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SLOGAN NEWS

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

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

C. F. Nelson is spending a few days in Rossland.

The lake is rising rapidly these days, and will soon be at its highest point

R. B. Kerr has sold his buildings in New Denver to J. H. Moran and C. W. Greenlee.

Men seeking work need not go to Sandon. There are too many idle men there now.

The dance given last week by the Foresters was very successful, socially and financially.

Thomas Lloyd is building a house on Eighth street. Tom intends visiting England this year.

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

R. H. Trueman had his tent burned in Sandon, but feels certain that he will get one here by July.

The Sandon Amateur Dramatic Company will play 'A Bitter Atonement' in Bosun Hall this evening.

There are more fatalities in the Slocan some days than there are in the army operating in South Africa.

All losers in the Sandon fire can have THE LEDGE free for six months. Send in your names. Do not be bashful

There is a clock in Brussels which has never been wound up by human hands. It is kept going by the wind.

In Paris last year among the articles left in cabs were 8,000 umbrellas, 500 corsets and about 100 funeral wreaths.

David King has gone to Cape Nome in search of a fortune. If he finds it he should hire somebody to keep it for him.

There is room in New Denver for several different lines of business. Dead people, or those with cent souls are not wanted.

Geo. D. Brymner, manager of the Bank of Montreal, New Westminster, accompanied by his wife, was in town on Sunday

Love of the old homestead has been the sheet anchor which has saved thousands of boys and girls when tempted to wander

A trainload of 75 New Denverites went to Sandon Sunday to view the ruins and express sympathy with the fire sufferers.

J. M. Harris heard of the Sandon fire when in Pittsburg. He telegraphed $500 to the relief committee and started west immediately.

Bruce White has bonded the Elk and Monarch mineral claims from Michael Keeley and M. C. Monahan. The consideration being $10,000

Another tunnel was started on the Bosun this week. Manager Sandiford is well pleased with the steady progress the property is making.

Another payment on the Hartney bond was made last week. The property is developing into a mine of magnificent proportions.

One of Hewer & Croft's teams took fright in the bush Tuesday and ran away, badly wrecking the wagon and painfully injuring Mr. Croft.

Twenty-five of the workmen at the Idaho came down Tuesday to attend the funeral of the unfortunate men killed in the snowslide Sunday.

The prime of life in a man of regular habits and sound constitution is from 30 to 55 yeaas of age; of a woman, from 24 or 25 to about 40 years of age.

"Dad" Black was exchanging compliments with his New Denver friends this week. Jim thinks New Denver has the finest townsite in the world.

New Denver might as well look up their fire apparatus. Fires seem to be epidemic and the Lucerne might as well get vaccinated as much as possible.

A letter addressed to Mrs. R. T. Lowery arrived at this office last week. If the lady is in the country she can have the missive by calling or writing for it.

The effort to distranchise several hundred voters in this and Nelson riding resulted in a hopeless fizzle when the matter came up in the court of revision.

Just now a few pushers would make New Denver a humming camp. Too many of the present citizens cannot wake up when an opportunity raps at their door.

Sandonites are averse to leaving their town even for a few days, and are worrying along as best they can in tents and rude shacks until better buildings are erected.

John Williams is opening an ice cream parlor in connection with his present business. Hazlewood and other creams will now be obtainable by all moneyed customers.

With new faces of type and a fresh stock of stationery THE LEDGE is now producing the best job work this side of the Red river. Send your orders by mail or any way that is the most convenient.

Once or twice a week at most is quite often enough for a hot bath, and then a cold sponge down after it is always desirable, for it is clear cold water which brings the ruddy glow of health to the skin.

Three men are at work on the Royal Fivegroup, adjoining the Mollie Hughes, driving a cross-cut to tap the ledge exposed on the surface. Ore is encountered at intervals in the cross-cut, and the showing is very good.

"A Bitter Atonement" will be reproduced in Bosun Hall to-night by the company that played it at Sandon. Every fire extinguisher in town should be refilled and placed in a handy place ready for immediate use.

The people in Sandon are nervy. In spite of the danger from fire, flood and slides many of them will stay with that city until the last miner drops his drill, and the last dollar bids it adieu. Thus is the love of money strikingly illustrated.

New Denver raised $564 for the losers at Sandon. Considering the size of the town this is the largest contribution yet made. The credit of collecting the funds is mainly due to that energetic and public-spirited young man, Cashier Gibbs, of the Bank of Montreal.

At the last election Jim Poupore, the philosopher of Nakusp, brought 28 voters to the polls on his tug boat. Then 27 of them voted the opposite way Jim wanted them to, and the other man got so drunk that he could not vote. Jim will not go out in a boat at the coming election.

The California.

A. J. Marks arrived in New Denver on Monday with a force of men for the California. Supplies are being packed to that property and work will be vigorously prosecuted. The long crosscut tunnel through the Clipper ground to tap the California ledge will be completed; also the raise on the upper workings. When the crosscut is finished it will give 1,200 feet of stoping ground.

Miners, Attention!

Drilling contest, one down hole, for a purse of $150, at Kaslo, on May 24th. Entries close May 17th. For particulars address W. J. Davenport, Secretary celebration committee

Hale, the professional cyclist, who is engaged in an attempt to ride a hundred miles a day for twelve months, has now completed over 15,000 miles of his self-imposed task.

Story books, bound in cloth, suitable for birthday presents, a splendid line just received at Nelson's Book and Drug Store

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

In the Klondike eggs are now selling at $120 a case and beef at $1.50 a pound.

The state of Washington furnished over 500,000 tons of coal to California last year.

Last year 4,700,000 cubic yards of material was dredged out of the Duluth Superior harbor.

In New York city 150 retail druggists have formed an association to compete with departmental stores

Thirty-six foreign vessels, having an aggregate tonnage of 57,556, met with disaster in American waters last year.

A bill is before the New York senate which provides for shorter hours for firemen in New York cities of the first class.

Massachusetts has 116 street railway companies, controlling 1,492 miles. Last year the increase in mileage in the state was 35.

Eastern electric light plants this summer will be used in the manufacture of ice during the months when lights are little needed.

During the third week in January 18 English and Irish railways carned 2¼ per cent. more than during the same period in 1899, and three Scotch companies increased their earnings 2 per cent.

The fishing industry of North Corolina yields an annual product worth over $1,000,000 at no cost to the state, as the fish commission pays its own expenses and turns from $8,000 to $10,000 into the state treasury every year.

The United States leads all countries in the amount of mileage of telephone wires. Sweden heads the list in the number of telephones, having 113 to each 10,000 of its population, while the United States has 107 to each 10,000.

A train on a Pennsylvania road recently consisted of thirty-three steel cars of 100,000 pounds capacity and thirty-seven 80,000-pound capacity wooden cars, each loaded to the full with anthracite coal, the total weight being 4,567 net tons.

At Denver a demand for higher wages from nearly all lines of workmanship has been granted peaceably. In the building trades especially the demand for labor is so urgent that advances were granted readily and the cost of houses raised proportionately.

Shipping Concentrates.

The St. Eugene is again a shipper. However this time it is not the crude ore which is being sent to the smelter, but concentrates, the product of the new mill. During the past week ten carloads or 230 tons were shipped to the smelter at Great Falls, Mont.

Beginning May first the mill will be kept running both day and night. By so during, in every 24 hours 250 tons of ore will be crushed, making between 50 and 60 tons of concentrates. G. A. King has decided to remain with the company and has been given charge of the mill

Manager Cronin complains of a scarcity of machine miners in the camp, and says that there are several positions open to good men.—Moyie Leader.

Conservative Leader.

Chas Wilson, Q. C., is an interesting person. Born in London, England, he came out in '62 to British Columbia, while quite a youngster, and in '63 joined the rush to Cariboo. In '66 and '67 he was in the Big Bend placer mining and washed gold on French, McCullough and Smith Creeks. He trapped all one winter on Canoe river. He was very successful as a trapper, though when he started in neither he nor his partner knew how to construct a trap and did not even know what a marten looked like After the Big Bend stampede petered out he went back to Cariboo and was for a year editor of the Cariboo Sentinel, a small weekly newspaper published at Barkerville, at the rate of "four bits" a copy.

Thomas Bros.' pack train is in operation between Fire Valley and Wauchope Plenty of pack and saddle horses meet all boats.

L. C. Morrison's hotel is open for business at Fire Valley.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

Miners are none too plentiful in the Slocan.

Frank Wood has sold his tenth interest in the Last Chance to Dr. Hendryx for $100,000.

A small shipment of ore for sampling purposes is being shipped from the Galena mines.

Another payment was made on the Hartney last week, making 25 per cent. of the entire amount to be paid.

The first payment on the Hewett was made last week. The bonders are satisfied that the Hewett will make a mine.

Dynamite has dropped to $7.75 a case owing to a war between the old and new companies doing business in the Kootenay

The Tamarac group on Springer creek has been bonded to John A. Finch. Work will be vigorously prosecuted on the property.

Ore shipments are increasing rapidly at Slocan lake points, and the deckhands have that weary look which comes from an over-indulgence in hard labor.

POLITICS IN NELSON.

Trouble seems to be brewing in Nelson. The politicians are on the war path, armed with that deadly weapon so many suppose only women possess—that awful gift of the gab; not only this, but scouts inform us, they have arms of long range—arms that deal the Fitzsimmons' knock-out blows, and make men chew the dust. They have already broken into our public coffers and carried off a quantity of our franchise. The voters' list, on which much valuable time and money has lately been spent to get so nicely stuffed for the Paris Exposition, has been undermined, and only a few remnants remain to tell of great deeds.

The poor inhabitants of the city cannot tell just where they are at. They cannot put their peeper out of doors but they are grabbed by one of these blowhards, who are continually rubbernecking the streets, and marched off to prison or some other joint and there hemmed in and tortured, by having their ear drums beaten in, and gas and foul air blown into their craniums. The same fate is meted out to those who have a passport to the 400 and have their trousers turned up at the bottom as to the meanest individual who carries the white man's burden. It is rumored that they are already attempting to bull the voters' stock market, but no reliable information has been received of any great advance in price. This is not credited as the enemy is closely corralled but, to paraphrase the irreverant Sam Jones, a fly could sit on the bridge of their noses, spit in one eye and scratch out the other.

The Fatal Slide.

Two Italian miners were killed by a snowslide in the Alamo basin about 7 o'clock Sunday morning. They were Joseph Dovin and Louis Bagattin and came to the Slocan from Wilkeson, Wash. They had a contract on the Mary S, one of the Idaho group of claims. John Steel, who was at the Democrat, saw the slide and gave the alarm to the men at the Idaho. Tony Becker and 27 men dug all day to get the bodies out. One was found at 4:30 and the other at 8 p.m. near the mouth of the tunnel. Both men were buried in the New Denver cemetery.

A Mystery.

There seems to be a mystery in New Denver's record office. The door in the room before the vault is kept closed and typewriter sounds emanate therefrom. Can it be possible that Mac has a pretty typewriter girl concealed in that room, or has Arnold wandered back again in search of office room at the Government's expense. The public would like to know who is running this record office, McInnes or the mysterious individual in the back room?

The Sandon fire havoc in that city created no effect upon John Williams, of New Denver. He is still in the old stand dealing out fruit, candy and cigars to the appreciative and ever increasing multitude.

SWEPT CLEAN

Sandon Licked Up in a Few Hours by the Fire Fiend and the Old Town in Ashes.

"All things come to those who wait." Sandon people waited many moons for the fire that finally came. The fire fiend has been overworked with business lately at Hull and other places, but he found time last week to stop off a few hours in Sandon and lick that burg to a ruined finale. The play came up this way. In the fore part of Thursday evening many of the citizens witnessed a local amateur company play 'A Bitter Atonement' in Spencer's Opera House. After the play was over they dispersed to their homes without any trouble and the night progressed as far as 12:30 without further excitement other than the passing of a few dollars in the horse poker game at the Palace. Then the fire fiend through one of his many agents, probably the discarded stub of a cigar, opened up his game; in, around, close to, or under Spencer's Hall and for several hours there was a hot time in the silvery town. George Spencer had been in bed a few minutes when he noticed a bright glare through the window. The fire was so energetic that Spencer did not even have time to save the cash receipts of the evening's performance. Barefooted, with nothing but their lives and a scanty raiment, George and his wife escaped from the warm surroundings. Others, in adjoining buildings, had similar experiences. The firemen used their best efforts to control the flames, but the heat and the Cairo-like steed was against them, burning some of their hose and forcing them to retreat, while the heart of Sandon went up the flume like pancakes before a modern hobo. The burned space extended from the C.P.R. station to a short distance below the Comique, and for three hours with the wind blowing down the gulch it was like a blast from hell's upper stope. The scene was much the same as is always witnessed in mining camp fires. Live cinders filled the air, setting fire to the mountain sides. One lit upon the steeple of the Presbyterian church and that edifice was doomed. Then in a ruthless manner the fiend attacked Sunnyside, the Fifth avenue of the Silver city, and buried it in an ashy grave. The Reco Hotel and all the other fine buildings were wiped out. The C. P. R. depot was blown up and the fire did not consume Lane's stable or any buildings across the track. Down the gulch the raging element swept across the dead line and every maison de joie was cremated. The only buildings left standing between the extreme limits of the burned area are Atherton's brick warehouse, the red barn, formerly occupied by Hammond Bros., Hunter Bros' warehouse, electric power house, Folliott & McMillan's factory, and a few shacks. Liquor was free and many of the rounders took boozerine baths. The disaster is severe on John Buckley, J. M. Harris, H. H. Pitts, Ed Atherton, Bob Cunning, Eri Thompson, and many other pioneers of the camp. That all the losers have the sympathy of the public is easily shown by the ready manner in which aid has been rushed to the sufferers from many points in Kootenay, especially Kaslo, Silverton and New Denver. Some of the stores and saloons have already resumed business under canvas. An effort will be made to have Reco avenue widened before building operations will be commenced. Many of the prominent merchants will not rebuild unless this is done. The loss is estimated at half a million by many, but it is more likely that $300,000 is nearer the mark

The Paystreak figures out the losses as follows:

Harris & Kelly	$171,000
Atherton Co.	30,000
R Cunning	18,000
Eri Thompson	11,000
Thistle Hotel	10,000
Hunter Bros	25,000
John Battie	2,000
Main Bros	5,000
Helton & Johnson	3,000
Mrs. Funk	1,000
T. Brown	7,000
City	5,000
M. L. Grimmett	4,500
R. J. Broddy	3,500
H. H. Pitts	8,000
J. Williamson	2,500
Macdonald Bros	15,000
F. L. Christie	4,000
W. Walmsley	7,500
E. M. Sandilands	1,000
Bank of B. C.	3,000
F. Raby	1,500
McQueen	5,000
Kootenay Hotel	2,000
P. Burns & Co	7,000
Stein Bros	3,200
C. Pyphers	400
C. Cliffe	7,500
Geo. Knowles	1,500
Dr. Power	3,000
Day & Bigney	600
Music Hall	5,000
C. Gates	1,800
H. McGee	3,000
G. D. McMartin	3,500
Klondike Hotel	4,500
Melvin	1,500
N. O'Donnell	250
R. Cameron	75
J. Kelsen	2,500
L. Huppertin	600
Schmook & Burns	800
F. J. Donaldson	5,000
A. David	1,300
Armstrong Co	150
C. McLaughlin	300
W. J. Parham	1,000
Mrs. Egan	4,500
Misses McKinnon	785
M. Kelsen	600
John Buckley	9,000
A. Poirier	1,000
Clifton Cafe	2,000
Folliott & McMillan	1,000
W. Karr	750
W. Wilson	750
Mrs. McDougall	
Mrs. Ganty	
I. Crawford	500
Rev. Sanford	
Eli Taylor	2,000
W. W. Warner	1,000
M. Krakenburg	1,000
McQueen	
F. C. Sewell	2,500
Methodist Church	3,200
Presbyterian Church	3,500
W. W. Fallows	1,800
A. Crawford	1,800
J. Griffith	900
P. Dwyer	1,500
B. Creech	750
J. Gable	1,500

In addition to the above many others lost small amounts, the insurance is as follows:

T. Brown	$ 2,000
R. Cunning	2,000
M. L. Grimmett	1,000
H. H. Pitts	1,500
J. Williamson	900
Hunter Bros	10,000
Atherton Co	
Bank of B. C.	2,000
Kootenay Hotel	
Mrs. Egan	1,000
Eli Taylor	300
F. C. Sewell	750
Presbyterian Church	1,000
W. W. Fallows	1,000
J. Gable	
A Crawford	900

Several people met with slight accidents. Ted Eyton had his foot cut with broken glass and Joe Palmer had his right leg broken. Miles Rombough had just returned from the coast. He was very tired from the journey and just before he went to bed in the Clifton House he remarked that he would take a long sleep After the fire his remains were found in the ruins of the hotel. From the position of the body it was evident that he was suffocated while asleep. He was buried in the Sandon cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

SANDON FIRELETS.

The police are running the hoboes out of town.

Seven saloons in tents, and black jack on the street.

Ex-Speaker Forster will be in New Denver this week.

The protests against voters were dropped in Kaslo on Monday. Cliffe couldn't swear to anything.

Much indignation is felt at the way in which some of the relief is being distributed, especially women's clothing. The prostitutes have helped themselves liberally, one woman getting away with six jackets, while others have packed away bundles of stuff, and some timid people have received scarcely anything.

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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, MAY 10, 1900.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Whales are not fish. The same may be said of many kinds of suckers.

Sandon was hotter and livelier last Thursday night than at any previous time in its history.

In an editorial the Minneapolis Journal cries aloud for a square deal. The editor of that paper must have had a cold storage deck served to him recently.

Fires still run in threes. P. Burns & Co., the meat kings, have been touched by the fire fiend three times within a month. The firm still has prime roasts for sale.

The amateur drama comes high occasionally. A local company put on a play in Sandon last Thursday evening. Six hours later the city quit loser over $200,000. It was a Bitter Atonement.

On the coast the little brown Japs seem to be cutting most of the wood for the canneries. In a few years the Jap will probably be running for the legislature in this province. If our stock of Imperial reasons keep on increasing he may even reach Ottawa.

A parson in the east prayed for lightning to strike a brewery in his town, and the event recently occurred. Years ago a parson in New Denver prayed for rain, and it has rained more or less ever since. We have often prayed for our delinquent subscribers to dig up, and many have never dug. We wish this parson who knocked out the brewery would take them in hand. We would divide the results with him.

At a recent meeting in London of barons, dukes and other fellows Mark Twain rose up and said that he was going back to the States and run for the presidency because there were not enough of candidates in the field. The pot-bellied crowd roared and thought this remark was wonderfully—clevah, you know. If Mark has any sense of humor left he must have been muchly elated at the joke of springing such a joke and having it cabled across the briny. Great is the appreciation of the titled, especially when they are loaded with beer and plum pudding.

If the miners of the west would band together and work mines upon their own account there would be no occasion for strikes, and the howl for capital would be reduced to a stage whisper. But then they will not do it. Half of them would rather have a boss and hit the drill for eight long hours in order that they can keep the sheriff out of the gin mills. The miner is selfish. He wants to do all the work while the fat capitalist and others who live upon his labor are suffering for lack of exercise. This not right. Divide up the work and let the idlers fat change into sweat on their brows.

THE WHITE METAL.

Silver may never again sell at $1.00 per ounce, but the future of this democratic metal is certainly good.

The tremendous and rapid industrial and political changes just commencing in China, Japan and Asia generally will cause a great demand for silver. Gold, as currency, for use of the teeming millions of the Orient, is altogether out of the question. Asiatics reject paper money with suspicion, and love the big silver dollar or rupee

The following is an indication of the coming demand for silver.

China continues this year to take large quantities of silver, the shipments showing, thus far, a heavy advance over last year. The total silver shipments from London to the east for the two months ending February 28 are reported as follows:—

	1899.	1900.	Inc.
China	£302,330	£494,729	63.7
Brit. E. Indies	655,350	992,078	51.4
Total	£957,680	£1486,807	55.2

Some part of the increase in shipments to China is due to active trade, and a large part probably to expenditures by foreign nations for railroad and other work, the maintenance of troops and similar expenses. The papers have heretofore referred to the Russian expenditures, and the Germans are paying out a good deal of money also, on their mining and railroad concessions. China may be looked on as a good consumer for silver for a large part of the year, if not all through it. The large increase in shipments to India is due chiefly to the purchases of silver for coinage which were forced upon the Indian government by the heavy expenditures for famine relief. Whether any more purchases of this kind will be made depends very much upon the extent of the famine payments required. No purchases will be made if the government can avoid it.

This large eastern demand has tended to keep the price of silver steady this year, and it has shown only slight variations. At current prices, shipments to the east this year represent about 12,005,000 fine ounces of silver, of which over 80 per cent. came originally from the United States In addition to the London shipments, China took during the two months $1,458,482 in silver direct from San Francisco, making the total sent to the east about 14,455,000 fine ounces of silver.

PASSING NOTES OF INTEREST.

Molybdenite is of value in the East in the manufacture of steel. The pure concentrated mineral has a present market value in Pittsburg of $200 per ton.

Since July 1, '98, each placer mining location is considered as a separate claim in U. S. patent proceedings, upon which is required $500 in work or improvements.

A yard of pipe will hold about as many pounds of water as the square of its diameter in inches; thus a 4-inch pipe would hold about 16 pounds of water in each three feet of its length.

The specific gravity of pure iron is 7.844. Pure iron is rarely seen and is a chemical curiosity; it is white with a brilliant luster. Ordinary merchantable iron has a specific gravity of about 7.8.

Where the mean pressure on the piston of a steam engine is equal to eight tons, and the velocity of the piston is equal to 250 feet per minute, the theoretical horse power of that engine is 121.21.

It is a theory of some metallographists that solid metals evaporate from their surface, as camphor evaporates, while remaining solid, so that were one endowed with a finer sense of smell he could smell metal at a distance.

The late Dr. Martineau insured his life for £1,000 as far back as the year 1828: It is not often that a life policy remains in force for seventy-two years. The total amount payable under the policy with the bonus additions was £4,331.

In parts of South America, where mahogany is used for railroad ties and other ordinary uses, the native business men are said to prize the cheap hemlock and pine boards which are sent in the form of boxes and crates from this country.

A paper bicycle has now invaded the field. Paper fibre, similar to that sometimes used in the manufacture of railway carriage wheels, is employed for tubing, and is as strong as any in use. A factory is said to be contemplated for the production of bicycles of this sort.

"It's no use," exclaimed Willie Wishington, "I never can learn to say the right thing at the right time. I told Miss Slimmins that her eyes shone on me like stars above." "That's old, but pretty," answered Miss Cayenne. "Yes. But she is one of those remarkably tall girls who resent any reference to their height."

It is always a risky thing to base a general conclusion on a particular instance. A man was bitten by a rattle snake down south, drank a bottle of brandy and came through all right. Next day a man in Boston won a bet of $5 by drinking a quart of whiskey in two minutes He died. In one case the liquor saved a life and in the other destroyed one.

A correspondent, writing from the mountains of Virginia, where he has been prospecting and mining during the winter months, thus describes mining conditions in his vicinity: "If any one ever says mining in Virginia to me again, after I get out of this cussed hole, I will brain him on the spot! Mud and rain, and fog, and Ariosa coffee, and sow belly, and soda biscuit, and rotten apple brandy, and the most infernal liars on earth."

All water acts on copper. "Hard" water takes up little lead from lead pipes: "soft" water and carbonated water dissolves out considerable quantities.

"And that is silver ore, is it?" said an old lady, as she examined a curious looking bit of mineral.

"Yes," said her husband.

"And how do they get the silver out?"

"They smelt it."

"Well, that's queer," she said, applying her nose to the ore. "I smelt it, too, but I didn't get any silver."

Over 600,000 pounds of tea is consumed in England daily.

THE SEARCH FOR GOLD.

Under the arch of the curving sky
The silent Siwash sits alone;
Close by the trail of the pes'-la-ki,*
Hearing the low winds wail and moan,
Wagging his head and wondering why
The white man comes in a steaming ship
To search for gold at the rainbow's tip.

"For what is gold but a broken stone,
A part of this worthless waste of hills?"
The Siwash questions. The sad winds moan,
But make no answer. The long night stills
The thrush, and curtains the Klondike sky:
And still they come, ship after ship,
To search for gold at the rainbow's tip.
—Cy Warman, in Canadian Magazine.

*Prospector

Milk intended for feeding babies should be boiled for one-half hour immediately after it is received. It should then be placed in a clean and closed vessel and allowed to thoroughly cool before use.

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DAYS IN OLD CHEYENNE.

A rushing, restless human tide from
every state in these domains,
Drawn by the ever-magic power of gold
across the spreading plains,
Eyes set in every face aglow with fond
anticipation's light,
The great Black Hills the only theme of
conversation day and night,
Rough-shirted men in canvas garb, men
dressed in finest of attire,
Men seeking victims for their games,
men hot with speculative fire,
The man of leisure, man of wealth, the
pauper, and the mining man
Touched elbows in the gold-mad throng
in early days in old Cheyenne.

The bullwhips popped as pop the guns
in battle on the busy street,
The toiling oxen lolled their tongues
and panted from the summer heat,
The dusty drivers swung the lash and
swore as "whackers" only swear,
The jolting wagons lent their noise to
swell the tumult in the air.
The reckless riders of the range, in
leather chaps and wealth of hat,
Upon the backs of bucking bronks at
ease within the saddle sat,
And rough, unshaven faces browned by
Rocky mountain weather tan
Predominated in the crowds upon the
streets of old Cheyenne.

The breath of liquor vile as sin cast
poison on the western air,
The glasses clinked in sun-browned
hands in many an alcoholic air,
Unceasing clicked the faro chips and
danced the ball upon the wheel,
Untuned pianos beat the time for those
who tripped the toe and heel.
Hand-painted creatures of the sex their
reckless, wasted lives disgraced,
Danced in the arms of drunken men, their
forms in shameful garb encased,
And bold licentiousness as tide of hell-
inspired fever ran,
In that mad revelry of sin in early days
in old Cheyenne.

Those scenes are but a memory now in
that fair city of the plains;
Morality stepped in and from outlawry
snatched the guiding reins;
Determined men and ready ropes from
her escutcheon wiped disgrace
And wrote the telling word "Reform"
in golden letters in its place.
A hint of those exciting days is seldom
heard, excepting when
The few surviving pioneers, brave,
sturdy old gray-headed men,
Meet in reunion as a gay and jolly reminiscent clan,
And in their yearnings resurrect those
early days in old Cheyenne.

—Denver Post.

"A MESSAGE TO GARCIA."

A Sermon for the Times—Why so Many Men Are Failures.

In the Philistine Magazine for March, 1899, appeared an article, "A Message to Garcia," by Elbert Hubbard, which contains so many chunks of hard, solid fact that it has been widely copied, and has now been issued in pamphlet form in an edition of 100,000 copies. This article, which we reproduce below in its entirety, is well worth reading.

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at Perihelion. When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba—no one knew where. No mail nor telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

What to do!

Some one said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan who will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail.

The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he at?" By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college of the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae, which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies: do the thing—"Carry a message to Garcia."

General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias.

No man, who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man—the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it. Slip-shod assistance, foolish inattention, dowdy indifference, and half-hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle and sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant. You, reader, put this matter to a test: You are sitting now in your office—six clerks are within call. Summon any one and make this request: "Please look in the encyclopedia and make a brief memorandum for me concerning the life of Correggio."

Will the clerk quietly say, "Yes, sir," and go do the task?

On your life, he will not. He will look at you out of a fishy eye and ask one or more of the following questions:

Who was he?
Which encyclopedia?
Where is the encyclopedia?
Was I hired for that?
Don't you mean Bismarck?
What's the matter with Charlie doing it?
Is he dead?
Is there any hurry?
Shan't I bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?
What do you want to know for?

And I will lay you ten to one that after you have answered the questions, and explained how to find the information, and why you want it, the clerk will go off and get one of the other clerks to help him try to find Garcia—and then come back and tell you there is no such man. Of course I may lose my bet, but according to the Law of Average, I will not.

Now, if you are wise you will not bother to explain to your "assistant" that Correggio is indexed under the C's, not in the K's, but you will smile sweetly and say, "Never mind," and go look it up yourself.

And this incapacity for independent action, this moral stupidity, this infirmity, of the will, this unwillingness to cheerfully catch hold and lift, are the things that put pure Socialism so far into the future. If men will not act for themselves, what will they do when the benefit of their effort is for all? A first-mate with knotted club seems necessary; and the dread of getting "the bounce" Saturday night, holds many a worker to his place.

Advertise for a stenographer, and nine out of ten who apply can neither spell or punctuate—and do not think it necessary to

Can such a one write a letter to Garcia?

"You see that book-keeper," said the foreman to me in a large factory.

"Yes; what about him?"

"Well, he's a fine accountant, but if I'd send him up town on an errand, he might accomplish the errand all right, and, on the other hand, might stop at four saloons on the way, and when he got to Main street, would forget what he had been sent for."

Can such a man be trusted to carry a message to Garcia?

We have recently been hearing much maul in sympathy expressed for the "down-trodden denizen of the sweat-shop" and the "homeless wanderer searching for honest employment," and with it all often goes many hard words for the men in power.

Nothing is said about the employer who grows old before his time in a vain attempt to get frowsy ne'er-do-wells to do intelligent work; and his long, patient striving with "help" that does nothing but loaf when his back is turned. In every store and factory there is a constant weeding-out process going on. The employer is constantly sending away "help" that have shown their incapacity to further the interests of the business, and others are being taken on. No matter how good times are, this sorting continues, only if times are hard and work is scarce, the sorting is done finer—but out and forever out, the incompetent and unworthy go. It is the survival of the fittest. Self-interest prompts every employer to keep the best—those who can carry a message to Garcia.

I know one man of really brilliant parts who has not the ability to manage a business of his own, and yet who is absolutely worthless to any one else, because he carries with him constantly the insane suspicion that his employer is oppressing, or intending to oppress him. He cannot give orders; and he will not receive them. Should a message be given him to take to Garcia, his answer would probably be, "Take it yourself."

To-night this man walks the streets looking for work, the wind whistling through his thread-bare coat. No one who knows him dare employ him, for he is a regular firebrand of discontent. He is impervious to reason, and the only thing that can impress him is the toe of a thick-soled No. 9 boot.

Of course I know that one so morally deformed is no less to be pitied than a physical cripple: but in our pitying, let us drop a tear, too, for the men who are striving to carry on a great enterprise, whose working hours are not limited by the whistle, and whose hair is fast turning white through the struggle to hold in line dowdy indifference, slip-shod imbecility, and the heartless ingratitude, which, but for their enterprise, would be both hungry and homeless.

Have I put the matter too strongly? Possibly I have; but when all the world has gone a slumming I wish to speak a word of sympathy for the man who succeeds—the man who, against great odds, has directed the efforts of others, and having succeeded, finds there's nothing in it: nothing but bare board and clothes.

I have carried a dinner pail and worked for day's wages, and I have also been an employer of labor, and I know there is something to be said on both sides. There is no excellence, per se, in poverty; rags are no recommendation; and all employers are not rapacious and high-handed, any more than all poor men are virtuous.

My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "boss" is away, as well as when he is at home. And the man who, when given a letter for Garcia, quietly takes the missive, without asking any idiotic questions, and with no lurking intention of chucking it into the nearest sewer, or of doing aught else but deliver it, never gets "laid off," nor has to go on strike for higher wages. Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village—in every office, shop, store and factory.

The world cries out for such; he is needed and needed badly—the man who can carry a message to Garcia.

SCIENCE AND MINING.

A saturated solution of salt boils at 226 degrees F., under ordinary atmospheric pressure.

There is no state tax on the issue of certificates of stock of California stock corporations.

The gas consumed in one 16 C.P. gas jet, if consumed in a gas engine, would produce three 16 C. P. incandescent electric lights.

Tin plate is a sheet of iron or steel coated with an alloy of tin and lead, in proportion of about 20 to 80, respectively. Terne plates are usually for roofing.

Tests of mining ladders show that the weak ladder is the very dry one; the most dangerous ladder is the damp one; the strongest ladder the new one put together with cut nails.

Quicksilver has sold for $1.55 per pound in California in '75; in '79 it sold for 33 cents per pound in California. At present it is sold per flask at the rate of 67½ cents per pound.

As in California, gold is found in slate in North Carolina. The same general origin is ascribed to the gold formation in both cases—the ascension of mineral-bearing waters from solfataric depths.

Hydraulic miners have a theory, more or less borne out by experience, that when a gold-bearing stream forks into two or more branches the source of the gold is more often found in the right hand branch.

The latent heat of fusion of gold is 16.3 calories. In the case of most metals the latent heat of fusion is about one-third the heat required to raise the metal from absolute zero—273 degrees C.—to its melting point.

The 5-cent coin in use contains 25 per cent. nickel, 75 per cent. copper. Nickel, more than any other metal, has the property of giving color to an alloy. Even an alloy of 90 per cent. copper and 10 per cent. nickel will have the peculiar nickel tint.

The carat, the unit of weight for precious stones, carbons, etc., is 3.2 grains, varying slightly according to different localities and authorities. The international carat is 3.168 grains, or 205 milligrams. Francisco de Mello, Rua Cons, Dantes, Bahia, Brazil, deals in carbons.

The term "apex" does not mean a point, when used in connection with mining lodes. It means the top of the ledge or lode, the point which comes nearest to the surface of the ground. The part from foot wall to hanging wall at the top of the lode nearest the surface is the apex.

The water storage required to produce 1 H.P. for one hour, with an available head of 10 feet, would be represented by the capacity of a tank 20 feet square and 10 feet deep; at a head of 140 feet the storage tank would still be required to be 10 feet square and about 3 feet deep.

Glycerine used by powder manufacturers now commands 13 cents a pound. At ruling rates for the manufactured product that means an average profit to the powder manufacturer of about 25 cents per case. Glycerine at 10 cents—the former price—would admit of a profit of about 50 cents per case.

After issuance of a United States patent to a placer claim lode thereon goes with the patent and can not be made the subject of any adverse action. If the lode be discovered within the limits of the placer location before issuance of such patent it may be located, and so far as it is concerned the placer location would have to yield to it.

Owners of valid mining locations made and held in good faith under the mining laws of the United States and the regulations thereunder, are authorized and permitted to fell and remove from such mining claims any timber growing thereon, for actual mining purposes in connection with the particular claim from which the timber is felled or removed.

Platinum has never been found in place in California, but is not uncommon in northern California in both recent and older gravels, and in eroded channels in the serpentine in connection with gold, from 1-10 to ½ of 1 per cent. of the weight of gold, though in the case of black sand containing gold the platinum percentage is often much higher.

Ordinarily a quartz vein of gold ore is a body of quartz occupying the entire width of the fissure from wall to wall, the ore body being either of relatively narrow extent in the center, or distributed in still narrower stringers through the quartz. In such veins "ore shoots" may be considered as long and more or less continuous patches or bodies of ore descending and following the downward dip of the vein, these often separated from one another by comparatively barren intervals, but all with a uniform direction of dip. These ore shoots vary from a few feet to 1000.

Whoever takes a cheque upon a bank in his own town should present it for payment on the day he receives it or on the next day. During these two days the drawer of the cheque guarantees the solvency of the bank upon which it is drawn; but after that the risk must be borne by the cheque holder. This is the rule enforced by the courts of all the states.

There are but two government institutions authorized to receive ores for assay, one at Deadwood, S. D., and the United Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. It is not the policy of the government to enter into competition with private assayers, therefore the charges at those government institutions are fixed at $3 for gold and silver; other metals the same.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Lakeview, Lakeview Fraction Alpha, and Kopje Fraction Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About one and one-half miles south of New Denver.

TAKE NOTICE That I, W. S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Northwest Mining Syndicate, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 13902, 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 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 3d day of May, 1900.

W. S. DREWRY.

Dolly Varden and Ensign Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: At the head of Wilson creek and North Fork of Carpenter.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Chas. Moore, of Kaslo, acting as agent for J. M. Martin, F. M. C. 34,301 A, Alfred Robinson, F. M. C. 13,748 B, A. W. Wright, and C. J. Arnold, F. M. C. No. 13,379 A, 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 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 25th day of April, 1900.

3-5 CHAS. MOORE, P. L. S.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Auction will be held on the Central Hotel premises, New Denver, B. C., on

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we, Walter A. Smith and Alexander Sinclair, thirty days after date, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a twenty-one years' lease of twenty acres of land situate about one and one-half miles north of Rosebery on the eastern shore of Slocan lake, Kootenay county, B.C., commencing at a post marked S. W. corner of W. A. S. and A. S. Land.

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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.

April 26—Dolt, near Silverton, W S Ault, J D Tunkis.

Mamie, Four Mile, A McDonald.

May 1—Bess, Wilson creek, R G Anderson.

May 2—Keystone, near Silverton, C McNichol

Rag Time, Gold creek, H J Stewart.

May 4—No 1 Fraction, near Noonday, H J Stewart

May 5—Emerald Fraction, Bear Lake, J W Bell.

May 7—Banner, near Cody, R A Langill.

ASSESSMENTS.

April 24—Queen City, Dewery. 25—Malvana, Elazhar, Elazhar Fraction, Bessie, Anchor Fraction, Century Fraction, Gentle Annie, Reliance. 26—Springtime, Minella, Cuba, Keewatis. 27—Ferry No 2. 28—Keewatis, Nellie Fraction, Reliance. 30—Shoshone, L D Fraction Legal Fraction, Alpha, Lake View Fraction, Kopje Fraction, Lake View No 12, Fidelity fraction, Broken Lock, Cracker Jack, Seattle, Black Bird, Vernon, Nonpariel, Ironside, Link Fraction, Estella, Betsy Ross, Lost Tiger, Bendigo, Tom Bowling, Big Kanawha, Morning. May 1—Burnside, Deception. 3—Freeport, Pero, Bolivia, Timber Lake, Nettie Fraction, Belt Fraction, Eva Fraction. 4—Varti, Pinrate, Mammoth. 5—Ouray. 7—Republican. 8—Corncracker, Fairhaven.

TRANSFERS.

April 24—Notice that Omega is under agreement of sale, A J Trethewey to G A Alexander, April 9.

April 25—Virden, ¼, W H Todd to J E Wood, Jan 28, 1899.

Richmond, Star View, Empire, all; Summit, ¼, Geo Gooderham to War Eagle Co., Oct 20, 1898.

April 30—Contact, V H Behne to Geo H Dawson, Aug 22.

Shoshone, ¼, E Pitt to W S Drewry, Nov 29.

Kopje Fraction, W S Drewry to N. W. Mining Syndicate, April 30.

May 1—Republican, ¼, Geo M Davis to David Matheson, July 17.

Jeanie, 1-5, F Curry to M A McDonald, April 21

Royal Five, 1-5, Lake View, 1-5, same to same.

May 3—Fairmount, Lydia Schwarze to W Valentine, July 28.

Fairhope, same to same.

Vega, ¼, James Brown to J W Power, Sept 30.

May 8—Twickenham, ½, F M Purviance to E F Smith, April 13.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

March 31—Morning Star, south of Howser, Alfred Leblanc.

April 6—Assurance, Crawford Bay, Leonora Kemp

No name Crawford Bay, R. Hendrick's.

11—Kitchiner, Woodbury creek, C H McLean.

17—North Pole No 2, Coffee creek, S N Long.

20—Lardo, Lardo river, Frank Velleneuve.

21—Thistle, Hendryx camp, T W Barbour.

Rose, Hendryx camp, T W Barbour.

23—Odessa Fraction, between Princess and Woodbury creek, J B Townsend.

Alppen, South Fork Kaslo river, Louis Martin.

24—Liddie Burten, Hammel creek, W L McLaughlin.

ASSESSMENTS.

April 6—Kootenay, Percy Criddle.

Gatineau, Buckingham, Acme and American, H Giegerich.

Spokane-Kaslo and Spokane-Kaslo No 2, H Giegerich.

9—Cork, W J H Holmes.

Bute Fraction, 5 years, R Pollock.

10—I E R McLeod.

11—Oneida and Roy, J R Hardie.

12—Laura F, 2 years, J F Westby.

Lake View, Jennie, Playback and Cedar, P O'Brien.

Daisy, Zoa, Townsend, Willard J, Florence M and St Anthony, J F Westby.

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17—R & K, Jas Desmond.

Superior Fraction, Boots, Zoa and Dixie Fraction, C Moore.

No 3, Leander Shaw.

Calumet, 2 years, and Frisco, R J Midland.

Dublin, W J H Holmes.

18—Ore or-no-go, A Scheuler.

Deadwood, Chas French.

20—Cert of I Bute Fraction, R J Stenson.

Golden King and Granite, H P Johnson.

23—Caledonian and Undaunted, R Williams.

Silver Bell, Little Bell and Hub, Louis Martin and A B Walker.

24—Boss, Tacoma and Marble City, Reuben Shade.

25—Evergreen, Fossel, Silver Bottom, Silver Reef, Iron Mask, Buckeye, W J H Holmes.

Evergreen, Fossel, Silver Bottom, Silver Reef, Iron Mask, Buckeye and Banackburn, A Smith.

Silver Tip and Black Belt, Adam Baird.

TRANSFERS.

April 9—J A Ryan to F E Archer, 1-6 interest Comstock, Erie and Virginia.

Agreement between C G Johnson and J F Collum, re B N I, Native Silver, Black Eagle, Lucky Bill Fraction, Lucky Bill and Olds.

11—Mina Boetcher and G A Carlson to R Boetcher, ¼ Minnie B and Little Johnny, in consideration of doing assessment work for 1897-8.

R Williams to R Boetcher, 1-6 Orifiamme.

12—H McDonald to A L McPhee, all int Trnor, $100.

J P Miller to F Hansen, ½ int in Olympia

17—C G Johnson to J F Collum, ¼ Vernon, B N I and Native Silver.

G Carlquist to A E Lindberg, ½ Bracelet.

18—A Scheuler to C Borcue, ¼ Oreorenogo.

20—W B Conroy to N F Mackay, 1-6 int in Scrutator.

21—Mrs Ann Carney, S Benzie and Geo A Carney to R Ingham, all int in Grey Copper, Kitchner and Ottawa

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

April 21—Slocan, Twelve Mile, T Capparelli.

26—C O D, n f Lemon, G Soucey.

ASSESSMENTS.

April 17—Gold Viking, Green Mountain.

18—Norma.

26—Melton.

27—Silver Leaf, Creole.

28—Three Blind Mice.

TRANSFERS.

April 17—Homestake ½, J Doiron to D Sloan.

Accidental, F L C, Reno, Get There Eli and V & M, 19-20, W E Gonne to E J Deacon.

Same 1-20, same to same.

Fourth of July No 6¾ I W Black to R Butner.

Century, Industry, Queen City, Carly, St Charles and Michigan, ½ each, N Gething and Geo Henderson to Frank Provost.

Same, same to same, agreement to transfer all interest for $500.

19—Sultana 6¼-24 C L Hoffman to E J Dyer.

20—Southern Chief, C Murphy and D Sloan relinquish all claim to interest in same to James Cross.

Legal ½, B Robertson to W S Johnson for $1000.

23—North Star, R McFarlane to Slocan-Kilo Mining Co. Ltd.

Chesapeake and Dixie 1-6 each, W L Callanan to T D Tohn.

24—Ethel R, J A McKinnon to N F McNaught.

Same ¼, same to A A Webb.

Hampton ½, A A Webb to N F McNaught.

Same ½, same to J A McKinnon.

26—Black Prince 1-6, Hoodoo and Dundas ⅓ each, G T Gormley to F S Sherry, $400.

Silver Tip ⅓, M L Nicholson to W A Thompson

A GREAT GOLD REEF.

The fact that the fate of the greatest aggregation of gold mine and gold mining machinery in the whole world is in doubt, though perhaps not much spoken of, staggers the English mind and confounds the capitalists of all nations who have interests at stake in the Transvaal. Kruger has already intimated what he would do if pushed to the wall, though English investors try to console themselves with a reported interview in which the lion of the Transvaal is said to have stated that the mines were perfectly safe. But nobody is certain that the mines of the Rand are not to-day underlaid with explosive gelatine of the most powerful and destructive character, ready to be touched off at a moment's notice in case of a successful advance upon Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Perhaps few fully realize that the Rand mines extend for a stretch of 60 miles. Along these great rows of mines are seemingly endless mills, with their thundering crushers and huge derricks. The whole is flanked by great iron buildings where thousands of negro workers live. All through the year, day and night, the work never ceases. A mile deep the earth is drilled with shafts, and here 60,000 human beings, like busy ants, toil incessantly in the bowels of the earth at the living rock. For miles away the dence smoke and the glitter of electric lights can be seen. Solomon in all his glory in search of adornments for his temple, was a beggarly pigmy compared with the giant god of greed which animates this mighty cave where negro slavery exists in the disguise of poorly paid labor.

Out of these vast caverns comes more than one-quarter of all the gold mined on the planet. The gold production is about $89,000,000 a year more than all America: They produce $11,000,000 a year more than all the gilded strands of Australia. They produce twice as much as all the Russias. These mines are on the very edge of Johannesburg. Within a few years it is believed that the Rand will yield the fabulous annuity of $200,000,000. Here are gathered the brawn, brains and enterprise of the world, all in the frantic search for gold.

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Evidently Mixed.

Newspapers sometimes mix their matter in the rush to get to press. Here is an item that recently appeared in an eastern daily:

"The church was finely decorated with holly and evergreen and the altar was hidden in a wealth of flowers. Out of the recesses rose rare tropical plants, and from the ceiling hung fifteen western veals, which at this time of year are scarce and correspondingly dear at 6 @ 8½c per lb. There was also an active demand for choice lambs, and farmers east of the Mississippi river can profitably turn to sheep raising and take the bride, who wore a gown of white corded silk, a creation of Worth's, with pearl ornaments.

"Then came the maid of honor, the cousin of the bride, Miss Henrietta Blower of Chicago, wearing a dress of white tulle, with diamond ornaments, and she was followed by a small bunch of Montana sheep which bleated most piteously as they were driven on board and shipped to the winter hotels in Bermuda. They will there be cut en traine and slightly decollete, and after the rest of the party had reached the rail the minister turned and said impressivelly: "I cannot bid more than 6½ cents for state veals, but cablegrams from London quote refrigerated beef at a price that will enable me to pay $4 90 for a car of choice Indiana beeves, and hearing this there was a rush for the young married couple, and the bride fell into the arms of her father, who is known to bear a striking resemblance to a Connecticut ox weighing 1,875 pounds. The market here took an upward turn and advanced 1 @ 2 cents, and the guests, who numbered about 200, were served with a sumptuous dinner at the house of the bride."

Needless to say the item created a sensation.

The villain darkly drew a long, warm knife and with crooked knees crept dimly out of the shade while the violins in the orchestra uncurled about four yards of chilly, ice cold shudder. Then the beautiful heroine with her large, red hand upraised to heaven exclaimed, "James Heatherington, forbear." How grandly she stood there as the lime light showed the paint on her countenance and her artificial padding. And how the villain subsided as eight detectives with whiskers, hand cuffs and assorted clews filed in, nailed him to the floor and brought him to his milk when the curtain fell and the loud trombone let out a bunch of Oom-pahs and the ingenue went out for her beer. The play was over.

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