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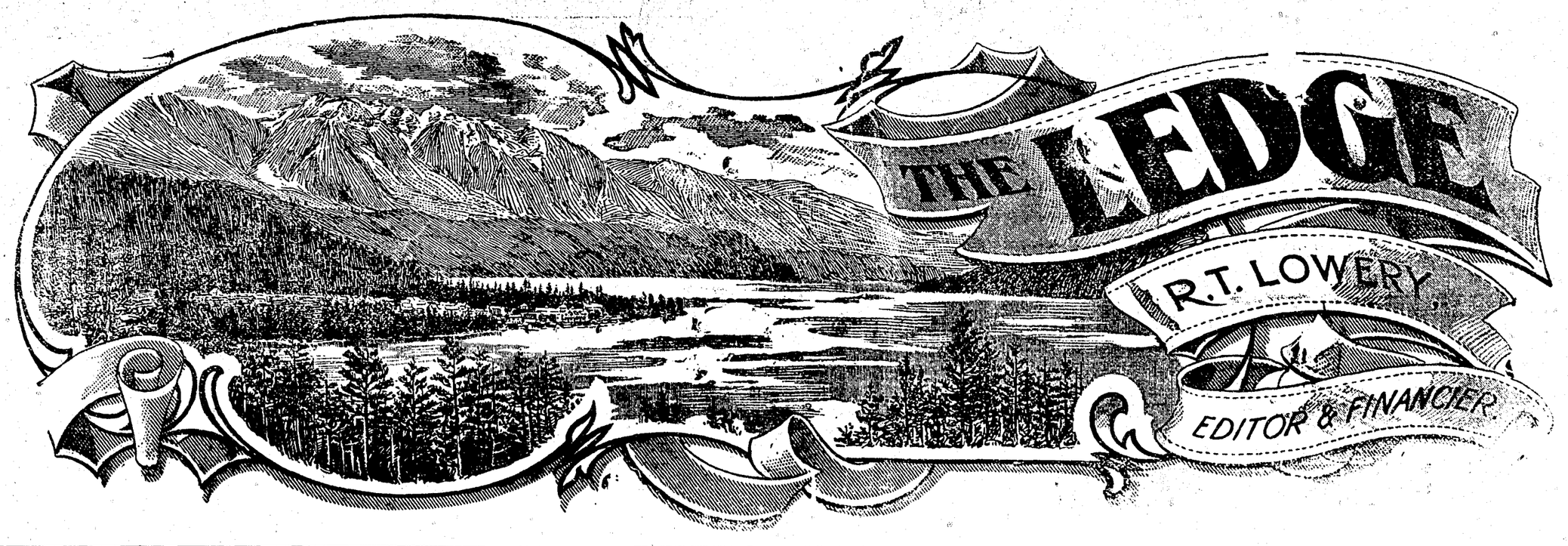

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General News Float

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

LOCAL NEWS FLOAT.

Hockey has the deal in Sandon.

Plenty of fruit on hand at Williams' store.

George M. Hughes has gone east for the winter.

A hockey club has been organized in Slocan City.

The American Boy has a great showing of clean ore.

The Lardo branch of the C. P. R. has closed for the winter.

The Bosun closed for a week in order to give the force a holiday.

Jack Aitchison has returned to the Slocan from South Africa.

About forty men are employed in the logging camps of Slocan lake.

Wilson & Barclay have bought out the W. Hunter Co. of Silverton.

In Spokane Pete Schonberg is applying for a divorce from his wife.

The Payne mill made the best run of the season upon Sunday night.

The Exchange on Dayton creek will resume operations this month.

The Republic is shipping ore that runs 150 ounces in silver and $5 in gold.

Father Hagarty will lecture upon socialism in New Denver next week.

A booze cloud burst over Sandon last week and wet most of the inhabitants.

Bob Allen has a contract to rawhide 500 tons of ore from the Hunter V in Ymir camp.

W. H. Gibbs spent his holidays in New Denver. He now counts money in Rossland.

Wm Thomlinson ate his Christmas dinner in New Denver. Billy's visit was too brief.

A successful and enjoyable dance was given at the Victoria hotel, Silverton, last week.

On Monday Mrs. Edna Ellacott returned to Spokane, where she will reside for a few months

W. W. Warner has re-leased the Wonderful and will ship ore running high in zinc and silver.

The Kalispel will be worked next spring with drills driven by power from the waters of Ten Mile creek.

During the holiday rush D. J. Robertson & Co. of Nelson did not sell all their furniture. There is some left.

James A. Gilker of Nelson wishes everyone to make a resolution to call at his store regularly during 1903

The Arlington has reduced its force to about five men. It will not likely be increased until after the mill is finished

Some of the gin mills in Sandon will not renew their licenses next month. This is another result of low-priced silver.

Henry Stege will put in his own system of waterworks next summer He will use a wind mill to pump water from the lake.

The New York brewery at Sandon still has some beer for sale. It was not all consumed by the great thirst that swept through the Gulch city.

Eight snow slides came down Goat mountain on Christmas. This was the only celebration in New Denver, and no town in America had a similar one.

At the Filbert hotel in Sandon music is furnished free with meals. Thus the soul and body are fed at the same time, and patrons of this popular house are doubly pleased.

The Dayton has been leased to W. Harrison and W. H. Davidson. This claim is one of the oldest in the Slocan and is at the mouth of Dayton creek. It has values in gold and silver.

Jim Ward, Billy Steed and Tommy Burley slid into camp from Silver mountain last week in search of plum pudding. They are working the Delphic and brought down some fine samples of ore.

An enormous chute of duck, goose, turkey and plum pudding was struck in the Newmarket hotel on Christmas. It was just like a French dinner in 'Frisco. Wine on the side and no restriction on the output.

A. C. Allen, the only inhabitant of Vevey, came to New Denver last week to enjoy civilization. As Al. had been alone for weeks with no companion but Billy, his horse, he found life in the Lucerne almost equal to Butte or New York.

Ten back numbers of this paper are sent to any address upon receipt of ten cents. Send a bundle to your friends and help them open their eyes.

BORN.—In Slocan hospital on Dec. 26, the wife of George Aylwin of twins, boy and girl. The boy was still born, but the mother and girl are doing well.

During the year the Monitor paid a dividend of 10 per cent. Although the mine is in a very satisfactory condition shipments will be curtailed and further dividends withheld until the lead and silver market is in a better condition.

The Paystreak office in Sandon has a mascot. It is a white cat that the poet MacSwain lifted from a snowbank. If the parson's dog that hangs aronnd that print shop does not develop hoodooism the paper will have an ace in the hole all this year.

Two stoves for sale at this office. One of them is a Queen, old, battered and tough to look at, but good enough to use in a cabin that has no floor. About $1 in hot cash will secure this jewel on a cold day. The other stove is of the box variety, strong and pleasant to look at. It has stood the fires of two winters without cracking a seam Rather than see it fade into an oxide we will take $5 or a load of wood for it Get in early aud avoid the rush.

John Williams had a thrilling experience with a weasel last week. This weasel had been having chicken dinners at John's expense for several nights, but one evening John slipped into the hen-house nice and easy like and awaited events. Like a coon in the night the weasel came along and seized a hen by the neck. John reached out his avenging hand, grabbed the victor and victim and plunged them both into a Queen stove that happened to be handy. When the ashes of battle had been cleared away the weasel lay dead, the hen flew out of the stove cackling, and John simply laughed in in a rippling, mellow manner.

MINING AND PROTECTING FORESTS

The Ontario government was given power some time ago to adopt regulations for the preservation of forest reserves from damage by fire. Until recently the necessity for making such regulations has not been pressing; no operations have been carried on in the districts set apart as forest reserves, of which there are three—the Temagami, the Eastern, or Frontenac, and the Western, composed of the township of Sibley, on the North shore. Recently, however, good indications of iron and copper have been discovered on the Temagami reserve, and applications for mineral rights in the reserve have been received by the crown lands department. The commissioner of crown lands has drafted regulations which have been approved in council, regulating mining operations in the reserves. It has been decided that all mining operations in the reserve must be carried on under the direction of the commissioner of crown lands, and that no ores are to be roasted in the open air, nor are processes to be used which will injure vegetation. Stringent provisions regarding the use of fires are also imposed, fires being allowed only for purposes of cooking or for warmth, and these must be kindled on the bare rock wherever possible.

STEALING MATTE.

Peter Swanson, a saloon keeper from Northport, was arrested in Rossland Saturday, charged with having stolen goods in his possession. His arrest is the outcome of a campaign against a ring of thieves who have been stealing matte from the Northport smelter for some time. The matte is valued at from $3.50 to $8 per pound, and it is an easy matter for men about the works to put a pound or two of matte in their pockets. This has been done and the swag traded at saloons about Northport, until the practice became notorious Swanson's place was a well-known "fence" for stolen matte, and when he came to Rossland he had about 200 pounds of the stuff, valued at $1,000, in his possession.

John S. Ingram, chief of police, made the arrest, and Swanson was promptly arraigned on the charge of having stolen goods in his possession. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and was remanded for sentence. The maximum penalty is fourteen years imprisonment and in view of the facts the Northport man is liable to be severely dealt with. Swanson has not divulged the name of the men who actually stole the matte.

The stolen smelter product which Peter Swanson brought to Rossland consisted of sections of "sows," or rich furnace bottoms, carrying much more gold and silver than ordinary matte. Samples of his load were assayed, and the value of the lot is placed at no less than $1,000

Swanson made a confession, implicating a number of smelter employees and business men of Northport in the stealing and purchasing of valuable material from the smelter.

It is stated that much excitement exists at Northport, and that a number of men left there Sunday to avoid prosecution by the Smelter company.

Swanson is one of the oldest residents in Northport, and half owner of one of the swellest saloons in the city. He will be sentenced today (Wednesday). The smelter has been losing matte in this way for years and has had detectives working up evidence for a long time. Swanson made a confession, implicating about forty men in Northport.

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT.

It is reported that a large amount of railway building will be commenced in the Kootenay valley at an early day. It is said that the Kootenay Central will be under construction early in the spring, and this line will follow up the valley from a point near Elko, connecting with the Crow's Nest branch and Crow's Nest Southern to Fort Steele There are several applications to be presented to the provincial legislature this session, asking for charters up and down the valley, and there are two charters, the Kootenay Central and the B. C. Southern railway that were granted several years ago. and it is possible that at least one of them will be found in the front rank of railway construction by the time that the snow has disappeared. As the matter now stands in Southeast Kootenay, the C. P. R company are determined to hold the trade of the district if possible, the railway and express company are more than pleased with the amount of traffic, and recognize that the Crow's Nest branch is the best paying division of the C. P. R. system.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1901 was, approximately, 80,000 tons. Since January 1 to December 27, 1902, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne	155	2131
Ivanhoe	30	607
Sunset (Jackson Basin)		827
Reco	21	511
American Boy	42	1176
Arlington	20	3580
Hewett		805
Bosun	40	2080
Last Chance		168
Wonderful		181
Enterprise	60	2280
Lavina		85
Bismarck		69
Queen Bess		180
Silver Glance		257
Whitewater		2062
Ottawa	20	68
Capella		60
Florence		1
Trade Dollar		20
Slocan Boy		158
Neepawa		123
Hartney		25
Marion		5
May		5
Paystreak		7
Surprise		22
Monitor		1306
Slocan Star	50	764
Duplex		7
Emily Edith		20
Wakefield		220
Prescott		4
Rambler		4187
Molly Gibson		2100
Washington		187
Gilbert		2
C. O. D.		2
London Hill		115
Ruth	42	908
Antoine		207
R. E. Lee		144
Spectator		4
Red Fox		63
Hampton		13
Mercury		21
Dardanelles		21
Porcupine		2
Charleston		11
Pinto		13
Noble Five		21
Soho		63
Fisher Maiden	20	20
Republic	22	22
Total tons	522	24,019

GOLD IN U. S. TREASURY.

The hoard of gold in the United States treasury is now greater than that which any nation ever possessed before reaching above $900,000,000. This, says the New York World, is more than three times the combined coin, bullion and reserves of the Bank of England; it is $100,000,000 more than the gold holdings of the bank of France, three times those of the Imperial Bank of Germany, 60 per cent. more than Russia's. It is an astonishing showing, and is the result merely of ordinary processes of our governmental operations, whereas the collections made by European nations are by extraordinary efforts and for special purposes —Salt Lake Tribune

THE EXCHANGE.

The Exchange mine, said Charles Dempster, will open up on a substantial basis about January 10. Meanwhile the ore now sacked will be at once sent to the Nelson smelter. This ore runs $35 in gold and 256 ounces in silver.

"Generally speaking," said Mr. Dempster, "the feeling east with regard to Kootenay investments is one of resuming confidence in spite of adverse legislation. Returns are demonstrating that the ore is here and can be sent oat at a profit. Consequently there is a wish to invest, to get in at once upon the ground floor, and so get the advantages which will surely accrue to such investors in gilt-edged properties when the conditions are improved in this district with regard to mining legislation and transportation and smelting facilities."—Rossland World.

ANOTHER SPOKANE ROAD.

The report that D. C. Corbin and Senator Turner will build a 200-mile railroad to connect Spokane with the Canadian boundary at some point in the Kootenay country, has occasioned no little talk during the past week. The report seems to be well founded and it is understood that the Canadian Pacific is behind the move. It is believed that the Canadian Pacific has had a jealous eye on Spokane and the Inland Empire for a long time and is desirous of getting a share of the trade of that section. It is also said that the Canadian Pacific is in a retaliatory mood on account of Jim Hill's entering the British Columbia field with the V. V. & E road.

The name of the new company, which was incorporated a few days ago, is the Spokane and Kootenay railway, capitalized at $3,000,000.

SIMILKAMEEN DIAMONDS.

Inquiries made during the week regarding the operations while here of Herbert Weymiss, the prospector who recently stated in Vancouver that he believed that he had discovered diamonds in the Similkameen, elicited the information that the claim spoken of on which the supposed gems were discovered is not on Kennedy or Copper mountains, but higher up the Similkameen, in the vicinity of Roche river. Large beds of conglomerate composed of similar material to those of the Kimberly diamond fields, are reported to exist near the head of Roche river, by prospectors who have been in that section. It seems curious, however, that the gems were not discovered by placer-miners who have worked the Similkameen river for years, if they really exis in this district.—Similkameen Star.

COPPER MINES SHUT DOWN.

Late dispatches announce that the Mountain and Bully Hill copper properties in California, which produce more than 40,000,000 pounds of copper per annum, are shut down by reason of a strike of the employes.

The miners demanded recognition of the smeltermen's union and when the managing director of the Mountain Copper company in London was informed of the condition of affairs he cabled the local management that, rather than recognize the union, he would keep the properties shut down for a year.

It is believed that the shut-down will have an effect on the copper market.

HE FELT THE SYMPTOMS.

"At Christmas time," said the pastor, addressing the gathering of happy-hearted folks who had come to celebrate the good old event, "at Christmas time, as I was about to say, we older ones become again as little children. I venture the assertion that there are gray-headed ones in this assemblage who even now feel the same thrill as they did when they were little lads and lasses. Am I not right, Brother Scruggs?"

"I think you be," answered Brother Scruggs. "I don't know how it is with the rest, but I've had the cramps off an' on all day."

NICKEL INTERESTS.

John R. Gordon of Sudbury, mining expert, confirms a recent announcement that the United States Steel company has secured possession of the old Canadian Copper, and has become organized under the name of the International Nickel company. According to Mr. Gordon the amount paid for the Canadian Copper interest in and about Sudbury was $8,000,000. The new concern has about 3,000 men at work and mining operations are being prosecuted with much vigor.

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In noting the fact that a [illegible] was killed near Winnipeg, the Free Press displays great ignorance when it informs its readers that this is the only animal of its kind ever seen or killed in Manitoba or the Territories and asks [illegible] contrary. T. Arnold shot one at Caron lately, and a crack shot of this town shot another in the same neighborhood. Several have been seen in the neighborhood of Regina. In fact, the Indians on Pie-a-Pot's reserve and elsewhere decorate their moccasins with porcupine quills.—Moose Jaw Signal.

A Happy New Year!

The Mutual Life of Canada extends, through their general agent, William J. Twiss, of Kaslo, to their many policyholders and friends in the Kootenays and Okanagan valley, a hearty and prosperous New Year to one and all.

Buried in a Snowslide

Nine Men Killed at Molly Gibson Mine Christmas Night—Rescue Party Stil at Work.

The most fatal snowslide in the history of the Slocan occurred Christmas night at the Molly Gibson This mine is at the head of Ten Mile creek and is high above the timber line. In the bunkhouse there were nineteen men when the slide came down. Nine were killed and are buried beneath the debris, except James Campbell. The names of the dead are :

J. Campbell.
M. E. Hall.
L. Bronlee.
T. Rouse.
W. Collins.
W. G. Murphy.
Gee Chip.
Two Italians, Pietro and Hiro.

According to the story of Jules Labelle, there were nineteen or twenty men in the bunkhouse at the time.

Only one shift is worked, and as it was Christmas Day, they had "knocked off" at noon and stayed in all afternoon. After supper an impromptu concert was held, which was kept up till a little after 10. Then all turned in but Labelle, and all lights were extinguished except a candle which he stuck up at the head of his bunk to read by. After reading for a short time he blew out his light and turned over to go to sleep. The weather was then very stormy, it was snowing hard, and a regular gale was blowing. As he was sinking off to sleep he heard a distant rumble which rapidly grew louder. He knew it was a slide, but never dreamed of it coming close till a sudden crash came, and the building seemed to go to pieces.

The bunkhouse was about 30 by 40 feet in dimensions. On the ground floor was the kitchen, dining and sitting rooms, while the office was a small separate building, L shaped, between the bunkhouse and the mountain. Upstairs the bunks were arranged in two tiers, in some of which there were two men and in others one. Strange to say instead of striking the office first, the slide seemed to swing around and struck the other end of the building sweeping it away. The only corner left of the upstairs, so far as Labelle could judge, was the upper corner next to the office. He was in a lower corner bunk, Johnston was in the next row in the upper bunk, and McGinness in the next one to Johnston.

The roof came right down on top of Labelle, but although the upper bunk was destroyed, he was unhurt, though there was not an inch to spare between the scantling and his body. He managed to crawl out, pulling out his clothes which had been rolled up for a pillow under his head, with him. Above the roar of the wind he could hear a dozen voices calling for help away down the hillside below. He helped Johnston and McGinnies out, and John Bell, the foreman, also showed up. He and Bell then made their way down the hillside, hoping to extricate some of the victims. There was from four to ten feet of loose snow along the trail, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that any progress was made. McLaughlin was found about 800 feet below the site of the bunkhouse Despite his dislocated shoulder and broken leg he managed to partially crawl out and then with the aid of Labelle and Bell was finally got over to the blacksmith shop, which was in the mouth of No. 5 tunnel, a short distance away. Here they made a fire and went back to the office for some blankets to make as easy a bed as possible and to warm him, as in common with all who had been carried down the hill he was practically without clothes, the snow having ripped the thin night clothes and underwear from the bodies. Campbell was found lying in the snow writhing in agony, without any covering He could only moan, and had not strength enough to rise. They tried to move him towards the blacksmith shop, but in the loose snow could accomplish nothing. Bell then went for a blanket but by the time he got back Campbell was dead, having died a few minutes after he left.

Up to Tuesday there had been little new from the slide. One body, not yet identified, was found two miles from the bunkhouse. D. J. McLaughlin, who is in the hospital at Nelson is in a critical condition owing to the severity of his injuries and exposure. Dunlap, McCreath, Harris and Bell are around all right except for the soreness caused by their many bruises. The work of looking for the buried men still goes on.

EAST KOOTENAY MILLS.

Six years ago there was one small sawmill in this district, and valuable timber limits were passed up as hardly worth noticing. Now the lumber business has become one of the great industries in the district, and this year millions of feet will be manufactured for export. Mills have been put in along the Kootenay, Moyie and Elk valleys and a vast army of men are employed at the mills and in the timber.

It is estimated that the cut this year will aggregate between 80,000,000 and 90,000,000 feet for lumber and between thirty and forty million feet more for ties, which will mean the employing of 700 to 1,000 men.

The capacity of the various mills are estimated as follows:

Cotton, at Crow's Nest, 2,000,000.
Carbon Creek Lumber company, 2,000,000.
Fernie Lumber company, 5,000,000.
Mott & Son, Fernie, 5,000,000.
Cedar Valley Improvement company, Pernie and Morrissey, 5,000,000.
McCrea Lumber company, Coal creek, 5,000,000.
Robinson-McKenzie Lumber company, Cranbrook, 5,000,000.
King Mercantile company, Cranbrook, 5,000,000.
Leask & Slater, Cranbrook, 5,000,000.
Laurie Lumber company and Finch & Jones, Marysville, 4,000,000.
East Kootenay Lumber company, four mills, 30,000,000.
Crow's Nest Lumber company, Wardner, 20,000,000.
Moyie Lumber company, 12,000,000.
Hayes Lumber company, Elk Mouth, 2,000,000.

This means of course a vast amount of work this winter getting out logs for next season's cut.

VALDEZ LETTER.

Valdez, Alaska, Nov. 2, 1902.

THE WHITEHORSE STAR:

Dear Sir.—So many of my acquaintances in and around Whitehorse having asked me to write them re Valdez, its location, resources, etc., I take this means of reaching them.

Valdez is situated at the head of Prince William sound, about 425 miles very nearly due west from Whitehorse. The harbor is completely landlocked with good anchorage, surrounded on all sides by lofty, snow-clad mountains, whose every gulch and canyon are filled with glaciers.

Four miles northwest of the town is the Valdez glacier. It was over this glacier that more than 4,000 weary prospectors climbed the summit in the spring of '98, only to return later on disappointed, many of them penniless and broken in health.

There is a population here of about 1,000 souls, cosmopolitan in the true sense of the term. However, Chinese are not welcome. The town seems as orderly and law-abiding as your town of Whitehorse, though we have only one police officer, a U. S. deputy marshal, on duty.

Here you find all lines of business fairly well represented.

Provisions and other supplies compare fairly well with Skagway. You can get a good meal here for 35 cents, while a bed costs you a dollar. You can buy horses from $15 to $150 each, while dogs cost from $10 up. Lumber costs $25 to $40 per M with very little to be had Common laborers get $3 per day and carpenters 62½ cents per hour, with very little work for either class.

We have a sawmill here with a capacity of 25,000 feet per day, yet for some unaccountable reason it supplies very little lumber.

The nearer you get to Valdez the less you know of its resources.

Slate creek lies 220 miles and the Nizana 100 miles in the interior. Slate creek was discovered in '98 and is fairly well worked out The Nizina was discovered about a year ago and has all its possibilities in the future.

At Whitehorse you have deposits of copper, here you can find mountains of ore. But those of us who have spent time, energy and money in the development of the claims around Whitehorse [illegible] to get gold for copper

The railroad may begin work in the spring. It has led people on by the same promise (if I may judge by what has been told me) the last four years. Personally I know nothing, can ascertain nothing definite about the whole matter

The U. S. government has built a trail and put in a telegraph line from Valdez to Eagle City, situated on the Yukon below Dawson, and is now building a sled road from Valdez to Fort Liscum, a distance of about seven miles as the road runs, while a steamer takes you there in four miles.

Now, I have this to say about Valdez: While I have every confidence in the future possibilities of the country, there is nothing here for the laboring classes especially. It is almost certain that there will be a rush here in the spring, but it looks to me like a transportation boom.

GEO. M. SCRELL.

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

FELLOW PILGRIMS: THE LEDGE is located at New Denver, B. C., and can be traced to many parts of the earth. It comes to the front every Thursday and has never been raided by the sheriff, snowslided by cheap silver, or subdued by the fear of man. It works for the trail blazer as well as the bay-windowed and champagne-flavored capitalist. It aims to be on the right side of everything and believes that hell should be administered to the wicked in large doses. It has stood the test of time, and an ever-increasing paystreak is proof that it is better to tell the truth, even if the heavens do occasionally hit our smokestack. A chute of job work is worked occasionally for the benefit of humanity and the financier. Come in and see us, but do not pat the bull dog on the cranium, or chase the black cow from our water barrel: one is savage and the other a victim of thirst. One of the noblest works of creation is the man who always pays the printer; he is sure of a bunk in paradise, with thornless roses for a pillow by night, and nothing but gold to look at by day.

R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

THE LEDGE.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1903.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

These days of gold an honest politician is about the rarest work of God.

The Slocan is not full of roses just now, but there is plenty of seed on hand.

Doing business in the Slocan just now is like playing poker and never holding a pair.

One of Spokane's leading industries is in danger of annihilation. The law is trying to stop gambling.

The tourist season will soon open and now is the time to advertise the attractions of the beautiful Slocan.

Many a resolution that is alive today will be desd or dreaming before thirty days have melted in the ocean of time.

It is estimated that for the next few years the United States will supply Canada with a million settlers every year.

If taxes were collected upon dividends, instead of ore, it would help many a British Columbia mine to carry a heavy load.

With mines closing down all around us, it begins to look as if we would soon have time to take a day off and saw wood.

"Now, wouldn't that jar your slats," and "it certainly would wrinkle your raglan," are the latest phrases in the slang world.

Europeans emigrate to the United States and native Yankees to Canada. The Yankees know God's country when they see it.

The C. P. R. allows its news agents to sell Mary McLane and other trash upon its trains but will not let them sell Lowery's Claim.

A pork-packing factory has been built at Petrolia. It will help to keep the town on the hog-train when the price of petroleum sinks to zero.

It has not yet been given out what brand of booze Adam and Eve drank just before they saw the snake. Prohibition whiskey in all probability.

United States capitalists will annex Canada to their bank accounts if they are allowed to acquire millions of acres of land for speculative purposes.

Courts and judges are made for the people and by the people. When they get above the people they should be hauled back and made to sit down.

A Moses is needed to take the Slocan through the dark place in which it is now stumbling like a man carrying a cargo of booze upon his internal stope.

It is reported that no land grant will be given to the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad. This may soothe some people, but where is the difference if money is given?

Owen McGarton, who has just died in New Jersey, was a dead game sport. Thirty years ago he made a bet that if Grant was elected he would never come out of his house except in the night, and he kept his word, although a fire once nearly forced him to break it. Such a man would be a great stayer in a dead mining camp.

A bill is to be introduced into the Idaho legislature providing for taxation upon the net output of the mines. A similar law is in operation in Montana and gives general satisfaction.

The Toronto Mail has put in a press that will print 72,000 papers an hour. The press weighs 52 tons, only 47 tons heavier than the one used in printing New Denver's leading excitement.

Many miners in British Columbia do not know platinum and kindred metals when they see them. For this reason placer claims should be examined closely. Gold is not the only color in the sand.

Economy is strong with the Chinese. In Vancouver they run a church and a gambling game in the same building. Prayer and talking to big joss probably help the chinks when fan-tan gobbles their wash money.

There is a reign of terror in Seattle and no one is safe from the sandbag. The citizens should hold up the police and perhaps the evil would die out. A vigilance committee would find business prosperous in Seattle.

The flow of emigration from the United States into Canada is so great that the Yankee railroads most affected have subscribed a fund of $50,000 to fight the movement. Our railroads should not sleep over this matter.

You must be good in Germany. A girl in Germany threw a brooch on the floor and stamped upon it, and was sent fourteen days to jail. The brooch had a picture of the kaiser on one side of it. If the picture had been on both sides of it she would probably have been sent up for life.

There is trouble ahead for the pork and other kings of America. They will soon be no longer able to wed their beefy daughters to the syphilitic things of France who have nothing but a title. The French republic is about to legislate its bunco royalty out of existence. Hurrah for France!

Kindness is a paying investment. Three years ago Miss Yonkers of Milwaukee handed a sick man on a train a glass of water. He died the other day and left her $40,000. This is a remarkable ending to a kind act, but it puzzles us how she gave him water instead of beer. However, kindness with us is its own reward. For years we have have handed fluid life-savers to dying men at various times and up to going to press mary a crust has floated down the flume of time to our sluice-boxes.

An old-timer in the Slocan writes as follows: "I enclose $5. Of this $2 is to renew my subscription and $3 towards the fund for the purpose of showing tourists what fools they are to miss seeing the beautiful Slocan." If we received many monetary letters of this kind our task of placing the advantages of the Slocan before the tourist world would be lightened. Generosity begets generosity, and if Kootenay [illegible] sense this office must be showered with letters just like the old-timer's.

An editor who knows whereof he speaks is responsible for the following: "Town killers are classified into eight bunches as follows: 1. Those who go out of town to do their shopping. 2. Those who are opposed to improvements. 3. Those who prefer a quiet town to one of push and business. 4. Those who imagine they own the town. 5. Those who deride public-spirited men. 6. Those who oppose every movement that does not originate with them. 7. Those who oppose any movement that does not appear to benefit them. 8. Those who seek to injure the credit or reputation of individuals."—Carlsbad Current.

Clergue is the Soo god, and like all gods he needs to be petted occasionally. He got in a sulk the other day and shut down his steel works, claiming that he could not compete with German rails. The Ontario government has given him millions and yet he cries for more. Greed is never satisfied. If with all his advantages the Soo god cannot compete with a far-off country, there must be something wrong, and it is not with the wages paid. Better that the government should run the works than pamper any more greedy gods. The shut-down depreciated the stock of the great company, and as the mills have resumed operations there may have been a stock-jobbing scheme in the woods. You can't tell, for some people are real clever when money is in sight.

Life in the mines and mountains is one of blood, and every year since the Slocan was opened to the drill and hammer some souls have gone over the dump of oblivion by the snowslide route. The fatality at the Molly Gibson upon Christmas night was the most deadly in its effect upon human life of all the slides that have happened in these parts. A score of men were asleep in the bunk house. Far from town, high above the safety line they lay dreaming of home and those who loved them. A roar, and a flash of white in the dark night, and hearts ar breaking while beneath the beautiful but merciless snow many a strong man's life goes out to the great camp beyond death's divide. These deplorable accidents stun us, but as long as snow will slide and men will work in the mountains they will be. The elements are cruel, and have no sympathy for the weeping widow or fatherless child.

Honest Writers

An honest writer seldom makes much money. Telling the truth does not pay, as the world goes, these days. The leading writers on the daily press are literary prostitutes. They are used by their employers for the advancement of personal schemes. If they attempt to be honest and tell the truth up comes the red ticket, and another slave holds their pen. Thus does money force brains into the mud and build fortunes upon the foundation. An honest and fearless writer gets his reward in heaven, but, while on earth, he is covered with abuse of a slimy mob whose souls never reach higher than the flesh-pots. Frank Norris, the eminent novelist who recently died poor in California, expresses himself as follows upon the subject:

"To make money is not the province of a novelist. If he be the right sort, he has other responsibilities, heavy ones. He, of all men, cannot think only of himself and for himself. And when the last page is written, and the ink crusts upon the pen-point, and the hungry presses go clashing after another writer, the 'new man' and the new fashion of the hour, he will think of the grim, long grind of the years of his life that he has put behind him, and of his work that he has built up, volume by volume, sincere work, telling the truth as he saw it, independent of fashion and the gallery gods, holding to these with gripped hands and shut teeth—he will think of all this then, and he will be able to say, "I never truckled, I never took off the hat to fashion and held it out for pennies. By God, I told them the truth. They liked it or they did not like it. What had that to do with me? I told them the truth; I knew it for the truth then, and I know it for the truth now.' And that is his reward—the best that a man may know; the only one really worth striving for."

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His wife looked at him, sharply, and then in a cold hard tone exclaimed:

"John Henry, you'll have to think of some better excuse than that for staying out at night.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A woman's idea of economy is to have things charged.

It is easier for the average woman to make up her face than her mind.

Spring fever is merely a seasonable name for laziness.

He who runs may read—if he succeeds in catching the train.

An original girl is one who faints when nobody is looking at her.

Even in a thorny path a man can avoid stepping on all the thorns.

Of course brains count—but they frequently get mixed up in their calculations.

When a mustache fails to tickle a woman it may be fairly said that she has lost her sense of humor.—Chicago News.

WOMAN.

The earth had been made and man had been made,
But somehow it lacked in the bloomin'.
Till the God of the good to whom ages have prayed,
Turned it into a garden with woman.

He builded her fair like a lily of white,
And with love did he perfume her being.
And if through her did come the first shade of night,
Ever since by her light we've been seeing.

For you know that a new wick gives no light at all,
Till it's blackened and trimmed with the shears
So perhaps this is why she has brightened this ball
Through all its varying years,

And I think it is sweet at the close of life's day,
when we part hands with all that is human,
To be led to the light at the end of the way—
As it always has been—by a woman.

—Atlanta City Sentinel.

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Romance of a Box Car

During the recent trotting races at Memphis, Peter Tiffin, the old-trainer, owner and driver of pacers, sitting in the lobby of the Peabody hotel told this one:

I had five in my string at Denver, and decided to bring them to St. Louis for a chance at the money hung up by the fair grounds. The Missouri Pacific railroad owed me damages for killing a nice two-year-old, and as I was short of cash, and never believed in soaking the railroads, I agreed to sign a release if they'd give me a free box car from St. Louis for my five horses, myself and my outfit. They were glad to do it, and so was I, so I had a car sidetracked, and spent about four days putting in box stalls for my stable. I rigged up the stalls in each end, leaving a kind of wide hallway from the opposite side doors of the cars, knocked down my sulkies, and strung them wheels and all against the roof of the car, and set up my cot in the free space.

Then I put in some provisions, canned stuff, a case of bottled beer, some books and all the newspapers and sporting magazines I could buy. I hung my lantern to the rafter and let 'em know I was ready for the road. Oh, yes, I had my dog. I've got him yet, and, by the way, he can trot as far and faster than any dog I ever seen. That's him setting over there, by the counter. Well, the night we left Denver, they jerked my car around the yards until my head ached. We were bumped and jostled for nearly three hours, and by the time the train was made up, Jingo, that's the dog, and my five horses, to say nothing of me, were as nervous as a bunch of girl graduates. Finally they pulled us down the yards about a mile or so, when I suddenly discovered that I hadn't laid in enough tobacco. I asked one of the crew, who came past, if I had time to run over to the store, and he said yes. I jumped out with Jingo, bought a cartoon of smoking tobacco, and caught the train just as it started away towards Pueblo.

We ran along pretty steady then down past Burnham, heading for Palmer Lake, and I got out my newspapers and began to read them. One was an "extra," all about a shocking murder. It seems a woman named Pardee had stabbed her husband, left him dying on the floor and escaped. I had read that and another part of the paper when the train jolted to a standstill. Pretty soon I heard footsteps crunching along by the track—I had closed both my doors, for the mountain air was chilly—and then there was a pounding at the car side, and a voice yelling: "Open up! I want to see your contract!" Of course I opened up, and then I saw five men standing outside in the gray of a starlit night. "I'm the conductor," said one. "Gimme your contract." I handed it to him, and was a bit surprised when he thrust it into his pocket and said to a fellow next him: "Better get in and search the car."

"What's the matter?" I asked.

"Got anybody in the car with you?" he snapped.

"Nobody but five horses and a dog." I grinned, but he boosted the other chap in and said: "This is a Denver detective. He's looking for an escaped murderer, and he wants to search the car."

"All right," says I, "but be careful about that sorrel filly in the corner stall. She's a devil with her heels."

The detective had a dark lantern and went fumbling in among the horses, giving Lady Wilkes a wide berth. "There ain't nobody in here but me," I went on, winking at the crew assembled in the door, "but I'm dead anxious for company. I've got a few cold quarts here all right."

Maybe that fetched the detective, but anyway he came back out of the boxstalls and sat down on my bunk. I opened up a few, the crew went back and the train started. Then the detective, drinking up my suds most heartily, said he was after the Pardee woman that had killed her husband in Denver. It seems she had made for the railroad yards during that afternoon, and it was suspected that she had crawled into an empty freight. We drifted onto horse talk, and when we got down to Palmer Lake he got off to catch the night passenger train back to Denver.

When we got going again, Jingo, that's my dog, he began acting queer. Lady Wilkes was kicking a good bit, and hanging back on her halter, but Jingo was used to them capers, and I couldn't make out what he meant. He sneaked up by the stall, began pawing at the straw, and hollering like he smelt a badger at least. Finally, about midnight, I wanted to go to bed and I commenced hollering at him. He went on worse than ever and I got over the partition and took a look at the Lady.

What do you think I sees, setting right under the feed trough, her face white, and her clothes covered with straw and chaff?

The prettiest little woman you ever saw! There she was staring at me out of her big scared eyes.

"Mister," says she, "you won't give me up?"

"Not on your life," says I, wondering if she was really the Pardee woman as had killed her husband. "Are you Mrs. Pardee?" I asked her, and she said she was, but that she never done it. I showed her the paper and asked her if she knew a detective had searched the car.

"Oh, yes, I know it," she said, still sitting in the straw bed that Lady Wilkes had pawed up over her. "I knew they'd say that. I heard them come to search the car, and I blessed you when you said that this horse would kick. I thought maybe you saw me crawl in here. Did you?" "No." "Well, I got in while you were over at the store. Is he –is Pardee dead? I hope he isn't dead."

"I showed her the paper which said that he was found dead, and she put her little pale face down in her lap and cried like a baby. Then I passed her a sandwich and an orange, she wouldn't try the beer, and, squatting right there under the feedbox, she said:

"He wanted to sell me. At least he said he had a friend that was willing to marry me if he himself would get out of the way. He showed me the money he got—$50 and I was to let Howgate, that's the foreman at the brickyard where Pardee works, I was to let Howgate in that night when he called. My baby was dead only six months sir. I know that Pardee was bad, but, sir, a woman like me cannot stand to be sold like that—like a beef! I said no; that I would kill Howgate before I would submit. I was peeling onions when he struck me, sir, and I guess I cut him. I was mad enough, sir. One cannot stand everything. I want to go home. I live near Maryville, Missouri. Let me ride here under the straw, will you?"

Would I? I got her to move into the stall with Councillor Fad—that's the roan that won last week at Lexington—and I covered her with straw at night and gave her half my rations during the day. At Kansas City—well, never mind for particulars. She's as good a woman as ever lived—too good for me.

"How many children have you got, Tiffin?" put in Colonel Forsythe, who had heard the romance before.

"Five," quoth the satisfied Tiffin, lighting a cheroot, "and they all take after their mammy—dead game and fight at the drop of the flag."—John H. Rafferty, in Chicago Record-Herald.

WAS HEARD IN TORONTO.

There are Americans, very few, I am happy to say, who never set foot on British soil, England or Canada, especially, without availing themselves of the opportunity for extolling England to the sky and insulting all the other nations of the earth.

The following statement was made in public, only a few days ago, in Toronto, Canada, by an American: "No government has ever existed without decay for a thousand years. Great Britain and the United States are the most powerful living nations. Germany and Russia have not been out of the forest long enough to be spoiled.

"France and Spain are morally and physically dead, Italy, Japan, China and Turkey are practically dead. Great Britain is the only country that sympathised with the United States in her war with Spain."

Of course the last sentence shows the intelligence of the speaker and his knowledge of the subject.

You will probably come to the conclusion that the foregoing statement was ejaculated by some Jingoistic idiot. No, it was uttered by a Christian teacher, an American minister, a doctor of divinity, named the Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, D. D., in Trinity Methodist church, Toronto, on Sunday, March 9th, in this year of Grace, 1902.

All nations have virtues and vices, different, as a rule, from the virtues and vices of other nations, and the duty of any man who has the privilege of having the ear of the public, the writer, the journalist, the lecturer, and, surely above all, the Christian minister, is to make his hearers acquainted with the virtues of foreign nations and teach them the love of their neighbors.

It is his duty to teach them that the English are the most persevering, wise and free people in the world; that the Americans are the most intelligent, amiable and enterprising; that the Germans are the most economical and hard-working; that the French are the most happy and disinterested; that they open their schools of art free to all foreigners; that a French savant, the late Pasteur, invented a cure for the disease of cattle, a cure for the disease of vines, a cure for hydrophobia, that he discovered the cause of disease, bacteria and bacilli; that he inoculated or had inoculated in his institute thousands of sufferers, foreign and French, and that he never charged one cent to any patient, being of opinion that such discoveries as his were not made to amass wealth, but simply to benefit the human race.

It is his duty to teach them that "physically dead" France is at the head of the nations in the fine arts, science and literature; and nine out of every ten great inventions of the last century have been made by Frenchmen and improved by Americans.

It is for him to understand that international prejudices are all founded on ignorance; that the day on which nations know and can appreciate one another all feelings of jealousy and hatred will disappear and the peace of the world will be assured.

It is for him to work with that lofty, glorious aim in view. The world wants broad-minded, intelligent, learned men to speak the truth and spread knowledge. The world does not want pigmies who keep them in ignorance and keep alive in them their prejudices and their lower feelings of distrust towards other nations.—Max O'Rell, in the New York Journal.

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Then Mary signaled the waiter, and, producing a quarter, said blandly:

"Waiter, I'll match you for the tip."

With a look of astonishment on his face, the waiter produced a quarter and laid it down. Mary won. Then with the same calm air, she continued:

"Now, I'll match you for that quarter."

Mechanically the astounded waiter deposited his quarter. Again the luck favored Mary, and she quietly pocketed the coin.

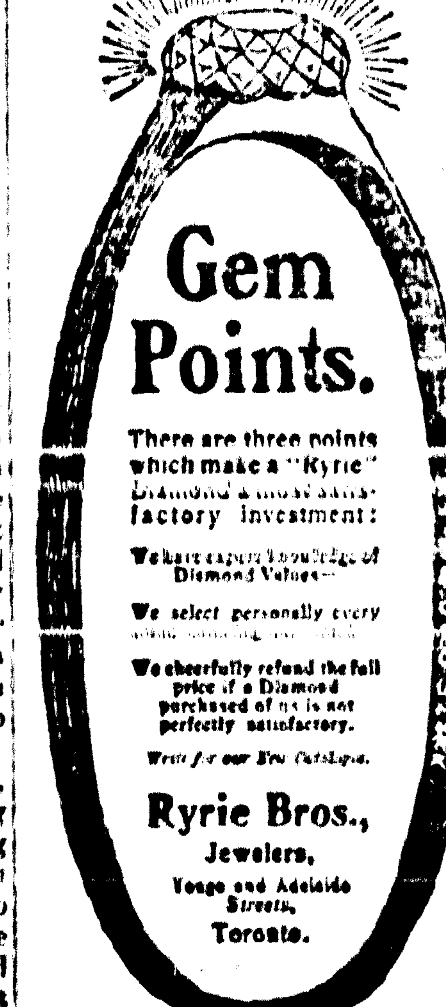
"You see, my dear," said she to her companion, "we really do things better in Butte."

These College Girls.

"Here's a letter from Mirandy at college. She says she's in love with Ping-Pong."

"She is, hey? Well, she'd better give him up; we ain't goin' ter stand for no Chinaman marryin' inter this family."

A Toronto man took a bath in the lake and the people on shore thought another coal boat had been wrecked.



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District Registrar.

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NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER

To SANFORD DAIGLE or to whomsoever he [illegible]

[illegible] No. 2, "[illegible]" and "Commander" Mineral Claims, situate on the North Fork of Eight Mile Creek, in the Slocan Mining Division, of West Kootenay District

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended in assessment work and recording fees on the above named claims for the year last past, three hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents; namely, one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents for each of the said claims, in order to hold the said claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if, within 90 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 claim will become the property of the subscriber under section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1902.

Signed. CHAS. E. HOPE

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

[illegible] Mineral Claim.

[illegible]

[illegible] FARWELL

[illegible] Mineral Claim.

[illegible] Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located [illegible]

TAKE NOTICE that I, [illegible] Free Miner's Certificate No. [illegible] intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements [illegible]

[illegible] action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this [illegible] day of November, A. D. 1902.

NOTICE

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS

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

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

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TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER

To GEORGE T. McKENZIE [illegible]

[illegible]

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED [illegible]

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A. KLEINSCHMIDT.

ABOUT VENEZUELA.

Owing to its lack of transportation systems and its average of a revolution every nine months, Venezuela is a very backward country. In no respect is it developed anywhere near up to its possibilities,

The principal agricultural industries are the raising of coffee, sugar and cocoa. The area of the coffee plantations is estimated at 17,000 hectares and the product 850,000 bags of 100 Venezuelan pounds. The yield of Venezuelan coffee trees is very small. Havre has always been the great market for the coffee of Venezuela, but that port has been closed to it for several months by a prohibitive tariff. The coffee is now sent to New York and Hamburg. This dislocation of the trade and the general crisis prevailing in Venezuela have led to a considerable decrease in price. The country consumes about 200,000 of its own coffee.

Two grades of cocoa are found in Venezuela, the native criollo, which grows wild in the valleys near the sea, and the trinitiaro, imported from Trinidad. The latter is inferior in quality to the former but grows more rapidly. The most important criollo plantations are found between La Guaira and Puerto Cabello. The cocoa crop of Venezuela averages about 8,000 tons a year.

Tobacco is cultivated in the warm and temperate regions, being planted from August to November and gathered about the month of May. A German firm has successfully introduced the famous Cuban tobacco, Vuelta-Abajo.

Rubber trees grow abundantly in Venezuela, especially in the Orinoco basin. German, American, French and English companies are exploiting this valuable natural product. Last year more than 1,000,000 kilograms were exported.

Large numbers of bananas are produced for domestic consumption, but few are exported.

Out of 49,462 farms in Veneznela, 11,020 are devoted to the raising of sugar cane. In central Venezuela the sugar mills are modern, in other parts they are primitive. Almost all the products are consumed in Venezuela. Most of the sugar is eaten unrefined, but a small amount is refined for the use of the wealthier classes.

Venezuela has vast forests of tropical woods.

It ships 50,000 to 60,000 head of cattle to Cuba yearly.

There is only one packing house in Venezuela.

Leather making is the chief native industry.

The cigarette industry, highly protected, is very flourishing.

Chocolate making is an important industry.

There are two breweries in Venezuela and they do a very profitable business.

Venezuela has only one important telephone company.

Carocas and Valencia are the only cities having street car lines.

VICTORY-TRIUMPH TO WORK.

Another gratifying result of the visit to Rossland of C Williamson Milne, a wealthy English mining man, is the announcement that the Victory-Triumph mine will be operated again. The property is on Sophie mountain, near the Velvet, and has been closed for four years. When operated the only transportation was over a bridle path, and a big deposit of concentrating ore could not be utilized. William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay company, has made an examination and stated that the principal tunnel cuts through a shoot of ore 850 feet long and having an average of 250 feet of backs.

It has, he says, fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight. The vein carries a quartz gangue with gold-silver-copper values. The average is unknown until the vein is thoroughly sampled. He says the property is an ideal concentrating proposition. Lower treatment and transportation charges now make it possible to operate the Victory-Triumph at profit, and Mr Milne will take steps to arrange for the resumption immediately on returning to London.

His intention is to install a high speed gravity stamp mill, a new mechanical invention, and to pass the products of the mill over Wilfley tables and shipping the resulting concentrates to a smelter. He believes that Sophie mountain is just entering on an era of renewed activity and that it will produce several dividend-paying mines.

$14,000 a Mile.

This is the amount an Ottawa dispatch says Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Sifton and others in the ministry have promised to endeavor to secure as a bonus to Mackenzie & Mann on their road from Yorkton to Edmonton. The government would save money and own a road for less than this. It is too much bonus these days, but especially for this one, which Mr. Mackenzie says has paid ever since the first mile was built. The public will have something to say about this.—Saskatchewan Herald.

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Proprietor

TAX THEM TO TOP NOTCH.

This paper is pleased to welcome foreign population to these territories. We believe that in doing so we represent the views of our most progressive citizens.

The Northwest wants men and money.

But the passing of large tracts of railway and public lands into the hands of big syndicates does not guarantee, in itself, an influx of either men or money. The transfer of a million acres of C. P. R. lands—previously held at $4 an acre, with ten years to pay for it—into the hands of American syndicates who double the price and shorten the term by half, does not seem conducive to the general prosperity, however much it may tend to the enrichment of individuals.

Their extortion must be checked. The way to do it is to tax them up to the top notch. The C. P. R. has successfully evaded taxation with the connivance of political trixters. Will the landed companies succeed in a like manner? It cannot be longer argued that the lands are not selected. They are sold from and by the C. P. R. and especially indicated and described on the maps of the present vendors. If left untaxed the price will be advanced as the country progresses.

The bleeding process will continue.

On the other hand if all the school districts, the road and statute labor districts in which any of the lands we refer to are included, tax them to the utmost limit, the holders will exert themselves to induce population and capital.

They will be glad to let go.—Regina Standard.

A little girl had been looking at some pictures of angels and she turned to her mother and asked, "Mamma, why are there no men in heaven?" "But there are men in heaven," replied the mother. "Then why is it," asked the child, "that we never see any pictures of angels with whiskers or mustache?" "True, but there are men in heaven," was the reply, "only they got in by a close shave."

Whiskey is one of the best drummers that ever left hell. It is a curse that cannot be crushed by force. Education may do it but prohibition never will, for even the liquor laws we have now are dead. Why pass more? Better pass a law compelling everybody to stay drunk. This would have the opposite effect and cure the evil. Try it. Everything else has failed.

Important Discovery.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23.—Dr Laval, the inventor of a well known cream separator and other contrivances, has devised, after many years' experiments, a process for electrically extracting zinc from ores

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