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General News Float

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

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Men are being added to the Bosun force regularly. Another case of smallpox has developed at Cranbrook. A. Ferland has decided to retire from business in Nelson. A son was born to Mrs. W. Noble, Slocan City, last week. Work will be resumed on the Tamarac with an increased force. Mrs. Gibbs and children left for their home in the Okonogan the past week. The Slocan Star has 122 men on the roll, and the mill and mine are working full handed. The annual meeting of the Kootenay Teacher's Institute was held in Nelson the past week. Jas. Currie left for Trout Lake City on Monday. Mrs. Currie will remain here for some time. George Aylard is having a stone base built around his home property and will build up the low ground. Recorder McInnes is building an addition to his home that will greatly add to its appearance and comfort. Six burials in one week is not so bad for a town like Nelson, considering the small number of doctors there. Fruit stains may be removed from table cloths and napkins by pouring boiling water through the spots. The cent belt is being lengthened. It now extends to Vancouver, and will eventually be round the Kootenay. A second carload of meat was wrecked last week on the trestle crossing Slocan river, a few miles below Slocan City. District Association No. 6, W. F. M., was in session in Nelson last week. C. M. Nasbit represented the New Denver Union at the convention. Easter services will be held in St. Stephen's church next Sunday. Matins and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Evensong at 7:30. Rev. O. Arthur Mount, Vicar. It is now reported that McKenzie & Mann will bid on the construction of the Coast-Kootenay line, the prohibitive conditions laid down by the government notwithstanding. At Nelson last week the District Association of the W. F. M. passed a resolution favoring the government ownership and operation of smelters and refineries to treat the silver-lead ores of B. C. Look out for the one-arm man, the burned-hand man, the one leg fake, and others of the pleading-card tribe. They are turning this way. Two of them worked Nelson last week, and got gloriously full on the proceeds, winding up in jail. Easter services in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches last Sunday morning and evening were largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The children's service in the afternoon was especially good, particularly the singing by the young people. The legislature has adjourned for two weeks. The object is to allow the members to consult their constituents on the railway question, the government having decided to be guided entirely by their supporters on this question. The budget speech will not be delivered until after the recess. A. E. Roberts has been deputized to take the census in New Denver, Silverton, Rosebery, and the mines on Four Mile, Ten Mile and adjacent points. He is now engaged in the work, and will be glad to see anyone whom he has missed in his rounds. It is to the interest of all that no one should be left out of the census report. If the Government should carry out its advertised intention of foreclosing and selling at public auction the government lots on which there is a bal-

crease of 145,973 tons, or 11.2 per cent. The coke made was 85,149 tons, against 81,281 tons in 1899, an increase of 50,868 tons. The production of coke was more than doubled last year. Commenting upon this the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York says: "As the output of coal in British Columbia is rapidly increasing and attention is now being directed to its iron deposits, it appears as though it will not be long before the mineral production of the province will be greater, not only in the total, as at present, but as well in all the individual minerals (excepting nickel and platinum), than that of the remainder of the Dominion east of the Rocky Mountains."

DEAD MUST PAY.

A peculiar instance of collecting revenue occurred in Rossland recently. Louis Bodkin was killed on February 10. After several days had elapsed those having his affairs in hand went to the mine office to receive what money was due when death overtook the unfortunate young man. They were given the amount less revenue tax for the year. The idea of collecting revenue tax from a dead man is something new to us, and we believe it is to most others. We do not know whether the amount deducted is to be transmitted to the other shore or not, but our impression, derived from Sunday school teachings, is that no taxes are necessary there. The deducting of monies from dead men under such circumstances appears much like highway robbery. It reminds us of an incident of the early days of the Coeur d'Alenes. A man had been shot and killed. On his person was found a revolver and \$18 in cash. A case of carrying concealed weapons was brought against the corpse and the \$18 confiscated by the levying of a fine in that amount. And the remains were interred at county expense.—Industrial World.

WILL REDUCE THE OUTPUT.

The rumor that the output of the Coeur d'Alenes would shortly be reduced on account of the heavy surplus of lead on the American market is in part confirmed by a dispatch from Wallace. The recent conference of silver-lead producers held in New York was supposed to have the reduction of the output, for a time at least, in mind. It is said that the American Smelting & Refining Company has itself about 50,000 tons of a lead surplus. The extremely weak condition of the London lead market makes exporting the surplus without a very heavy loss impossible, and rather than break the present price it is believed that an agreement has been entered into whereby the producers get the present flat rate of \$3 per 100 weight for the lead under the condition that the output is held down to a certain point until the market is open again.

A PLAIN-SPEAKING CLERIC.

The Rev. Mr. Kettlewell, in the course of an address recently delivered in Guelph, Ontario, on "Christian Socialism," said: "In many of our cities are to be found the sweat shops, in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, and even in Galt men were earning five dollars per week making shoes. It is easy to talk of the sins of the Jews; it is easy for the congregation to crucify the Pharisees, but the danger is coming nearer home. You have heard, no doubt, of the recent combination formed by the furriers of this city. Their company is offering premiums stock at 75 cents, and has paid a profit of 18 cents on the stock, yet in my own town I have known them to pay their employees 80 and 90 cents per week—not per day."

TUNING FOR ALBANI.

L. S. Otis, the Nelson piano tuner, will start on his Slocan circuit on April 15th, his trip having been delayed on account of tuning for Albani.

WONDER OR LATE.

"Sooner or later the Canadian Pacific will build from Grand Forks to Republic. No definite arrangements have been made, but I think the road will come. If a franchise has already been

issued it may acquire it by purchase, or if terms could not be made with a possible franchise holder, by application for charter. Building in a road from some point on the S. F. & N. on the part of the Great Northern would not affect us. Our line would go through just the same." So declared G. M. Bosworth, of Montreal, in Spokane the other day. Mr. Bosworth is general traffic manager of the C. P. R. and ought to be in a position to speak with authority.

SCIENCE AND MINING.

At the Golden Cross 100-stamp mill at Hedges, San Diego county, California, the average yield of the 400 tons daily crushed is \$3 per ton; average cost of treatment 74 cents per ton.

The sawmills of the Yukon have resumed operations and every town between Bennett and Dawson is building boats of different sizes and descriptions. No less than 80 vessels will be engaged in Alaskan traffic during the coming summer.

Owing to the decline in the price of cyanide and the improved mechanical devices for saving precious metal in low grade ores, a mining company in Alaska is said to have made a profit last year of \$675,981 from rock averaging only \$2.08 to the ton.

Petroleum is used by the Gas, Light & Heat Company of London to enrich its gas. For this purpose the company received a huge consignment of oil from Borneo. The vessel which conveyed the oil to England, a distance of 9,000 miles, was driven by means of oil fuel.

Extensive experiments were made last year at the Philadelphia mint on the electrolytic refining of gold bullion. Besides the pure gold obtained, platinum and other metals of the platinum group were saved as by-products. The process has been adopted by the U. S. government.

In sampling silver-lead bullion bars it may happen that samples taken by chipping out of the top and bottom of each bar would give a result less than the actual value of the bar, as that part of the bullion lying against the sides of the mold is liable to be richer in silver, of which none would be obtained in the top and bottom chip sample.

A new method of preparing amalgamating plates by which rusty gold can be caught is being successfully tested at Snake river, Idaho. The plate of the rocker, made of copper, is first annealed, roughed with nitric acid, brightened with cyanide of potassium, then a little silver nitrate is put on with the quicksilver, the silver being subsequently partially removed with nitric acid. The plate is next set with gold, the little gold specks not left loose, but set hard with fire, this leaving the plate very rough. Finally quicksilver is put on and the gold slightly smoothed with a spatula. The plate is now full of little pockets or ridges which catch and retain the coated gold until it is brightened by cyanide or cut with acid. The ordinary smooth plate with soft silver amalgam could not do the required work. This rough plate, however, though wet with quicksilver and set at a steep grade, retains the rusty gold. The burlap process works well where there is no slime nor magnetic sand.

Cost of a Wedding in High Life.

A few weeks since a Mr. Vanderbilt and a Miss French, of New York, were married. The wedding proved a very expensive affair and if such figures were known to the public, the marriage would not be burdened with names. Here are the figures:

Table listing wedding expenses: Two special trains \$30,000, Bride's trousseau 15,000, Bride's wedding dress 5,000, Entertainment of guests 10,000, Floral decorations 5,000, Cost of opening The Breakers 10,000, Wedding presents 200,000, Newport transportation 5,000, Minister's fee 5,000, Charitable donations 2,000, Reception dinner 20,000, Rental of cottages for guests 1,000, Dinner to bridesmaids 1,000, Music at church and at home 2,000, Presents to bridal party 2,000, Breakfast at Delmonico 12,000. Total \$684,000.

The temperature of man is 98.6 degrees, that of fish 77 degrees.

The Mining Situation

Much of the Trouble is Due to Causes That Can be Cured in a Short Time.

A. C. Galt, writing in the Nelson Miner, tells some very plain truths about the mining situation in B. C. He says, in part:

"Few people realize to what an extent the country is suffering from the operation of causes which can be removed. The subject is a wide one. It can only be dealt with satisfactorily by experts in various lines, such as political economists, mining men and politicians, who have taken the pains to study the question not only theoretically, but by practical observation. But it does not require the skill of an expert to point out certain glaring facts, and to invite discussion, with a view to improving the present condition of affairs."

"Fact No. 1.—We have in British Columbia one of the most valuable mineral countries in the world, containing the northerly extension of a mineral belt which has produced enormous wealth in the United States. Experts are all agreed that a sufficient evidence already exists to warrant us in concluding that our mineral lands will, upon development, yield similar results."

"Fact No. 2.—The mining industry of British Columbia depends very largely upon the introduction of foreign capital in order to secure development of the mines. The experience of the last few years has taught us that the development of a prospect no matter how promising, into a mine, requires an expenditure of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 at the very least. The scarcity of roads, the cost of transportation, the expense of necessary machinery and the high price of all articles of consumption, effectively prevent the prospector from opening up a mine without the aid of capital."

"Fact No. 3.—Foreign capital has almost ceased to flow into the mines of British Columbia. If anyone doubts this statement let him consult those whose business it is to procure capital for any mining purpose, whether for the purchase of a mineral claim, or for shares in companies which are operating good properties, or most convincing of all, let him make a personal effort to obtain capital for any given mining project and he will soon realize the truth of the above general statement."

"Fact No. 4.—The mining industry, instead of thriving, as it ought to do with such magnificent opportunities as we know it possesses, is steadily and rapidly diminishing. This is a disagreeable conclusion to arrive at, but we shall never secure the prosperity we ought to enjoy unless we are willing to look facts in the face, and set to work to remove the causes which hinder our progress."

"If all this disappointment were a physical necessity we should indeed be in a sorry plight. But I have a strong impression that the present retrogression is due to causes which are not difficult to see, and which can be removed. The expense of mining is abnormally high. Free miners' certificates, excessive fees for incorporating companies, customs duties which alone increase the cost of operation by at least 25 per cent., income taxes, revenue taxes, timber royalties, taxes on the output of ore, all combine to render mining on this side of the line fully 50 per cent higher than it is in the United States."

Some have suggested a direct bounty by the government in favor of the development of our mines. The remedy which I would suggest would be to deal with the subject matter as an infant industry, requiring all the fostering care which the government can bestow upon it. Instead of increasing the imposts which at present overburden it, remove them, at least for a period of a few years, until we can show to the outside world a fair array of dividend-paying mines which will encourage people to invest their money in the industry."

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 85,000 tons. Since January 1 to April 6, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Week, Total. Lists various individuals and their shipping amounts.

Total tons..... 44 8,171

The Payne did not ship last week. Next in importance to the Payne as a shipper is the Arlington. The corrected statement of the company shows the total shipments since Jan. 1st to be 1295 tons. This is less than 200 tons below that of the Payne. The total Slocan shipments for the first quarter are, so far as heard from, 8,171 tons, with the output from Three Forks for March to be reported. As compared with last year this is about 1,200 tons below the shipments for the same period, the shortage of March being particularly noticeable. As this has been caused by reason of the smelter difficulty the shortage will quickly be made up when the problem now confronting the silver-lead mine owners is solved.

A PECULIAR TIME-TABLE.

This time-table appears in the Star of Hope, which is printed at the penitentiary at Sing Sing, N.Y. It was written by a convict.

THE BLACK VALLEY RAILROAD.

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Table listing train schedules: Stations on the Main Line, Stations on the Branch Line, and Stations on the Extension. Includes times for various routes like Cigaretteville, Mild Drink Station, etc.



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 nonpareil line first insertion, and 5 cents a line each subsequent insertion. Reading notices 25 cents a line, and commercial advertising 10 cents a line. 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 raised by the sheriff, snowed out by cheap silver, or subdued by the fear of man. It works for the 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 gayestreak is proof that it is better to tell the truth, even if the heavens do occasionally hit our smokers. A change of job work is worked occasionally for the benefit of humanity and the shipowner. 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 wishes once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1901.

Towards Sun-up

To go towards the sun-up part of this continent is comparatively easy nowadays. All that is necessary is a ticket and the ability to stay on the cars while they are in motion. The C.P.R. will do the rest. I left the beautiful scenery of New Denver a few days ago, and have reached Winnipeg without running up against a monte game or any other serious complication. At many points the people have flocked around me holding money in their hands, and clamoring for a position on the subscription list of New Denver's leading excitement. If this sort of thing does not stop this paper will soon reach the million mark.

At Revelstoke the people are hopeful, and praying for the Big Bend to wake up and come to their financial salvation. Travel eastward from B. C. is rather light at present, while the westbound trains are crowded with folks whose faces carry an expression of hope and enthusiasm. They are probably glad to get away from the cobweb customs of the east and breathe the spirit of freedom that permeates the far west. Meals are still served at the Glacier and Field. Did you ever catch a meal there? You are allowed 25 minutes to eat, for which privilege you are taxed three cents a minute. The soup is waiting for you when you slide into your seat, and then the waiter hands you dishes of various kinds of meats and you help yourself to all you can stand. The action is quick and the tendency dyspeptic. The old town of Donald wears a ruined experience, and nothing met our train there except the railroad agent, and a stately flock of last century chickens. Since the fatal snowslide at Rogers Pass the station has been moved a mile east. Snow sheds are found along the surface here for many miles. It must cost the C.P.R. \$150,000 a year to keep them in repair. The hotel at Field is being enlarged to keep pace with the ever-increasing tourist trade. Swiss guides are found at Field quite numerous. They guide the intrepid high-climbers who strike the Rockies every summer in search of mountain peaks, and the inspiration that comes from gazing into the blue canopy from an exalted position. Between Canmore and Calgary a crazy man rode in the smoking compartment with me. A man never knows what he will meet when he leaves his gun at home. However, I escaped this deadly peril without having to draw my hated breath.

Calgary seems to be a live town, as many of the citizens were at the depot at 1 a. m. when the train rolled in. It is said to be a great cow camp, but I could not get a glass of milk at the railroad lunch counter. I bought a piece of pie and handed the lady two bits. She gave me back 20 cents, and I partially fell dead. Such midnight honesty at a railroad indigestion counter was unparalleled in my checked career. When I return to Calgary I will get another piece of pie. Cowboys mounted the train here and rode it successfully. None of them were drunk and the lights remained intact. This proves that a cowboy is not always bad. When I was at college studying the works of Beadle and Adams I formed the false opinion that cowboys killed Indians, drank Montana sheep dip, painted camps red with the blood of their victims, and raised nothing but hell and cold decks. This is

not so, as revealed to me by the cold gaze of experience. The cowboys around Calgary will not bite you. You can put your hand on any of them and they will not hoist their cannon in your face. Even if you ask them to take a drink you are not taking any great risks. Just now I have received a message from J. C. Crome stating that several members of his church are waiting to see me, and I will cut this letter off until I get out of town, when I will resume with vigor.

"Because She Loved Him So," is the innocent caption under which a new comedy has recently been staged, yet the newspapers find it necessary to add that the play "is without the slightest trace of impropriety." In stage parlance this simply means that the play is just "proper" enough to come within the scope of decency and that it is a popular number.

Making Trouble

That trouble is brewing at Rosland between the mine workers and the operators the following notice indicates: Rosland, April 1st, 1901. To the Employees of the Underground Mining Companies: It being a matter of common report that a certain element in the Rosland Mines' Union is insisting upon the abrogation of the settlement that was entered into a year ago at the instance of Messrs. R. C. Clute and Ralph Smith, we think it only right to all concerned that we should state at the earliest opportunity offered, that if any action is taken by the Miners' Union looking to a change in the existing labor conditions, the undersigned will have no alternative but to close down our mines and re-open only under a reduced scale of wages. The accumulating burdens that have been imposed upon the mining industry in this province are already heavy to bear, and if those burdens are increased, it will be impossible to operate these mines on a business basis. We have been struggling for a long time past to put these mines on a paying basis, and have been devising all manner of ways and means for the accomplishment of this end without resorting to the reduction of wages. Consequently, any further trouble or expense to the companies at this time will leave no alternative but to abandon our effort to maintain wages at the old standard, and we will be compelled to adopt the long considered plan of reducing miners' wages to \$5.00 per day, and muckers and unskilled surface labor to \$3.00 per day. Le Roi Mining Co., Ltd. Rosland Great Western Mines, Ltd. Kootenay Mining Co., Ltd. By Bernard McDonald, G.M. The War Eagle C. M. & D. Co., Ltd. The Centre Star Mining Co., Ltd. By Edmund B. Kirby, G.M.

Whatever might be the alleged cause of trouble in the Rosland camp, the Miners' Union has failed to state it. It is evident from the wording of the mine managers' announcement that the men have in contemplation a demand that will not be granted and if insisted upon will bring woe to themselves and the camp. If such is the case the government commissioner should take immediate steps to overcome the difficulty. The miners of B.C. are as intelligent a class of workmen as any country can boast of. They must realize the trying conditions that now exist in mining, and realizing this they must know that any action on their part at this time that would cause trouble and the closing of the mines, would bring upon them the curse of the whole people. All classes are willing to concede to the Miners' Union the same rights as any other body of workmen are entitled to, but not more, and if a few labor leaders from the other side, backed up by their loud-mouthed following, are to be allowed to run the Union contrary to the demands and welfare of the more conservative Canadian workmen, the whole gang should be picked up, bodily, and taken across the line. The mining industry has suffered enough from the gang of knockers who always manage somehow to keep dissatisfaction ripe and the unions in difficulty.

Word comes from Victoria that there will be no change in the Mineral Act at this session of the legislature. It was ever thus. The amendments that were proposed this year are capable of doing much good to the mining industry. Had they been in the shape of something that would, if it were possible, cause more trouble, they undoubtedly would have been passed.

An Ore Sorter

It was in a quaint home in the east. The mother of that home was one of those kind, loving, trustful mortals that make for the betterment of man—a mother that any man should be proud of. Two of her boys, now grown to manhood, had left the home two years or more ago for the Slocan country. The visitor at the home had recently returned from this favored by nature, but damned by man camp, and was answering the dear old mother's questions as best he could about her boys and how they were getting on. "You know, John," said she, after enquiring particularly about him with that pride that goes with a mother's love, "well, John he has done well, hasn't he? Yes, John, when he first went out there, got to be manager of one of the big mines. Then he advanced to be assayer, and now he is sorting ore for the company." So trustful, so proud, was this old lady of her son's achievements, that the visitor had not the heart to correct her, and came away leaving her none the wiser as to the relative importance of her son's advancement. But in his heart he knew the good old mother had been deceived by her boys.

This is not an extraordinary case. There are many others. Men who in the old eastern home were glad to get any kind of a job, come out here and one of the first things they do is to drop a line to the old folks and tell them a cock and bull story of the rapid strides they are making and what a fortunate thing it was for the country that they got here just when they did. They are not satisfied to tell the truth. The result is that other young men there hear of it and come this way, expecting to take the management of a mine, or some other position of equal importance. Few of them advance as rapidly as John did.

Boston is the home of bean eaters, and one would suppose that all classes were manual laborers there, yet it is said that no city in America affords like opportunities for a young lady of refined tastes to make her astute.

Andrew Carnegie looked upon business as "just fun." He says it never cost him a care and was never a burden to him. Neither is

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Madame Albani is coming to the Kootenay to sing. According to a press despatch from Vancouver she is very anxious to know all about the country. "Is it very wild up there?" she asked a writer. Yes, Alba, it's very wild up here, but not so wild as it will be after your visit.

The census taker is abroad in the Slocan. He is a walking interrogation point, and can ask you 538 questions if he wants to. And you must answer every one. He gets \$3 a day and expenses. You give your time and pay your own expenses.

The Emperor of Germany, Czar of Russia and Sultan of Turkey are all booked to be killed by the assassin's bullet. There is, after all, some advantage in running a newspaper in New Denver and working for \$10 a month.

There may be some truth in the statement that the mind cannot grasp the idea of one million dollars, but our hands are willing to help.

According to the census there are 39,000,000 hogs in the United States. This does not include those of Wall street.

KNOCKERS KNOCKED

What is a knocker? There's the man of gentle mien, whose typanum 's full of spleen—he's a knocker. There's the sympathetic friend, glad to tell your troubles o'er to your neighbors, door to door—he's a knocker. There's the shallow-pated mortal who can see no faults his own, but his neighbor's appear like mountains from his seat upon the throne—he's a knocker. There's the man of kindly meaning, who would naught of trouble bring, but because of no harm seeming he repeats the harmful thing—he's a knocker.

There's the educated swell whose tongue can run like—well, like the nose of some school urchin who's had a taste of birch 'en where his pants fit closest to him—he's a knocker. There's the man who owns a wild cat, that wears naught of pussy's fur, who, because his neighbor "gets there," can see no ore in "her"—he's a knocker. There's the merry, well-met fellow, who has sisters of his own, yet who gloats o'er tales of others that

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would make their mothers moan—he's a knocker.

There's the fickle juicy maiden, whose life is all a dream, who tells you all in secret not what is, but what may seem—she's a knocker. There's the gray-haired failing mother, who, of other mother's girls, totes tongue about the neighborhood—the slandering lie unfurls—she's a knocker.

There's the proud and haughty mistress, in silks adorned and fair, who tells in polished English the gossip in the air—she's a knocker.

There's the preacher of the gospel, who naught but good would bring, yet, to keep the story going, repeats what others sing—he's a knocker.

There's the knocker's brothers, sisters; fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, some are petticoated misters, others dress like men in pants—all are knockers.

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TREES IS ALL A-COMIN' OUT.

Trees is all a-comin' out. Summer winds is hummin'... De chas-nut he's a dandy, Maple loses his countin'...

A FORTUNE IN THREE DAYS.

The following true account is taken from a description of the fabulous strikes of early days in California by the Placer Herald...

out \$10,000 in three pans that day; that he had taken out, all told, up to that time, between \$30,000 and \$35,000...

THE ORIGIN OF CARDS.

The origin of playing cards is, says the New York Sun, involved in mystery. Although the Chinese claim to have invented them...

SIMILARITIES.

As the Egg Reporter was toasting his shins by the winter's fire, he soliloquized in the following manner: A hen sits on her nest and lays eggs...

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NOTICE.

TOWN LOTS, NEW DENVER. NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of the notification published by this Department and dated 21st June, 1898, under section 38 of the "Land Act"...

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER. To THOMAS SHEA, owner of an undivided one-eighth (1/8) interest in the Nabob mineral claim, situated on Reid mountain, and adjoining Eliza and Trade Dollar mineral claims, and recorded in New Denver...

TAKE NOTICE that I, B. W. Bull, have done and recorded the annual assessment work as required by Section 4 of the Mineral Act, on the above claim for year ending July 15, 1900, and that your share of expense of said work is now due. Should you fail to contribute your share of expenditure for above work together with cost of this advertisement, I will at expiration of said 90 days apply to Recorder to have your interest in above claim transferred to me, pursuant to section 4 of Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER. To V. H. BEHNE, or any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Miner Boy mineral claim, situated on the north side of Carpenter creek, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, and recorded in the Recorder's office at New Denver, B. C., on July 4th, 1898.

YOU or any of you are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents in labor and improvements upon the above 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 such expenditures, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said mineral claim will become the property of the undersigned under section 4 of an Act entitled An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS. To E. J. MATHEWS, or any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Halko E mineral claim, at Glacier creek, a tributary of Wilson creek, nine miles from Three Forks, and recorded in the Recorder's office for the Slocan Mining Division.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mineral claim, in order to hold said 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 such expenditures, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned under section 4 of an Act entitled, "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

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Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, where located: About one mile south of New Denver.

TAKE NOTICE that I, John McLatchie, of the city of Nelson, acting as agent for B. C. Campbell-Johnston, the miner's certificate No. 11 842, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

ORA GRANDA Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Arrow Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District, where located: On Mineral Creek, about three miles from its junction with Canby Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, F. C. Green, of Nelson, B. C., acting as agent for William H. Bartl, F. M. C. 22,116, (George H. Bartl, F. M. C. 22,422, and George H. Bartl, F. M. C. 22,422), 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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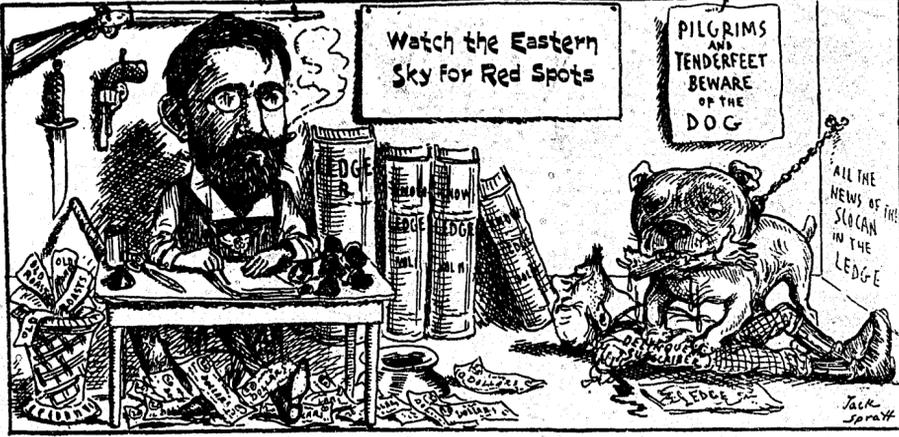
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R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

THE LEDGE.

A pencil cross in this square indicates that your subscription is due, and that the editor wishes once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1901.

Towards Sun-up

To go towards the sun-up part of this continent is comparatively easy nowadays. All that is necessary is a ticket and the ability to stay on the cars while they are in motion. The C.P.R. will do the rest. I left the beautiful scenery of New Denver a few days ago, and have reached Winnipeg without running up against a monte game or any other serious complication. At many points the people have flocked around me holding money in their hands, and clamoring for a position on the subscription list of New Denver's leading excitement. If this sort of thing does not stop this paper will soon reach the million mark.

At Revelstoke the people are hopeful, and praying for the Big Bend to wake up and come to their financial salvation. Travel eastward from B. C. is rather light at present, while the westbound trains are crowded with folks whose faces carry an expression of hope and enthusiasm. They are probably glad to get away from the cobweb customs of the east and breathe the spirit of freedom that permeates the far west. Meals are still served at the Glacier and Field. Did you ever catch a meal there? You are allowed 25 minutes to eat, for which privilege you are taxed three cents a minute. The soup is waiting for you when you slide into your seat, and then the waiter hands you dishes of various kinds of meats and you help yourself to all you can stand. The action is quick and the tendency dyspeptic. The old town of Donald wears a ruined experience, and nothing met our train there except the railroad agent, and a stately flock of last century chickens. Since the fatal snowslide at Rogers Pass the station has been moved a mile east. Snow sheds are found along the surface here for many miles. It must cost the C.P.R. \$150,000 a year to keep them in repair. The hotel at Field is being enlarged to keep pace with the ever-increasing tourist trade. Swiss guides are found at Field quite numerous. They guide the intrepid high-climbers who strike the Rockies every summer in search of mountain peaks, and the inspiration that comes from gazing into the blue canopy from an exalted position. Between Canmore and Calgary a crazy man rode in the smoking compartment with me. A man never knows what he will meet when he leaves his gun at home. However, I escaped this deadly peril without having to draw my bated breath.

Calgary seems to be a live town, as many of the citizens were at the depot at 1 a. m. when the train rolled in. It is said to be a great cow camp, but I could not get a glass of milk at the railroad lunch counter. I bought a piece of pie and handed the lady two bits. She gave me back 20 cents, and I partially fell dead. Such midnight honesty at a railroad indigestion counter was unparalleled in my varied career. When I return to Calgary I will get another piece of pie. Cowboys mounted the train here and rode it successfully. None of them were drunk and the lights remained intact. This proves that a cowboy is not always bad. When I was at college studying the works of Beadle and Adams I formed the false opinion that cowboys killed Indians, drank Montana sheep dip, painted camps red with the blood of their victims, and raised nothing but hell and cold decks. This is

not so, as revealed to me by the cold gaze of experience. The cowboys around Calgary will not bite you. You can put your hand on any of them and they will not hoist their cannon in your face. Even if you ask them to take a drink you are not taking any great risks. Just now I have received a message from J. C. Crome stating that several members of his church are waiting to see me, and I will cut this letter off until I get out of town, when I will resume with vigor.

"Because She Loved Him So," is the innocent caption under which a new comedy has recently been staged, yet the newspapers find it necessary to add that the play "is without the slightest trace of impropriety." In stage parlance this simply means that the play is just "proper" enough to come within the scope of decency and that it is a popular number.

Making Trouble

That trouble is brewing at Roseland between the mine workers and the operators the following notice indicates:

Roseland, April 1st, 1901.
To the Employees of the Undermined Mining Companies:
It being a matter of common report that a certain element in the Roseland Miners' Union is insisting upon the abolition of the element that was entered into a year ago at the instance of Messrs. R. C. Clute and Ralph Smith, we think it only right to all concerned that we should state at the earliest opportunity that if any action is taken by the Miners' Union looking to a change in the existing labor conditions in this camp, we, the undermined, will have no alternative but to close down our mines and re-open only under a reduced scale of wages. The accumulating burdens that have been imposed upon the mining industry in this province are already heavy to bear, and if their burdens are increased, it will be impossible to operate these mines on a business basis. We have been struggling for a long time past to put these mines on a paying basis, and have been doing all manner of ways and means for the accomplishment of this end without resorting to the reduction of wages. Consequently, any further trouble or expense to the companies at this time will leave no alternative but to abandon our effort to maintain wages at the old standard, and we will be compelled to adopt the long considered plan of reducing wages to \$2.00 per day, and unskilled surface labor to \$1.00 per day.

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By Bernard Macdonald, G.M.
The War Eagle C. M. & D. Co., Ltd.
The Centre Star Mining and Milling Co., Ltd.
By Edmund Kirby, G.M.

Whatever might be the alleged cause of trouble in the Roseland camp, the Miners' Union has failed to state it. It is evident from the wording of the mine managers' announcement that the men have in contemplation a demand that will not be granted and if insisted upon will bring woe to themselves and the camp. If such is the case the government commissioner should take immediate steps to overcome the difficulty. The miners of B. C. are as intelligent a class of workmen as any country can boast of. They must realize the trying conditions that now exist in mining, and realizing this they must know that any action on their part at this time that would cause trouble and the closing of the mines, would bring upon them the curse of the whole people. All classes are willing to concede to the Miners' Union the same rights as any other body of workmen are entitled to, but not more, and if a few labor leaders from the other side, backed up by their loud-mouthed following, are to be allowed to run the Union contrary to the demands and welfare of the more conservative Canadian workmen, the whole gang should be picked up bodily and taken across the line. The mining industry has suffered enough from the gang of knockers who always manage somehow to keep dissatisfaction up and the unions in difficulty.

Word comes from Victoria that there will be no change in the Mineral Act at this session of the legislature. It was ever thus. The amendments that were proposed this year are capable of doing much good to the mining industry. Had they been in the shape of something that would, if it were possible, cause more trouble, they undoubtedly would have been passed.

An Ore Sorter

It was in a quaint home in the east. The mother of that home was one of those kind, loving, trustful mortals that make for the betterment of man—a mother that any man should be proud of. Two of her boys, now grown to manhood, had left the home two years or more ago for the Slocan country. The visitor at the home had recently returned from this favored by nature, but damned by man camp, and was answering the dear old mother's questions as best he could about her boys and how they were getting on. "You know, John," said she, after enquiring particularly about him with that pride that goes with a mother's love, "well, John he has done well, hasn't he? Yes, John, when he first went out there, got to be manager of one of the big mines. Then he advanced to be assayer, and now he is sorting ore for the company." So trustful, so proud, was this old lady of her son's achievements, that the visitor had not the heart to correct her, and came away leaving her none the wiser as to the relative importance of her son's advancement. But in his heart he knew the good old mother had been deceived by her boys.

This is not an extraordinary case. There are many others. Men who in the old eastern home were glad to get any kind of a job, come out here and one of the first things they do is to drop a line to the old folks and tell them a cock and bull story of the rapid strides they are making and what a fortunate thing it was for the country that they got here just when they did. They are not satisfied to tell the truth. The result is that other young men there hear of it and come this way, expecting to take the management of a mine, or some other position of equal importance. Few of them advance as rapidly as John did.

Boston is the home of bean eaters, and one would suppose that all classes were manual laborers there, yet it is said that no city in America affords like opportunities for a young lady of refined tastes to make her astute.

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he worrying about his millions—the result of his business successes. A million here, five million there; it is going as it came. It's all fun to Carnegie. But his life has been no joke.

Madame Albani is coming to the Kootenay to sing. According to a press despatch from Vancouver she is very anxious to know all about the country. "Is it very wild up there?" she asked a writer. Yes, Alba, it's very wild up here, but not so wild as it will be after your visit.

The census taker is abroad in the Slocan. He is a walking interrogation point, and can ask you 538 questions if he wants to. And you must answer every one. He gets \$3 a day and expenses. You give your time and pay your own expenses.

The Emperor of Germany, Czar of Russia and Sultan of Turkey are all booked to be killed by the assassin's bullet. There is, after all, some advantage in running a newspaper in New Denver and working for \$10 a month.

There may be some truth in the statement that the mind cannot grasp the idea of one million dollars, but our hands are willing to help.

According to the census there are 39,000,000 hogs in the United States. This does not include those of Wall street.

KNOCKERS KNOCKED

What is a knocker? There's the man of gentle mien, whose typanum 's full of spleen—he's a knocker.

There's the sympathetic friend, glad to tell your troubles o'er to your neighbors, door to door—he's a knocker.

There's the shallow-pated mortal who can see no faults his own, but his neighbor's appear like mountains from his seat upon the throne—he's a knocker.

There's the man of kindly meaning, who would naught of trouble bring, but because of no harm seeming he repeats the harmful thing—he's a knocker.

There's the educated swell whose tongue can run like—well, like the nose of some school urchin who's had a taste of birch 'en where his pants fit closest to him—he's a knocker.

There's the man who owns a wild cat, that wears naught of pussy's fur, who, because his neighbor "gets there," can see no ore in "her"—he's a knocker.

There's the merry, well-met fellow, who has sisters of his own, yet who goats o'er tales of others that

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would make their mothers moan—he's a knocker.

There's the fickle juicy maiden, whose life is all a dream, who tells you all in secret not what is, but what may seem—she's a knocker.

There's the gray-haired failing mother, who, of other mother's girls, totes tongue about the neighborhood—the scandalous lie unfurls—she's a knocker.

There's the proud and haughty mistress, in silks adorned and fair, who tells in polished English the gossip in the air—she's a knocker.

There's the preacher of the gospel, who naught but good would bring, yet, to keep the story going, repeats what others sing—he's a knocker.

There's the knocker's brothers, sisters; fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, some are petticoated misters, others dress like men in pants—all are knockers.

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TREES IS ALL A-COMIN' OUT.

Trees is all a-comin' out. Summer winds is hummin'.

Maple shakes her leaves out; de ellum is but slow. Oh, nigga, how it makes me think of summahs long ago!

De grand old oak stands sellum. Jest like some stiff old man. He don't put out no rush of leaves.

But he's got ter hump hisself; you bet, when de summah hot winds blow. Oh, darkees, how it makes me think of summahs long ago!

But here and there there stan's alone Some old tree dry and black. He don't put out no blossoms.

Oh, darkees, how it makes me think of summahs long ago! I once was like de chumant; Den I was like de ellum.

Den I was like de chumant; Den I was like de ellum. 'Twould take too long to tell'm; Den like de solid oak I got, my leaves came out but slow.

Oh, darkees, how it makes me think of summahs long ago! An' now I'm like de dead ole tree. De sap is at de root.

Oh, darkees, how it makes me think of summahs long ago! A FORTUNE IN THREE DAYS.

The following true account is taken from a description of the fabulous strikes of early days in California by the Placer Herald, published at Auburn, Cal., on June 30th, 1877.

"The richest strike made in this county for many years, and as rich perhaps as was ever made, we have the pleasure of recording. A. O. Bell, com monly called Pike Bell, who with his family has resided for many years on Bald Hill, a few miles north of Auburn, as many know is a dauntless prospector.

Though occasionally making a strike of some considerable importance in the past he has managed, like most modern prospectors, to keep poor. Last winter, in particular, he was in very straitened circumstances, having no money and the merchants refusing to credit him.

He offered his horse, worth about \$50 for \$10, that he might buy bread for his children. Failing in his efforts to sacrifice the horse, he pawned the ring off his wife's finger to obtain the necessities of life.

Under such circumstances many would have given up prospecting and gone to something that promised more certain results. Not so, however, with Pike. Day by day, he continued his researches for the glittering treasure, and whether the passing day revealed a color or not, his spirits were always jubilant, apparently kept up by the hope that seemed never to desert him of doing better on the morrow.

At last the lucky day came. It was about three weeks ago, when hunting around over the hills, he struck his pick into a little mound which resembled somewhat in appearance an ant hill, and to his delight he unearthed some pieces of decomposed quartz attached to which were some colors of gold.

Encouraged at this prospect he began to sink on his new lead and was rewarded by finding more or less gold at every stage of descent. Last Saturday he had reached a depth of about thirty feet and had taken out in sinking that far rock estimated to be worth about \$1600. The rock being rotten, or what is called by quartz miners decomposed, he had, with little effort, pounded out in a mortar enough to pay expenses as he progressed.

He had hired men to assist him in working the mine, and on last Monday morning they went to work as usual. The gouge, as we would call it, as it is too rotten to be properly called a ledge, was discovered by noon to have become suddenly richer. In the afternoon chunks of almost pure gold was taken out, and the decomposed stuff that filled the interstices between the rocks was so rich in gold that Pike began to wash it out with a pan.

From three panfuls washed Monday afternoon, he obtained gold estimated to be worth between \$4,000 and \$5,000. That evening he came into town, and giving us a hint of what he had got, invited us to go out and see it. On Tuesday afternoon we visited the mine. We found Bell with a pan of gold in his hands worth \$1,000 to \$1,500, which he assured us all came from one pan of dirt; "but," said he, "if you don't believe it, I will wash another pan and show you."

We told him to wash. The pan was sent down in the shaft and soon returned filled with a mass of mucky, rocky stuff that sparkled all over with pieces of gold. This was washed out, and was found to contain fully as much of the precious metal as any other pan that he had just finished panning when we arrived. It was really the greatest sight we ever saw. Bell having convinced us of the richness of his mine, took us to his home to show us the proceeds of the previous day's panning, that we might be convinced of all he had told us. The sight was one more easily imagined than described. As we looked upon the pans of gold before us we thought of Aladdin and his lamp, and wondered if the story had not been suggested by some such reality as was before us. On Wednesday evening, Mr. Bell (it is "Mr." now since he has lots of gold, it was "Pike" before), was in town again, and he informed us that what we saw was nothing; that he had taken

THE ORIGIN OF CARDS.

The origin of playing cards is, says the New York Sun, involved in mystery. Although the Chinese claim to have invented them in the reign of Len-Ho, A. D. 1120, the generally received opinion is that they were brought into Europe by the gypsies and were first used in Spain.

How and when they were first introduced into England is not known. They have been long used there, however, for in 1463, by an act of Parliament dated in that year, the importation of playing cards was forbidden. Cards were popular in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, from the highest to the lowest. In the privy purse expenses of Elizabeth of York, Queen to Henry VII., is found, under date of 1502, this entry: "Item, to the Queen's grace upon the feast of St. Stephen's, for her sport of cards this Christmas, 100 shillings."

James IV of Scotland surprised his future bride, Margaret, sister of Henry VIII., playing at cards when he paid her his first visit. When Mary Tudor was princess, there are numerous entries in the list of her privy purse expenses of money given her wherewith to play at cards. Naturally, under the Puritans, card playing was anathematized, but, after the Restoration, it became rampant once more. Pepys notes in his diary, under date of February 17, 1677: "This evening, going to the Queen's side of Whitehall Palace, to see the ladies, I espied the Queen, the Duchess of York and another or two at cards, with a room full of great ladies and men, which I was amazed at to see on Sunday, and would not have believed it."

A year later he records: "I saw deep and prodigious gaming at the Groom Porter's (an officer of the royal household), vast heaps of gold squandered away in a vain and profuse manner. This I looked on as a horrid vice, and unsuitable to a Christian court."

Gambling in the Groom Porter's room continued to be an institution until it was abolished in the early part of the reign of George III. In the reign of Anne, gambling seems to have reached an especially high pitch.

As the Egg Reporter was toasting his shins by the winter's fire, he soliloquized in the following manner: A hen sits on her nest and lays eggs. An editor sits on his office chair and lies in his bed—or in his paper. The hen "feathers her nest"; the editor does not—he cuts his own throat by doing business for nothing simply to keep his competitors from getting it. The hen cackles after she has laid a good fresh egg; the editor cackles about what he intends to do, but seldom does it. Sensible hen. The hen scratches for a living; so does the editor. The hen hatches chickens that come to some good; most editors hatch schemes that never amount to anything. The hen presents her bill when she wants something, and usually gets it; the editor presents his bill and hardly ever gets anything. The hen has a comb which she doesn't use; the editor may have a comb, and uses it sometimes, but not always. The hen has wings; the editor has none and never will have. The hen isn't a high flyer; the editor—is sometimes. The hen broods and raises a large family; the editor broods over how he is going to raise the large family he already has, as well as overwasted energies and lost opportunities. The hen is a rooster when she sleeps; that's queer; the editor is a queer rooster all the time. The hen often gets cooped; the editor gets (s)cooped, too, sometimes. The hen often gets it in the neck; so does the editor. Sometimes the hen crows; the editor almost all the time, but no one ever knows why. There may be other similarities between the hen and the editor, but they do not come to mind just now.—Ex.

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And I answered, "A dollar, dear little heart," And she slept, baby weary with play, But I held her warm in my love-strong arms. And I rocked her and rocked away. Oh, the dollar meant all the world to me— The land and the sea and the sky, The lowest depth of the lowest place, The highest of all that's high.

All the cities, with streets and palaces, With their people and stores of art, I would not take for one low, soft throbb Of my little one's loving heart. Nor all the gold that was ever found In the busy, wealth-finding past Would I take for one smile of my darling's face, Did I know it must be the last.

So I rocked my baby and rocked away, And I felt such a sweet content, For the words of the song, expressed more to me Than they ever before had meant. And the night crept on, and I slept and dreamed Of things far too glad some to be. And I wakened with lips saying close in my ear, "Papa, what would you take for me?" —Eugene Field.

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TAKE NOTICE That I, F. C. Green of Nelson, B. C., acting as agent for William H. Burt, F. M. C. 32,174, George H. Dorr, F. M. C. 32,477, and George M. Annis, F. M. C. No. B. 20,262, 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 27, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 28th day of October, 1900. F. C. GREEN, P. L. S.

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NOTICE. TO THOMAS SHEA, owner of an undivided one-eighth (1/8) interest in the Nabob mineral claim, situated on Reco mountain, and adjoining Blue Bird and Trade Dollar mineral claims, and recorded at New Denver record Office.

TAKE NOTICE, that I, B. W. Bull, have done I and recorded the annual assessment work as required by Section 24 of the Mineral Act, on the above claim for year ending July 15, 1900, and that your share of expense of said work is now due. Should you fail to contribute your share of expenditure for above work together with cost of this advertisement I will at expiration of said 90 days apply to Recorder to have your interest in above claim transferred to me, pursuant to section 4, Mineral Act, Amendment, 1900. B. W. BULL, Fire Valley, B. C., March 28, 1901.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER. TO V. H. BEHNE, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Miner Boy mineral claim, situate on the north side of Carpenter creek, in the Sloman Mining Division of West Kootenay District, and recorded in the Recorder's office at New Denver, B. C., on July 4th, 1892.

YOU or any of you are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents in labor and improvements upon the above 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 such expenditures, together with all cost of advertising, your interest in said mineral claim will become the property of the undersigned, under section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900." Dated this 23rd day of March, 1901. THODORE F. ADAMS, A. F. ADAMS.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS. TO E. J. MATHEWS, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Hattie E. mineral claim, at Glacier creek, a tributary of West Kootenay creek, nine miles from Three Forks, and recorded in the Recorder Office for the Sloman Mining Division.

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CONCEIT.

All little dog barked at the big round moon That smiled in the evening sky; And the neighbors smote him with rocks and shoon— But still he continued his rafeul tune And he barked till his throat was dry.

Events Just Passing By

The Hamilton Herald speaks of a book agent employed by a Toronto publishing firm who has brought action against the firm for wrongful dismissal. One of the reasons given by the firm for dismissing the agent is that, being an Irishman, he got drunk on St. Patrick's day.

he had given "just one more kick," and it was that effort that was needed. He floated out on a piece of butter. Moral—for the prospector, mine owner, mine worker, businessman and artisan in the Slooan—keep a'kicking. This is butter-making time.

Minister Wu is a Chinaman From a civilized or religious standpoint he is likewise a heathen. By education and experience he is nevertheless a diplomat and a philosopher. As evidence of this the following suggestive story is told.

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and demonstration, is entitled to criticize, when the results facing him are below the government standard. In this frame of mind, our dear, delightful, old friend, Mark Twain, in a trenchant article in the February Number of the North American Review, "goes for" the missionary with some of his old time vigor.

"Russia," says Mark Twain, "plays the game injudiciously, and with its banner of the Prince of Peace in one hand, and its loot basket and butcher knife in the other, seizes Manchuria, raids its villages and chokes its rivers with the swollen corpses of countless massacred peasants."

It is possible to find a condition of things in China or any pagan country to compare with the following rottenness and degradation described in a recent number of the New York Sun. The writer states that "name, date and place can be supplied to those of little faith, or to anyone who feels himself aggrieved. It is a plain statement of record and observation, written without license and without garnish.

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