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# General News Float

## In and About the Slocan and Neighboring Camps that are Talked About.

### LOCAL NEWS FLOAT.

Steve Slinger is visiting his folks in England.

Austin Carey died in Seattle on January 3rd.

The Slocan Star shipped 1,125 tons of ore in 1902.

Sam Sturch and Jim Sproule are in Morrissey.

Get your spring furniture from D. J. Robertson & Co., Nelson.

Herbert Twigg is taking in the dances in Dungannon, Ireland.

Mrs. Parker, formerly Mrs. James Delaney, is living in Butte.

A shortage of coal cut down the force at the Payne for a few days.

The Ivanhoe has closed a contract to ship zinc concentrates to Iola.

R. B. McCammon has been appointed C. P. R. agent at Grand Forks.

There are only 46 names on the voters list in Sandon. Still it is a city.

The output of old Leadville, Colo., is creeping up close to 3,000 tons per day.

H. J. Robie has moved from Kelowna to Calgary, where he will go into business.

The fruit in Willams' store never freezes. It is just the thing for a spring tonic.

If you use bottled beer, try a case put up by the New York brewery at Sandon.

There are faults in the municipal administration of Nelson that may be remedied in the future.

Tom Tighe has been granted another trial at Helena, Montana. He killed a cook by the name of Koch.

Jas. O'Neil has gone to Whitehorse. Jim was until recently employed at Bourne Bros.' New Denver branch.

A large party of skaters attended the carnival at Silverton Saturday evening, and spent a happy evening on the ice.

A. T. Garland, one of the brightest and most successful merchants of Kaslo is a candidate for the mayoralty in that city.

The Fisher Maiden shipped another car of ore this week and has two more on the Silverton wharf waiting to be picked up.

A marriage license was issued last week in Spokane to Harry Matheson, of the Frank Sentinel, and Mrs. Bradshaw, late of Silverton.

The Anaconda company of Montana, the principle of the Amalgamated properties, has decided to sink the 1,800-foot shaft 500 feet deeper.

Neil Gething took a meal and one drink in New Denver last week. As the boat was three hours late Neil caught it and got home the same night.

George Horton, who sells Kilbourne's cigars, is still alive and expects to be in the Slocan next month. In the meantime he wishes all his customers happiness during 1903.

The Old Dominion Copper company of Arizona is putting in commission its second furnace, and is now in line to produce about 1,500,000 pounds of the red metal monthly.

It is reported that some of the silver-lead mines in the Lardeau are turning into gold mines as depth is attained. At present none of the Slocan properties are gold mines.

Ten back numbers of this paper, each one different, are sent to any address in America upon receipt of ten cents. Surprise your friends in the east by sending them a bundle.

Miss Jean Cameron of Three Forks has accepted a position as bookkeeper and Stenographer in the Daily News office, Nelson. Her sister, Victoria, is attending school in the same city.

Roadmaster Moore is pushing work rapidly on the approaches to the Union street bridge. The timbers will be laid and filling in started next week. It will be a costly, but very substantial structure.

Mrs. Perkins, who left New Denver a year or more ago, was burned out at her new home near Spokane some days ago, losing her entire household effects, and barely escaping with her life, clothed only in her night garment.

A wireless despatch from Slocan City states that a battle was fought Saturday night between some of the mill men and citizens. The weapons used were fists and hot air, and when the din had ceased many an eye was coon colored and many a nose was gushing claret. The military was not called out and peace again sits on top.

Advertising pays. We have sold one of our old stoves. The other one is still awaiting an opportunity to warm some cabin. It is old, battered and tough to look at, but it is still capable of having a hot time. Just a $1 and the relic will fade from our sight.

Many Slocan people are in Seattle. Tom Lonigan, Jack Harvey, Bob Cooper and Eri Thompson are looking at the sights Billy Harrington is compounding nerve bracers, and Hugh Madden owns a saloon. Grant Thornburn was in the city for a short time, but has gone to Valdez.

Henry Stege has lost one of his troubles. For months an owl has camped at his pigeon house, and one by one the pigeons became deceased. On Monday night James Marino "copped" the owl with a shot gun, and the event was celebrated in the Newmarket with a dash of the olden days until the small hours of the morning chased the crowd to bed.

### MINING MISCELLANEY.

At Georgetown, Colorado, the Kelly tunnel was driven 300 feet during the month of November with three drills working in the face. This is admitted to be the record for work in that section.

It has been found that inside of the boundaries of the Mercur property, of the Camp Floyd district, Utah, an area 500 x 600 feet, supposed to be barren, is impregnated with gold ores, assaying $12.80 to $40 per ton.

A French syndicate has closed a deal for the plants of the United States Reduction and Refining company, located at Colorado Springs, Florence and Canyon City. The consideration is understood to be $5,000,000 The combined capacity of the company's mills is about 550 tons per day.

The output of gold from the Rand in South Africa during the month of October was 190,000 ounces, as against 170,802 ounces for the preceeding month In May, the month of resumption, the output was 7,478 ounces, the average monthly increase between that date and the present; or a period of 17 months, being 10,800 ounces.

California's gold production for the year 1901 was $14,264,869 from quartz, $1,191,800 from placers, drift mines $1,062,450, and hydraulic mines $1,699,781. The output of gold dredging in the state was $472,762 for the year, which was an increase of $271,000 over the preceding year. The output from dredging this year will be much greater

A rather unique method of mining for copper ore has been reported from Redding, Cal., on unauthenticated information. It is stated by this person that the Mountain Copper company contemplates opening their Iron Mountain mine by placing well in the mountain 250 tons of giant powder, and blow the top of the mountain off No one is hastening to the spot to witness the explosion.

### RECORD OFFICE BUSINESS.

The amount of business transacted by the Record Office last year was in most respects equal to that of the year 1901. There were 77 fewer miners' certificates issued in 1902, and more than 100 fewer certificates of work recorded Fifty more certificates of improvements were issued last year There were 480 regular miners' certificates issued, 6 specials, 12 regular company certificates, 2 specials; 407 certificates of work, 159 locations, 91 certificates of improvements, $500 paid in lieu of work, 140 bills of sale and like documents recorded, 8 abandonments, 1 water right, 44 traders licenses issued

The amount of business done by the Slocan City office showed even less change than that of the New Denver office. There were 495 certificates of work recorded, 21 certificates of improvements, 224 locations, 310 bills of sale, and 272 free miners' certificates issued.

An important feature when considering that about 24 per cent of the total production of the Rand, in South Africa, was paid in dividends is the wage scale The last year of operation before commencement of the Boer war over 9,000 white people were employed in these properties, their average pay being $130 per month; while above 88,000 black natives labored there, their wage being slightly above $11 per month.

### THE LUMBER BOOM.

Last year the lumbering industry of East and West Kootenay attained proportions greater than at any previous period, and the ensuing year will see further advances on an equally important scale.

In 1902 the output of the lumber mills in the two districts, both of which are under the supervision of John R. Martin, deputy timber inspector, exceeded the production of 1901 by 88½ per cent, and the present year will see an increase over the record of 1902 of not less than one third.

On the Crow's Nest road alone are 21 lumber mills, while in the Columbia valley there are four more, all shipping their cut into the territories and all loaded with orders that will keep them on the jump for the entire year.

The increased output this year will largely come from the establishment of new mills At Wardner, the Breckenridge & Lund syndicate has about completed a mill that will turn out no less than 140,000 feet of lumber in each 24 hours, and this is the largest plant in the Kootenays. At Slocan City a new mill is being constructed that will have a capacity of 100,000 feet and an American company is building a mill on the Arrowhead side of the arm of the lake that will have a large daily output. The area of timber limits bought or leased for the year's operations has been the largest on record.

The remarkable expansion in the Northwest territories explains the unprecedented activity in the lumbering districts of the Kootenays, and conditions are such as to indicate that further expansion on even a larger scale may be expected. This will tend to further increase the demand for British Columbia lumber and assure prosperity for East Kootenay and other districts shipping milled products to the east across the great divide. A feature of the lumbering industry at this time is that many mills have recently installed dry kilns, enabling them to ship a much higher grade of material than has been the case heretofore. The move is significant, inasmuch as it indicates prosperity in the territories when a considerable demand arises for the better grades of lumber, while it indicates also that the lumber men deem the industry established on a permanent basis.—Rossland Miner.

### MINING AT FAIRVIEW.

Late information from Fairview states that a shaft is to be sunk on the Morning Star to a depth of 300 feet. The Star group is stated to be under bond to a New York syndicate, among the members of which are Messrs E. L. Simpson, Jefferson Hogan and T A Bell. The bond is reported to call for an early commencement of development operations and payment for the property is to be in installments payable at different periods during 12 months from date, the total cash consideration being $25,000.

A beginning has been made to deepen the main shaft on the New Fairview Corporation's Stemwinder mine, on the 800-level of which drifting and stoping were carried on for some time until the recent temporary shut down. Meanwhile the completion of the cyanide plant is proceeding. With both the Stemwinder and Morning Star at work the outlook for Fairview camp will be regarded as more encouraging than for some time past —Midway Dispatch

### ABOUT AN ORGAN.

In a Slocan camp years ago, when the boom was in flower, a townsite agent had an organ that had played ragtime many a night The agent presented the organ to the religious bodies in the camp and it was placed in a building designed as a union church and schoolhouse In the camp are many people who love a dance more than the Lord. These people, or at least some of them, have supported the church with their money if not their presence Not long ago they wanted an organ at a dance, so they removed temporarily the thing of music. This brought forth threats of prosecution from those who think dancing is a greater sin than singing hymns, and discord now exists in that camp. This is sad, especially in dull times It shows a lack of the true spirit of goodness upon the part of the creed followers The temporary switch would not degrade the poor organ, and if it did the real supporters of the church stood ready to repair all losses.

### SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1902 was, approximately, 28,000 tons. Since January 1 to January 10, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

| | Week | Total |
|---|---|---|
| American Boy | 63 | 63 |
| Arlington | 40 | 40 |
| Bondholder | 1 | 1 |
| Enterprise | 80 | 80 |
| Fisher Maiden | 30 | 30 |
| Ivanhoe | 30 | 30 |
| Payne | 125 | 125 |
| Slocan Star | 21 | 21 |
| Total tons | 390 | 390 |

### GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The authorities of the Grand Trunk railway are quoted as expecting as liberal aid to their Pacific railway enterprise as that received by the Canadian Pacific. They seem to consider that a land grant is quite within the possibilities. Everyone, both west and east, wants to see the Grand Trunk Pacific enterprise succeed, and no one will or should grudge moderate aid or proper terms to it. But surely the Grand Trunk does not expect the people of Canada to repeat the stupendous and acknowledged mistakes of twenty years ago. The aid granted the C. P R. and the terms upon which it was granted was not justified by the then existing conditions. The bargain then made was most improvident. It is being demonstrated every day. To make a similar bargain today, after twenty years of bitter experience, would not be madness—it would be idiocy. The great and chief reason for wanting the Grand Trunk is that the mistakes of the C. P. R. bargain may be corrected not repeated. And any bonus that may be given should be conditioned strictly so as to correct those mistakes as for as they can be corrected. If we are to have no more control of rates over the Grand Trunk than we have over the Canadian Pacific there is no reason why public franchises or public aid should be given to the Grand Trunk instead of to further extension of the Canadian Pacific.

As to a land grant, the stupendous folly of the land grant to the C. P. R.—especially with the conditions attached—is only now becoming fully apparent; when by a stroke of the pen increasing the price of the land still held ten or may be twenty millions is added to the fortunes of the company and taken from the people individually who collectively were owners of the land. At the present price of the C. P. R. land grant, say $4 an acre for say fifteen million acres remaining unsold, the company still has $60,000,000 of good negotiable assets, for building a road that did not cost them that amount of money—for it should always be remembered that although the whole road cost one hundred millions, the two most difficult sections were built by the government at a cost of over thirty millions and handed over to them free. And there is no assurance that from month to month, as long as land is booming, the price may not be still further increased. Indeed, it is safe to say that it will be. This cannot be helped now. But to repeat the operation in the light of present knowledge would be a scandal and a crime. The public lands of Canada are worth more to the people of Canada as an attraction and opportunity for settlement, and productive development, than as a bonus to any enterprise of any kind.

The Grand Trunk company wants a profitable investment for capital which it is able to attract and which it expects will render more profitable than at present the capital already invested in the company's enterprises. It sees in the Northwest a promising field. The people of Canada desire to have the Northwest more fully developed by railways than at present. They desire to have the conditions regarding railway transportation improved. The Grand Trunk's proposal may offer a ready means to the desired end—and it may not. If the company will meet the requirements in the country which it develops and the terms upon which the needs of trade and travel will be met, there is no reason why these advantages should not be recognized by substantial assistance from the public treasury or upon the public credit. But if the railway will pass through undesirable country, or country incapable of satisfactory development—if by reason of its route it is to leave the C. P. R. a monopoly as at present, and at the same time ensure its being a monopoly itself—if it is to be independent of state control of rates as is the C. P. R, there is no particular reason why the people of Canada should spend any of their money or pledge any of their credit in its assistance. "Nothing for Nothing," is the motto of the railways in dealing with the public either individually or collectively and "Nothing for Nothing" should be the motto of the public in dealing with railways.—Edmonton Bulletin.

### ZINC AND SPELTER.

The outlook for zinc and spelter this year is very encouraging The closing price for spelter in 1901 was $4.85 a hundred, while in 1902 it was $4.7½ During the year 1902 the smelters had a capacity for 6,000 tons a week, which was over 1,000 tons a week more than the Joplin district produced. Six years ago the smelters could not find a market for the product of 4,000 tons of ore a week, which shows how rapidly the demand for zinc has increased, Just now some mines are shipping zinc ore from Colorado to Belgium. It is shipped by rail to Galveston and then by water to Antwerp. The rate is $7 a ton, as against $16 charged for the same freight from New Denver to Belgium.

The best home-made jellies and preserves, pickles and sauces. Matheson's.

A great discovery of iron ore is reported from Sudbury, Ontario.

# Mining Not Backward

## The Industry Progressing Favorably in all Mineral Sections of the Province.

The Victoria Colonist prints an article on the progress of the mining industry that contains much valuable information on the subject. The opening paragraph says:

"When the year 1902 was new, notwithstanding the splendid showing made by its predecessor, there were pessimists at home and abroad who prophesied disaster to the mining industry. Now at the close of the year it has turned out that these atrabilious individuals had little real cause for their apprehensions, outside of their own distorted imaginations, but they were so persistent in their outcries, so ready with alleged facts and cooked statistics, to prove their assertions, that the unthinking took their maunderings seriously, and a feeling of unrest and uncertainty prevailed in many quarters. The miners, however,—the men really interested and in touch with the situation, never for a moment lost faith in the mines. They quietly attended to business, went on developing their mines, increasing their plants and working forces, and building new smelters, with the result that the mining industry of British Columbia is in a more prosperous condition today than ever before"

Of the Slocan camp, the article says: "The richness of the Kaslo-Slocan district and the immensity of its mineral resources has been proved time and again, and despite the fact that the lead market and legislative regulations have hitherto retarded the growth of the silver-lead industry, there has undoubtedly been a revival of interest regarding the Slocan during the past year, not only in Canada and America, but also in Great Britain and Europe. There is every indication that in the immediate future, before 1903 grows to old age, this interest will materialize and the Kaslo-Slocan camps again be the centre of attraction in the mineral world"

In the Boundary camp there are six mines that have figured continuously for months in the ore reports, and they have shipped a total of 524,000 tons. In addition to these five other properties shipped a total of 6,000 tons. The value of the total product, 530,000 tons, is estimated at $2,500,000.

The output of the Rossland mines for the year is given at 337,400 tons, the value of which is $4,697,000, or an average of $14 per ton.

The output of the Lardeau and Trout Lake divisions are roughly estimated as follows: Gold, 300 ounces; silver, 140,000 ounces; lead, 200,000 pounds.

Owing to the lack of water, hydraulicing operations in the Cariboo and Cassiar camps were greatly curtailed. The value of the output is about $100,000."

The output of the Atlin division, exclusive of the rest of the Cassiar district, will probably amount in round figures to $500,000. Hydraulicing operations during the past season were mainfully confined to preliminary work but the companies are now in a position to greatly increase the production of gold during the season of 1903.

### ENTERPRISE MINE REPORT.

At the ordinary general meeting of the Enterprise Mines, Ltd., held a few weeks ago in London, the chairman reported that last year's operations resulted in a loss of $2,585, The introduction of new machinery has affected a great reduction in the cost of mining, as well as in the cost of treating the ore, which would produce a far better result upon the current year's operations than was possible hitherto What may also prove to be an important factor in the value of the mine is that another vein has been discovered on the property of considerable width, upon which practically no work has yet been done.

During the last two years the market prices of silver and lead have gradually fallen, lead from something like £18 to under £11 per ton, and silver from about 28 6d an ounce to 22 3 16d per ounce, which your directors can only view with the utmost concern—so much so that it becomes a question whether it would not be better to temporarily shut down the mine until better prices prevail. We have given this matter our consideration for some time, but have delayed taking any definite steps in that direction, in the hope that bed rock had been reached, and that the markets would improve But this has not been the case, and there appears to be no immediate prospect of any improvement occurring Your directors are therefore again seriously considering the position from this point of view. Owing to the geological character of the mine, I do not think damage would result from a temporary suspension of operations, but while silver and lead stand at such extremely low prices, it seems only a matter of prudence that this step should be taken rather than continue as we are now doing—namely, exhausting our resources for little or no profit.

### VALUE OF MONITOR ORE.

When the present owners of the Monitor mine purchased the group in 1890, the former owners had shipped 688 tons of ore, which netted them the sum of $68,869. Since then the Monitor and Ajax Fraction, Limited, have extracted 1,620 tons, which produced a total of $116,712, as follows: Gold, 504.8 ozs, $9,610; silver, 177,713 ozs, $91,256; lead, 1,119,903 lbs, $15,245. It is a peculiar fact that although none of the mines in the Slocan division produce any gold it will be seen that the ores extracted from this property contain high values in gold, which occurs in the lead sulphides and, in much larger proportion still, in the oxides found nearer to the surface, where the ledge had been exposed and the ore decomposed by atmospheric action. The Monitor mines are developed by means of adit levels, no machinery of any kind being used, and apparently none will be required for years to come. Large ore reserves have been opened up and the ore actually blocked out amounts to several thousand tons Since September, 1900, 3257 feet of tunnelling and raises have been driven. The management of the property is in the hands of Maurice Gintzburger, with A. R. Fingland as superintendent. Its success is largely due to their untiring efforts.

### ZINC CONCENTRATOR TALK.

A zinc concentrator will shortly be erected in the Slocan, so the mine owners say. T. Jones, representing the Iola, Kas, smelter, who has been in the Slocan a great deal of the time for the past two months, investigating the zinc product of the camp, and seeking to make contracts with the different mines, will, it is said, recommend to the Iola smelter officials that they construct a plant in the Slocan. If these people do not consider the plan favorably a plant will undoubtedly be built by the mine-owners themselves. Byron N. White is behind the project.

As has been heretofore explained in these columns, the plant will separate the iron from the ore and raise the zinc to a high percentage, so that it will stand shipment. The railroad rates are too high at the present to permit a good margin of profit unless the percentage of zinc is stiff. At present the rate from the Slocan to Belgium is $16, and to Iola $11. At the same time many of the Colorado mines are shipping their product to Belgium, going by rail to Galveston and there being transferred to steamers, and the rate for the entire distance is only $7 a ton.

### SEVEN-MILE TUNNEL.

The plan to bore a tunnel seven miles long through the Sierra Nevada mountains at a cost of $14,000,000, in order to shorten by twelve hours the trip over the Central Pacific, is an illustration of the immense resources of our great corporations and the wonderful wealth of our country as a whole. Were it a task proposed by the national government, all sorts of complications would follow the introduction of the proposal into the realm of political discussion, but a board of directors intrusted with the power by thousands of stockholders can order it done, and the work is at once under way. Modern inventions make the task less formidable than was the five-mile cut through the Hoosac tunnel a generation ago, and the loss from accident should also be much lighter. The advantages gained by the railroad should be tremendous Not the least important will be the abolition of the 42 miles of snowsheds in the mountains.—Boston Transcript.

### PROFITS ARE $577,676.

The estimated net profits of the Le Roi mine for November are placed at $75,000 The actual figures, which will be arrived at later in the month, will probably be slightly in advance of the estimate, which is on a conservative basis.

The returns of the net profits for the Le Roi from May 1st to November 30th, amounts to over $577,676, as follows: May, $66,982; June, $94,302; July, $108,348; August, $79,477; September, $68,607; October, $85,000; Nov., $75,000.

The Standard Oil company is erecting in its Kern county oil fields of California three storage tanks, each with a capacity of 75,000 barrels. The usual size for these tanks in the past has been 35,000 barrels.

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

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 raided by the sheriff, snowslided by cheap silver, or subdued by the fear 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 pat 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 wants once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1903.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Man's indifference to the printer makes many an editor patch his pants.

It is to be hoped that the Slocan mines will obtain surcease from sorrow at Ottawa

The wealthy have many trials. A Pullman car conductor in New York is being sued for divorce.

In the South African mines white labor is cheaper at three times the price than the labor of the Kaffirs.

Canada may split in two if the legislators at Ottawa do not exercise more sense in dealing with the west.

Tourists who wish to see snowslides should reach the Slocan early. They commence sliding in March.

There is a wonderful difference in the soul of man. Some souls always pay the printer, while there are souls that never pay a cent.

The C. P. R. has not yet crushed Lowery's Claim. It rises for February next week. If the people in the east read it they will need less coal.

Unless we can get reciprocal trade relations with the United States it is absolutely necessary for the Slocan to have a high tariff upon lead.

According to the resolutions of the different boards of trade in Kootenay Smith Curtis does not seem to be the only thing that ever happened.

The west is a glorious country, even in winter. One Rose will be plucked in Nelson today, and the city will rejoice at having Beer every day in the year.

The shadow of death hangs over the Slocan. If the forlorn hope now storming Ottawa fails us we will have to roll our blankets and hit the pike for a better land.

High tariffs may save the Slocan, for high tariffs have had much to do with its downfall. It is a case with us of taking some hair off the pup that has bitten us.

If lead or silver were like unto coal in the east, how the bells of joy would ring in the Slocan. You wouldn't be able to hear yourself talk for the jingle of coin in the land.

Frank Fletcher seems to have sat down. He is not running for anything this year, not even a directorship. Perhaps he wishes for time in which to study how to run a fire department.

The C. P. R. provides a pension fund for its worn-out employes, and plays even by taxing freight rates. An ant could pack on its back all the real charity that the C P. R, has in stock.

Since King Edward had something like appendicitis that disease has become fashionable, and in certain English circles you are not in it unless you have had your intestines knifed by a surgeon.

The newspaper trail in the Slocan is full of frost and inclined to give an editor cold feet unless he can wear soles made from the dollarst of his delinquent subscribers who have souls.

While reading a paper a St. Louis woman fell asleep and all efforts to awaken her have proved futile. It is not known what paper she was reading although the detectives are positive it was not Lowery's Claim.

The government in Canada should regulate freight and passenger rates upon the railroads within its confines. The high freights charged by the C- P. R. have assisted greatly in killing the prosperity of the Slocan.

The people of Canada are not financially wise. They gave millions to the C. P. R. in returu for high freight rates. The C. P. R. rules the west and laughs at the easy marks who fill the seats in Ottawa's gift and subsidy factory.

The mayor of 'Frisco says that poker is not a gambling game. He is right. It belongs to the science of chemistry in which some change wind into money, while others make a pile of beans disappear by blowing ozone through their lips.

The highest priced land in the world is worth $450 a square foot. It is on the corner of Wall street and Broadway in New York. We have some on the corner of Sixth and Josie in New Denver that we will let go at a much lower figure.

Smallpox has broken out in the Holy Ghost and Us community at Shiloh in the State of Maine. As filth and some brands of freak religion are closely related, this is not to be wondered at. More bathing and less wordy salvation will drive the pus out of the Holy Ghost crowd at Shiloh.

Canada is fast becoming a great commercial nation, and is already gazing at a longer pair of pants. In the past Canada has been begging John Bull for reciprocal trade but we want no more of that. We are strong enough to hit the trail without carrying a pack of imperial reasons on our back.

The Tourist Association of Nelson has come to life and gives signs of doing something. New Denver's flowery aggregation of tourist orators is sleeping with the roses of the past, and the pen-pusher of the leading excitement is carrying on the fight alone, unaided by money, railroads or the plaudits of a fickle public.

The Crown Princess of Saxony has troubles. She is married but loved a professor with whom she played the limit. Her dad "copped" the game and was about to place her Sweetness in a lunatic asylum or a nunnery when she jumped to Bavaria and freedom. Thus would royalty crush its own if the railroad cars were not running.

If the mine owners secure a duty on lead they should not stop at that. They should combine their forces, build their own smelter and lead works, and have the government regulate freight rates. If the railroads and smelters have their way they will get all the advantage accruing from increased duties and the Slocan mines will still look like 30 cents with a hole in it.

At a recent dinner in London, Whymper, the great mountain climber, stated that "if all the mountain climbers in the world today were to make a combined effort to explore the Canadian Rockies their task would not be finished in a century." And after that we have four more ranges that they can climb. Verily, we are long on mountains and scenery, but short in some spots upon bacon and beans

As the C. P. R. grows richer and more powerful its policy towards the press becomes more niggardly. The press has been largely instrumental in building up this great railroad, and now the press can be damned or walk. Up to date this long-gutted corporation has not prohibited editors from walking on its ties, but the privilege may have a rate put on it at any time.

The C. P. R. is badly in need of a government cinch. It apparently owns the people instead of the people owning it. It restricts business in the Boundary by lack of cars, and any kind of a service does the Slocan. In the Slocan no attention is paid to the time-tables, and passengers have cursed so much this winter that the air from Sandon to Slocan City smells eternally of sulphur.

There is a reserve upon the petroleum lands of East Kootenay. We would like to know what for? In this province there are too many reserves upon public lands. The government has no moral right to tie up lands in the interest of rich grabbers. This province has and is being given away to the rich few at the expense of the masses. It is about time that the people broke the gall of the cursed policy that has so long prevailed in this rich and beautiful province.

The greed for gold was the real cause of the great accident on the Grand Trunk at Wanstead. Cheap operators and a desire to hurry an express train through for fear the stockholders would lose a dollar, has caused many a heart to bleed over those pushed into eternity, because avarice rules a grand corporation. It will be ever thus until all railroads are operated by the people, and the god of greed is ground to a pulp under the heels of socialism.

Japan wants the Phillipines and is willing to pay $100,000,000 for them. The United States would be ahead by selling them. The United States will never be able to do much with the Filipinos. Nothing can be accomplished by a few good Yankees with a lot of savages, negroes and Spanish bloods. Spain spent three centuries trying to do something with the Filipinos, and today ninety per cent. of them are criminal with a slight varnish of religion. They are dirty, immoral, tricky and unreliable. If the United States wish to reclaim these islands they should be used as a point of emigration for all the negroes who need burning in the Southern States.

### A PLEA FOR WOMEN.

Some time since a drummer made the remark in Cameron, Texas, that there was not a virtuous woman in the Lone Star State over fifteen years of age. What the people of that community did to that galoot was a plenty. Other sections put the finishing touches to the Cameronites' good work and the last heard of the freak was that he was placed on board a ship at Galveston and warned never to return to Texas.

This human hyena made a general charge against the fairest and loveliest of created things, sought to destroy the character of God's noblest workmanship. Instead of being placed on the vessel, the Titmouse should have been towed behind it where angry sharks could fight for and devour his rotten flesh clean to his cowardly frame, and nibble his black heart. And again there are others who are too hasty in gossiping in a slanderous way in regard to the character of women, not generally but individually. Woman has a great deal to bear in this world. Her acts, unjustly are more open to criticism than those of men. One little wrong spoken word will do the work. They may kill the sting of the serpent that wounded them; "they may heal the wound, but some people will always be examining the scar." If a woman is down don't drag her through the dust but lend her a lifting hand. If she is falling assist her from doing so before it is too late. But for heaven's sake don't ruin the reputation or destroy the character of an innocent being. "The man who lays his hand upon a woman save in the way of kindness is a wretch whom 'twere gross flattery to name a coward."

### PADDY FOUND THE THIRD.

A London mechanic, with the intention of enjoying a practical joke, pasted the figures of two donkeys on the dead wall opposite to his workshop. Under these figures he had written in large letters: "When shall we three meet again?"

The idea of this, it need hardly be explained, was to presuppose that whoever should stand to read the inscription was the third donkey. He then retired to his shop, from which he could see how the bait would take.

It was not long until a man coming by stopped and stood gazing in perplexity at the two donkeys and the inscription. The mechanic was elated at the manner in which his brilliant joke had worked. He burst into a fit of loud and hearty laughter, which soon, however, subsided when the man quietly turned round and scornfully exclaimed: "Bedad, I was all along wonderin' where the other one was."

### HAD BUNIONS ON HER KISMET.

Street Cleaning Commissioner Paul Iglehart came back to the city hall this week from a gunning trip in Anne Arundel county and brought with him a supply of new stories told in the historic old South River club, says the Baltimore Sun.

The one that particularly took Mr. Iglehart's fancy was that of the Irish servant girl who one day asked her mistress what was the meaning of the word "kismet." After thinking a little while, the mistress said:

"Why, Bridget, it is another name for fate."

A day or so afterward the mistress discovered Bridget hobbling down the stairs, evidently in great pain and walking very lame.

"Why, what on earth is the matter with you?" she asked.

"Oh, sure, ma'am," was the reply, "I've got bunions on my kismet."

An editor is a millionaire without money, a congressman out of a job, a king off a throne. He constructs without saw or hammer, builds railroads without spikes or rails, and farms without a plow. He runs a butcher shop in the journalistic world and deals out brains cheap for cash or credit. He loves those who advertise with him as he loves himself. The editor is a teacher, a lawyer; a preacher, and he sends truth out to save souls and gets lost himself. He heals the wounded, cares for the dying and rescues the perishing, and starves himself when a ham sandwich would jerk him from the jaws of death.—Cumby Rustler.

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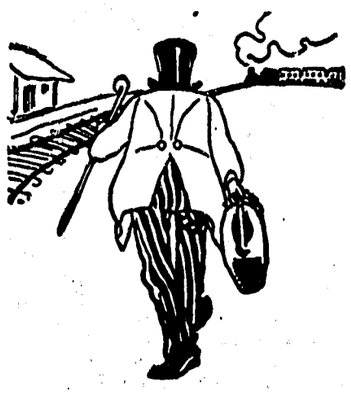

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# A Grist of Funny Things

### A FLORENCE STORY.

Wm. J. Florence, who was a great story teller, once related the following incident concerning an actor friend of his.

This friend, who was in Mr. Florence's company, one day after rehearsal invited to luncheon a lady upon whom he wished to make an especially good impression.

After the two had lunched sumptuously, and while they were drinking their black coffee, the waiter placed a check at the young actor's plate. Glancing at the amount he reached into his vest pocket for the roll of bills which he thought to be there, but the pocket was empty. Much disconcerted, he searched his other pockets with as little result, until suddenly the explanation of their emptiness occurred to him—he had changed his suit just previous to going to rehearsal, and in his haste he had neglected to transfer the contents of his pockets.

Much disconcerted at the dilemma in which his forgetfulness had placed him, he excused himself to his guest and went to the cashier's desk and explained the reason of his lack of funds. The man in charge, after eyeing the young actor suspiciously, said:

"Your story don't go—I get that excuse altogether too often. You've either got to pay up or I shall make a complaint against you—you can't leave this place until you pay for what you've eaten."

"But I haven't got it, I tell you. I'll give you my name and address and profession and will go directly home and get the amount."

"I don't care what your name is," said the man. "I can see that you're one of those impecunious actor fellows who go around eating at other people's expense."

"But I've a lady guest with me," protested the actor, "and I don't want to be placed in an embarrassing position in her presence."

"You should have thought of that before filling her and yourself up with other people's food," said the man conptemptuously. "No, young fellow, you don't go out of this place without paying your bill."

At this point in the unpleasant conversation a well-dressed elderly man, who sat at a table within listening distance of the cashier's desk, approached and with an indignant look at the man in charge exclaimed:

"I have heard your very impudent remarks to this guest of your place here, and if you can't see that he is a gentleman I can, and I'll pay his bill with my own. I want to tell you right here that your treatment of him is unpardonable, and I myself will never, no never, spend another penny in this place." and the self-appointed defender of the discomfited actor continued to berate the cashier, who under the torrent of words thrown at him by the angry guest began to show some signs of excitement himself.

"Here, take the amount of this gentleman's bill and my own out of this," said the irate guest, indignantly throwing a fifty-dollar bill upon the desk, which the cashier lost no time in changing, for he evidently wished to hasten the departure of his patrons. The old man gathered up his change, meanwhile denouncing the treatment of the actor in heated terms, and vowing never to spend another cent in the place as long as he lived.

The grateful actor, who, with his guest, followed his rescuer out of the door, thanked him and then asked his name and address, for the purpose of sending him the amount of his indebtedness.

"That's all right, young fellow," said the old gentleman, patting the actor familiarly upon his shoulder. "Don't you worry about that—I've been more than two weeks trying to pass that bill. Good luck to you!" he exclaimed, jauntily lifting his hat and quickly disappearing in the passing crowd.

### LIMBERGER CHEESE.

The following is a boy's account of his experience with Limberger cheese: "Ma sent me to pay a bill at the grocer's last Saturday. The [illegible] thing wrapped up in a piece of paper, which he told me was Limberger cheese. When I got outside I opened the paper and when I smelt what was inside I felt tired, I took it home and put it in the coal shed. In the morning I went to it again. It was still there. Nobody had taken it. I wondered what I would do with it. Father and mother were getting ready to go to church. I put a piece in the back pocket of father's pants and another in the lining of ma's muff. I walked behind them when we went to church. It was beginning to get warm. When we got to church father looked anxious and mother looked as if something had happened. After the first hymn mother told father not to sing again, but to keep his mouth shut and breathe through his nose. After prayer perspiration stood on pa's face and the people in the next pew got up and went out. After the next hymn pa whispered to ma that he thought she had better go out and air herself. After the second lesson some of the church wardens came around to see if there were any deceased rats in the house. Some more of the people got up and went out, putting their handkerchiefs to their nostrils as they went. The parson said he had better close the service and hold a meeting outside to discuss the sanitary condition of the church. Father told mother they had better go home one at a time. Mother told father to go the nearest way home and disinfect himself before she came. When they got home they went into the front room, but did not speak for some time. Mother spoke first—told father to take the cat out of the room, as she thought it was going to be sick. It was sick before pa could get it out. Mother then turned around and noticed that the canary was dead. Ma told pa not to sit so near the fire; it was worse. Pa told ma to go smother herself. Ma said she was smothered already Just then our servant came in and asked if she could open the window, as the room smelled very close. Pa went upstairs and changed his clothes and had a hot bath. Ma took pa's clothes and offered them to a tramp, who said: 'T'anks, kind lady; dey's a bit too loud fer me.' Ma threw them over the back fence into the canal. Father was summoned afterward for poisoning the fish. Ma went to bed. Pa asked if she had been fumigated. Just then father had a note sent him, He came to wish me good night at 10 o'clock, with a strap in one hand and a note in the other. I got under the bed. The people next door thought we were beating carpets at our house. I cannot sit yet. I have given my little sister what I had left of the Limberger cheese. She is better now but the doctor said it was a close call for her."—Thurber Journal.

### PAID "JUST TO BE GOOD."

It is said that the American Bankers' association is going to pay a salary of $500 a month to the notorious forger Charles Becker when in a few months, he finishes serving a seven years' sentence in San Quintin (California) prison. He is to receive this amount "just to be good," and not do any more forging. All of which calls to mind the story of the Southern judge who had a fine lot of hogs, and on seeing a colored man notorious for stealing, said: "Uncle Jack, I'll tell you what I'll do: You pick out two of those hogs you think you'd like best, and I'll give them to you, provided that you won't steal any of the others." And the negro replied: "Jedge, you've always been a good neighbor an' I likes yuh, an' I wants ter do right by yuh, an' so I accepts der offah yuh makes, but I wants yuh to know dat I'll lose meat by it."

### A COMPLIMENT.

A popular bishop of the Episcopal church in the far west stayed a few days with a ranchman. When the bishop left, his host shook him warmly by the hand and said: "Bishop, we like you out here; you are not stuck up, and you are no blooming aristocrat. We like you because you are so darned common and no gentleman. In fact, you are one of ourselves!" The bishop said he appreciated the compliment.

The "Hon. Doc" Brown of Morgansfield, Ky., who represents his district in the state legislature, is one of Kentucky's unique characters. To illustrate a point in a recent speech, he gave the following account of his courtship: "Take my advice and never give a woman anything she can't eat, and never make love to her out of an ink bottle. Why, when I courted my wife I just grabbed hold of her and said: 'Sally, you are the sweetest thing on earth, and your beauty baffles the skill of man and subdues his ferocious nature,' and I got her."—Argonaut.

A scribe has discovered "there are about ten people who want a newspaper to do something for them to one who wants to do something for a newspaper." This proportion holds good everywhere.—Western Publisher.

### A MODEST WISH.

An American traveler recently asked Henry Clay Evans, consul-general at London, if it was not a relief to him to be out of the pension office.

"That was a job to try men's souls," said Mr. Evans. "It is a pleasure, of course to see that deserving soldiers get some financial return for their disabilities, but procession of sharks and political vagabonds to the desk of the commissioner at Washington is endless.

"I hadn't been in office long," continued the consul-general, "before I had felt like voicing the profane despair of an old German who had wedded a vixen. With her voluable harangues she made life a prolonged misery for him.

"At the end of her diatribes the old German would moan:

"'Vell, I vish I vas in hell, dot's all I hope'."

### FROM THE WASTE DUMP.

Doing good is the only certainly happy action of man's life.—Sidney.

Let no man give advice to others that has not first taken good counsel to himself.—Milton.

They are the weakest-minded and the hardest-hearted men that most love change.—Ruskin,

The suicide death rate in European armies far exceeds that of the country to which the army belongs.

All the vacancies in the U. S. naval medical service are now filled for the first time since the civil war.

Poachers using small explosive bombs have killed a large number of salmon in the river Dee, England

A white badger, which is almost as great a rarity as a white blackbird, was killed recently in England.

Almost a quarter of the women in Germany earn their living by their own labor, mostly in farm work.

Iron finger posts, bearing the names of theroughfares are now being erected at the street corners in Berlin.

Within the last ten years more new methods have been devised for dealing with consumption than any other human ailment.

The total number of farms in Alabama is given at 223,220, of which 129,137 are operated by white farmers and 94,083 by colored farmers.

The editor sat on his hard bottomed chair and wore out his last winter's pants; a delinquent dropped in and paid up his sub, and the former cried "on with the dance.

It was the first time that four-year-old Willie had ever seen a snake; and as it writhed and squirmed along; he ran into the house to tell of his discovery. "Oh, mamma," he exclaimed, "come here, quick. Here's a tail wagging without any dog."

An Arkansas printer in making up the forms in a hurry the other day got a marriage notice and a grocer's advertisement mixed up so that it read as follows: "John Brown and Ida Gray were united in the holy bonds of saur kraut by the quart or barrel. Mr. Brown is a well-known young codfish at 10 per pound, while the bride, Miss Gray, has some nice pig's feet which will be sold cheaper than at any store in town.

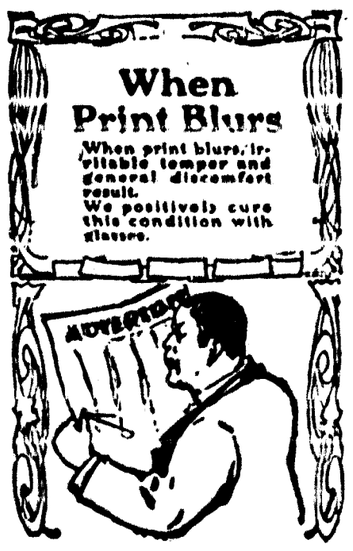
A story is told of a Kalamazoo county farmer who wore his old suit until every one was tired of it and his estimable wife was almost ashamed of the hustling man who had been inside of it so long. One day he went to town to sell his produce and while there determined to buy a new suit and, happy thought, surprize Eliza. So he bundled the new suit into the wagon and drove homeward. It was after night and at a bridge over a river he stood upon the wagon and peeled and threw the despised old suit into the water. Then he reached for his new clothes. They were gone—had jolted out of the wagon. The night was cold and his teeth chattered as he hurried home. He surprised Eliza even more than he anticipated.—Ex.

To arouse a keen desire for perfect manhood or womanhood—a grand and noble aspiration to be perfect—we must concentrate our thoughts on perfectly pure things; then when we once begin to think purely, forces for making strength, vigor, high health, joy, peace, happiness, tranquility, will rush to us in torrents, as to almost overwhelm the soul with blissful contentment. Strengthen the soul by pure thought, and the puny body will become vigorous and robust? The The body obeys the soul; it is the servant of the soul.

Man must have high ideals, high hope, an inspiration to build a grand, good character. If a man does not care for himself his progress is retarded or stopped. The real, vital, energizing forces in man which force him onward and upward, are a belief that he is put here for a grand purpose, and that it is his duty to do his part.

The Greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice, and her constant companion is humility.—Colton' Lacon.

High and pure thinking will bring much happiness, in that it will teach us self-control.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NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention to issue at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lots, 19 and 20, Block 5, in the town of Nakusp (Map 96), in the name of James McNeil, which Certificate is dated the 14th day of January 1897, and numbered 2694.

H. F. MACLEOD
District Registrar.

Land Registry Office, Nelson, B. C., 16th December, 1902.



## NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER

To SANFORD DAIGLE, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Congo No. 2," "Bristol" and "Commander" Mineral Claims, situate on the North Fork of Eight Mile Creek, in the Slocan Mining Division, of West Kootenay District

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended for assessment work and recording fees on the above named claims for the year last past, three hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents; namely, one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents for each of the said claims, in order to hold the said claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act; and if, within sixty days from the date of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, together with all cost of advertising your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1902.

Signed CHAS. E. HOPE



## CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

PARROT Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the Payne Mountain, east of and joining the Mercury Mineral Claim.

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Arthur S. Farwell, acting as agent for Lester H. Snyder, free miner's certificate No. B 51059, and Harold Selous, free miner's certificate No. B 34671, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvement, 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 14th day of November, A. D. 1901

A. S. FARWELL.

C. P. R. Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Silver Mountain, near New Denver.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Catherine Sterritt, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 2069, 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

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TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To GEORGE T. McKENZIE, late of New Denver, British Columbia, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Shareholder" mineral claim, situated north of Bear Lake, and adjoining the "Lakeview" in Ainsworth Division.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended $205.00 in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned [illegible] together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

Dated at New Denver, B. C. this 8th day of November, 1902.

ROBT. WILLIAMS
Witness Charles Rachdall



## NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To MIKE MORRIS and J. G. McKAY, or to whomsoever they may have transferred their interests in the Stanley mineral claim, situated near Motherlode Slocan Mining Division West Kootenay District

YOU, and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended the sum of $200.00 in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within sixty days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of said expenditures, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act 1900."

Dated at New Denver, B. C., this 23rd day of October, 1902

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There is as much good in you as there ever was in any man;

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Your capacity for being useful is as great as any man's.

What are you doing with it?

You can be as great as the greatest if you will to be—and work to be—as hard as the greatest willed—and worked.

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You will NEVER regret it if you live to bless those round about you;

If you stand for what you know to be right even if the crowd is against you;

If you keep your thoughts pure and your body clean;

If you can't think as other people do, or make others think as you do;

If you study to be wise, though you may never have wisdom.

You will never regret it if you do your buying of the home merchant;

If you see that the home merchant does his buying (of space) in the home paper.

You will never regret having spent your money on your summer girl;

If you do not marry her.

You will never regret the hours of labor and love you have unselfishly given to another;

You will never regret the word of tenderness spoken or written to your mother;

You will never regret the pain you've suffered to render service to another.

You will never regret the hours of difficulty spent in learning something;

If it is only to polish the stove well.

You will never regret any sorrow, any trial, any kindness, any evil, any good, any suffering;

If you make them all steps to the higher life—the God life.

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You WILL regret every word spoken of unkindness;

Every act of meanness;

Every thought of selfishness.

You will regret the passing of opportunities;

Your slowness of spirit, and coldness of heart.

You will regret every hour spent in idleness and abuse;

Abuse of self by drink and lasciviousnes, abuse of others by scandal and "shop-talk."

You will regret your failure to provide yourself with knowledge, that which will enable you to advance.

You will regret that you allowed folly to side track you on the road to success;

That you stopped by the way side to indulge in character-weakening pleasures.

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Man is a peculiar animal.

The dying infidel, Col. Charteris, said: "I would give £30,000 to have it proved to my satisfaction that there is no such a place as hell."

Col. Charteris was an exceptional man, and therefore was exceptionally peculiar.

He spent his whole life trying to disprove the Bible, and when the end came he had not satisfied even himself of anything.

There are others like him.

They make a big noise, and a display of words that are empty.

Behind it all is assified bigotry;

They say to their Maker, "Prove to my finite mind the things of the Infinite and I will believe."

As well say to the astronomer, "Pace off the distance to the moon and the stars, and I will believe you when you tell me the distance thither."

Wherein priestcraft darkens infidelity blinds;

In the one the Light is hidden behind the veil, in the other there is no Light at all.

Both are a blot on the intelligence of man, and a hindrance to the onrushing Christ period of Light, Truth and Love.

### COURTESY'S REWARD.

In October, 1901, S. H. Brown, of Niagara Falls, was conductor on a New York Central Belt Line train that ran to and from the Pan-American Exposition. In going through his train one day he met a lady and her two daughters who had been rendered temporarilly penniless by the loss of her purse on the Exposition grounds. Conductor Brown advanced the necessary 15 cents to pay their fare to the station where they desired to go, and then sent them to their hotel.

A few days ago Brown received a letter bearing the Philadelphia postmark. When he opened it a new one thousand-dollar bill fluttered to the floor. Brown was astonished when he read the letter, which was unsigned. The letter recalled the Exposition incident, and told how the writer had been impressed with Brown's courtesy and kindness, and that the bill was a remembrance of his deed.

### COPPER.

Mr. W. F. Fitzgerald, of Messers. Towie & Fitzgerald, who has been bearish upon the copper situation for some time, has changed his position. He says:

"I have changed my opinion of the copper situation through knowledge of the small stocks of copper in the hands of the producers, refiners and consumers. On the first day of January, 1902, there was on hand a stock of about 350,000,000 pounds. This stock has disappeared somewhere, and the impression prevailing in disinterested circles is that it has gone into consumption. Manufacturers, as a rule, are buying from hand to mouth, and the stock of copper on hand, so far as one can find out, is considerably less than 50,000,000 pounds.

"When a man goes to the United States Metal Selling company for copper he gets more statistics than copper, and yet the price of lake copper is kept below 12 cents

"It looks as if the natural laws of supply and demand might regulate the the price of copper for 1902. Eleven-cent copper has opened uses for the metal which have been responsible for the heavy consumption. When copper comes into active competition with galvanized iron there is necessarily a greatly widened market for the former

"I believe copper shares offer splendid opportunities at prevailing prices with but slight risk."

### OUTPUT OF OUR MINES.

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company's collieries for the month of December shows a marked increase over any month since last spring. The following are the figures for the past three months for the three collieries:

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| October | 42,577 tons. |
| November | 34,410 tons. |
| December | 43,631 tons. |

November output was curtailed by the Michel strike.

The following shows the amount contributed by each camp for the month of December.

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| Coal Creek | 19,336 tons |
| Michel | 13,927 tons. |
| Morrissey | 10,369 tons. |

It is expected that the output for 1902 will reach the grand total of 1,000,000 tons.—Fernie Free Press.

A new mining law is being drafted for the South African mining region. After being submitted to the chamber of mines the measure will go to a commission, and thence to the legislative council for enactment. The draft proposes that copper rights shall be granted in the form of two blocks, of 30 claims each, with vertical rights differing from the laws regulating gold mining, in that the reef cannot be followed in all its dips and angles. Licenses will be £5 per month for each block. Stamp mills with less than 5 stamp batteries may be worked without the payment of a royalty.

Accident plays quite a considerable part in the discovery of mineral deposits Many examples are on record. The Freiburg mines in Saxony were discovered by a soldier, whose horse picked up a stone in its shoe; this stone was heavy lead ore. Copper was found in South Australia from examination of green mineral in burrowings of the wombat. Diamonds in South Africa, and gold in California, were found by chance. A geologist discovered phosphate of lime in France by analyzing sand that was used to give a violet color to brick. Any mineral of a peculiar appearance in a district should be carefully examined. For years the great Comstock lode in Nevada was worked for gold, and the rich yellow sand which eventually turned out to be silver chloride, was being thrown away. The Broken Hill silver mine, it is believed, was first peggen out for tin. The porus pumice ore of Mount Morgon was sold for cleaning hearths before its value became known.

A specie of clay bearing some gold has been found in Arizona that defied other methods of treatment till that of drying any then beating with a club was tried.


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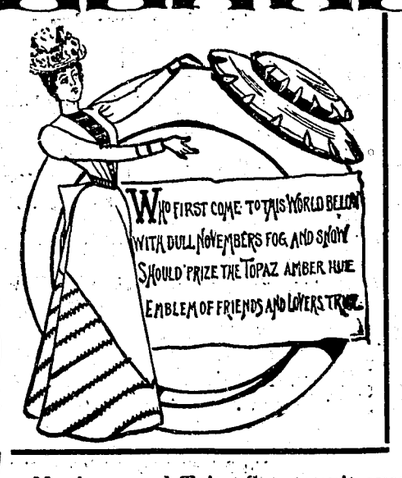


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