camp, and a man who holds his claims to sell at a big profit, just as he would a corner lot in a growing town, must demonstrate intrinsic values or be "claim poor."—Ft Steele Prospector.

### A Triumph for Canadian Fruit.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, in charge of the Canadian fruit exhibit at the Paris Exposition, has written a letter to the Minister of Agriculture, stating that the first display of our fruit there after the cold storage protection had been perfected was such a revelation to the Parisians that five first prizes were awarded at once. The letter also points out that there are many native Canadian plants shown among the exhibits of French flowers, notably the Canadian pitcher plant and golden rod. Mr. Hamilton adds that no more than one per cent. of the visitors to his exhibit can speak English.

### Notice.

A letter has been received by the management of Bourne Bros.' New Denver branch, from headquarters, to the effect that hereafter all accounts run in connection with the store must be settled at the end of every 30 days. We would therefore ask our customers and public generally to bear this in mind and make arrangements accordingly.

Capitalistic logic: It is right for capitalists to combine to get more out of the people for the same article, but wrong for the working people to combine to get more wages.

# LEGISLATURE

A Chinese Exclusion Bill. Similar to the Natal Act, Introduced and Laid Over.

Victoria, July 30.—The surprise of the present session has been the introduction of the labor bill by W. W. B. McInnes, for the exclusion of Mongolians. The measure is framed on the lines of the Natal Act, which the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, suggested as a means of dealing with this question of such moment to the people of the province. It is claimed that the Ministry cannot oppose the bill, and should it reach Ottawa, that it will be hard to disallow the measure in face of the declaration made by Mr. Chamberlain Another view is that if the bill is thrown out that the Dominion Government cannot throw the onus of the act on the Imperial authorities, when in drawing up the act due consideration has been paid to the recommendation regarding the measure known as the Natal Act. As showing the serious light in which the matter is regarded by the Cabinet here it was by request of the Minister of Finance laid over for one week. In any event the introduction of the bill is likely to lead to a further cleavage in the ranks of the Liberal party in this province.

Premier Dunsmuir made the first important speech he ever delivered in the House on Monday. Speaking after the reply to the address had been moved and seconded he referred to the reasons why he had accepted the task of forming a Government. He had no political ambitions he said, and was actuated solely by a desire to see the country released from the state of turmoil into which it had been cast, and his anxiety to see affairs carried on in a business like manner.

The old question of long adjournments between each session was brought up on Friday afternoon, when the Premier, moving that the House when rising should not meet until Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Green, of Kaslo, wanted to know the reason for the wait, and was informed that an agreement had been entered into with the leader of the Opposition to enable him to transact business in Vancouver. Mr. Brown, New Westminster, resented the reflection thrown on Mr. Martin and stated that what he wanted was for an adjournment until Monday evening, when the leader of the Opposition would be able to take his place in the House. Messrs. Green, A. W. Smith, Ralph Smith and others pointed out that there were others who were also entitled to consideration, and although there was no serious objection to the step at present it was one which should not be repeated or Interior members might have some question to ask. It had been agreed that business of the session was to be rushed through, and while upper country members had as much right to ask for a long adjournment, it was hardly to be expected that legislation was going to be postponed until they returned from attending their business.

E. C. Smith, Kootenay, came into evidence this week for the first time with a hot resentment of the report published in one of the interior papers that he intended flopping to the Government. In conversation with your correspondent, he said that the report had been published solely for the purpose of injuring him He is at present devoting his time to bringing to the attention of the Government the great necessity for increased school accommodation in his district. He stated that in some instances from fifty to sixty children were being taught in barns. He had however received definite assurance from the Government that new school buildings would be provided forthwith.

At one stage of the proceedings during the week the strike on the Fraser river became a hot political issue. The initiative was taken by Ralph Smith, who thought that the gravity of the situation demanded investigation, and then the Opposition attempted to make political capital out of the matter. Mr. Smith's request however was simply for a frank statement from the Government for the reasons which had led them to furnish police champions for Oriental fishermen against whites and Indians. The debate was useful in one way as it cleared the Government of suspicion which existed in the minds of some that they were instrumental in having the militia called out. The summoning of the militia was, it appears, carried out according to the formula laid down in the Queen's regulations and orders in the section relating to aid to the civil power. This procedure is taken on the requisition of a magistrate. One of the Opposition speakers attempted to make far-fetched capital out of the matter by declaring that the Government was responsible as they appointed the magistrates. After a number of political speeches had been made the request of Mr. Smith was met by the Attorney General who promised to have all the correspondence brought down. This is being printed to-day, and will probably be submitted at the next sitting of the House.

### An Editorial Present.

Some ladies in Texas were desirous of doing honor to the editor of a local journal, so they presented their hero with an embroidered shirt, which contained a splendid history of Texas, and also pictures of the fruits and cereals of the state worked all over it in red worsted. Now, this particular editor had never worn a shirt, and supposed the brilliant specimen before him to be a banner for an approaching temperance procession. In his speech of thanks he puzzled the lady donors by declaring that he would "fling it out forever to the breezes of heaven, that they may kiss its folds and till his hands palsied it should never be trailed in the dust." The ladies blushed, and regretted having made it too long. Being informed of the purpose of the gift, the editor wore it over his coat, to the great edification of the boys of the town, who followed him in regiments, studying the history of Texas "behind his back."

### Nelson Smelter to Resume.

Last week J. J. Campbell, commercial manager of the Hall mines, received a cablegram from the head office of the company instructing him to proceed at once with the purchase of ore. The smelter is, therefore, ready to contract for ore from now on, and will blow in August 7th.

To the Nelson Tribune Mr. Campbell said: "I believe there is a fair amount of ore in the district available for the smelter and am of opinion that the process of purchasing ore sufficient to keep the smelter in operation and of executing such repairs as are necessary will occupy ten days. We will probably 'blow-in' by that time The matter of putting on men at the smelter will be governed by circumstances and notice of this will be given later."

### To Prevent an Influx.

The Imperial Government has notified the Canadian Government that the Foreign Office has been officially notified by the Japanese Government that all its agents and others concerned have been instructed not to grant passports to more than ten emigrants per month from Japan to Canada or any more than five to the United States. The action of the Japanese Government is due to the pressure of the Canadian authorities through the British Government in urging measures to prevent an influx of Japanese into British Columbia.

He that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that dares not reason is a slave.—Sir Wm. Drummond.

THE LEDGE is two dollars a year in advance. When not so paid it is $2.50 to parties worthy of credit. To barbarians east of Lake Superior it is $3 a year. Legal advertising 10 cents a nonpariel line first insertion, and 5 cents a line each subsequent insertion. Reading notices 25 cents a line, and commercial advertising graded in prices according to circumstances.

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R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

# THE LEDGE.

A pencil cross in this square indicates that your subscription is due, and that the editor wishes once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2. 1900.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

In the rock of Gibralter there are 70 miles of tunnels. The number in the rock of ages has not yet been computed.

It costs $30 a week to feed an elephant. This fact prevents many families in Canada from raising stock of this kind.

Japan expects a destructive earthquake every two and a half years. No wonder the brownies hit the ocean trail for lovely Canada.

The first skates were made out of the bones of animals. Many skates in recent days have been made by rattling bones in the power house of a gin mill.

The cut worm is destroying vegetation in British Columbia. The plague may be arrested by Paris green. If this fails, an appeal for prayer should be made to the churches of Toronto.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had a hot time in Montreal the other day trying to pacify contractors, who were not awarded contracts. No wonder politics are corrupt when so many wolves are howling for the monetary flesh of Canada.

Moths fly straight against a flame because their eyes can bear only a small amount of light. Many of the human race make the same mistake because their brains can only bear a small amount of the light of reason and common sense.

British Columbia miners should not make their gold bricks so large. A special melting pot had to be made for the one recently sent to New York from Cariboo. It weighed 7,897 ounces and took four men to place it on the scales in the Wall street assay office.

A great deal of the mining news sent out of the Boundary country is unreliable and evidently written for the purpose of booming townsites. The truth is the best for all districts, and if the Boundary has real merit it does not require the assistance of the Ananias family to make it a humming success.

Hell has been located at Cape Nome. It assays high in misery, smallpox, typhoid and pneumonia, but carries scarcely a trace of regret from the boomers who were the cause of its discovery. Most of them are in Seattle jingling the dollars extracted from gold-mad victims, and planning the next spring boom.

Some papers and some people in this province are shouting that no mining commission is needed to investigate and endeavor to improve our existing mining laws. They are wrong, for we do need some changes in the system now in vogue, but the commission must not consist of fish canners and ranchers. They must be practical mining men, and the changes proposed by them should be submitted to a vote of the people before becoming law. In this way we can avoid the evil results of stupid legislation so often seen in British Columbia's past history.

Nelson was only 39 when he won the battle of the Nile. Wellington was 40 when he opened the Peninsular campaign, and Cromwell was just 46 when he won at Naseby. The editor of this paper was just 16 when he led a forlorn hope against a masked battery of cold-footed barbarians and rescued a jack pot from its perilous position.

There are four billions of dollars worth of gold and jewels at the bottom of the sea between India and England and we never hear of a prospector going in search of them. One would think that the Seattle Transportation companies are overlooking a bet. They should advertise this rich, untouched field of riches as an antidote for Cape Nome sickness.

In the old days the boats plying on the Columbia and other waters were very good to the prospector. Their horses, boats and goods were carried at low rates, and everything made as easy as possible for the men who were the first cause of Kootenay becoming known. The C. P. R. boats should take a lesson from their predecessors and lower the freight upon all the effects of prospectors actively engaged in looking for new mineral locations.

A bridge went down last week, near Myers' Falls, on the Spokane & Northern railway. The management of this road seems to be low grade, as not many months ago one of its freight trains plunged through a bridge at a point nearer Spokane. People will soon be afraid to travel on a road that is so careless with the safety of its system. Officials should be indicted who would allow such a rotten condition of affairs to exist upon any railroad doing business with the traveling public.

## NO SUDBURY STANDARD IN B. C.

The *Toronto Telegram* comments thus on the efforts of the mine operators to reduce wages in B. C.: "The miserable $1.25 per day which an alien monopoly pays to the miners at Sudbury is the standard by which the mining brokers of Toronto condemn the British Columbia miner's demand for $3.50 for an eight-hour day. They say: 'Joe Martin is a dangerous man. He has struck a hard blow at the British Columbia industry. The miners at Sudbury are glad to get $1.25 for a ten-hour day, and why should the British Columbia miners get $3.50 for an eight-hour day?'

"The foregoing words show that the British Columbia government has alienated the mining brokers. It might be nearer the facts to say the eastern brokers; but the western brokers are like them in their inability to see any virtue in a law which increases the cost of mining for the benefit of the miners. Ontario would sooner level the wages of the Sudbury miners up to the British Columbia standard than level the wages of the British Columbia miners down to the Sudbury standard. It is a disgrace to the country that the nickel wealth of Sudbury, which has filled the pockets of alien millionaires, has never paid decent living wages to Canadian laborers. British Columbia does well to resist any approach to the Sudbury standard wages. The brokers who are shouting against $3.50 for an eight-hour day in British Columbia would soon be shouting against $3 for ten-hour day. Ontario objects to the conditions which have enabled a monopoly to extract the Sudbury nickel on its own terms, and those conditions have not been such a blessing to the Sudbury district that they should be reproduced in British Columbia."—Algoma Pioneer.

## HEART'S SUNSHINE.

Oh, if only those who love us
Would but tell us while we live,
And not wait until life's journey
Ended is, before they give
The smile we hungered after,
Tender words we longed to hear,
Which we listened for, but vainly
For many a weary year.
There is much of pain and sorrow,
All must bear, and bear alone,
Yet how helpful is the sunshine
Of a cherry look and tone!
How it brightens up life's pathway,
And dispels the shadows grim.
And restores our shattered idols,
Which we built in days now dim.
Then bestow your sunshine freely!
Let it shine from out your eyes,
Let it speak in warm hand pressures,
Let it breathe in heartfelt sighs.
Let it cheer the fainting spirit
Of some brother in distress,
Let it thrill our jarring voices,
With a note of tenderness
For in serving fellow mortals
We best serve the Father, too,
And in lightening their burdens
Ours grow light and fade from view,
And a sympathetic nature
That vibrates to others' needs
Is a bit of God's own sunshine
Quickening to noble deeds.

—Boston Transcript.

## WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Dust of the sea is one of the mysteries which perplex sailors. No matter how carefully the decks of sailing ships may be washed down in the morning, a quantity of dust can be swept up at night.

Parson New: "Yo' expect me to move heah an' preach for yo' widout salary? How does I lib?" Deacon Snow: "W'y yo' gits yonah libbin' de same as de rest of us, but bein' er preachah de fingah of suspishun doan' nebbah point in youah direkshun."—Judge.

"Is this bible the latest revised edition?" asked the imperialist. "Yes, sir," replied the book agent. "You will notice that it has an appendix containing the business cards of all the prominent manufacturers of ordnance and armor plate."—Corning Democracy.

A wonderful reserve fund for the human appetite is to be found in the vegetable diet of the Klamath Indians. A novel variety of food forming a menu unknown to the civilized is offered in the pulp of the great yellow water lily, which is converted into a farinaceous food; in the food known as goosefoot, which bears a black seed that is ground up for loaves and cakes, and in the arrowhead, which in the fall develops a starchy white tuber at the end of the roots.

An Interesting Room

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## THE MEMORY OF THE JUST.

Earth's transitory things decay:
Its pomps, its pleasures, pass away:
But the sweet memory of the good
Survives in the vicissitude.

As, 'mid the ever-rolling sea,
The eternal isles established be,
'Gainst which the surges of the main
Fret, dash, and break themselves in vain.

As, in the heavens, the urns divine
Of golden light forever shine;
Though clouds may darken, storms may rage,
They still shine on from age to age.

So, through the ocean-tide of years,
The memory of the just appears;
So, through the tempest and the gloom,
The good man's virtues light the tomb.

—Sir John Bowring.

## HOW TO KEEP COOL.

Don't worry—and don't worry because you can't help worrying.

Don't sit on a hot stove.

Don't drink hot Scotches, or Toddies and Jerrys, or hot rum punches.

Don't talk politics—the other fellow is a heat-producing fool, anyway.

Don't get excited. If your dog is being whipped, look at the thermometer and resign yourself to his fate.

Don't swear at the heat. Remember the time you became profane when you slipped in the snow six months ago.

Don't walk in the sun. Have it moved if it blocks the way.

Don't hurry. Send the office boy.

Don't try to settle the Philippine question. The other fellow is just as much of an anti-be convinced as you are.

Don't look at the ice bill. Think of the ice.

Don't wear an overcoat.

Don't sleep between blankets.

## CHINESE MAXIMS.

The mean man sows that he himself may reap.

Not to correct our faults is to commit new ones.

The good man loves all men, he loves to speak with all.

Have no companionship with a man who injures his neighbor.

One forgives everything to him who forgives himself nothing.

To develop the principles of our higher nature is to know heaven.

Deal with evil as with disease, the object of punishment is to make an end of punishing.

The path of duty is near, yet men seek it far off. Go home and seek it and you will not lack teachers.

When you know a thing maintain that you know it, when you do not know it, admit the fact—that is wisdom.

In transacting business be faithful in speech with friends, be not envious, and in daily conduct be dignified, refined.

The disease of men is neglecting to weed their own fields and busying themselves with weeding the fields of others.

Never allow yourself to do a wrong thing because it seems trifling, nor to neglect doing a good thing because it seems small.

## Ferocious.

"Do you mean to tell me that man-eating lion of yours got loose and wandered out into the streets?" "Yes," answered the proprietor of the show, "and a lot of trouble he made us." "Did you have any difficulty in catching him?" "I should say so! It was hours before we could get near enough to lead him back to his cage. You see, some of the bad boys of this town had tied a tin can to his tail."

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## THINGS TO REMEMBER.

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Don't hurry. "Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow."

"Simplify! simplify! simplify!"

Don't overeat. Don't starve. "Let your moderation be known to all men."

Court the fresh air day and night. "O, if you knew what was in the air!"

Sleep and rest abundantly. Sleep is Nature's benediction.

Spend less nervous energy each day than you make.

Be cheerful. "A light heart lives long."

Think only healthful thoughts. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

"Seek peace and pursue it."

"Work like a man; but don't be worked to death."

Avoid passion and excitement. A moment's anger may be fatal.

Associate with healthy people. Health is contagious as well as disease.

Don't carry the whole world on your shoulders, for less the universe. Trust the Eternal.

Never despair. "Lost hope is a fatal disease."

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."—Laws of Life.

And yet there are many writers busy pointing out the loathsomeness of love and their own virtues. Only a little while ago an article appeared in one of the magazines in which all women who did not dress according to the provincial prudery of the writer were denounced as impure. Millions of refined and virtuous wives and mothers were described as dripping with pollution because they enjoyed dancing and were so well formed that they were not obliged to cover their arms and throats to avoid the pity of their associates. And yet the article itself is far more indelicate than any dance or any dress, or even lack of dress. What a curious opinion dried apples have of fruit upon the tree!—Ingersoll.

The man who in the presence of gain thinks of righteousness, who in the presence of danger is ready to give up his life, who never forgets a promise—he is a complete man.

Push! Push!! Push!!

Its push! push!! push!!! a little beyound what nature intended or can stand, that ruins so many eyes. Work never kills; it's overwork—neglect—abuse that impairs any organ of the human system. The man of middle life no longer able to read with ease and comfort at the ordinary reading distance—the man who foolishly refuses his eyes aid when they thus demand it, is pushing himself into serious trouble, from which a properly adjusted glass would now save him.

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### WE AT THE WORLD NEEDS.

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Is less o' quibbling over creeds,
Fewer words and better deeds.

Less of "Thus and so shall you
Think and act, and say and do."
More of "How may I be true?"

Less of wrangling over text;
Less of creed and code perplexed;
More of charity unvexed.

Less of shouting: "I alone
Have a right to hurl the stone."
More of heart that will condone

Less of ruling: "Here! You must
Hold this tenet, wrong or just."
More of patient, helpful trust.

Less of microscopic scan
Of the faults of fellow man.
More of brave, uplifting plan.

Less of dogma: less pretense
More belief that Providence
Will sanctify our common sense.

More of chord of kindness blent
O'er the discords of dissent
Then will come the great content.

"Just to be and to do good."
Simple, plain for him who would
A creed that may be understood.
—Baltimore American

### THE CHINESE MOTES AND THE AMERICAN BEAMS.

An extract from a sermon by Herbert S. Bigelow, delivered in the pulpit of the Vine Street Congregational church, Cincinnati, June 24. The subject was The Boxers, and the text chosen was: "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

Press reports say that regret was expressed in the navy department at Washington that the American ship did not participate in the action against the Taku forts. Regret did not seem to be that the bombardment should have been necessary, but that American seaman had not the savage satisfaction of taking a hand in the ugly business. Thus it is that while the Christian sentiment may be reluctantly drawn into a war, there is also the savage nature which glories in the occasion for war.

While we deny the Chinaman's right to murder foreigners who are there under treaty guarantees, are we equally ready to concede the right of his government in a peaceable and legal way, to exclude foreigners? We exercised that right when we passed the Chinese exclusion act. If the Chinaman does not like us, so much the worse for his taste, of course. But have we any stones to throw on that score? What are the Boxers but an A. P. A. organization, with yellow skins and pig-tails, and with the courage of their conviction?

But, we complain, the Chinaman does not want to trade with us. It is too bad he does not understand the beneficent ethical as well as economic effects of free trade. But are we the ones to instruct him? The difference between a Puerto Rican tariff, a McKinley tariff and a Chinese tariff is after all one of degree. All tariffs are relics of barbarism. Would that the American people were civilized enough to know that. But if England were to send her imperial armies here to teach us that lesson, what American would not rather die in the trenches than be enlightened?

But the Chinaman does not like our religion. Neither do I like the brand that is usually exported for his consumption. The more benighted a man's religion the more anxious he is to bestow it upon others. Missionary zeal seems to bear an inverse ratio to religious enlightenment. The natural method for the religious regeneration of a country would seem to be a reformation of the native faith by natives, not the imposition of a foreign faith by foreigners. To send missionaries to the heathen when we have such an abundance of paganism at home seems as much like impertinence as benevolence. We abominate the Chinese practice of shoe-lacing—a practice which is less injurious than the American way of lacing. We are shocked at the wicked ancestor-worship. We have never thought that some of the effort spent in destroying the ancestor-worship in China might be spent with profit inculcating respect for parents in the American youth. If, instead of exporting our Christianity, we should apply some of it to a solution of the problems of poverty we would render a greater service to civilization than by converting the Chinese to the medieval elements of our theology. I sympathize with the preacher who said that he had no piety to boast of, and no religion to spare. It seems to me a trifle inconsistent for those who profess to believe in the fatherhood of God to suppose that the people who have not subscribed to their creed must depend for the salvation upon the somewhat uncertain contributions to the missionary box. I wish the Chinamen were enough advanced in civilization to realize that the truth in their own religion would only be purified and strengthened by allowing foreigners their utmost freedom in trying to undermine it. But are we that civilized? It is a pity that the trustees of our colleges do not put the same value upon the freedom of thought and discussion. The press informed us that a body of Cincinnatti preachers waited on the mayor one day last summer and asked that the police power be used to prevent the preaching of Mormonism on our street corners. It is no doubt to the credit of these preachers that they did not murder the Mormon missionaries. But the use of the police power to suppress freedom, and the use of a mob, are only different ways of doing the same thing.

But it is said the Chinaman is shockingly behind the times. Yet before we are carried away by the Kipling hysteria it would be well to consider the beam in our own eye. I do not believe we should permit the murder of our citizens. Neither do I believe we should begin the war for the protection of the missionary, and end it with a claim for territory. The Boxers were too accommodating. They seem to have proceeded on the plan of Artemus Ward, which was to find out what your enemy wants and then let him have it. In the light of previous aggressions upon Chinese soil we may perhaps be forgiven the suspicion that the powers might consider this opportunity worth the blood of several missionaries. It is certainly the duty of the United States to take no part in this business beyond the protection of American citizens. It is our manifest duty to practice the virtues of a Christian democracy. As Gladstone advised: "Let us recognize, and recognize with frankness, the equality of the weak with the strong, the principle of brotherhood among the nations and of their sacred independence."

### QUICK ON THE TRIGGER.

George T. Bell, for years a Texas ranger, and later in the employ of the government secret service, is in St. Louis, says the Chicago Democrat.

On his person he carries marks of six knife wounds while on duty as a ranger for the government. Possibly the most thrilling experience through which he passed was a duel on the streets of Tucson, Ariz., in that town's palmiest days.

Bell had been instrumental in rounding up and capturing a gang of counterfeiters known as the "Shang Brooks" gang. They had their "mint" up in the Pelloncillo mountains, in the Gila river country. All were sent to the penitentiary and have been released save Brooks, who escaped. A warrant, indorsed "dead or alive," was placed in Bell's hands for service. He located Brooks in a saloon in Tucson, and, walking up, notified him that he was under arrest.

Shang glanced patronizingly upon Bell, for he was six feet two in his stocking feet and a giant in strength. Then he announced: "Sonny, you'se 'll have to grow some." He had half turned from the bar as he spoke, and Bell did not know that the movement was shielding his hand as it crept to his pistol. Some one in the saloon yelled a warning and instantly there came a shot. Shang reeled and then sank to the floor, with a bullet through his abdomen.

Bell had fired through his coat pocket. The wound was fatal, though it did not at once cause Brooks to lose command over himself. Pulling himself together, the desperado drew his weapon, which lay beneath him, and was leveling it at Bell when the detective sent another bullet through his pistol wrist, ending his ability to do harm. He died a few hours later.

Though Bell did not know it at the time, Brooks had two companions in the town, Jack and Jim Styles, brothers. They heard of the shooting and decided to avenge the death of their pal. Later in the day, as Bell walked past a general store in the frontier town, some one yelled: "Look out, Mr. Bell!" Turning like a flash, at the same time drawing his revolver, the detective saw Jim Styles on the opposite side of the street. He saw smoke issue from Style's weapon, and a bullet seared his temple. Jim Styles continued shooting, his brother Jack, on the same side of the street with Bell, coming to his assistance.

One shot at Jim Styles laid that worthy on the ground. Jack Styles gave a yell of agony as he saw his brother fall, and advanced toward Bell, firing as he came. The two men paused within ten paces of each other, and there they emptied their weapons. Bell had no knife, and when Styles saw this he gave a yell of triumph, tossed his revolver from him and jumped in with a bowie knife in his hand. The two closed in upon each other.

At Styles' first slash of the knife, Bell sidestepped, though the point of the knife made a painful wound over his right eyebrow. Another vicious thrust he parried, though the keen weapon laid open his left forearm, pierced his upper lip, knocking out two front teeth. By this time the two men were upon the ground, Bell beneath his antagonist. He heard some one call his name and another moment felt something strike his side. Reaching out his hand fell upon a pistol. A sigh of relief followed this discovery and he placed the weapon full against Styles' chest, just as the latter raised his knife for a last thrust. Bell pulled the trigger and sent a bullet through his heart.

Both brothers lay dead, and Bell fainted from loss of blood.

### The Wrong Kind.

The terms used in mining camps are often the cause of amusing mistakes with tenderfeet. A gentleman, just out from Europe a few weeks, stepped into a store in a Slocan mining town the other day and asked the proprietor if his place was a hook shop. The proprietor smiled, said no, took the stranger to the door and pointed to a red-windowed house over in the woods. After a few minutes the man returned to the store and remarked that he wanted fish hooks, which the merchant cheerfully supplied him with, and he left the camp happy, but somewhat mystified at the many meanings of a simple little word.

We admit the universal right of all men to the air, to the seas; we have socialism in rivers and bridges and roads—why not admit the universal right of all men to the land, why not have socialism in the mills, in railways and in ships?—Robert Blatchford.

If there is anything that cannot bear free truth, let it crack.—W. Phillips.


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TAKE NOTICE That I, F. S. Clements of Nelson, B. C., acting as agent for Johanna Erp Brockhausen, F. M. C. No. B. 27206, and Sidney H. Nichols, F. M. C. No. B. 36216, 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 22nd day of June, A. D., 1900. 7-5

**SANDOW and LONE STAR, No. 3,** Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Silver Mountain, 1½ miles southwest of New Denver, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Charles S. Rashdall, of New Denver, B. C., acting as agent for Robert B. Skinner, F. M. C. No. B 17073, and Dalziel Gordon Smith, F.M.C. No. B 15012, intend, 60 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 each of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 28th day of June. D 1900
7-5 CHARLES S. RASHDALL.

**BUCK FRACTION** Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About two miles east of Silverton, adjoining the Silver or Boy.

TAKE NOTICE That I, E R Rammelmeyer, free miner's certificate No. B 38830, acting as agent for Mary E. Rammelmeyer, free miner's certificate No. B 38830, 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 5th day of July, A. D., 1900.

**STORMOUNT** Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Ten miles east of Slocan Lake and about one and one-half miles east of Seaton Creek, and being a northerly extension of the Washington.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Chas. Moore, acting as agent for S. K. Green, F. M. C. No. B.27826 and W. A. Jowett, F. M. C. No. 779 (special), intend 60 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 15th day of June, 1900.
6-21 CHAS. MOORE.

**ROSE MARIE** Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: South of Mowich claim, Carpenter Creek.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Herbert T. Twigg, agent for James H. Moran, Free Miner's Certificate No. 57032, and Charles W. Greenlee, F. M. C. No. 38830, 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 Sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1900.
HERBERT T. TWIGG.

**DAYTON NO. 2, ALTOONA, BON KNOT, REUBEN, and TAWANDA** Mineral Claims

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Payne Mountain, about 4 miles from the town of Sandon, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Alexander Sproat, agent for the Sandon Mining and Milling Company, Limited Free Miner's Certificate No. 14653, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of each of the above claims.

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## MINING RECORDS

The following is a complete list of the mining transactions recorded during the week in the several mining divisions of the Slocan. Those of New Denver were as follows:—

LOCATIONS.

July 18—Thelma, north Carpenter ck, J Knight
21—Good Hope, nr Cody, W G Clark, W M Brinnett.
Maid of Erin, Freddie Lee Mt, R McDonald.
Summit, Red Mt, A R Fingland.
23—Maple Leaf, Payne Mt, D G McDonald.
Eral and Belmont, nr Sandon, E Cunningham, P Moore, J M Donnelly.
Jubilee, Eight Mile ck, J Smith.
Camera, Wilson ck, W S Thompson.
25—Granite Mountain, Carpenter ck, W W Warner.
Silver Lake, Carpenter ck, E L Warner.
Silver Lake Falls, Carpenter ck, Gus Faundry.
Unlucky Day, Freddie Lee Mt, W L Gregg.
Good Hope, Fennell ck, J Lind.
Gipsy, Fennell cr, J Vallance.
Black Eagle, Cody ck, J Cassozza.
Eagle, Four Mile ck, J A Mitchell.
26—Sound, north of Trout cr, J W Kyte.
Frances, and Cassie, Wilson ck, R W Cook.
Freudhegmes fr, Fennell cr, B Anderson.
27—Bertha fr, nr Three Forks, E Harrop.
30—Orient, Glacier ck, J Williams
Genesee fr, Wilson ck, A H Blumenauer.
Allgary and Silver Gulch, Wilson ck, H A Highle
Lydia fr, Galena Farm, A Sproat.
Penolescot fr, Four Mile ck, C Culver.
Silver Leaf, Galena Farm, P Devan.

ASSESSMENTS.

July 18—Surprise fr, Jehova fr, Cornucracker fr, Summit fr, Bird fr. 19—Arabia, Year Bet, Henrietta, Twickenham, Farlogdon. 20—Fitz, Stanley, Silver Tip, New England, Ireland, Scotland, Halifax fr, Sphinx fr. 21—Kelso, Phoenix. 23—Happy Delivery. 24—Vega, Thursday fr. 25—Santiago, May B, Hattie E, Dundee, Hazard. 26—Michigan, Copper King, Ocean Queen, Fairy Queen, Emerald, Ruby, Blade, Red Star, High Rock, Rockingham, Capital, Mas B, Bristol, Commander, C P R. 27—Condore, Corliss fr, Le Moyt, Union fr. 28—Hastings, Keno, Heather fr. 30—Gracie, Alert, August Flower.

TRANSFERS.

July 18—Carnpore, ¼ C Gales to N McKlan and C H Richardson, July 15.
Keewatis, ¼ A Lemieux to J Weeks, $75.
19—Troy, all, Mark Manley to A L McLean, July 19.
St Helena, L M Knowles to A L McLean, July 18th.
30—Notice of suit entered by Fisher Maiden Co against Webb, McLean, Manley and Knowles, in which the title to Troy and St Helena is questioned, July 28.
Agreement re Hartney Group of claims, J D McMaster to A H Blumenauer et al, Nov 28, 1899.

### SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

July 9—Rio Grande, Robson ck, M Isaacson.
Buffalo, same, W E Newman.
Rochester, same, S C Jackson.
Eva, Springer ck, M Heckman.
10—Greenbill, Lemon ck, R A Bradshaw.
12—May, 2nd n f Lemon, J Bull.
13—Empire, Lemon ck, G Nichol.
16—Trebelli, Cedar ck, D C Robertson.
Stockton Lemon ck, S Kiley.
19—Highland Mary, Slocan lake, Thos Lake.
Golden King, same, W E Noble.
E B, Lemon ck, J Law.
20—Liberty, Cedar ck, A Brodman and F F Dickinson.
Last Hope, Lemon ck, A Brodman.
Le Roi, same, J Campbell.
Plunger, Springer ck, J A McKinnon.

ASSESSMENTS.

July 9—Quinte, Maryland, Marmion, Mojave, Jinnie, Hamilton, Silver Star fr, Maple Leaf, X L C R, Porcupine. 10—Gatineau, Slocan, High Ore, Danube. 11—Look Out No 3. 12—Reform, U and I, Three Guardsmen, Clipper. 13—Spinster, Lucky Jim fr, Black Jack. 16—Louise fr, Rita, (two years), F L C, Time, Morris, Bryn, Boswell fr, Katie, Rosebud, Teller, Leadville, Col Sellers, Macdonna, Kathleen, Monument fr, Perle, Bright Light, Ida W. 17—Dixie. 18—Huntingdon, Cornwall, Boissevain, Portland, Native Silver fr, Golden Sun. 20—Golden Gate, Alta Vista, R A, D A, Frances M, Deadwood, Greenwood.

TRANSFERS.

July 10—Monument No 3, ¼ J Duhamel to A Powys.
13—Empire, G Nichol to S J Curry.
18—Silver Bell, ½ G Fairbirn to A Wilde, P Altaffer, and C McNichol. Same, ¼ to B Kneebone.
Magnificent, 2, and Ida, ¼, I Robinson to J B Desrosiers.

### AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

July 17—Ellen, Bear Trap ck, Mrs Robinson.
Jim Hill, Fish Lake, J S Parker.
18—Bluestone, Lyle ck, F G Procter.
Mountain Daisy, Fish lake, H McDonald.
Gambler, Kaslo ck, T Adams.
Buster, same, G Adams.
12—Colonial, Duncan river, F B Mills.
Central and Cave, Duncan river, A Abramson.
19—Huckleberries-or-no-breakfast, Woodbury ck, J J Scott.
Nellie Moore, Kaslo ck, J Brown.
Great Northern, Kemp Springs, T Clark.
Dewey, same, M Lamter.
Gray Eagle, Kaslo ck, E Johnson.
Thomas Harry, Woodbury ck, T Davidson and H McDonald.
May Whitewater Basin, J Carscaddler.
20—Neversweat fr, Jackson Basin, T F Cosgriff.
21—Franklin, Canyon ck, F E Nivin.
Orion, Jackson ck, A Schuler.
Triple Alliance, Johnson Basin, J Hill.
White Grouse, same, W J McMorris.
23—Landon, Howser lake, J B Houson.
Combination, same, G Young.
Atlantic, Meadow ck, O Bordil.
Omega, Hamilton ck, W L McLaughlin.
Kimberly, nw of Kaslo, R McPherson.

ASSESSMENTS.

11—Effie. 16—Snowdrift. 17—Lucky Bob, Sultan, Sunday Sun. 18—Big Bertha, Enterprise, Rockslide. 19—Silver Glance, Summit Queen, Aleyon, Blontyre, Airdrie, Spree. 20—So So, July fr, Savannah, Morning Glory, Valpariso, British Empire, Silver Queen, Eclipse, Rio Tinto, Great Hope, Chamois. 21—Gold Bug, Ladys, Second Trial. 23—Keystone, Etna, Golden Eagle, Prince Edward. 24—Big Fraction, Northwest, Etna Bell, Cannuck, Marblehead, Ironwood, Pork, U I.

TRANSFERS.

July 6—Effie, all, T R Davey to G McCartney.
11—Joe fr, A W Siegel to Silver Tip Mug Co.
21—Daniel, S Millington to A and T F Adams.
McFord Stor and Banker Hill, ¼ each, O Anderson to A and T F Anderson.
Kootenay Belle, ½, A W Crittenden to J Beecher

### BLASPHEMY.

**A Few Pertinent Remarks Concerning the War on China.**

Locomotive Firemen's Magazine:

Not long since the days of Hernando Cortez and Francisco Pizzaro have the civilized nations exhibited such a voracious hunger for the commercial conquest of pagans. The "cross and the sword" of the Spanish civilizers are just as apparent in China as in Peru or Mexico five centuries ago. Missionaries are sent to China to overthrow the church of state and save the souls of heathens. These heathens, as all people have always done, are willing to kill the name of their deity, even though their deities be of wood and brass.

It is said that those whom the gods destroy they first make mad. The civilized nations have made the Chinese pagans mad, and will now proceed to destroy them—besides look at the great opportunity to extend our commerce.

What civilized people call the "boxers," are fearless the "patriots," the "sons of liberty" of the Chinese—but the trade with China will be greatly enhanced by the conquest of China.

Christians may slaughter Jews to their heart's content, in the European countries, but that is only "anti-semitism," and of no concern to outsiders, but if a follower of Confucius administers the same treatment to a Christian the whole christian world joins in the invasion—besides, if the whole world did not join, some people might not receive their share of the ensuing commerce.

It is not only China that suffers the pangs of an attempt to establish a "good government." The map of the world is spotted with the blood of the weaker people who are the subjects of the great civilizing races. Poor little Belgium has not the national importance to float a first-class war ship—but she can "assimilate" in the most improved manner. The Petit Bleu, of Brussels, thus protests against the inhumanity of the business men of that country who have "become invested in Congo investments."

The rise of the Bundja tribes against the Congo authorities was caused by Belgian tyranny. Hundreds of men died with Lotharie and other Congo agents in defence of the cruel practices there. The agent Moray says: "The rebellion of the Mongalla region is due solely to the cruelty with which the natives are treated. Rubber is the booty of the white invader now. If, in a village of 100 inhabitants able to work, only 50 appear with the required amount of rubber, soldiers are sent to kill the other 50. The so-called 'loyal' natives are used to fight against the 'disloyal,' and as all are man-eaters, it is easy to reward the loyalists by promises of feasts on the corpses of the slain."

Another continental paper is authority for the following deposition:

Congo State, District Bengala: Before me, agent of the Antwerp Trading Society, appeared at Mendika, the sergeants Massamboko and Mulando, and the privates Mutuana and Pongo, all of the station of Mandika, who swore as follows:

"White man! We have returned from the war. We marched 30 hours distance with the white man Imele (Van Eyken). He ordered us to enter the village, to see if the inhabitants had gathered enough rubber. If they had not, they were to kill them. In one village we told him we had fulfilled his orders. He told us we had not done enough. He told us to cut up the men, placing the pieces on poles; the bodies of women and children we were to put on a big scaffold in the shape of a cross. Returning through N'Dobe we found all the natives treated like that. We swear this is true."

Other reports, says the Peoria Herald, state "that the natives have had their hands chopped off because they failed to furnish the required amount of rubber, and these acts of brutality are attributed alike to French, English and Belgian officers, the only difference being that while the Belgian denounce the outrages the French and English organs exercise patriotic prudence in not making the crimes public."

The executive heads of the civilized Christian governments of to-day are doing in the name of God and commerce, what Philip I of spain did in the name of God and geographical knowledge. The armies of the Christians yet have their Pizzaros, Amagros and Cortezes and the heart's blood of millions will be sacrificed to greed and avarice.

### WHOA, BALL!

An old man in Georgia, named Jack Baldwin, says the Atlanta Journal, having lost his hat in a dry well, hitched a rope to a stump and let himself down. A wicked josher named Neal came along just then, and, quietly detaching a bell from Baldwin's old blind horse, approached the well, bell in hand, and began to ting-a-ling. Jack thought the old horse was coming, and said: "Hang the old blind horse; he's coming this way, sure, and he ain't got no more sense than to fall in on me—Whoa, Ball!" The sound came closer. "Great Jerusalem! the old blind fool will be right on top of me in a minit—Whoa, Ball—Whoa, Ball!" Neal kicked a little dirt on Jack's head, and Jack began to pray. "Oh, Lord, have mercy on—whoa, Ball!—a poor sinner—I'm gone now—whoa, Ball!—Our father who art in—whoa, Ball!—hallowed be thy—gee, Ball! gee! what'll I do?—name. Now I lay me down to sl—gee, Ball! (Just then in fell more dirt.) Oh, Lord, if you ever intended to do anything for me—back, Ball! whoa!—thy kingdom come—gee, Ball!—Oh, Lord, you know I was baptised in Smith's mill dam—whoa, Ball!—ho! up! murder!" Neal could hold in no longer, and shouted a laugh which might have been heard two miles, which was as far as Jack chased him when he got out.

### Woodbury Creek Mines.

Woodbury creek, on Kootenay lake, is the scene of much mining activity. An important cash deal has just been put through by Charles Caldwell. He has purchased the Pontiac and Tecumseh claims on behalf of J. D. Chaplin and E. L. Sawyer of Toronto. Chaplin is one of the largest shareholders in the Rambler-Cariboo, Deer Trail and Bonanza mining companies. The Pontiac and Tecumseh are well known properties. W. L. Scowden had them bonded for $65,000 two years ago. He spent $15,000 but failed to obtain an extension of his bond. The Canadian Pacific Mining Company, in which this capital is interested, is spending a large amount of money developing claims at the mouth of Woodbury creek. It is about to put in a $25,000 compressor and hoist and may spend a quarter or a million dollars sinking a shaft 2,500 feet deep.

### THE SIMILKAMEEN.

Summit Camp, Similkameen — We are camped on the summit of the big divide that reaches up from the Keremeos valley and extends westward for many miles, nearly to Princeton. Here it is cold and the wind rather obtrusive, but on the whole the climatic conditions are bracing and healthful. Fancy yourself walking over ten feet of snow in the middle of July! This has been one of my experiences lately. But the snow is only to be found in the gulches or "draws" on the north side of the mountains, and in many instances remains until next winter's "beautiful" covers it over like a clean tablecloth hiding a dirty kitchen table.

The summit of this divide, or rather the many summits, covers an immense area, and exhibits many divergent characteristics. Standing on one of these highest points one sees dense forest lands heavily timbered with pine, fir, spruce and balsam fir; miles of dead trees lying thickly piled on each other, as if they were the victims of a sudden tornado, stripped of every vestige of bark and glistening white in the glaring sunlight, acres of long green waving grass on which a host of cattle could be fattened, and beautiful park lands with bare swards dotted with clumps of firs, lend a charm to the foreground of a mighty panorama. Far, far in the distance, to the south, west, north and east, forming a complete circle to the picture, there rises the snowclad peaks of mountain ranges that seem to be much higher than those nearer at hand. These peaks may be 100 miles away. They may be more. The eye cannot measure such an expanse accurately.

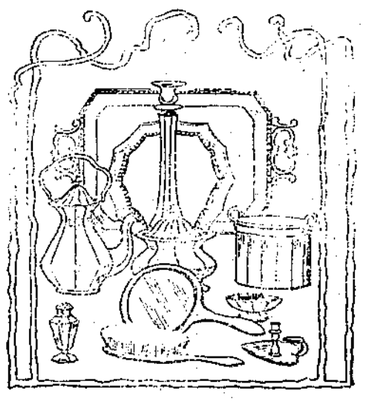
The formation is granite, with lime now and again. Immense iron cappings are distinguished on nearly every hill and mountain in sight by deep red splashes. These red bluffs are really the outcroppings of huge mineral bodies. In all the instances that have come under my notice so far, good copper has been exposed by the first shot in these red cappings. And besides these copper bodies there are veins of the white arsenical iron which carries such high gold values in this district. On the Nickel Plate mine, which can be seen from this point, being about four miles south-west, samples of this iron have given values of $600 per ton. These leads are not very large, averaging between two feet and four feet in width, but the copper leads are immense. I have seen them opened for 12 feet and no wall in sight, and from surface indications most of them will be well nigh 100 feet wide.

Mr. Rodgers, superintendent of the Nickel Plate, has surveyed the Keremeos creek route for a wagon road and found an excellent grade, and although that is the longest way about, it is by far the best route, the other creeks are much steeper. This road will bring a great deal of business to Olalla, which will be a thriving town at no distant date.

The C. P. R. survey also went up Keremeos creek and found a most feasible grade to the summit. As the Nickel Plate people want to get in heavy machinery and have a lot of high grade ore ready for shipment, it is very probable that the wagon road will be commenced forthwith. The more so as a largely signed petition for the same has been forwarded to Victoria from Olalla and surrounding camps.

Snodgrass' sawmill is being erected at the mouth of Cedar creek, about two miles north of Olalla, the boiler and engine have arrived and it is expected that lumber will be obtainable some time during the next two weeks. Grouse are plentiful and deer are seen now and then.—R. W. Northey.

Williams has melons on the road to New Denver which will be much appreciated upon their arrival by the lovers of crimson, mellow sweetness. Yum! yum!

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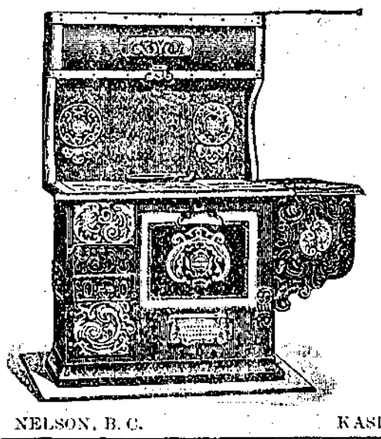

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