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From the Lake Towns

John Craig had a rib broken at Winlaw last week.

An expert from the coast will examine the California next week.

Mrs. F. H. Hawkins is seriously ill at the residence of Mrs. Ferguson.

A daughter was born to the wife of Harry J. Matheson, at Blairmore on the 21st inst.

Did you ever think what mighty things are going to happen "when the snow goes."

Vancouver parties are coming to to look at the Mollie Hughes with a view to buying it.

H. Leuke, a miner well known in the Slocan, died at Phoenix last week of pneumonia.

E. G. Kinman commenced last week to cut 100,000,000 feet of logs around Trout lake.

The prospects for mining around New Denver are brighter than at any time in the history of the camp.

W. C. E. Koch will, it is reported, soon resume operations at the Enterprise under a new lease.

Rosebery promises to raise more than strawberries this summer. Two stores are to be opened there.

R. J. Hamilton was in town and reports that he sold more goods in Sandon this week than on any previous visit.

The Hall Mines smelter on car lots of ore from the Mollie Hughes give a freight and treatment rate of $9 per ton.

Public gambling and the selling of booze on Sunday has been suppressed in Kaslo. The order was scarcely necessary.

Alex McDermaid was so badly beaten in a drunken row at Ymir last week, by Murdock Campbell, that he died from his injuries.

A Colorado man will arrive at New Denver in a few days for the purpose of looking into the virtues of the Hartney as a zinc producer.

The Wakefield is shut down awaiting a supply of water for the mill. There is no more room for the storing of ore either at the mill or the mine.

Since the 1st of March John Kinman and his partners have taken two cars of rich ore out of the Neepawa. They have a lease on that property.

We learn from a reliable source that "the industrial life of the country is rapidly reviving." We hope it is not simply a recurrence of that Spring feeling.

Ore from the Sweet Grass, on Goat mountain, has assayed as high as $30 in gold, and 1100 ounces in silver. The property is now under bond to S. Logan, of Nelson.

Robert Madden has been delayed on his return trip to Trout Lake. Upon the train his bride was taken ill with pneumonia and had to be taken to a hospital in Montreal.

A mammoth safe has been instaled in the Strathcona hotel at Nelson. Under the management of Colonel Tompkins this hotel is becoming one of the most famous in the great west.

Twelve tons of ore recently shipped from the Mollie Hughes mine near New Denver gave returns of nearly $1,100. The shipment averaged $4 in gold and 148 ounces in silver.

Work is to resume on the Highlander at Ainsworth. The long tunnel upon that property will be driven another thousand feet.

Robt. F. Green, M. P. P., is credited with this remark: "I can say one thing very positively, that all over the province the business outlook is brighter than it has been for years, and this particularly applies to mining."

Rossland wants to see how the Slocan girls play hockey, and have been trying to get the Slocan and Silverton teams to go over to the Golden City. Sitting upon the puck is barred in Rossland and the girls wouldn't go.

C. Fernan is astounded at the indifference displayed by the mine owners to his project to build a smelter and a zinc enriching plant to treat our silver-lead-zinc ores. When C. Fernau is better acquainted with the mine owners, he will not be so easily astonished.

Gus Mathews, probably the most famous Nimrod in Nelson, went fishing last Saturday but secured less than a carload of the piscatorial formation. It is currently believed that the fish know his shadow when it falls upon the water and hike away when Gus opens his eye, and casts his fly.

Mrs. Agnes McDonald, widow of the late Scott McDonald, was married last week to Captain McDonald. This is an instance where the lady marries without changing her name. The Captain is a brother of her former husband, and for many years has run a line of steamers on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Mrs. McDonald is reputed to be the richest woman in Spokane. The greater part of her wealth was made out of the Payne mine.

SMELTER RATE AGREED UPON.

At the meeting of the Silver-Lead Mine Owners Association at Sandon last Wednesday night, the members took action on the resolution passed at the meeting of the association held recently at Nelson.

The resolution endorses the proposition of the low grade lead miners whereby the government is to be requested to extend the benefits of the Bounty Act to a limited amount of ore to be exported and smelted abroad. In return for this concession the Slocan mine owners demand that lead ores sold and smelted in Canada during the period of such proposed extension of bounty, shall be given a maximum freight and treatment rate of $15 per ton as per scale now in force; that the marketing charge shall not exceed $20 per 2000 pounds of lead, as at present, and that the limit on zinc shall not decrease from 10 per cent. and the penalty on the excess shall not exceed 50 cents per unit.

The executive council of the association is conferring with the smelters, and it is believed the matter will be settled in a few days.

A shoe for every foot at the Royal Shoe Store, Nelson.

PYTHIAN NIGHT AT SANDON.

Upwards of 150 people enjoyed the At Home given last Wednesday evening in the Auditorium by Sandon Lodge No. 24, K. of P. It was an event long to be remembered by all. Sandon Pythians are a lot of royal good fellows; they always know how to entertain their guests and never skimp themselves or their funds when they determine to do anything. There is a quaint saying credited to a local son of Erine that "there's nothing too good for the Irish." Unfortunately, or fortunately, all Sandon Pythians are not Irish, and so the members of "24" have paraphrased that remark, and with them it reads "there's nothing too good for our friends."

The arrangements for the affair were perfect, and were carried out with a smoothness that put everybody in good humor and kept them so until 3 o'clock the following morning.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock the castle doors were closed, and the lodge was in session one hour. Then the Auditorium doors were thrown open and the public filed in. Innumerable tables were conveniently arranged about the centre of the large floor, and games of all kinds were started by the happy guests. After an hour or so was spent in this social way, Dr. Gomm, chairman of the evening, rapped order, and after a very pithy, practical address of welcome to the friends, announced a short program. It consisted of reading, speaking, songs, choruses, piano duett and "a bunch of nonsense" monologue. It was, in many respects, on a par with many an entertainment given by professionals of the best rank.

Following this "feast for the mind," as the chairman designated it, came a sumptuous "feast for the body," and then a "feast for the muse." Those who were not inclined to dance were taken to the lodge room above, where tables and games were provided.

Twenty-five people went from New Denver, and Three Forks added five or ten to the crowd. Each and all are lavish in their praise of the Sandon Knights and their unsurpassed facilities, and their "know-how" to entertain.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1903 was, approximately, 15,200 tons Since January 1 to Mch 26, 1904, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Argenta		5
Blue Bird		20
Black Prince		43
Black Fel		2
Cinderella-Medford		150
Comstock		180
Enterprise		160
Fisher Maiden	20	[illegible]
Hewitt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Idaho		180
Ivanhoe	[illegible]	161
Kincora		13
Last Chance		142
Lorna Doon		20
Marion		20
Mountain Con		27
Monitor		40
Neepawa		16
[illegible]		[illegible]
Payne	190	[illegible]
Fort Hope		7
Plato		5
Republic		32
Reco	42	424
Ruth		255
Slocan Star	53	[illegible]
Sovereign		[illegible]
Sunset		[illegible]
Sapphire		2
Total tons	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Sandon News Croppings

There are 25 men working at the Idaho.

Byers & Co. will be sold on April 11.

Pat Hayes is tagging his blankets for Poplar.

This year the Rambler has shipped 275 tons of ore.

Lane Gillian is mining in Arizona and Mexico.

G. W. Grimmett is retiring from business in Sandon.

James Vallance is sizing up the situation in Sandon.

Richard Peake is recovering from his late severe illness.

Billy Adams took a hasty look at the Rambler last week.

John Pound has left Alaska, and gone to mine in Nevada.

The Spokane Review now comes to Sandon over the C.P.R.

James Bell has returned from visiting the folks in Ontario.

The new company has ten men employed at the Queen Bess.

H. S. Pyke spent last week visiting A. R. Fingland, of Three Forks.

The K. & S. will burn coal in the future and shorten time between stations.

G. H. Murhard has pneumonia. This is the open season for that complaint.

James Callagham, of Vancouver, was in Three Forks this week selling pianos.

Three men are working on the Glenora. Indications point to the making of a mine.

The gastronomists at the Ivanhoe are delighted to have George McLean in their camp.

A social will be held in the basement of the Methodist church this (Thursday) evening.

T. Gordon has opened a restaurant upon Reco avenue, next to Cameron's tailor shop.

The concentrator at Alamo will resume operations when the water supply is more abundant.

A syndicate has secured a lease and bond upon the Chambers group, and work will commence this week.

Sandon is still in need of a bank, although Ed Atherton makes a fairly good representative of capital.

Paddy Murphy is at the Halcyon springs seeking a few days respite from the strenuous life at the silvery capital.

A 24 foot range in the cook-house of the Last Chance makes it an ideal spot for the knights who juggle with pot and pan.

Mustn't call Toney's pa George, anymore. He's been gazetted a learned Justice of the Peace, and it must be "Your Worship."

Splits put the original proprietor of the faro bank upon the pike, but new capital has captured the layout, and are seeking depositors.

James Barton is again guarding the treasure chest on the N. & S. express. The long run between Nelson and Medicine Hat gave him rheumatism, and he is glad to be again amid the Slocan hills.

The postponed Presbyterian social was given Monday evening at the home of Mrs. McAllister, Cody. Two sleigh loads of animated beauty went from Sandon, besides a large crowd of the boys rode Shank's mare over the trail.

The Payne has started the shipment of its zinc to Antwerp. It has contracted to ship 300 tons a month. The ore is taken by rail to West St. John. There it is transferred to a Canadian Pacific steamer for the journey across the Atlantic.

Saturday night a swift game of puck chasing was played on the Sandon rink between the Champions and the World. The World took a tumble out of the little fellows. The boys put up a hard fight, but the big fellows had the weight behind them, together with experience, and won out by a score of 8 to 5. But, as one of the fair ones remarked, that wasn't much. With the advantage in weight they had, it ought to have been 15 to 0.

DELINQUENT PRE-EMPTORS.

If delinquent pre-emptors of crown lands do not pay up before the 15th of next month—April—they will lose their land. The following notice in the Gazette so stipulates:

Attention is hereby directed to to the notice signed by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and dated 22nd June, 1899, in which all pre-emptors or purchasers of Crown lands, from whom the purchase money remaining unpaid on such lands is overdue, are called upon to make full payment of such balance, with interest thereon, if any is due.

And further notice is hereby given to all persons who have failed to comply with the requirments of the said notice that if such overdue balances of purchase money are not paid on or before the 15th day of April next the records or aggreements concerning such lands will be cancelled.

BOSUN HALL GROCERY.

Camp orders a specialty. Choice fresh unsmoked sugar-cured hams, 17c lb, picnic hams 14c, spice roal bacon 15c, Bologna sausage choice 12½c, dry salt bacon, very lean, 17c. Our meats are the very best. We have about 15 boxes Greening apples left, $2 a box. Big plug T & B tobacco with big plug chewing, 50c. Can lye 10c; chocolate, per cake, 5c; best cream 10 cans, $1; salmon bellies, 15c lb.

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JUDGING from the daily papers there seems to be some kind of fuss between the Japs and Russians.

By helping a newspaper you help yourself. The best thing in a camp is a newspaper, and critical strangers judge a town by its bugle.

BUFFALO BILL wants a divorce from his wife, and claims that she tried to poison him three times. Perhaps she put something in his tea to cure him of drinking high balls, and it caused him to gag like a hobo drinking water.

THERE is said to be a boom in Vancouver. The people do not mind the rain, and are bent upon making the 'Frisco of Canada so busy that nobody will have wet feet. Doc Reynolds is largely responsible for the boom.

THE scenery around New Denver is the finest in the world, and if properly advertised, a delighted world would camp in our midst every summer, thus enabling each individual in this beautiful city to obtain all the wealth necessary for a healthy existence.

CONSIDERING that this is the Christian era, it is really wonderful how the war keeps up. Even in Canada, where the people are too good to spit upon the Sabbath, armories are built all over the country. The church and the armory seem to be near relations.

FARMERS coming into British Columbia from the east think they have located in Paradise. There is no better field in the world for tillers of the soil than the province whose western shore is washed by the Pacific. Its climate is mild as watered whiskey, and its scenery grand and beautiful enough to touch even the heart or a man with the hoe.

WHY YOUNG MEN FAIL.

Young men fail because they fail to weigh in the balance the ultimate cost of the first wrong step. They fail because they mistake the real source of happiness in life, and strive to acquire that which is not so precious as good reputation, with its accompanying pleasures—peace of mind and the confidence of their fellow-men. Money is not wealth. The greatest assets are a clear conscience and a good character. These conceded, all that a man can reasonably desire, certainly more than can be dishonestly acquired, is sure to follow. The prohibition of covetousness is not a meaningless law. He who is content with what he has or what he honestly earns is avoiding a great temptation, and is preparing for riches which no man can dispute, and which he can enjoy as long as life lasts.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

"Pop!"

"Yes, my son."

"What's argument?"

"That's what they use when they haven't got proof."—Cleveland Leader.

Edwin Markham says that one of his literary friends started a hennery last spring on Staten Island. He didn't know a thing about the business, but he set a couple of hens, and in good time had two large broods of chickens. He was very proud of them, but in a week or two they began to die. Then he called in a neighbor to look at them and to offer advice. They were skinny birds, apparently without ambition.

"What do you feed them on?" asked the neighbor after a brief survey.

"Feed?" responded the novelist, as though he didn't hear aright. "Why, I don't feed them at all. I thought the mother hens had enough milk for them."—New York Times.

"How far is it around the world?"
In girlish innocence asked she.
"Ah, I will measure it," he said,
"If you will permit me to, and see."
Then, when his strong right arm he placed
About her waist so small and trim,
He found it wasn't very far,
For she was all the world to him.
—Town Topics.

USED TO IT.

Jonah was giving the details of the episode.

"But," they asked, "did your wife believe you when you said you had been three days in the whale?"

"Yes," he returned. "She said I had given her much more improbable excuses before."

With a happy smile he went down town to buy her a handsome present.

A WONDERFUL MAN.

James Lane Allen has some friends who have an Irish maid, green as the proverbial grass, named Bedelia. Bedelia had a sore throat, and the family physician was asked to prescribe. "Shure, an' he's the wonderful man," said Bedelia. He told me I must wear flannens. How could he discover jist by lookin' down my throat that I'd never a flannen on me!"

HE DIDN'T MIND.

It is related that when Daniel Webster's market man had sued him for a long unpaid bill and got his money, he was so scared at his temerity that he stopped calling at the door for orders. The godlike Daniel asked him why one day, and the man confessed that he supposed Mr. Webster would never trade with him again. "Oh," said Webster, "sue me as often as you like, but, for heaven's sake, don't starve me."

NOT IN VAIN.

Talbot J. Taylor, son-in-law of James R. Keene, was accosted one bright morning not long ago by a graybeard with one leg, hobbling along Broadway. "For God s sake, sir," he began, but the broker interrupted him with some severity. "Don't take the Lord's name in vain, my friend," he said. The beggar's rather intelligent face was illuminated with a faint smile. "It will be your fault, sir," he said, 'if I do take it in vain." Thereupon the broker also smiled, and his hand went quickly to his pocket.

HOPELESS.

"What's the matter, old chap?"

"Feeling miserable. Saw double all last night."

"Never mind. You'll be all right in a little while."

"No, I won't. It's a real case of twins."

Korea's mineral resources have been developed somewhat and it is known that the country offers exceptional opportunites in the development of mineral lands to those with ample capital. It has both quartz and placer gold mines from which is extracted annually up to $3,000,000, but to date most of these gold properties have been worked in most crude ways and there are but few of them that have not been closed down for long periods, some of them not because of unproductiveness, but from ignorance and lack of capital. All mining concessions in Korea are let by the government, the crown having absolute ownership. Korea lacks coal, but it has deposits of iron ores and some copper.

"The average grade of ore melted in Belgium is about 45 to 46 per cent zinc, thus referring to the tenor of the ore after calcination or roasting. About the same grade of ore is smelted in Rhenish, Prussia and in Wales. Ore assaying less than 40 per cent zinc cannot as a rule be smelted profitably by the Belgian process. The cost of smelting in Belgium or Rheinland is considerably higher than in Silesia, where coal is cheaper and the labor cost per ton of ore is somewhat lower. On the other hand, most of the Belgian smelters treat the residues remaining after distillation of the zinc for recovery of their lead and silver contents, which helps them out materially. The residues are jigged and the concentrates are sintered and smelted in the usual manner. The total losses of both lead and silver are, however, very high and consequently only a small proportion of the lead and silver contents of an ore are paid for, and that only when in excess of a certain percentage."

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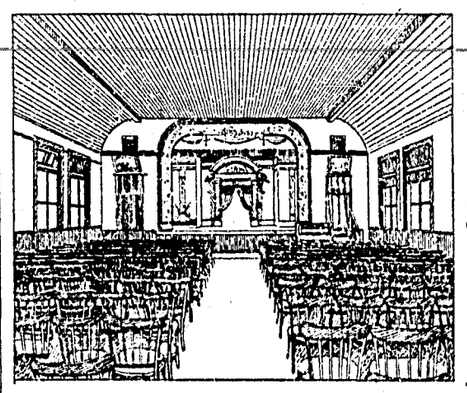

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WILL INVEST IN B. C.

Jack Munroe, the burly miner who recently beat Sailor Sharkey all round a prize ring in Boston, has announced to the New York press that he proposes to invest his winnings in British Columbia mining ventures. Munroe is now credited with a desire to go after the championship belt held by Jeffries, and, win or lose, the battle will bring more grist to his money mill. He says it is his intention to invest this money in British Columbia mines, and to settle down in this province as a mine magnate.

The incident is rather unusual and probably gives British Columbia's mining industry more advertising in New York city than it would obtain in a year by the ordinary means of publishing its magnitude and promise. Just now Munroe is very much in the public eye, and his remarks on this subject have a novelty from the lips of a prize fighter that adds weight to them.

Munroe was billed as from Butte, but as a matter of fact, he could just as properly have been advertised as from Phœnix, B. C., for he did more mining in Phœnix while in the employ of various Boundary properties than he did in Butte. While in Phœnix Munroe achieved considerable note as a bruiser. He went in for sparring to some extent, but rough-and-tumble was his long suit, and it is not recorded that he ever got the worst of the mixture when it came to general figting without Hoyle. Many residents of Peœnix remember his last difficulty there when it came to his ears that another miner had referred to him by a name that has the same effect on the average man as the brandishing of a crimson flag in the proverbial bull's countenance. Munroe started out to look for his man, and found him at a dance in Phœnix one Saturday night. There was a rush, Munroe struck out once and his victim was stretched out on the floor quivering like a leaf and absolutely unconscious, in which condition he remained for several hours. Munroe was powerful, in fact, to use an ordinary expression, "he didn't know how strong he was," but it was never supposed that he would develop the science to justify him in aspiring for championship pugilistic honors.

That the ex-Phœnix miner has a substatum of hard common sense is indicated by his statement that his pickings from the prize ring will be devoted to a fund that will start him as a British Columbia mine owner, and if he plays the game with equal sense he is likely to wind up at a point where purses won't be worth the trouble of going after.

TIN REFININGS.

The melting points of tin is between 227 and 233C.

Stream tin is usually found in low grounds, as in beds of streams. It is a gravel-like ore, in black and brown colors.

Of the world's annual production of tin the United States consumes 42 5 per cent. Great Britain is next with 27 per cent.

The Cornwall tin mines of England have, it is estimated, in their 4,000 years of exploitation produced over 1,000,000 tons of tin.

Tin is very slowly attacked by nitric acid and slowly by strong hydrochloric acid heated, while it is not affected by dilute sulphuric acid.

Tin ore most frequently occurs in veins in granite a quartose gneiss, and mica schist, associated often with wolfram, pyrite, topaz, mica and talc.

Tin at ordinary temperature is slowly tarnished by exposure to air or moisture.

Tin has a close resemblance to silver in color and luster, but presents a yellowish tint when the white light reflected from its surface is excluded.

Tin is highly malleable, but somewhat less ductile, its tensile strength being low, this having been determined to be 4,600 pounds to the square inch.

Ti . for shipment is made into pigs running from 50 to 120 pounds, there apparently being no regulation as to weight, various makers using their own ideas.

Tin alloys readily with most all metals, its property of alloying with iron being utilized in the manufacture of tin plate, which is iron with a coating of tin.

A tin mine with plenty of tin ore in it, located anywhere in the United States would be a far more valuable property than a gold mine, with but few exceptions.

Mosaic gold or commonly called bronze powder, used for ornamental purposes, is composed of tin bisulphide, this chemical mixture of tin shows a beautiful golden luster.

Tin is harder than lead and softer than gold. It melts at 442 degrees F. It is not sensibly votalized at high temperatures, though at a strong red heat it emits white fumes.

In the middle ages Cornis tin was much used in the manufacture of bolts and later on a large number of bronze cannons were manufactured that consumed considerable tin.

THE LESS, THE MORE.

"What!" asks the astonished husband when the wife shows him the bill for her new theatre-gown; "five hundred dollars for that dress?"

"Why, yes, my dear," purs the fond wife.

"Five hundred dollars! Why, there isn't half as much goods in it as there is in one of your ordinary dresses."

"I know; but when the modiste makes a decollete gown she always makes a higher charge."

"Gee! Poor old Adam! I wonder what his household expenses were?"

ANY OLD THING.

Sophocles' tragedy of "Antigone" was produced at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, once with Mendelson's music, and the "gods" were greatly pleased, and, according to their custom, demanded a sight of the author. "Bring out Sapherclaze!" they yelled. The manager explained that Sophocles had been dead two thousand years and more and could not well come. Thereat a voice shouted from the gallery, "Then chuck us out his mummy!"

EVIDENCE.

"Do you believe in telepathy?" "Well, this morning a man paid me a hundred dollars he owed me, and this afternoon I got a letter from my wife asking for a hundred."

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Poor Feebles (about to be operated on for appendicitis)—Doctor, before you begin I wish you would send and have our pastor, the Reverend Mr. Harps come over.

Dr. Cutter—Certainly, if you wish it, but—ah!——

"I'd like it to be opened with prayer."

A WISE JEST.

A Toronto clergyman lately astonished his congregation by announcing: "My friends, we will worship our close (clothes) by singing the 325th hymn." The unconscious wisdom of his remark created amusement among those who awoke in time to hear it.

The Kootenay saloon is on two corners, and has an entrance on two streets. This makes it easy if you are racing around town in search of something to plug a hole in your thirst.

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The remarkable cures of tuberculosis from the fresh air treatment alone emphasize the wrong conditions under which modern life is lived, says Harper's Bazar. The construction and heating of our houses and places of public gathering keep us most of the time in burnt out air, from which the oxygen is gone and the poison exhaled from ourselves and our neighbors is the chief constituent. A skin specialist says that many teachers come to him suffering from an affection which takes the hair off the head in large bald spots, sometimes leaving the entire head bare. The time spent every day in a close room packed with children is the cause. Six months of life in the fresh air brings about a cure in most cases. Children, nowadays, have tonsils and nose growths removed so that they may get more air into the clamoring lungs. We herd in cities, and pack ourselves in sky scraping apartments or block residences, built, most of them, so that real ventilation is not possible. Then we hang three tiers of curtains at the windows, put portiers at the doors, stand screens in front of them, turn on the steam heat, light the gas, and wonder why we have catarrh, neuralgia, colds and other ills! The ventilation of her home should be the first care of every housekeeper. Accept the conditions if they can not be changed, and do what is possible to mitigate them. Abolish stuffy furniture and an undue amount of drapery. While the family dines see that the family sitting room has lights lowered and windows open; get transoms over the bedroom doors if possible; if not, leave doors open at night. Lift the skylight on blocks to insure an upward draft through the house, and watch always in every way to keep the air of the room constantly renewed.

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"Times are hard, money is scarce, business is dull, retrenchment is a duty. Please stop my—" Whiskey? "Oh, no; times are not hard enough yet for that. But there is something else that costs me a large amount of money every year, which I wish to save. Please stop my—' Tobacco, cigars? "No, no—not these; but I must retrench somewhere. Please stop my—" Ribbons, jewels, ornaments, and trinkets? "Not at all. Pride must be fostered, if times are ever so hard; but I believe I can see a way to effect quite a saving in another direction. Please stop my—" Tea, coffee, and needless unhealthy luxuries? "No, no; not these I cannot think of such a sacrifice, I must think of something else. Ah, I have it now! My weekly paper costs me two cents a week. I must save that. Please stop my—paper; that will carry me through easily. I believe in retrenchment and economy."

SAM KNEW IT.

One Sunday Dr. Ducachet arose feeling wretched. He called an old colored servant to him and said, "Sam, go around and tell the sexton to post a notice on the church door saying that I am too ill to preach to-day.

"Now, massa," said Sam, "don't you gib up dat way. You can git 'long alright."

The argument resulted in the minister's starting off. Service over, he returned looking brighter.

"How you feel, massa," said Sam, as he opened the door.

"Better, much better, Sam. I am glad I took your advice."

"I knew it, I knew it," said Sam, grinning. "I knew you feel better when you git dat sermon out o' your system."

OUT OF TIME.

Canon Marriott, of Bermuda, spent the latter part of the summer at Lenox, Mass. The canon is exceedingly fond of music, and his acquaintance with musicians is extensive.

The canon told one day a story about Offenbach.

"Offenbach," he said, "once had an unusually good valet. The man could shave, cook, tailor, market, doctor horses—do, in a word, a thousand things. Offenbach, nevertheless, discharged him.

"'Why,' his friends said, 'did you discharge a servant so apt?'

"'Oh, because,' said Offenbach, pettishly, 'in beating clothes outside my door he would never keep in time.'"

FOLLOWED DIRECTIONS.

The New York Tribune tells the following story:

A Western teacher, instructing a class in composition, said; "Do not attempt any flights of fancy; be yourselves and write what is in you." The following day a bright pupil handed in the following: "We should not attempt any flites of fancy, rite what is in us. In me there is my stomach, lungs, heart, liver, two apples, one piece of mince pie, three sticks of candy, a hull lot of peanuts and my dinner."

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TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To CHARLES NEWHAUS, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the Black Eagle mineral claim, situated on the north Fork of Carpenter creek, Slocan Mining Division, West Kootenay.

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended $102 50 in labor and improvements on the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned sum, 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 the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Three Forks, B. C., March 10, 1904.
JAMES D. RYAN.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

ISIS Mineral Claim

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Near Bear Lake, adjoining the Snap mineral claim.

TAKE NOTICE, That I, Wm. S. Drewry, F. M. C. No. B 64471, for myself and acting as agent for Minna Boetcher F. M. C. No. B 64997, Hugh B Fletcher F. M. C. No. B. 69833, John F. McIntosh. F. M. C. No B 69355, Oliver T. Stone, F. M. C., No. B. 64 16, Robt Williams No F. M. C. B 64380, Jas. Black, F. M. C. No. 40154, and Herbert T. Twigg, F. M. C. No. B. 64392, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 17th day of March, A. D 1904
W. S. DREWRY.

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Mineral Claims

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Slocan Lake, one mile east from Rosebery Station

TAKE NOTICE That I, A. R. Heyland, agent for E. Hunt F.M.C. B 71502, D. J Matheson, F.M.C. B 71503, and D. D. MacDonald, F.M.C. B 71522, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of each of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 15th day of February; A. D. 1904.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

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