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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, JUNE 19, 1902.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

The mint of Canada still exists only in a dream.

Asbestos mining may some day be of considerable importance in the Slokan.

The United States would profit much if they had a Kitchener in the Philippines.

If Jim Dunsmuir bring back a tin title should the B. C. Legislature put a tax on it?

It seems to us that even if the Boers did not win the war, they gained a victory in the peace arrangements.

Fruit growers should be rejoiced to know that a mixture of soap and petroleum will eradicate the San Jose scale.

After all, perhaps the power of gold has had something to do with the erratic proceedings in the B. C. Legislature.

The clerk of the weather must be fond of the Slokan people. So far this summer he has not roasted them for a single day.

Journals everywhere wishing to club with THE LEDGE or Lowery's Claim can obtain particulars by writing to this office.

In the Boundary the cars of the Hot Air railway should be attached to a balloon when they come to a soft place in the road.

If the C. P. R. would take us onto the tourist route, the Slokan could subsist upon its scenery for several months in the year.

A correspondent for this journal is on his way to South Africa and will furnish our readers with the real news around Johannesburg.

There must be something wrong about the lower courts of this Province when so many decisions are reversed by the higher court.

Judging from the way wine and whiskey is drunk in Grand Forks the boomsters in that city must have an easy tunnel to a big eastern chute of money.

In the silent, silvery Slokan we are sadly dreaming of the tariff that is not on lead, and softly wondering why the silly stillness does not strike us dead.

If a mouse can look at the sun, surely an editor should be allowed to criticize a judge, especially some of the kind we have had in British Columbia.

Flour is now being made from milk. Excellent water can sometimes be produced from the same fluid, but no one has as yet taken out a patent for the process.

All the daily papers in Kootenay are subsidized. This makes it pleasant for the overdraft editor, although it ties the knot of slavery around journalistic thought.

A Maltese cat in a town across the line has a good look. We have seen many old cats on this side of the line with a little gold in their teeth, but none anywhere else.

Another editor is taking the besting care, or else some boomsters have an idea that a patent-infringed sheet will sell town lots. A newspaper has just been born at Cambarone.

In a news sense, the Nelson News has climbed away up the shaft since it stepped into the old Tribune office and touched the button on the line types. If some force would drop the mantle of a virtue writer around its

editor this excellent paper would give greater satisfaction. However, news is meat in a daily paper, and will sustain it even without editorial spice.

Now that the shadow of war has been lifted from South Africa Barbarian Brown may get his millions in that country and we again have more subscribers in that far-off land.

Merit seems to pay. Richard Mansfield has six cars to transport his company, while hundreds of other actors can scarcely buy paint for their facial expressions of art.

Man is only occasionally afflicted with love, but woman always has it. If she cannot love a man she builds an ideal sweetheart in her mind and makes love mentally to the picture.

Dr. Cheyne lived for 16 years upon three pints of milk and six ounces of crackers daily. He worked hard and always had good health. Here is a pointer for breaking the beef trust.

Men are sometimes punished for holding up trains and robbing the express cars, but express companies are never punished for holding up the public and robbing them whenever they have the cinch.

Governor Jeff Davis, of Arkansas was recently expelled from the Baptist church because he did not conduct himself properly when drunk. Probably he forgot to take a chaser of water after every drink.

The disaster at Martinique gave many small parsons an opportunity to tell about God destroying the wicked. No reference was made in any of the discourses as to why lightning sometimes hits a church.

The gamblers are doing their best to give Rossland a semblance of activity. The boomsters have a difficult task, but they stick to the work, and are occasionally rewarded by seeing some sucker bunt against the table.

and bet real money where a second before all was wind.

In Russia wives are still obtained by purchase. The best girls cost from \$50 to \$100 each. Although it is not admitted, many a wife is obtained in America by purchase. Big money it takes, and sometimes a title.

Toronto has a house famine, and many people have to store their household effects in storage ware houses. In the bountiful west, especially in Kootenay, no such tale of woe has been heard for several months.

The race of the horse is almost run. Edison has invented a storage battery for automobiles that will place the vehicle within the reach of poor people. This invention should be applicable to small boats using naphtha or gasoline.

Lowery's Claim for July will be out in a few days. It will be in keeping with the dog-day season, and will be found almost anywhere except on C. P. R. trains. That company cannot keep their passengers cool after reading it.

The Legislature of British Columbia seems bound to wreck the Province by giving everything away that lobbyists are after. They have practically killed the mining industry so there is no use making any remarks about a dead goose.

A smile puts fascination in the plainest face; enhances the power of beauty and touches a key in the human heart which causes joy to gush forth like perfume from a cluster of roses. Therefore, always smile when you can and you will find more sunshine and less shadow in your daily existence.

The Edmonton & Calgary Railway Co., claim all the coal in a land grant of one million acres and the Dominion government are disputing the claim. Some day the people will awaken to

the folly of giving anything to rail-ways except a charter. By that time there will be nothing left to give them except our cash for fares and freight.

How loosely things are run in B. C. For 21 years some people have never paid their taxes in some parts of the Province. Taxes paid into the Kaslo office by New Denver people years ago have not yet reached the Government, although receipts were issued by the tax collector. There have been too many thieves and grafters holding office in this Province in the past, and the service probably has right now a few whose bump of honesty will never fear their hats.

There are only eight printing offices in Jerusalem. There should be a good opening in that city for some of the live printers who are always itching to start papers. Jerusalem is a well established camp. In early days it is reported to have been rather tough, but now, with the exception of an occasional scrap around the lending church, all is generally quiet. The city has a large trade in selling pieces of the cross upon which Christ was nailed, and other relics of that period of time. In some ways Jerusalem is a little behind the times but it could be easily pulled to the front by a live daily, illustrated or otherwise.

King Edward made a little speech the other day at Buckingham Palace. There was nothing in the speech beyond what any ordinary man would produce. The king was pleased that the Boers had come under the flag, and in many parts of his speech spoke of "my people," "my empire," "my dominions." To our way of thinking, it would have sounded better if he used the word "our" instead of "my." The King is only the servant of the people, and exceedingly high-priced at that. When he addresses a crowd with so much egotistical language one might easily think that he had been a close observer of Sir Charles Tupper's style of oratorical effusion.

Mrs. Silva, who recently died in Lisbon, had strange notions about souls and coals. She was a Spirit ualist and believed in the transmi-

gration of souls, and imagined that the soul of her dead husband had entered one of the coals in her barn yard. She had a special towel-house built for this rooster, and ordered her servants to pay special attention to his wants. After her death it was found that all her property was willed to this bird. This disgusted her relatives and the next heir in line to the rooster cut the cock's head off and got the boodle. This sounds like a cock and bull story, but it is vouched for by good authority, and strongly shows how far religious belief will carry some people, especially women.

Why do we grow old? Because we fear death; because we do not take enough physical exercise in the open air; because we are poisoned by microbes which the phagocytes have not succeeded in destroying. When the human race conform and control these three things, life can be prolonged to an almost indefinite period of time. It seems to us that there is not much advantage in living to a great age. Death is pleasant, as we have learned from living among people who do not advertise. The fear of death is a dreadful thing, but the real article is just as pleasurable as the creation of life. Nature has willed it so. Fear nothing and you will be surprised at the sweet calmness that will flood your soul. Parsons call it the peace of God that can not be understood, but it is merely an absolute confidence that all is Good. Evil, or Error, cannot exist when fear is dead.

Miss Azelene Earle, formerly of Portland, is now Mrs. William Halleck Deming, and will travel in Europe with her husband this summer. Says the Portland Oregonian: "Mr. Deming who is a man of wealth, was attracted by her soft and gentle voice in calling 'Number?' through the telephone, and acquaintance, and marriage followed. If the voices of the telephone girls in this city have lately

become indistinct through muffled sweetness, the above announcement accounts for it.

A man advertises in a Syracuse paper for a job as general house-work servant. He is a widower, familiar with all phases of house-keeping, and says he can pickle, wash, and iron, enact the part of the cook and waitress, mind the baby, dust and take care of the furnace.

"And the colonel did not horse-whip you after all?" "The colonel," replied the editor, "came to lick, and remained to liquor."—Puck.

MRS. A. JEFFREYS

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A smash in China

If you want something in Chinaware that will adorn the table and add to the happiness of the home; or if you would like to make a handsome present to friend or sweetheart, this is your opportunity. Never has Chinaware sold so cheap as it is selling this week at.

Nelson's Drug & Book Store
New Denver, B. C.

Town Lots FOR SALE

Have received instructions to sell the following groups of town lots:

Terms: Cash or Its Equivalent

Price, \$125 per group

Group No. 1	Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 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