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SLOCAN NEWS

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

LOGAL GONGENTRATES

It is again reported that the smelter at Pilot Bay will resume operations.

Nearly all of the great Slocan mines are within ten miles of New Denver.

Service will be held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday at 7:30 a. m. All cordially invited.

The Sunday school picnic held last Friday in Williamson's grove was the most successful of any yet given.

Lionel Bradley and Nancy Lees were married last Thursday at the residence of Elias Hesketh, in Three Forks.

In Nelson, Jacob Dover has a large stock of Roger Bros.' 1847 silverware, which he is selling at eastern prices.

The partnership between Charles S. Rashdall and A. E. Fauquier has been dissolved. Mr. Rashdall continues the business.

The sidewalks about town are not improved with the ever increasing number of holes made in them by the horses roaming at large.

Philip Munroe went to Greenwood on Monday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Walter Smith, who died in that city on Sunday of typhoid fever.

The demand for coke and coal from the Crow's Nest is so great that the orders cannot be filled. There is a great market for it south of the line.

The Mountain Con group on the south fork of Carpenter creek has been leased by W. W. Warner, who is packing up supplies and will get to work in a few days.

We are getting well into the shank of the summer, but not far enough yet to depreciate the useful nature of the milk shake. Williams still has them on tap for the victims of thirst.

Slocan City's celebration of July 12th was a grand success. Silverton football team defeated Nelson, Slocan defeated Sandon, and the New Denver juniors won from the Slocan juniors.

The K. & S. will reach New Denver just as soon as the outlook for trade will warrant the construction from Sandon. The company may string a telegraph line into New Denver before many months.

The Cranbrook Herald tells of the finding in the Selkirk range of a pool of ammonia that poisons and kills everything that gets within reach of its fumes. A party has been formed to investigate the discovery.

Martin O'Reilly & Co., of Nelson, are doing a greatly increased business since they commenced to advertise in the leading journal of America's Lucerne. Ladies from far and near are sending for samples of dry goods they require, and this enterprising firm can see the lights of monetary success glimmering upon the shore of prosperity. Write to them when you want dress goods of any kind.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

Last week the Slocan Star shipped 40 tons; Payne, 150; Last Chance, 102.

The Hampton, on Springer creek, will make a trial shipment to Trail this week.

A mill will be erected at the Chapleau just as soon as the machinery can be brought in.

By sluicing the ledge, ore has been found in two places on the Fairy Queen, Trout creek.

Assessment work is being put upon the C.P.R. with a view to getting the property crown granted.

The Arlington Mines will soon have a water power saw mill, and cut the lumber required in the mine.

The Rockland, on Red Mountain, in the Slocan, is being rapidly developed by the Graves company. It is a gold and copper property.

The Hewett recently shipped 10 tons of high grade ore. The Wakefield shipped two carloads of concentrates last week. The Vancouver is shipping, with plenty of ore at the mine.

S. A. Hartmann has put eight men to work on the Great Britain group, on Meadow creek, at the head of Kootenay lake.

FLOAT FROM SANDON.

Thomas Brown is on a three months' visit to Scotland

The Hunter-Kendrick Co. will erect a two-story brick building.

Mrs. Funk will open the dining room of the Hotel Sandon next month.

F. J. Donaldson will put up a building on the Bartlett hotel lot, which he will use for his business.

Dick Orando has again opened the Ivanhoe, and behind his sweet smile no trace of Sandon's fiery past can be located.

Bob Cunning, Sandon's pioneer hotel man, is busily engaged upon his new building, which will be sixty feet in length.

Sammy Lloyd committed a slight indiscretion the other evening, and the authorities gave him 60 days in the only building at Nelson where the boarders cannot break their necks by falling out of the windows.

A CHAPTER ON SKUNKS.

It is an old saw that says, "Seeing is believing, feeling is the naked truth." Not so in our relation to the skunk family. One would hardly believe that an animal so innocent appearing, and with a coat of fur so glossy and long, could be guilty of casting to the winds a stench so potent and disgusting as that emited from the anal glands of the skunk. One does not have to see nor yet feel the animal to be impressed with his or her presence. And, yet, in its native haunts, it is as playful and harmless as a kitten. The skunk does not emit its nauseous odor unless assailed by an enemy, and one might sleep under your bed for months and you would never know of its presence. But attack the little brute, and it immediately turns loose its odorous arsenal and sends broadcast volley after volley from its storage battery.

Some nights ago two of these animals passed through New Denver and left their cards. Several citizens, with guns in hand, dressed only in their night garments, turned out to intercept the intruders, but the more noise they made the worse the skunks impregnated the atmosphere with their Florida water, and the task of killing them was given up. A few nights later a Union street chicken house was visited and 12 chicks had their life blood sucked out of them by this foul smelling species of the weasel family. Sunday evening three of them were on parade near the lake shore and playfully passed within ten feet of a party standing there. They appeared as harmless as kittens, but when one of them playfully turned his battery end in the direction of the startled individual he dropped all and made rapid transit southward. The nicest way to handle a skunk is to give him the earth, or at least as much of it as he has immediate use for. He may be harmless and pretty to look at, and perhaps will not emit his perfume unless provoked, but, nevertheless, you never know when he will take a shot at you.

Situation Improving

British Columbia is coming to the front in a plucky and praiseworthy manner, says the Colonial Goldfields Gazette. It is quite true that, even in the unromantic realm of mining speculation, fancies and fashions triumph for a time over intrinsic merits, and particularly is this the case in regard to the best British Columbian mines, which, although proved to be valuable properties, have so far failed to secure the market valuation to which they are entitled. But British Columbia is steadily wearing down prejudice, and if the principal issuing houses in London adhere to their policy of placing the word "prove" before that of "prospectus," the Western Province of Canada will, by sheer force of merit, come into favor with English investors.

FLOAT FROM NELSON.

The funeral of Thomas O'Brien, formerly foreman at the Molly Gibson, took place on Sunday.

A lower tunnel is to be run on the Princess. For nine years Albert Gerrard and George Neelands have worked this property.

J. K. Reid has returned from Montreal. After inspecting some properties around Fort Steele he will go to Mexico and remain until November.

The street cars of this city are deserving of patronage. They do not make their passengers stand up as is the custom on many lines in eastern cities.

Willie Beaton is one of our young and rising mining experts. Nothing will hold him down, not even his dad's editorials. He will soon exhibit his yellow leggings in Mexico.

A lady who lives not far from Nelson was walking to town the other day when she met a bear. She bowed and the bear passed on. Later on the bear visited her garden, but was driven off without doing much damage.

Professor Steiner, with the assistance of local talent, will produce Mikado some time in September. Steiner was once with Patti, and has played with many other great artists. He was a member of the original Pinafore company.

A jolly party visited the hotel at the Outlet a short time ago. After spending the night drawing to immature flushes and looking wise they went fishing. One of them, a noble young lawyer, fell out of the boat and drowned his $50 fishing rod. The balance of the party rushed to his rescue, and by the time all were again on shore, the lake staggered as though it were jagged. The subsequent events consisted of wet clothes hanging over a cook stove, while a mad Chinaman sang this refrain: "Nelson man, dam foolee, come fishee, fall in lakee, hang him clothes ovel stove, dlip in soup, boalders all get dlunk. Gee. Clist! me jump em job and go to Ottawa, savey?"

BOUNDARY CAMP.

The shaft on the Rambler, east of Eholt, is now down 110 feet, most of the way in ore. At 150 feet depth it is the intention to crosscut. Six men are employed.

Harry McLaren has a claim on which he has run a cut for 20 feet without finding either wall of the lead. The ore is red oxide of copper carrying stringers of quartz with copper sulphurets. He calls this claim the Alpha.

Work aggregating nearly 4,000 feet has been done on the B. C. mine, Summit camp, and the deepest workings are down 272 feet. About one-sixth of the development has been sinking and raising, the balance being drifting and crosscutting. Over 1,000 tons of ore have been sent to the Trail smelter since shipments began last fall.

Alex Omon and Alex. Dorias have just returned from a prospecting trip up the east fork of the North Fork, and reports what looks like the biggest strike of the season in the way of copper. They brought down samples from a group of five claims, the Poland, Surprise, Wilbur, San Francisco and Wilfred, which they have located on the west bank of the east fork of North Fork, about 65 miles from this city. The lead is said to be one of the biggest ever found in that section, and that the ore is rich no one can doubt who sees the specimens they brought down, for they show any amount of copper and some other mineral, which looks suspiciously like telluride.

In a few days a shipment of four straight carloads of machinery will arrive in Phœnix camp for the mines here. The shipment comes direct from Sherbrooke, Quebec, from the shops of the Jenckes Machine Co., which concern has supplied the major part of the machinery in use in the Boundary. The shipment consists of goods intended for use on the Knob Hill, Grey Eagle and Snowshoe mines. In the Knob Hill and Grey Eagle shipment is the new 10-drill Rand duplex air compressor, with two 80-horse power boilers, receivers, drills and other fittings, the house for which is ready at the property. The Snowshoe will have a 70-horse power boiler, pumps, drills, pipes, etc. The Knob Hill shipment occupies the space of 8½ cars, and the Snowshoe takes up the balance. The cars left Sherbrooke June 27, and are due now at any time.

Last week additional side-tracks were started on at no less than four different mines by the C. P. R. near Phœnix. A track 2,600 feet long, or half a mile, was run to the Winnipeg mine from the Golden Crown spur; the Crown itself has an additional side-track 500 feet long; the Old Ironsides and Victoria will have one 900 feet long, and the Knob Hill an additional track 500 feet in length. The steel for the side-tracks was taken up on the switchback over the Bull Dog-tunnel, use of which was discontinued March 1st. The object of all this extra track-laying—3,500 feet—is to facilitate ore shipments. In fact the Miner-Graves syndicate people flatly refuse to commence shipping until adequate facilities for handling empty and loaded cars were furnished. As they expect to initiate shipments by sending out at least 12 or 15 cars of ore daily, the handling must be reduced to the minimum.

WILL COMMIT SUICIDE.

Kenneth Farington Bellairs in Hard Straits in Spokane.

"Bellairs is Starving!" This startling headline to an article appeared in last Saturday's issue of the Spokane Chronicle and was the subject of discussion among many of Mr. Bellairs' old acquaintances in this city. Since he left Rossland nearly a year ago K. F. B. has tasted much of the bitterness of life in the City of the Falls. His long stay in the Medical Lake Insane Asylum, from which he was recently discharged as cured, and into which haven of unsound mind many think he should never have been committed, has been telling on him greatly. Since his release he has been endeavoring to raise funds for the purpose of publishing a book entitled: "The Most Infamous Fraud Ever Perpetrated by the Brain of Man, the Lunacy Asylums of America," the proceeds to be used in instituting against the state a damage suit to the tune of $5,000,000. But the one time prince of the London stock brokers, editor of the London Bulletin and honorary member of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange has failed to raise the pittance necessary to carry out his project. Kenneth Ffarington Bellairs is in want. He is doing nothing to earn a livelihood in Spokane. The little belongings of value which he had at one time he fell out of the window, resulting in his being declared of unsound mind and sent to the insane asylum, have been all sold at a sacrifice, and judging from the following note which he left in the Chronicle office he is in bad straits. "Please print. Having had all my cash stolen from me and my goods, by the officials of this state or others, and having sold all I could find at five per cent. of cost to me, I am now living (literally) on dry bread, and my next course is suicide."

Is this, then, to be the end of the one time brilliant financier and journalist, that made London startle 30 years ago with his manipulations of the stock market, and in a pamphlet that cost the writer thousands of pounds to produce, proving that the bible contained many descrepencies?—Rossland Miner.

The Clara Mathes Comedy company will play in New Denver next week. The press endorses this troupe as worthy of patronage. Their new comedy drama entitled "Brown's in Town" is 80 per cent. fun and will fire a round of laughter every other minute.

Advertising is like medicine. Very often the belief that it will cure you does half the work.

The best ad you can get is none too good.

HARTNEY MEN

Party of New Yorkers Inspecting the Promising Silver Mountain Property.

A party of New York capitalists registered at the St. James hotel the past week, consisting of H. A. Hegbie and H. W. Breckenridge of Wellsville, and J. D. MacMasters, F. P. Michol and F. M. Thresher of Rochester, N. Y. They are accompanied by Frank Kelly, of Spokane, and come here to inspect the Hartney mine, a property they have been working some months, and to examine other properties with a view to acquiring. These gentlemen are very favorably impressed with the locality, and predict for New Denver a very bright future. They are pleased with the way the Hartney is developing and are struck with the apparent richness of the Silver Mountain ledges. The party will remain in New Denver this week. The majority of them will then return to New York, leaving one of the party here for the summer to look after the company's interests.

During their brief stay here they are enabled to get only a limited knowledge of the camp's resources and possibilities, yet sufficient to give them a good idea of what they are, and they leave New Denver very favorably impressed, not only with the mineral producing possibilities of the camp, but also with its natural advantages as a place of residence. They greatly enjoyed the scenery of lake and mountain and thoroughly appreciated the climatic conditions found here.

Two of the gentlemen, before going direct to New York, will go to Victoria to interview the government regarding the Silver Mountain wagon road, and will do all in their power to hasten the grant promised by the government, so that work may be commenced on the road in a few weeks.

EAST KOOTENAY MINES.

A letter has been received from Geo. Watson, who is now in the White Horse country, in which he says that he has been fortunate enough to open up a couple of fine copper properties, and that they are favorably located within three miles of the railroad.

Mr. Pollen, of Fort Steele, has an option above the falls, formerly operated by Charlie Edwards, Gus Theiss and Jack Thompson, and is prospecting the ground with a view to ascertaining whether there is sufficient pay there to warrant hydraulicing. Should his hopes be realized, there may once more be extensive placer operations on historic Perry creek.

The Estella group of mines on Tracy creek has over 800 feet of tunnels and drifts. The Dibble mine, owned by an Ottawa syndicate, has over 700 feet of tunnels and shafts. The Big Chief has several hundred feet of tunnels, also the Dupont group, Chickamon Stone, Old Abe, Colossal, Bald Mountain, Golden Five group, Minnie M., Tiger, John L. and many others have from 100 to 500 feet of tunnels, shafts and drifts.

J. R. Sherwood recently arrived from Great Falls, Montana, to work on the Pelican, Old Dominion and other claims in which he is interested. Those properties are located two miles south of the Perry Creek and Kootenay company's, and have had considerable work done on them up to the present time. The showing on the surface of these claims is said to be remarkable, pannings of free gold running up to as high as $150 per ton, which has often been obtained, the gold being quite coarse at that. It remains to be demonstrated, however, whether or not the gold will not be in a base form at depth.

The Perry Creek and Kootenay Mining Company, Limited, is prosecuting work most vigorously, and on the Pearl is now in 300 feet on a crosscut tunnel for a large ledge which makes a very fine showing on the surface. On the Running Wolf the same company has a tunnel in 100 feet; this is also in a very large ledge, which, so far as now known, will make a good cyaniding proposition. Opposite the Running Wolf is the Elkhorn, also being worked, where there is a 300-foot tunnel on a lead, giving a depth of about 150 feet, the conditions, regarding ore, are much the same as in the others.

J. P. Bailey made a find a few days ago that makes an excellent start for something good. It is located near Swansea, and he has named it the Pretoria. On the claim there appears to be three quartz veins, one in the center, and one five feet from that on each side, and from appearance so far in a solid formation. A hole a few feet in depth has been sunk on the middle vein, which was very narrow at the surface, but at the bottom of the hole shows 15 inches of quartz, showing copper pyrites and carbonates throughout more or less, and a 5-inch streak of galena said to assay $12 in silver and $1 in gold, percentage of lead unknown, but appearances would indicate from 10 to 25 per cent. The ore in many respects resembles that of the Union Jack.

One hundred and thirty carloads of ore were shipped during June from the North Star and Sullivan mines, 20 miles northwest of Cranbrook, all clean ore—not concentrates—just as it comes from the mines. The amount coming from each mine is not known, but the major portion is from the North Star. It is not unlikely that the Sullivan's output in three months' time will equal the present output of the North Star, and the shipments will be no less than 200 cars per month from both mines, which will average net to them, at a moderate estimate, $14 per ton. At that rate the shipment of the past month, allowing 130 cars, 22 tons to the car, must have netted returns of not less than $40,000, and this is believed to be a very moderate estimate, under rather than over. The St. Eugene, at Moyie, 20 miles west of Cranbrook, shipped 1800 tons of concentrates, or about 82 car loads—value unknown—but it is believed that $14 net returns would be a large underestimate, which would at this rate produce $25,200 net. Added to the mines of Kimberley camp, a grand total of $65,240 net returns would be given for the month of June.

IN THE LARDEAU.

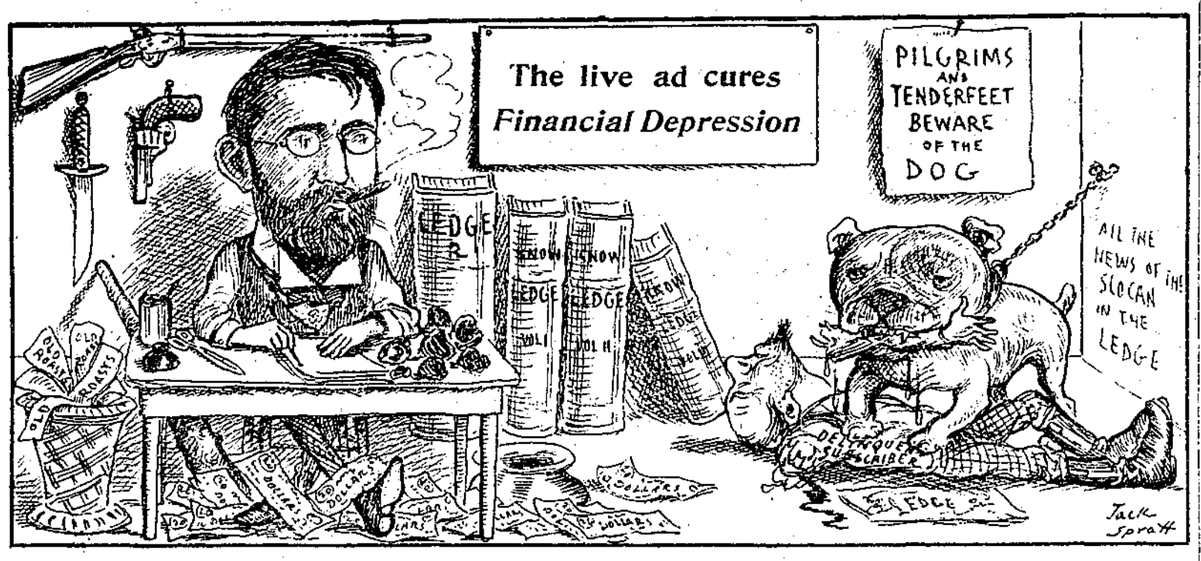
On the Alpine, a group of claims adjacent to the Golden Gate, a shaft has been sunk for 18 feet, which has resulted in exposing a streak of mixed ore running $12 gold, five ounces silver and seven per cent. lead.

Jack Nelson obtained an option on Thursday last on the Kootenays, a group of claims adjoining the Nettie L. The deal is for $18,000, to be paid within a year. The group consists of two full-sized claims and a fraction.

Work will be commenced on the Lucky Jim, near the Mabel group, during the course of a couple of weeks. It is the intention of the owners of this property to sink a shaft and make a test of the ore body, which has given returns of over $150 in gold to the ton. The chances are that this property will change hands before long.

R. Leckie-Ewing came down from the Empire group, on the head of Cariboo and Gainer creeks, a few days ago. A force of men has been put to work on a crosscut tunnel, and are now in about 20 feet. The snow is going fast. Mr. Ewing has taken some excellent views of the property and surrounding country. It gives one a good idea of the lay of the country. Work will be vigorously prosecuted from now on, and supplies for the coming winter will be taken as soon as a few repairs are made to the Empire trail.

The Bloomers of Boston were in Nelson last Sunday, but did not have time to buy any hosiery from Martin O'Reilly & Co. of that city.



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 nonpareil 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.

FELLOW PILGRIMS: THE LEDGE is located at New Denver, B. C., and can be traced to many parts of the earth. It comes to the front every Thursday and has never been ridded by the sheriff, snowslided by cheap silver, or subdued by the four of man. It works for the trail blazer as well as the bay-windowed and champagne-flavored capitalist. It aims to be on the right side of everything and believes that hell should be administered to the wicked in large doses. It has stood the test of time, and an ever-increasing paystreak is proof that it is better to tell the truth, even if the heavens do occasionally hit our smokestack. A chute of job work is worked occasionally for the benefit of humanity and the financier. Come in and see us, but do not put the bull dog on the cranium, or chase the black cow from our water barrel: one is savage and the other a victim of thirst. One of the noblest works of creation is the man who always pays the printer; he is sure of a bunk in paradise, with thornless roses for a pillow by night, and nothing but gold to look at by day.

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, JULY 19, 1900.

Some Solid Facts

Many people of this world are thin in the mental skin and full of envy, hatred and general cussedness when cold water is thrown on their ideas, customs, politics, religion or prejudices by an editor. Then it is that their little souls light up with a flash of anger, and they make a splash much the same as a pebble does when it is flung into Slocan lake. I have noticed this ever since I first travelled the journalistic trail. Run a dead, musty paper and it will be so peaceful around the office that the flies will die for lack of visitors to stir them up. Make a sheet lively and fearless, and one-half of the community will be alternately blessing and cursing you, while not a single reader will suffer from ennui.

If I roast those jackals of the press, commonly known as jackleg editors, for being a blight on the community and a curse to their creditors, every one of the syphaxical spawn will open their yawps and bark just like other little town dogs do when a stranger throws a bone at them.

If I declare that the Roman Catholic church should be demolished and every Mick compelled to eat meat on Friday then the sons of King Billy will pat me on the back until my natural growth is impeded and everything is trimmed in orange.

If I honestly state that Orangeism should never have emigrated from Ireland, and that its annual celebration in America only has a tendency to cause ill feeling between neighbors, then ignorant geysers who know absolutely nothing about King William's history will consign me to a southern home along with the pope, while the Micks will exclaim, "Shure, its sinse you have, if yer does live in New Denver?"

I have often found it difficult to arrive at the truth of events only a week old, even in these days of the art preservative of all arts. Yet, at a misty period of the world's history four hundred years after he is said to have died, I find that a history was written of Christ which millions accept as absolute truth. While believing in the beauties of the Jesus' character as set forth in the bible, if I was to assert that his existence was only a myth and that he never lived except in the brain of a romancer, how many parsons in this broad land but what would hold up their hands in theological horror and say that I was wicked enough to be damned? Nearly every one of them, and yet I am told that this is a free country.

If I stand pat for the miners how the pot-bellied gold hoarders of Europe will curse me and say I should have my wings clipped. How the miner will bless me, and as he walks down the road past my office to the saloon, throws up a five to treat the crowd, exclaiming, "The Colonel is a peach, and I will take his paper some day when I can afford it," my soul might be mad with the joy of appreciation while there was nothing in my stomach but prunes and lake water.

If I bow down to the capitalists, say that they are the only people, and that the Lord created the Slocan for their use and that the laws should be made for their benefit I will be rewarded with their good wishes and many will exclaim, "Deucedly clevah papah that chap publishes in New Denver. I wonder what he lives on, the scenery must be nutritious, doncher know. By Jove!"

Thus it goes on. No matter what I put my pen into I will find some to hiss and some to applaud. If I print a good live paper in one town, the inhabitants of sister towns will turn green and send their job printing a thousand or less miles away with the false hope of dimming the journalistic light that shines for all, provided they will not shut its rays out by putting up temporary barriers.

Life In Nelson

Nelson has wonderfully spruced up in the last few years. I can remember when it was a frontier camp filled with that wild, free crowd of prodigals always in at the birth of a new town, but seldom found at the funeral. In those days it was no disgrace to daub the burg with alcoholic paint, and to stand high in the society of East Baker street was a badge of distinction. The saloon doors stood ajar on the Sabbath, and the beefsteaks were the toughest things in town. Nelson never was very wicked. A man was seldom on the breakfast bill of fare, and the faro tiger was never turned loose in the community, although for a time, of late years, the slot machine was fed on nickels by gambling chubbers.

The unstopable march of time has brought many changes to Nelson. The saloon now locks its front door every seventh day, while the ozone is vibrated by the mellow toned church bell. Beer can be bought for five cents. The red lights on Baker street have been dimmed, and the fallen sisters compelled to earn their misery in more secluded quarters. The roar of the street car has drowned the neigh of the pack horse. The dude with his cigarette is more prominent than the oldtimer with his gum. The dudine everywhere beautifies the scenery by the bright colors of her Parisian costume, and the delightful reflection of her artistic countenance. The city is filled with many kinds of people, some can trace their ancestry away back to the day when white pants were first made, while others are still in the codfish formation. Some have souls broad enough to take in the universe, while others cannot see over a Methodist or some other church. They are like a prospector on a trail in the solid forest. The latter class are very desirous of making the town conform to their views. They do not want others to enjoy life on Sunday and have been asking the city fathers to prohibit certain things that are offensive to them. These narrow creed followers, who wish to dictate to a community of mixed ideas should be more polite. No one interferes with them in their way of putting in time on the seventh day, and they should be as generous. God's elect people (in their minds) in Nelson probably do not know that every day is Sunday in some part of the world. Sunday is holy for Christians, Monday for Greeks, Tuesday for Persians, Wednesday for Assyrians, Friday for Turks, and Saturday for the Jews. You pay your money and take your choice, but as it would not do to have every day holy in Nelson the better plan would be to let every one act on every day according to the light that is in them. Creed rule in any community is a curse about as great as any we can have. There are people to-day who would imprison all refusing to worship Jesus according to church rules, but I thank the great God that the population of this universe are not all foolish bigots and knifeblade creed blazers.

Last Sunday there was a hybrid game of baseball in the city, although the daily papers ignored the fact in their Monday editions. The game was between Nelson and a mixed club of men and women known as the Boston Bloomers. The best part of the exhibition was the gate receipts. The receipts must have been over $500, as the grand stands were crowded, nearly one-half of the spectators being feminine. As a curiosity the game was all right, but as an exhibition of scientific ball it was simply cultus. The Nelson team was evidently too courteous to push the game and the Bloomers were glad to dodge all hard work, most of them preferring balls to strikes, especially as the day was so warm. The catcher for the Bloomers was a man dressed in yellow clothes. He looked very tired and probably most any man would who travels continuously with a crowd of muscular female base runners. The pitcher was the first woman I have ever seen in the box, and her skillful work is evidence that it is possible for a woman to throw straight. She met with an accident when the game was about half over. Bill Galliher was umpire. The lithe and beautiful little woman had just delivered a swift twister over the plate, when something was seen to drop from one of her nether extremities. 'Twas a garter, and a deathly silence pervaded the audience. The plucky little woman was equal to the occasion, and caught her hosiery on the fly, while the crowd cheered and the small boy yelled across the diamond, "What are you out there for, Bill?" The youth of Nelson are a smart set and many of their shrill remarks at this game would have provoked a Piute warrier to laughter. The remarks of some of the ladies present were equally amusing. I sat amidst a galaxy of women, just like a rose surrounded by lilies, and one petite lady who had lost the brake to her word pusher continually exclaimed. "Oh, Jasper!" "Run, Lucy, run!" "Isn't Rocky a daisy!" "They call it a strike. She never struck at the ball!" "The pitcher must be a man!" "I hope they beat Nelson!" "Those two must be sisters!" "I wish I had some chewing gum!" "They got feet like a man!" "Isn't that little one cute!" "Does their daddy know they are here!" "I am glad I don't wear bloomers!" "Oh, My! This is Sunday!" and many other expressions in a similar strain. The Nelsons won the game, 11 to 9, and as the crowd filed their way up town they wondered why so many people would pay four bits to see a few women dressed in red bloomers.

EGYPTIAN WIVES.

Wives, in Egypt's upper circles, are private property. The women cannot go beyond the limits of their own side of the house and garden. And they, poor things, cannot complain. In the first place, it would not do them any good to protest, and in the second, they are brought up to live in just that way, and the idea of mingling freely with their fellows is inexpressibly shocking to them and never to be thought of for a moment. Of course, the poor cannot afford to keep their wives thus secluded and in such luxury. Thus their wives must have recourse to the impenetrable veil. And, as in every country, the rich man has other advantages the poorer brother cannot hope to enjoy. The rich man can have four wives, the full legal number. The poor man can have four wives, too, if he can support them, but two is usually the limit of the poor man's household. He cannot afford four wives all at once, but if he is industrious and utilizes his opportunities for divorce he can have more than four before he dies. Indeed, the working man of Egypt usually finds one wife as much of a burden as he can manage, but when that one wife begins to pall he can divorce her at a moment's notice and hunt up another. This is the reason why the Egyptian wife has so strong a prejudice against the accumulation of property by her husband. She will not let him lay by anything if she can help it. Should he get something ahead, she argues, the temptation to enjoy the fruits of his industry and economy with some other woman will be too strong to be resisted. She knows the weakness of the race. And she looks to it that there is nothing left at the end of the week or whenever the wage should be spent.—Alexander Harvey, in the Cosmopolitan

High in the blue expanse of sky that covers the Lucerne hangs that warm thing, the sun, while on Sixth street Williams' milk shake battery continually lessens the effect of its heated influence.

United they stand, divided they fall—business and advertising.

DIVORCE IN JAPAN.

The following are the texts of letters, bearing a recent date, exchanged between an aggrieved husband and his delightful successor, both of Azuma-Mura, Ashikaga district, Tockigi prefecture:

Mr. Sakichi Yamomotò.

Sir,—You have been guilty of improper flirtation with my wife, Tsune, and the affair has greatly grieved me. For this reason I have made various complaints against you for your offensive conduct, through the members of our communal body, and you have sent me endless apologies, but as I find them unsatisfactory, I have, like a man, decided to get rid of my wife, and do hereby give and transfer her to you. Henceforth I will not entertain any lingering affections for the woman, and in proof thereof witness my signature.

Kamerichi Fujikawa.

Mr. Kamerichi Fujikawa.

Sir,—It is undisputably true that I have been guilty of intimacy with your beloved wife, and on that account I have sent you apologies through the members of our communal body. You, however, steadfastly refuse to forgive and have instead forwarded your wife to me. I beg herewith to acknowledge receipt of said wife, etc.

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"Don't be nowise discouraged
If the stony way is long;
Pass the hat around, my brother,
While we sing another song;
If you expect religion,
Salvation full and free,
Give your heart to God Almighty,
And your pocketbook to me!

"Hear the words of the blessed Jesus,
'Lay not treasures up on earth';
Give a liberal, large collection,
And receive the second birth.
When the dimes and nickles jingle;
Then we'll shout our jubilee:
Give your heart to God Almighty,
And your pocketbook to me!

"Give it all, and don't begrudge it,
Don't be holding any back,
Sacrifices must be offered
When we walk the narrow track.
Pass the hat along the benches,
Pass it slow so all can see;
Give your heart to God Almighty,
And your pocketbook to me!"

—John Morrissey.

THE DECADENCE OF ENGLAND'S METAL MINING INDUSTRY.

The General Report and Statistics of Mines and Quarries for 1899 has just been issued by the English authorities. It is not a subject for congratulation on the part of English mining men. The Mining Journal of London has summarized the report in an admirable editorial article which not only gives the cardinal points of the report, but also suggests the causes of the poor showing made. The tone of the editorial is not especially buoyant, but, as an explanation of the probable feeling of the United Kingdom on the subject, it is well worth reading. In part it is as follows: The bulk of what is now issued in its final form has already been presented to the world in the shape of preliminary statistical tables; nevertheless, much fresh light is thrown upon the figures by their re-arrangement in this complete report. We know already that for the coal miner it was a record year, not only as regards prices, but particularly as regards amount of output. We also know that all metalliferous minerals have shown a decrease, the gravity of which, in the face of rising markets and high prices, it is impossible to disguise, and the importance of which appears to be only accentuated by the great increase in the production of our coal mines. The present tables add, however, still more details, the study of which only serves to drive home the conviction that Great Britain's day as a metal producer is over. We see, for example, that the decreased output actually came from an increased number of mines, for we find a total here recorded of 794 mines at work in 1899, as against 753 in 1898. We even find that more miners were employed than in the previous year, the number at work below and above ground standing respectively at 20,648 and 14,538, against 20,173 and 14,058 in the previous year. Not only, therefore, has there been an increase of labor employed in producing a lesser amount of mineral, but the greater portion of the increase has come from that class which is not a direct producer of mineral, namely people working above ground. Again, the fact must be clearly borne in mind that this is not a solitary or accidental occurrence. This same report gives us an admirable statistical summary dating back as far as the year 1873, and this table shows a steady and fairly regular —though of course, not invariable—decrease of production from the metalliferous mines of the Kingdom, a decrease which is evidently still going on, and apparently seems likely to continue in the future. This steady decrease in producing capacity is accompanied by an equally steady increase in the number of persons employed, so that comparing last year with the average for the decade 1873-1882, we find that the production has fallen some 15 per cent., and the number of workers engaged in production has risen some 45 per cent. This state of affairs must necessarily entail the consequence that our metallic minerals are costing us more to produce than they did 20 years ago, and it need not be added that a continuance of such conditions must necessarily lose us what little hold we still have upon the world's markets. In these days of keen competition and intense producing energy, with the element of distance almost annihilated by low rates of transport, it is only the producer who can produce both abundantly and cheaply who will be able to survive in the economic struggle for existence. It therefore behooves metal miners in this country to use their utmost endeavors to put an end to the existing state of things, and to try to bring their operations in line with those of the other countries that are competing against us.

The first thing to do, no doubt, should be to discover the cause of our technical decadence, to find out why the miner of to-day is producing only two-thirds as much mineral as he did 20 years ago. There is probably no one single simple reason to which this falling off can be ascribed; the causes are, no doubt, both numerous and complex, and will be extremely difficult to trace in their entirety. In part, no doubt, they are natural; the better portions of the mines, where accessible, will have been worked away first, so that now it is necessary to break more tons of barren rock in order to get a ton of ore. Again, the depth at which the mines are working must have increased, and though a man can break just as many—or very nearly as many cubic feet of rock in a shift at 2000 feet depth as he can at 200 feet, yet the incidental labor required—that, namely, of enginemen, pumpmen, timbermen, etc., is necessarily far greater. Furthermore, there is the working capacity of the miner himself to be considered. We have no hesitation in saying—and we know that mine managers in this country will endorse the remark—that the miner of to-day does not do as much work as did his predecessor of 25 years ago. Hours of work are shorter than they were; miners through their unions and associations have gained immensely more power than they possessed, and they have uniformly used this power to enable them to do less work. Each successive increase of wages has the effect, not of increasing the weekly income of the miner, but of keeping it at about the same level, whilst merely enabling him to give less labor in exchange for it. At the same time the gradual closing down of mines in this country has forced many of our miners to look for work abroad, and, of course, it is always the smartest and the most energetic men who go, leaving the feeble and the less capable behind. It may be urged, and, indeed, the argument has been repeatedly brought forward, that even though the miner of to-day does do less work than his predecessor of a generation ago, his producing capacity should, nevertheless, be greater, because he has the advantage of better tools, more powerful explosives, and endless automatic machinery. It is, however, a melancholy fact, which the figures in the tables before show only too clearly, that the production per man is decreasing and that very rapidly. It is also certain that metalliferous mines in this country have shown no great alacrity in equipping themselves with the modern plant and machinery which characterises all their important rivals abroad. Indeed, no greater contrast can be imagined in respect of equipment than that between any average English colliery and an average Cornish mine, with a few honorable exceptions. The former will be found utilizing to the utmost all the resources of modern technical science, the latter is about as it was a century ago.

THINKER'S THOUGHTS.

The secret of genius is to suffer no fiction to exist for us, and to honor every truth by use.—Emerson.

Talents are best nurtured in solitude, and character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world.—Goethe.

Make the case of others your own, and your own theirs, and you will then have a clear idea of the whole.—Thos. Paine.

In truth, of all the intellectual weapons which have ever been wielded by man, the most terrible was the mockery of Voltaire. Bigots and tyrants, who had never been moved by the wailing and cursing of millions, turned pale at his name.—Macaulay.

Although the true end of all knowledge is action, and it is only for the sake of action that knowledge is sought by the human race, yet, in order that it may be gained in sufficient breadth and depth, it is necessary that the individual should seek knowledge for its own sake. —W. K. Clifford.

People justify all kinds of tyranny toward children upon the ground that they are totally depraved. At the bottom of ages of cruelty lies this infamous doctrine of total depravity. Religion contemplates a child as a living crime—heir to an infinite curse—doomed to eternal fire.—Ingersoll.

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Do not any salesmen keep:
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There never was a book so sacred that it could sanctify a lie. All truth is holy, whether it be written in books, or stones, or stars; and all error is unholy, no matter in what scriptures it may be. Morals that cannot be defended ought to be condemned. It is not within the power of the sanhedrim, or the synod, or the ecumenial council, to convert bad morals into good religion.—M. M. Trumbull.

Do not allow a difference in rate to deter you from selecting what you consider the best medium. Remember that frequently the most expensive space is the cheapest. How many dollars worth of goods you sell in proportion to the cost of your ad, and not how much does your ad cost per line, is what you must consider. If you must economize, do it on space—not on medium. Small space in a reliable paper is better than large space in an inferior one.—Shoe and Leather Journal.

John Morley says the truth: "One reason why so many persons are really shocked and pained by the avowal of heretical opinion is the very fact that such avowal is uncommon. If unbelievers and doubters were more courageous, believers would be less timorous. It is because they live in an enervating fool's paradise of seeming assent and conformity, that the breath of an honest and outspoken word strikes so eager and nipping on their sensibilities." The time is pretty sure to come to all when they must speak out what is in them or play the hypocrite. Who can doubt which is the manly part?—J. M. Wheeler.

Sunday laws are tyrannical; they take away the individual right of judgment in the matter of sacred days and compel the citizen to observe Sunday as a sacred day regardless of his belief or interests. The ridiculous character of our Sunday laws was seen in a ruling of the Supreme Court recently, which allows cigars to be sold by a druggist on Sunday because they are a drug, but they are not to be sold at other places. Now as Sunday laws are declared to be made in the interests of humanity, and to preserve the sacred character of the day, the query is, how is humanity served, or the day kept sacred, by having cigars bought at a drug store and smoked as a drug, rather than bought at some other place as a commodity, and smoked as a commodity?—Geo. B Wheeler.

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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. 27269, 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 17953, 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, A. 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 Silverton Boy.

TAKE NOTICE That I, E. Rammelmeyer, free miner's certificate No. B 38856, acting as agent for Mary E. Rammelmeyer, free miner's certificate No. B 38859, 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.

STORMONT 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. 57832, and Charles W. Greenlee, F. M. C. No. 38900, 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 7th 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 3½ 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. 34958, 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.

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 April, A. D. 1900.
6-7 ALEX SPROAT.

SHOSHONE Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Adjoining the Chambers and Derby on the south Fork of Carpenter creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, W. S. Drewry, Free Miner's Certificate No. 19868 for myself, J. C. Bolander, Free Miner's Certificate No. 19831, and Charles McNicholl, Free Miner's Certificate No. 24365, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 10th day of May, A. D. 1900.
W. S. DREWRY

DETROIT Mineral Claim.
CURRANT Mineral Claim.
THISTLE Mineral Claim.
MARY S. FRACTIONAL, Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Howson Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, agent for George W. Hughes, Free Miner's certificate No. 49855, and The Scottish Colonial Gold Fields Ltd., Free Miner's Certificate No. 18826, 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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LOCATIONS.

July 5—Head Light, Glacier ck, G T Eves.
Northern Light, same, L D Walford, H R Hewer.
6—Wonderful, Trout ck, L A Thurston.
Balmoral, Carpenter ck, N Macdonald.
Star Spangled Banner, same, J J Grant.
Belmont, Payne Mountain, J M Donnelly.
9—June Flower, Eight Mile, F F Liebscher, J C Butler.
Grace, Four Mile, F F Liebscher, D Salk.
10—Sunlight, near Dawn Centre, J Esterbrook.
13—Lincoln, Carpenter ck, A C Van Moerkerke.
Expert, Carpenter ck, H Giesgerich.
16—Troy, Four Mile, M Manley.
St Helena, Four Mile, L M Knowles.
Nellie Fr, near Dolly Varden, H Niven.
17—Jennie C, on Queen Bess, T Gordon.

ASSESSMENTS.

July 5—Cuba, Sarah Jane, 5—Aurora, Minnehaha, Black Grouse, Champion, International, Excelsior, Fourth of July, C J, Gertrude, 6—Sampson, I X L Fr, Wonderful Fr, Revelstoke, Sylvanite, Hartney, Minnehaha, Jennie, Evening, Violet, Violet Fr, K P, Nob Hill, Crystal Gem, Trio Fraction, 7—Little Joan, Freddy Lee Fr, Ruby, Little Daisy, Golden, Elton Fr, Dalkeith, 9—Satisfaction, Lone Star No 2, Sandlow, Shareholder, 10—Mazeppa, Denmark No 2, 11—Keywest, Bell Fr, Rio Fr, Concession, Gypsy Queen, Minnie Clark, Admiral, 12—Bonnie Jean, Highlander, Perseverance, Ruby, Ruby Fr, May, Riesdale, Corning, 13—Bell Smith No 2 Fr, Morning Sun, Shogo, Shamrock Bells, Old Tom Moore, Ida, Maria, 14—Furness, 16—Boulder, I X L, Snowbird, 17—St Lawrence, Arden.

TRANSFERS.

July 6—Nob Hill, ⅔, M L Nicholson to W G Grady, May 14
9—Big Timber, ¼, A J Hayward to M R W Rathborne, May 30.
10—Action against Dolly Varden, Ensign, Archie, Black Fox dismissed, March 5.
11—Big Timber, ¼, W B Steele to F Steele, June 21.
Silver Leaf, ¼, A Erskine to E C Britton, May 31
Pinto and Ideal Fr, ¼ each, C S Rashdall to T Avison, H Clever, G H Crawford, H Sheran, July 11.
17—Sunrise, bond, M Kirlin and A Waddell to E M Sandilands, June 21.

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENTS.

July 13—Anchor, Bessie, Number One, Number Two, Black Colt.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

June 25—Liverpool, 2nd n f Lemon, J Nathan.
27—Independence, Ten Mile, Wm Brasch.
Blowing, 1st n f Lemon, N McDonald.
Arctic, same, R McDonald.
28—Morning Star, same, E B Dunlop.
Woodstock, same, A Wentzel.
June Bug, same, same.
30—Bend Or, Ten Mile, C Nicholson.
July 3—Manilla fr, n f Lemon, John Bulko.
Eh fr, Twelve Mile, C W Harrington.
Champion, same, W E Lees.
Chance, between Ten and Twelve Mile, J Winter.
4—Alberta, Cameronian ck, W Kerr.
Lost Treasure, 1st n f Lemon, N McKian.
Stormcloud, Twelve Mile, R Kurtzhals.
Dominion, same, A Wentzel.
Don, 2nd n f Lemon, W B George.
6—K S, Springer ck, M Domineo.
Silver Dollar, same, E Jack.
Mazie A, same, R W Malloy.
Pontiac, Ten Mile, J Aylwin.
Emerald, same, G Aylwin.
No 20, 1st s f Lemon, J Horrie
No 21, same, same.
7—Sapphire, Twelve Mile, W E Lee.
White Cloud, Ten Mile, D Kennedy.
Minnie, same, D D McPherson.
Gamebridge, same, D G McQuaig and D C Gilchrist.
Bird, Springer ck, D Gilchrist.
M T, Lemon ck, M Radcliff.

ASSESSMENTS.

June 25—Carnduff, Argo, 26—C P R, Blue Jay, Silver Tip, White Rose, Brooklyn, 27—Cameronian, Truro, Tin Plate, Gladstone two years, Pacific two years, Biwabik, 28—Victoria, Allendale, Alma, Bell two years, American Eagle two years, Republic two years, 29—Independence, Venture, 30—Gertie R fraction, July 3—Silver Bell, Get There Eli, V & M, Black Cloud, Truro, Fourth July No 6, Jennie Long, Bessie, Vancouver, 4—Dewdney, Golden Wedge, Free Gold, Governor Ahrgld, Lexington, For Sale, 5—Empress fr, Summit fr, Eda fr, Mineral Mountain, Charleston two years, Smuggler, Sligo, 6—Elk, Homestead, Little Giant two years, Victor, 7—Lucky Boy, Alberta, Killarney, Great Britain fraction.

TRANSFERS.

June 26—Bison, W McGregor to A Rothermel.
30—Gertie R ½, P Lindquist to W C Adams.
July 3—Aberdeen ½, W E Boie to J Cadden.
5—Ethel K and Hampton ¼ each, A A Webb to N F McNaught.
6—Portland, R Sloan to J F Collom.
Morning Star ½, Evening Star 1-6, T Mulvey to J C Shook, $200.
7—Little Giant ½, L K Larsen to J Radcliff.

WHO THOUGHT CHINA UNCIVILIZED?

At a chamber of commerce meeting in New York lately, William Barclay Parsons repeated an incident of his recent experience in China, at which his listeners laughed long. He thus describes it:

"Sir Thomas Jackson spoke about the need of teaching the Chinese to build railroads. I found that they need no teaching on this subject. A magistrate who was detailed to go everywhere with me, to see that I had every opportunity to conduct my business, was very anxious to know about railroads. He probably had never seen one in his life. One day he asked me where the station would be located in his capital town. I looked at him awhile, anxious to know if he understood what he was talking about. He would like very much to know. I told him that little matter would not be of the slightest importance. But he said he had an earnest desire to find that out, and he should like to have the knowledge for himself alone. I told him I did not know.

"He expressed deep sorrow, and told me that it would help me also. I enquired how. 'Why,' he said, 'I, like the other magistrates, can fix the price of land. I thought that all the business of the town would center about your railroad station, and that property there would become valuable. You and I can buy the land at our own price, and after having the station built in the center of it we could sell it back to the people we bought it from, charging our own prices.'"

Evidently human nature is not essentially different in China to what it is in the United States.—New Earth.

AN ADVENTURE.

Three smart young men and three nice girls,
All lovers true as steel,
Decided, in a friendly way,
To spend the day a-wheel.
They started in the early morn
And nothing seemed amiss,
And when they reached the leafy lanes
They in twos like this!

They wandered by the verdant dale,
Beside the rippling rill;
The sun shone brightly all the while,
They heard the song-bird's trill.
They sped through many a woodland glade,
And when they rested in the shade
They sat in twos like this!

The sun went down and evening came,
A lot too soon, they said;
Too long they tarried on they way,
The clouds grew black o'erhead.
Down dashed the rain; they homeward flew
Till one unlucky miss
Slipped sidewise—Crash! Great Scott!
We all mixed up like this!

PRINTER'S INK SMEARINGS.

Sense in your ads will bring dollars.

An advertisement does not improve with age.

Advertising will not injure the finest fabric.

Ads, like bread, are easily spoiled in the making.

An ad should be the concentrated essense of sense.

It is more important to watch your ads than your clerk.

If you have anything to tell the public, do it in a telling manner.

Make your ad so pointed that it will pierce through the eye into the mind.

You must have 'interest' in your advertising if you want to make 'capital' out of it.

It is our duty to make ourselves acquainted, so far as we can, with the universe around us, and every part of it: to know what is known of sun, moon, star, planet, comet and nebula; of beast, bird and fish, tree, herb and fungus; of human origins and human life; of institutions and laws, the right and wrong of them. It is our duty to search and probe into all these things; taking nothing for granted, accepting nothing on authority, testing all we are told by teacher or preacher, by priest or savant, by moralist or schoolmaster.—Grant Allen.

A bill providing for compulsory insurance against accident and illness was submitted by the Swiss Parliament to a referendum vote of the people on May 20th. The vote resulted in 320,000 against and 150,000 in favor. According to the bill the Government was to pay a portion, the employer another, and the worker the remainder of the amount of the premium. Although the bill was defeated by a large majority, the discussion of the question was of great educational value to the electorate, and the public will soon be educated to the necessity of compulsory insurance. The Swiss people voted three times before they decided to buy the railroads. In Switzerland the people rule. In Canada the corporations rule.

LIFTERS AND LEANERS.

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean,
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.

And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?

Or are you a leaner who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

An English journal recently wondered whether the pronunciation of some of the ignorant classes or of some of the cultivated classes is the worse. For instance, the groom says: "Arry, 'old my 'oss." But the curate says: "He that hath yaws to yaw, let him yaw." And the doctor's wife says: "Yawge, please go to Awthah and awdah the hawse, and don't forget to look at the fiah." And the vicar says: "If owah gracious sovering lady wur-ah to die!"

The Blessings of Monarchy.

The unconscious humor of the Irishman still lives. Lately a friend of mine was sitting in Phœnix Park, when to him appeared a ragged old chap, most gloriously intoxicated.

"God save the Queen, sor!" said he to my friend.

"Certainly," was the reply.

"God save Queen Victoria!" reiterated the old fellow.

"By all means. Send her victorious, happy and glorious!"

"That's right, sor! I wish she came to Dublin every year, every month, every day, sor! Think of what she's done for the counthry; think of all the good she does to people. Why, look at me; here am I as drunk as hell, and never paid a penny for it."

What does it benefit a man if he is on the right road, but headed the wrong way?

Silence is not golden in business. Talk, and talk loudly and often, if you want to make trade.

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JOHN GHOLDITCH & CO., Nelson, Importers, Wholesale Grocers and Provision Merchants.

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M. L. GRIMMETT, L. L. B., Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Public. Sandon, B. C. Branch Office at New Denver every Saturday.

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SEVERAL THOUSAND old newspapers, at THE LEDGE.

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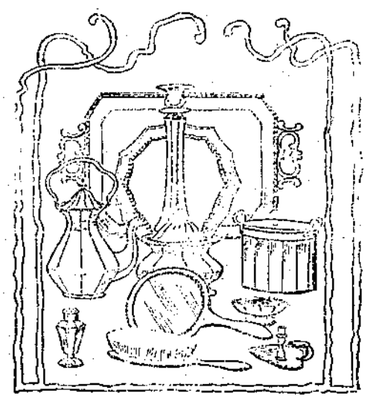

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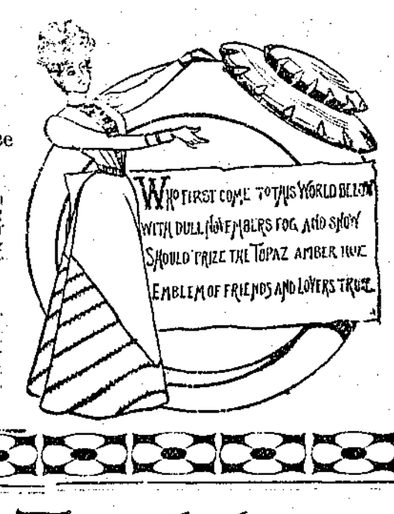

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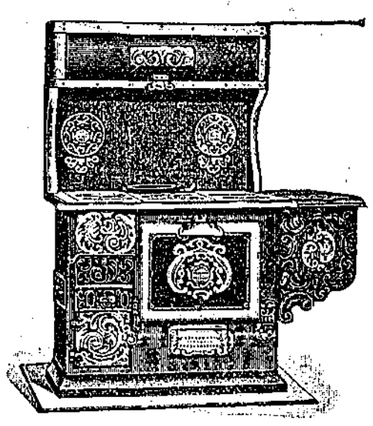

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