





Mulok after Lowery's Claim

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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, FEBRUARY 5, 1903.  
FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Methuselah lived over 900 years but he never was in a train wreck.

If there is evil in anything printed you cannot see it without having evil in your mind.

People become slaves when they seek to crush others who differ from them in religion or politics.

The governor of South Carolina recently shot an editor. The governor of North Carolina said nothing.

The removal of the duty on coal by the United States is the first step towards reciprocity with Canada.

Teddy Roosevelt is a great man, perhaps, but not yet great enough to take back the lie he wrote about Tom Paine.

In order to escape the game laws of Illinois quail are shipped in coffins. This is a dead game way of beating the law.

The new C. P. R. hotel at Glacier will cost \$35,000. The new C. P. R. hotel at New Denver will cost \$800,000.

Comstock does not live in Canada, although the editor of Lowery's Claim thinks that he has some backers living in Kootenay.

It will soon be considered a privilege to be allowed to build a railway in Canada without asking for lands or money from the government.

Mulock should issue a code of instructions to editors. Innocent publishers are liable to be ruined at any time by not knowing the love our press censor has for prudes.

A Kansas man sent the following testimonial to a patent medicine company: "Dear Sir—My wife took a bottle of your medicine and died. I am married again; please send me another bottle."

The Laurier government has broken its pledges upon the Mougolian question and lost the respect of all right-thinking people. A government that will lie does not deserve the respect of any one.

Prior asked for a million at Ottawa even if he did get the marble heart. Ever since that writ affair in West Yale we always knew that our red-faced premier was not lacking in that great power commonly called nerve.

A man in Arkansas died last year from the bite of a woodtick. The insurance companies claimed that it was an unnatural death and would not pay the insurance on his life, but judgment in the courts went against them.

Some people will buy anything if they think there is a bargain in it. The sales of marriage licenses in a county of Pennsylvania were recently very much increased by cutting the price of licenses from \$1 to 40 cents for 30 days.

Lowery's Claim is not dead simply because Canada's postoffice officials in Ottawa are tainted with prejudice and bigotry. The poor fellows cannot help it and are to be pitied. In the meantime the Claim is going ahead faster than ever and the demand for it is enormous.

In the east burglars frequently rob houses of coal and beef, and leave the diamonds alone. In the west they will soon be touching houses for copies of Lowery's Claim. As a rule the burglar only takes the most valuable goods.

The Mormons living in Alberta have sent in several petitions to Ottawa asking for an increase in the duties on lead, claiming that prosperity in the lead camps of British Columbia means a good market for all their farm products.

You are to be kind to everyone, and considerate, but you are not to be kept in any kind of bondage by well-meaning attention of your friends. Be just, do your duty, be loving to all, and still maintain your individuality and teach others to be likewise centered.

In the west it is strictly against the code to shoot an editor without first telling him to "heel" himself. To kill any kind of a man, much less an editor, without first giving him a chance to get a shooter is the unpardonable sin amongst gun-fighters of the untamed west.

Christ did not persecute those who did not hold the same opinion. His pseudo followers in Canada are just the opposite. They seek by force rather than argument to have their own way. When defeated by reason they turn upon the writer much the same as a skunk defends itself. These people think they are good when they are only ignorant and fanatical.

In a Texas court, the other day a girl obtained a divorce from her husband and in an hour married another man. When the judge heard of it he set aside the decree. A judge—in Texas, anyway—has a right to change his mind until the end of the term of court at which the decree is granted. This is more evidence of it not paying to be in too big a hurry, even in love affairs.

The government of Canada is swayed by church and kings. It will kiss the cross any time for a vote, and humiliate one of its brightest provinces in order to present a bouquet of imperial reasons to some monarch across the sea. Canada needs a government that will place the Dominion first in all things. Truckling and subservient legislators will eventually ruin this great country if they are not checked by the voice of the people.

**About Truth** A journal that tells the truth will have a hard trail to climb for a time. People do not like to have their old notions about things sat upon by fresher and better ideas. They always squirm until the light breaks in upon their moss grown minds. Some can never accept new truth, and die fossilized. People with the minds of the latter always stand in the way of progress and fight the uplifting of the human race with a determination worthy of a better cause. On this subject we append the following:  
"Every new truth which has ever been propounded for a time caused mischief. It has produced discomfort, and often unhappiness, sometimes by disturbing social or religious arrangements and sometimes merely by the disruption of old and cherished associations of thought. It is only after a certain interval, and when the framework of affairs has adjusted itself to the new truth, that its good effects preponderate, and the preponderance continues to increase until, at length, the truth causes nothing but good. But at the outset there is always harm. And if the truth is very great as well as very new the harm is serious. Men are made uneasy, they flinch, they cannot bear the sudden light; a

**Who Is the Worst?**  
An English journal recently wondered whether the pronunciation of some of the ignorant classes or of some of the cultivated classes is the worst.

For instance, the groom says: "Arry, 'old me 'oss."  
But the curate says: "He that hath yaws to yaw, let him yaw."  
And the doctor's wife says: "Jawge, please go to Awthah and awdah the hawse, and don't forget to look at the fish."

And the vicar says, "If owah gwacious sovereign-ah wur-ah to die."

Nearly every character has the habit of bemoaning past losses, when they have really been valuable experiences—which were necessary for the complete development of the character. We are infinite beings; nothing can be lost—the changes, including the depressions assist in the forming of required new foundations for action; there are hints and suggestions in every so-called failure, if we only look for them.

The oppressing thought and fears which are everywhere, among all people, are just so many shadows cloudy mists fading before the sunshine that now springs from the heart of man at last redeemed from ignorance, at last emancipated from the bonds of selfishness. Generosity destroys all shadows—since this is the light of expended opened interest—the light of Love, of Life.

You need to save yourself not only from the habit of merely echoing others, but also from the habit of eternally following in the track of your own old habits. In other words, you are to be ever on the alert for new paths of action. Change is the law of growth. When you change your habits, you will renew yourself, body and soul.

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CHRIST'S WAY.

Oh, tell me, Christian soldiers Who claim to fight for God, How did you get your glory, By precept or by rod? Did your dear parents whip you Into the right belief, That for the God you worshipped Your soul would cause no grief?

Did Christ thus bring his message Into this world of ours? To force religion on us By military powers? Ah, no! no gun or sword blades Drove it into your hearts; But by his love and kindness His mercy he imparts.

Instead of killing others, His own sweet life he gave; For by his best example He all mankind might save. In meekness, love and kindness, All lessons taught us right, With fighting, strife, contention, He ne'er God's message brought.

Then why should we who follow, Pressing in his name, Ever think by fighting heathen? To make them love, not blame? It will more likely turn them Than think of God with them, Instead of drawing to him To follow in his path.

Oh, shame! to those forgetting The mission of Christ's life, And who his name believe, In fields of blood and strife. And who his name believe, The lives of others take And ask a blessing, saying It was for Christ's dear sake.

Oh! can you think to please him, By ways he would condemn? Ah! souls that are mistaken, How he would pity them, That they are so benighted, They cannot wisdom see, And know his lesson taught them Were love and charity.

—MARTHA SHEPPARD LIPPHICOTT.

IDEALISM.

Idealism, or Mental Science, is the philosophy that teaches all is Mind. Everything in the objective universe is a formulated thought. Life is exactly as we have made it, and our environment is the outcome of our own ideals. Nature progresses ever upwards in the order of evolution, but the "evolution" of the new science is one of mental forces and not of dead matter. There is no dead matter. Every little atom thinks and is so much embodied intelligence. There is only a difference of degree between the clod of earth and the brain of an Emerson. The latter evolved out of the former, and the clod possesses in latency the powers of the philosopher's brain.

Our existence is made up of a multitude of experiences. This forms our character; which is our personality. The difference between the lowest form of life and a Jesus Christ is simply the difference of experience. Life has been called a school, and this is certainly what it is. Experience is our teacher; and we learn in many ways. Even our sorrows, our sins, and our failures all have their lessons if we but recognize them.

All is Mind. This statement will appear strange to a person who looks at the subject superficially. Man's body, the clothes that he wears, the earth on which he lives, the suns and stars in the heavens, are just so much Mind. What is Mind? It is that which thinks; that which recognizes something. Mind is not merely a few cubic inches of matter lying in the skull of a man. Look at a man's body, and a careful survey will bring you to the conclusion that every atom of it thinks. For instance, a musician is able to let his fingers fly over the keyboard and unconsciously play melodies. How is this? It is because his fingers are, so to speak, so much brain force and think for him. Man's body is a vast brain structure, having its throne in the head, but by no means confined there. Man, then, first and last is a thinker.

To think is to recognize. But there are different grades of recognition between one form of life and another. Everything in the Universe is what it recognizes itself to be. I am that I am. I will be what I will be. The will of man is supreme. In the lower creation the will, which is the same power as the human will, is not self-conscious—the animals have no consciousness of the power within in them. Recognition of the fact that the will is all powerful makes man the master of the universe. This is Idealism. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. But we can never will that which we do not desire. Therefore, desire is the mainspring of action. Social life today is the outcome of past ideals of the race. It is what we have desired it to be; it is exactly suited to the present; and we have no right to shirk the responsibilities it offers us, and complain of Fate being against us.

Our so-called troubles are the best things that could happen. To overcome them is to enlarge our character and make our personality stronger. Unhappiness is the man who has few obstacles in his path. To one fully conscious of the value of overcoming, there is a distinct pleasure in surmounting difficulties.—Burry.

THE HEART AS A WITNESS.

Having some correspondence with a party in Indiana, we sent him sample copies of our paper; and, in our last letter, added a P. S. of this order: The Catholics teach that all

Protestants will be damned; and, Protestants teach that all Catholics will be damned. This is Christianity. This is the glorious plan of salvation. To us it looks like a scheme of universal damnation. If the Catholics are right, the Protestants are lost. If the Protestants are right, the Catholics are lost. If they are both right, to which conclusion we have a strong bias—the whole shooting match is lost.

In his next favor he makes the following comments: "P. S.—In reply to your postscript, beg to say the papers were received, but the writer is not interested in them. Personally permit me to say that I am one of the class which you condemn to perdition, but I know whereof I believe, having the witness in my own heart."

To this we responded as herein: Paris, Texas, Dec. 3, 1902.

Dear Sir.—Yours of the 29th ult. received. I read with a mixture of pleasure and pain your brief reply to my postscript. Pleasure, because you deigned to notice it at all; but pain because you were satisfied to rely on your "heart as a witness to your faith," the heart being nothing more nor less than a hollow muscle, whose office it is to receive the blood from the arteries and pump it into the veins.

However, let us suppose that you are speaking figuratively, that when you write heart in this connection, you do not mean heart at all, but mental bias; brought about perhaps in part by heredity, and in part by education.

Now, my friend, every human being in the world, no matter what his religion might be, could decline to hear you or me for the same reason, if offered a substitute or an antidote for his habit of thought.

Not alone the victim of supernaturalism, whether pagan or otherwise, but the habitue of tobacco, alcohol, cocaine, opium, etc., if he is so far gone as to consult his heart, i. e., his feeling in the matter—inherited or acquired—could tell the friend who should suggest to him, be it ever so delicately, remedial agents, that he was not interested in them. With profound respect,

While the foregoing is all we wrote on this subject to our correspondent, we now wish to expand the argument by this extract from an able article in The Forum, by one of the greatest scientists, Dr. Maudsley. It explains plainly why Christianity hates Judaism; why Catholicism hates Protestantism; and why Protestantism hates Catholicism, and why petty religious sects hate each other, and to such an extent that each and all have robbed and murdered one another whenever ("beastly majority") favorable opportunity presented itself.

See, also, Psalm 129-21, and Ps. 137-9, and Ps. 2-9. He says:

"Get exclusive hold of it (the brain) from its first dawn, subject it systematically to a special class of impressions and to an answering set of reactions, insulate it as much as possible from all conflicting or distracting impressions and exercise it continually in the way in which it is desired it should think and feel, the certain physical results is the formation of a mental organization which shall discharge that function, and shall take pleasure in discharging it, which shall function in one sort of belief and practice in one country, and in another sort of belief and practice in another country, and which shall always result and recoil from an alien function. To ask a person, so trained and manufactured to a set form of mental growth, to observe, to reflect and to judge in matters that lie outside his range of mental functions, is much like asking one species of organism to have the sensibilities and to perform the acts of another species. How can a Mussulman who has been taught to spell the Koran, to read the Koran, to write the Koran, and to recite the Koran, as his one school lesson, and to believe that nothing is true outside the Koran, have sympathy of feeling and thought, real communion of mental nature, with a Christian or to do otherwise than loathe, hate and despise him? The two belong to the same animal species, but they are virtually of different mental kinds. A mind may be moulded into madness by nature and circumstances as well as distracted into it by disease. When a particular passion, such as religion, jealousy, suspicion, or pride takes all impressions and turns them to its nurture and nature, it grows at last so far out of all proportion and congruity as to be actual madness; it becomes an insane delusion, which, absorbing and holding a certain area of mind (brain) destroys its unity. The individual is a two-fold personality according as he is under the sway of the sound tracts of thought or of

the unsound ones; his mental organization has become so formed by the continual exercise and nurture of certain tracts of it (the brain) that these have strengthened and grown to a predominant power, and it (the brain) is now practically deformed."—Paris (Texas) Examiner.

ON A RIVER BOAT.

Authority on board of a steamboat is an interesting study. It runs on a sliding scale; but, unlike the gamut, it slides only one way. This is bad for the lower "C" on the steamboat, but he has to stand it. A good illustration of how the thing works was given not long ago on a boat in the Delaware.

The captain of a steamer was trying to make a landing at the dock, but the operation was attended with some difficulty. A line from the bow had been run out and made fast to a post, but the vessel's stern was swinging off into the stream. The skipper, with a scowl on his brow, stood on the bridge, abaft the wheelhouse, and stared at the first mate, who was hustling around on the hurricane roof amidship. Down below on the quarter-deck the second mate was helping the third mate and a deck hand to take the turns out of the stern line, which was snarled up on deck instead of being fast on the dock.

"Mr. Olson," said the captain in a gentlemanly tone of voice to the first mate, "why in thunder don't you get that line out, you long, lank, knock-kneed, tar-tainted wreck of returning reason? Don't you see we're swinging off?"

"Aye, aye, sir," Mr. Olson replied, respectfully touching his cap to the skipper.

Then Mr. Olson leaned far over the rail and, raising his voice, he called the second mate's attention to a matter of very great importance.

"Mr. Peterson," he yelled, "what's eating you, you towheaded block-eyed lubber! Do you want to choke the steamer? Get a move on you, and be quick about it!"

"Aye, aye, sir," was Mr. Peterson's response to the delicate attention received from his superior. He then gave the third mate some instructions.

"Swanson," he gently but firmly remarked, "I'll crack your blooming skull if you don't hump yourself, you gaunt-eyed, bow-legged stock-fish feeder. Bear a hand there. Lively now, and get that line out!"

"Aye, aye, sir," said Swanson, in a humble voice.

Then Swanson gave the deck-hand, who gets \$12 a month, a clout on the side of the head that knocked him spinning. Then he jumped on him with both feet and shouted: "Why in the name of the other place don't you pay out that stern line, you low-lived, white-livered, mule-legged, feeble-minded mullis rubber? What are we paying you for?" And he finished the unfortunate man with a kick in the ribs.

The deckhand ran the line out and made the boat fast. Then he went down in the hold, where he anointed his person and clubbed himself with a hand spike.—Philadelphia Ledger.

AN AWFUL FAMINE.

While the famine is more widespread in Finland than in Sweden, very little is heard about the distress of the Finns. Nearly all the Finnish newspapers have been suppressed and scarcely any information as to the conditions come to the outside world. The Russian government seems quite indifferent to the fate of the Finns. Private letters have revealed the fearful conditions and aroused the Finns in America to action. The Christian Herald of New York has also undertaken to forward funds to proper persons in Finland.

Trainloads of food for man and beast continue to be dispatched from Southern Sweden to the famine sufferers in the North. Other trainloads are being brought across the mountains from the stricken districts and had proved to find means for conveying the provisions and fodder to the farms and villages where the privation is greatest.

In many places roads must be cut for miles through dense underbrush and forests to make way for the relief caravans to the widely scattered houses of the peasants. The snow is deep on the hills and the cold is intense. Hardships of the most rigorous character have been experienced by the numerous relief parties, yet the good work is being bravely carried on.

W. W. Thomas, United States minister at Stockholm, said in a correspondence: "Sweden is winning a title to imperishable credit by her struggle to succor her starving fellow countrymen. The heart of the country is seen to be right, while its head is shown to have a capacity for effective action in a crisis which few supposed it to possess."

It rests with each person's own will whether responsibilities are a heavy burden to carry or a means towards attaining strength and mastery.—Burry.

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FROM THE WASTE DUMP.

It is finally reported that the fire raging in the workings of the United Verde has been extinguished by the use of carbonate gas.

The location of the big Homestake mill of from 400 to 500 stamps, that is contemplated by the management this year, has not yet been decided upon.

Work is being rushed on the new smelting plant for the Republic smelter of Leadville, which will have a capacity of about 500 tons daily when finished.

There is some excitement over the discovery of gold in "calico quartz" along the canyon of the Grand river salt wash, Utah. Excitement was caused over the discovery of copper in the sedimentary formation there a year or so ago, and this time the discoverers state that there are immense quantities of quartz in massive form carrying about \$7 gold per ton.

AS SEEN IN ENGLAND.

The figures showing the expansion of Canadian trade in 1892 are of considerable interest. The total increase in the aggregate trade since the year mentioned amounts roughly to \$100,000,000. Looking down the list we find that the growth of exports from this country to Canada since 1890 has not at all grown

IN PROPORTION WITH THE INCREASE FROM THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE OR GERMANY.

The imports from the United States vastly exceed those from all other countries combined, and show a growth of 55 1/2 millions in 1892 to nearly 121 millions for the year ending 30th June last. The imports from both Germany and France have also doubled, but from this country an increase of only about 50 per cent is shown. As regards Canada's export trade, the Mother Country is by far her best customer, and while in 1890 Canada exported produce to the value of over \$2 millions to this country, taxation, begging the unions to keep quiet for a time is not calculated to ensure the utmost contentment and stability.—London B. C. Review.

Earnings of Canadian Railways.

The three great railway systems of Canada, the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk, and Intercolonial, earned during the year 1892 the enormous sum of \$75,075,812, the largest earnings by far in the history of Canadian railways. This amount was distributed as follows: C. P. R., \$30,581,000; increase over last year, \$5,521,000. Grand Trunk, \$30,036,479; increase over last year, \$1,082,410. Intercolonial, \$13,665,333.

Never expect much from small advertisements, unless they are reinforced by plenty of auxiliary advertising and occasional large ones.

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 If you start to "push" you will not have time to lay down to rest; Success is not for a chosen few; It is for every mother's son and daughter who has the push in him or her.  
 No; I don't mean that. I mean, who gets the push out of him or her.  
 Push is "in" everybody; But push, like good intentions, if it is not put into practical use, is of no use, and can accomplish nothing.  
 Push must have behind it a strong will, and this is only developed by "do"-ing things.  
 Your will to do is good enough to start on, but never waste time thinking about it.  
 DO it—DO it.

Lowery's Claim is up against it. The wires have been touched by the hand behind the veil and the government stops its circulation. Thus do the world move—back ward—when priestcraft holds sway. And when I say priestcraft let it not be understood as referring to any church that recognizes mankind as one common brotherhood with one common fatherhood—the fatherhood of God—and one intercessor—Christ—for all.  
 That is not priestcraft; that is simple Christianity.  
 There are no middlemen to rake in the sheekles.  
 Lowery's Claim has its faults, it has made mistakes, but they were always made in the direction of Truth and Light.  
 It aims to elevate man by tearing away false pride, and rending the veil of prudishness that bigots hide behind to obscure the Light and damn the race.  
 It aims to purify men's minds by teaching them that every function of the body is God-given and therefore one is as sacred as the other.  
 It tries to point the road to happiness and purity of thought.  
 It has spoken in language that was plain; it sometimes blunt it was always to the point.  
 It has hammered priestcraft because priestcraft is one of the great evils of the age.  
 Because it has been honest, priestcraft has given the sign and the postmaster general has done the rest.

Faith is not credulity. Ingersoll, the brilliant bigot of his age, used his cutting sarcasm to denounce the Christian church for its belief in salvation by Faith.  
 At the same time he was daily practicing Faith—not in his Christ, but in himself—the highest god that his egotism allowed him to see.  
 Every sane person exercises Faith in something.  
 The object of our Faith is according to our development of Faith.  
 If we have failed to cultivate Faith we are degenerating.  
 The person who will not have Faith in anything that he cannot see and understand is a bigot of the worst type.  
 As Coleridge puts it:  
 (Forlornous night) the owlet Atholm, Sailing on clouds when all was the moon; Drops his blue-fringed lids and holds them close, And, hooting at the glorious sun in heaven, Cries out—"Where is he?"

Such men as Paine and Ingersoll have all had their use in the world.— Good, in the long run, comes out of most evil.  
 They helped along the very cause they condemned, by rousing it to its responsibilities and privileges, and cementing every Christian heart to the Living Christ.  
 As the Scientist Maudsley puts it, these men had developed "an exaggerated egotism, inspired by a particular passion,"—their hatred of the church—which "grows at last so far out of all proportion and congruity as to be actual madness."  
 They simply bent their brains out against the wall—not of superstition, but of Faith.  
 A Faith the cultivation of which requires the development of the noblest and best that's in a man.  
 No man can be honest and be a crank; A crank is an individual who has been, or is, dishonest with himself, and because of this perils to sell, he grows into a belief that everybody else is as much out of harmony with the things of life as he is.  
 I would not say that all men that are taken for cranks are cranks, any more than I would say that everything that barks must be a dog.  
 But this is sure; every man that is dead certain that everything and everyone but himself needs to be reformed is a dampedool.  
 Little six-year-old and her grandfather were strolling over the hills in the early morning of summertime. The sun peeped over the mountain upon them, making the dewdrops on the meadow sparkle like diamonds. Over the hill top into the valley they wandered.  
 The sun was soon lost to view over the brow of the hill.  
 "Look! Look! Grandpa; the sun is going down!" cried the child.

"No, no, my child; it is not the sun, but we are going down," replied grandpa.  
 Have you never thought that the sun was going down when in reality it was you who were leaving the mountains of truth for the valley of doubt and uncertainty?  
**ROSE SUPERIOR TO IT.**

The editor of the Hickory Ridge Missourian sat on the inverted ink keg that served him for an editorial chair and gazed intently at a letter that lay on his table.  
 It was from Hipperly & Co., the enterprising dry goods merchants of Hawville, inclosing an advertisement for insertion in the next copy of his paper.  
 Hipperly & Co. invited the attention of all residents of Hickory Ridge and surrounding country to their unequalled assortment of goods of every description, bought for cash and to be sold at a small profit, and they offered to pay the railway fare, both ways of all customers from Hickory Ridge and the Turtle Ford neighborhood, who would purchase goods to the value of \$10 and upward at their store.  
 Accompanying the advertisement was a postal order for \$5, payable to the editor.  
 He read the advertisement again, looked at the postal order, and pondered.  
 He could do a great deal with that \$5.  
 It would pay his office boy's salary for the week and leave something to be applied on the debt he owed the firm of Readyset & Innards for printing office supplies.  
 But—  
 He would have to kill an editorial already in the form for the next issue.  
 He went to the imposing stone, leaned over it and read from the type the following:  
 "Patronize Home Merchants."  
 "Every once in a while some cheap John fakir in some other town floods this community with ads, trying to take trade away from our business men. Don't have anything to do with these chaps. Nine times out of ten they are one-horse fellows that can't make a living where they are known, and they have to rope in outsiders. Remember that our home merchants live here and pay taxes here. They can sell you just as good goods and give you just as good bargains as you can get anywhere else in the country. Don't be fooled into buying shoddy goods in Hawville, Punkton, Glossopburg, or any other old town in this neck of the woods. Patronize home industries. Support the men that help to support you. Don't go back on your own town. Let us all pull together for the good of Hickory Ridge."  
 "Kill that for a dinky little \$5 ad!" exclaimed the editor. "I guess not! I'll see 'em rot first!"  
 Returning to his table he sat down on the ink keg again and dashed off this indignant reply to Hipperly & Co.:  
 "It ain't enough. Send \$5 more."—Chicago Tribune.

after a crystallized pattern made by the leaders in the popular church state and society? If you are make yourself over after the new pattern of Love.—Lucy A. Mallory.

A provision is in the bill introduced by Senator Neill of Idaho, whereby nine owners must submit, between January 1 and July 1, sworn statements of net earnings of their properties for taxation. The term "net," as used herein, means the proceeds of mining after deducting expenses of operation. Construction work for the year immediately preceding is a deduction, but no expense of this character may be included which is not set forth the year following its incurrence.  
 A bill has been introduced in the Nevada legislature for creation of the office of state mine inspector, but the general belief is that it will not pass, as there is peculiar opposition among Nevada mine owners to public inspection. Former officials of the state mining bureau have been warned that they would not be accorded powers of inspection, without a bitter fight on the part of the operators.  
 Eight complaints in suits for damages for pollution of water by the smelters on Silver Bow creek, have been filed in the federal court of Montana. The smelters complained of are the Butte and Boston, Parrot, Colorado and that of the Colusa-Parrot Mining company. Tailings are said to pollute the water of the stream so that the complainants cannot use it for the purposes contemplated in their prior rights.  
 No work is worth doing badly, and he who puts his best into every task that comes to him will surely outstrip the man who waits for great opportunity before he condescends to exert himself.

**HOTEL SLOCAN THREE FORKS**  
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**Silver King Hotel**  
 In Nelson, I have secured a lease upon the Imperial, and have changed the name to what it was years ago.  
**The Silver King Hotel**  
 This name is familiar to all who blazed the trails in early days, and the newcomers will not forget it if they drop in and see me.  
**A. KLEINSCHMIDT.**



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