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General News Float

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

LOCAL NEWS FLOAT.

John Batt is picking oranges in California.

There are twenty men at the Fisher Maiden.

A test will be made for petroleum at Morrissey.

Snowslides are obstructing traffic on all the railroads in Kootenay.

Sandon and Nelson are jangling over the number of crawfish in the latter city,

If you want beer that is not all foam, call on the New York brewery at Sandon.

The Great Northern will extend its line from Morrissey to Michel this summer.

An ozonagram from Slocan City says that another rebellion broke out there last week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter died at the Slocan Hospital Friday evening.

Lowery's Claim for March will appear next week. It is sent by mail to any part of the world.

Now is the time to buy spring furniture. D. J. Robertson & Co. in Nelson is just the place to get it.

The Bank of Commerce has faith in Nelson. It will erect a stone and brick building on its present site.

Oranges should be eaten in large numbers this time of the year. You can buy them at Williams' store.

Do you want some cheap china? Now's your chance! Bargain sale at Nelson's balance of this week.

Mrs. W. W. Merkley is preparing to move her stock of goods to Vancouver, where she will go into business.

The anniversary dance given last Thursday evening by the K. of P. was well attended and greatly enjoyed.

Lowery's Claim jogs along through the mails again, but the C P. R. has not yet "busted" the order against it.

The Smelter Trust is again in the market for Slocan ore, but it will not get much unless the price of lead is raised.

Rev. Mr. McIntyre of Sandon will exchange pulpits with Rev. Mr. Cropp next Sunday. Service will be held here at 7:30 in the evening.

James McDonell has stocked his ranch on Elk river with 300 head of cattle. Jim seems to be doing well, as he only had a mule when he was in the Slocan.

W. J. Twiss of Kaslo has gone to Waterloo, Ontario, to attend the annual meeting of the Mutual Life of Canada. He expects to return with his upper stope full of ideas.

Another of those enjoyable home socials will be held by the Presbyterian ladies at the residence of Mrs A. E. Taylor this (Thursday) evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Nat Darling, one of the most popular travelers on the great road of commerce, came into this camp on Monday. Nat is always full of sunshine and probably sells more cigars than any other man in the west.

The K. & S. train now leaves Sandon in the morning at 8:30 and returns in the afternoon. The change is only temporary and has been made to give the steamer International daylight trips through the ice to Nelson.

The Fisher Maiden is shipping its eleventh carload of ore since January 1st. The force has been increased to 20 men. The orebody is four feet across, of clean galena. The road is breaking up, making hauling more difficult.

Rev. Mr. Campbell will deliver his [illegible] last Sabbath in March. Starting with April, Nakusp and Fire Valley will be cut off of the Slocan circuit and Sandon will be added to New Denver and Silverton.

The meeting of the local legislature [illegible] government fears defeat and wishes to postpone the fatal day as long as possible. It will use the Provincial Mining association as a weight to keep it, if possible, from flying off the earth.

After the business meeting Monday evening the Knights of Pythias opened the lodge to the wives and sisters and daughters of members, and in the presence of a large gathering presented C. F. Nelson with a magnificent silver service cabinet as a token of the high esteem in which Mr. Nelson is held by his brother members. A short program was rendered and refreshments served.

An ozonagram from a Cockney in Kaslo informs us that a movement is on foot amongst the Canadian teamsters to petition the Dominion government asking that the Scotch may be prohibited from landing in Canada. The reason set forth for this action is that owing to the fact that the Scotch consume so many rolled oats, thus making horse feed so high that the teamsters will either have to quit business or feed their nags on sawdust.

GETTING BETTER SENSE.

It is beginning to be recognized that industrial warfare is no better a regulator of business than private warfare is of social intercourse, and it is this feeling that has led to the organization of labor on one hand and to the organization of capital on the other, labor seeking to reduce its hours and increase its earnings, and capital, which is crystalized labor, striving to prevent the dissipation of that which it has so laboriously gathered. Each is wrong in its aims when it seeks exclusive domination: both will be right when they learn that they are forces which must work in harmony to carry out the ancient command to subdue and replenish the earth. Strikes and trusts are the clumsy attempts of the giants, Labor and Capital, to carve out each a world on which he shall be sole lord. Co-operation will be the form in which they will work together when they realize, as they are coming to do, that as enemies they can only harm each other while as allies they are masters of the world.—E. & M. Journal.

YOU NEVER CAN TELL.

With the avowed object of ripping wide open the mining laws of the province, the Provincial Mining association push are asking working miners and prospectors and business men to lend them their aid. If miners and prospectors and business men are sensible they will have nothing to do with the Provincial Mining association, which is organized for no other purpose than to bulldoze the legislative assembly into repealing the penalty clause of the eight-hour law, and the repeal of all other laws that protect men who work in mines for a livelihood. The hydraulic mine owners of Atlin, who would employ Japanese in their mines, are in league with the disgruntled mine managers of Rossland, who want the 2 per cent tax repealed and the eight-hour law rendered inoperative. It is a well-planned scheme, but no one in Kootenay should be fooled by it, and no one will be except men who do their mining around bar-room stoves and in lawyers' offices.—Tribune.

LIVEMAN'S ISLAND.

Theodore Lugate, the famous sawmill man has executed a lease of Lifeman's Island at Arrowhead and has already begun operations. The C. P. R. engineers are on the ground laying out a spur from Giant's point to the island, that will connect the mill with the railroad. The citizens of Arrowhead, after careful consideration, have decided to allow Ludgate to go ahead with his mill. As the island has been used for park purposes there was a strong opposition to having it spoiled by a mill. However, all the delegates appointed to interview the Dominion and Provincial governments have been called back by ozonagrams, and everybody is tuning up for the buzz of the big saw.

HOPE FOR MANITOBA.

Manitoba may have a new railway that will release it from the greed of the C. P. R. The Midland Railway company, provided they can get a charter, offer to build 2,500 miles of road without asking any assistance whatever from the people and give the government the privilege of fixing rates. The company will spend $30,000,000 if a charter is granted them, and free Western Canada from railroad monopoly without costing the country a cent. Next to a government road this is the best thing that could happen Manitoba.

V. V. & E. CONSTRUCTION.

Lumber is now being hauled for the construction camps of the V. V & E., which are being got in readiness preparatory to starting work, says the Midway Dispatch. The camps are located a few miles south of Midway on the line between here and Curlew, and will be the headquarters of the construction department until the line is completed to a point near Midway when they will be moved here.

It is announced that grading will be commenced as soon as the frost is out of the ground and all preliminaries will be completed in the meantime, so that there will be no delay when once grading is started. The line from Curlew to Midway will be rushed with all practicable speed, as it is the company's intention to reach the Similkameen with its line by next fall and in order to do this, the line from Curlew to Midway will have to be completed at an early date in order to get in the outfits and supplies over its own line in time for early construction west of here.

AGAINST THE COAL COMPANY

Nothing is known at Nelson of the strike situation at the mines of the Crow's Nest Coal company. The feeling generally throughout Kootenay is one of bitterness against the company and its management. It is claimed that the company has secured the finest coal deposit in Canada, and that the people of Canada practically built the company a railway over which the product of the company's mines could be marketed, and in return for all this the company has no end of trouble with its employees through attempting to introduce in British Columbia methods that have caused much strife and suffering in Pennsylvania. Nearly every town and community in southeastern British Columbia is dependent upon mining, and unless a regular supply of fuel is to be obtained, the mines and smelters cannot be operated profitably. There is only one other place in British Columbia where coke is made, namely, at Union Landing, Vancouver Island. The Union Colliery company have 200 coke ovens at that place. This coke can be placed on cars at the ovens and the cars transferred on barges to Vancouver. The output of these 200 ovens, in addition to what could be secured from other places, might be sufficient to keep the Granby smelter at Grand Forks and two furnaces of the smelter at Trail in operation. The smelter at Nelson has enough fuel on hand to run it about three months. The smelters at Greenwood and Boundary Falls will will have to close down.—Nelson Tribune

ONTARIO MINING OPERATIONS.

The report of the Ontario Bureau of Mines for last year, which will be issued shortly, will show considerably increased mining operations in Ontario during 1902, especially in gold, copper and nickel. There were considerably fewer new mines located last year than in 1901, but more actual mining development took place. There were less wild-catting and more genuine mining.

The Sudbury, Manitoulin, Michipicoten and Lake of the Woods districts are all witnessing what the Toronto News calls "a healthy mining boom" at present. Most of the good mines have been taken over by American capitalists, who are pushing development work

The past year made a provincial record for preliminary development of mining properties, and the bureau of mines expects that the present year will witness a very large increase in the actual mining output. The nickel industry, under the new capitalists now in control, is being considerably increased, but as yet the provincial government has not seen fit to put in force the policy of an export duty on nickel announced by Premier Ross some two years since.

The Belmont gold mine in Hastings county, promises in its owners' belief to be one of the greatest gold mines on on the continent. Here provision is being made to increase the equipment from 30 to 100 stamps.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1902 was, approximately, 28,000 tons. Since January 1 to February 21, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
American Boy		[illegible]
Antoine		18
Arlington		[illegible]
Black Prince		17
Bondholder		1
Bosun	[illegible]	110
Blue Bird	[illegible]	20
Dayton		4
Enterprise		165
Fisher Maiden	40	280
Idaho		21
[illegible]		[illegible]
Monitor (Jan.)		[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]
Payne		[illegible]
Queen Bess		20
Rambler		[illegible]
Reco		[illegible]
Republic		20
Ruth	21	21
Slocan Star	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total tons	[illegible]	2176

LUMBERING INDUSTRY.

Lumbermen, in conversation, say that 1903 will be the biggest year for this industry the province has ever seen, and the Herald believes that the benefit to Revelstoke through this one industry alone can hardly be estimated. Orders already in sight will overtax the capacity of the mills for the coming spring, summer and fall.

The demand for British Columbia cedar shingles is unparalleled. Eastern shippers are already placing large orders, and as soon as spring opens a great increase in the demand will come from the prairie districts. The demand for rough lumber used in railroad construction will augment the demand to an enormous extent. The building of the new railways through Canada will require alone a tremendous cut, and it is questionable if sufficient can be got out to meet the requirements of the trade. The increased building operations on the prairie too will almost be sufficient in itself to cause a good deal of worry to the lumber men. All the mills in the neighborhood of Revelstoke are making big improvements in an effort to cope with the demands already in sight. The Revelstoke Lumber Co. are increasing their mill capacity to the limit, while the new owners of the Fred Robinson Lumber Co., the Ludgate Mills and James Taylor and associates on the Arrow Lakes are rushing through needed repairs, additions, etc, to put in a big run the coming season. Revelstoke will benefit beyond conception by this era of lumbering development.—Revelstoke Herald.

A STRONG TEST.

If the alleged labor leaders in Canada were like the Irish Nationalist members of parliament in the United Kingdom prohibited from accepting favors either of office, patronage or money from the government of the day, a much better test of their sincerity would be afforded. Mr. Foley of British Columbia opposed the government candidate in Yale-Cariboo at the last general election and subsequently accepted an office under the government with a salary of $15 a day and expenses. The work was only temporary but it no doubt gave Mr. Foley a couple of thousand dollars. Now he has made a campaign in a bye-election against the government candidate. Could it be in his mind that the government desired to bribe him with an office or emolument after his first run they might have a still stronger desire to hire him again? It is harrowing to think what would become of the labor agitators in Canada if they were debarred like the Irish members from drawing a stiver from the public chest. The house of commons is worth trying for now that the salary is $1,500 for half a year's work.—Events.

BIG DEAL RUMORED.

A $20,000,000 mining deal is pending in the Cœur d'Alene silver-lead mining camps of Northern Idaho. The contemplating purchaser is the American Smelting and Refining company (the lead trust). The negotiations involve every great producing mine in the Cœur d'Alenes, with the single exception of the Hercules, and the possible exception of the properties of the Empire State-Idaho (Charles Sweeney's company). Trusted agents of the lead trust are quietly investigating the properties under option. The deal is being promoted by D. M. Hyman of Denver, president of the Frisco company.

If the deal should go through it will be the biggest mining transaction in the history of the northwest. It will comprise the Hecla and the Standard, now controlled by Finch and Campbell; the Morning Group and other properties owned by Larson and Greenough; the Frisco, controlled by D. M. Hyman; the Crown Point, the Bunker Hill and Sullivan, probably all of the mines of the Empire State Idaho, and other less noted properties. The combined annual output of these mines is from $8,000,000 to $12,000,000. They employ nearly 2,000 men and produce nearly 40 per cent of the lead output of the United States.

BACK IN OL' MISSOURI.

Cole Younger the bandit, after serving 25 years in Stillwater and ten years on parole in Minnesota, has at last been pardoned and allowed to go home to Missouri. Cole went home last week and several fatted calves were killed [illegible]. The guests of honor at the reception were Aunt Susie and her sister, Aunt Ann, two venerable colored women. Aunt Susie was Cole's old nurse and "mammy" in the slavery days. Both the sisters had saved Cole's life. One night when a body of Kansas jayhawkers had sur[illegible] leader was knocking at the door. Aunt Susie opened it. A quilt was dropped about her classic curves; Cole crouched behind her and beneath the quilt the two walked out unchallenged.

"Fore Gawd, Masea Cole," she cried, "It's hebben to see you [illegible] I se ready to die, I is."

Wise Men From the East.

Brought valuable gifts to express their devotion: Wise men of today regard Life Insurance as one of the most valuable assets for their families. The Mutual Life of Canada issues a policy today which excells all comers. If interested, which undoubtedly you are, if not today, how long will you defer protecting your family? Lest you forget, William J. Twiss, General Agent, Kaslo, will give you his eight years' experience on Life Insurance for asking.

Association Convention

Provisional Organization Affected and Delegate Sent from New Denver.

PROVINCIAL MINING ASSOCIATION

Saturday evening upwards of 45 citizens met in Pythian Hall, Clever block, to discuss the formation of a branch of the Provincial Mining Association in New Denver and the election of a delegate to attend the convention which opened at Victoria yesterday.

Chas. S. Rashdall was elected chairman of the meeting. The question of organization was thoroughly discussed and there was not a dissenting voice when the vote was taken. Organization was only provisional, however.

Forty-five names were enrolled in a few minutes.

One delegate was allowed for every 20 names, but the meeting decided to send only one, in view of the prevailing business, conveying upon the delegate sent power to appoint a second.

W.S.Drewry's name was the only one mentioned and he was elected delegate by acclamation.

Sixty-two dollars was raised at the meeting to defray the expenses of the delegate. This sum was increased to about $80 later, and on Monday morning Mr. Drewry started for the coast.

It is not possible at this time to state just what form the association will take upon itself, nor what it will attempt to do, but it is certain to be of inestimable value in bringing about a more prosperous condition of affairs in the mining region, if conducted upon broad, non-sectional grounds. The association cannot regulate the prices of metals, but it can assist in removing the burdens imposed on the industry by the Dominion Government in the form of heavy duties on mine supplies; it can bring about a better understanding between employers and employees to the avoidance of strikes; it can by proper suggestion, representing the majority view of those chiefly interested, prevent the introduction of injudicious legislation and see that the mining laws in future are framed in such a manner as to encourage not only the investment of capital in the province, but to stimulate exploration and prospecting; it can, as a similar association has done in California, compel the Government to increase the efficiency of the Mines Department; it can do much to advertise the great mineral resources of the country, and inspire confidence by discouraging "wild-catting" and dishonest promotion; in short, if now for once prejudice and apathy can be overcome, and capital and labor induced to join hands for the common good, it is reasonable to expect that the new association will be the means by which at no distant date British Columbia will become one of the most productive and most prosperous mineral areas on the American continent.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

WALLACE, Idaho, Feb. 21.—Never in the history of this camp has such an important question come before the people of the Cœur d'Alenes as the one that has been raised by the agitation of the law in the Idaho legislature making eight hours a day for miners. One bill on this question has gone to defeat, but a desperate fight on the part of some of the members is being made to put through the Caton bill introduced into the senate. The question is being discussed here with the greatest enthusiasm and is the serious consideration of the laborers, mine owners and business men. The two questions which are being asked at the present time are: What effect will the law have upon wages, and what effect will it have upon the district?

Mining operators claim that in view of the conditions of the lead market and the increased difficulty in working many of the properties at the great depth obtained in the mines within the last two years, it will result in great hardship to all classes of citizens. The operators say that with most of the mines it will result in either a complete cessation of the plants or a cut in [illegible] the reduction in the hours of work. The average cut in the wages will be 20 per cent, and the increase in the cost of mining one ton of ore will be 30 per cent., say the operators. They say the [illegible] in British Columbia, where mining is being done under difficulties.

The wage paid by most mines now is 35 cents per hour. The average wage paid in all the mines of the district are for miners, muckers and millmen, $3.50; timbermen, shaftmen and machinists, $4, and engineers from $4 to $4.50. These are as good wages as are paid in other mining camps today. They are the wages asked for by the miners. The day shift men work ten hours, while the night shift men work nine hours. The men use the time of the company going to and from their work

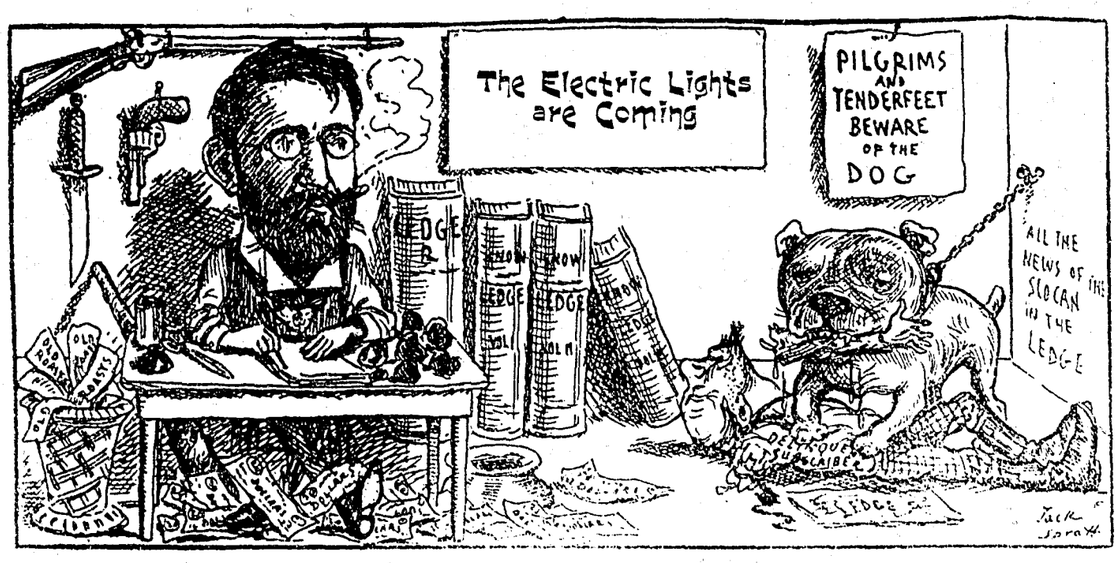
THE LEAD INDUSTRY.

We notice that the Liberal representatives in British Columbia, while disclaiming being protectionist in theory, are nevertheless willing to be protectionist in practice, so far as the lead industry is concerned. It is surely a fair question to ask them in what respect the lead industry differs essentially from any other industry based upon Canadian raw material. We confess that we can see no difference. The present condition of the lead mining and smelting industries is the logical outcome of the attempt to develop any industry in a new country without national protection, and in complete dependence upon a foreign market. So long as the producer is forced to sell in a foreign market, and the consumer to buy in a foreign market, the consumer will pay the highest going price and the producer will receive the lowest going price. Production and consumption will both languish and manufacturers decay. So large a part of the value of any manufactured article is placed upon it by the process of manufacture, that a nation which is able to absorb this portion of the value will always become prosperous and wealthy whether it produces a great quantity of raw material or not. It buys in the cheapest market and sells in the dearest. And no matter how rich in natural resources a country may be, if it does not work up its own raw material into manufactured articles before selling it, it will always remain a second-class country, as poor in the arts as it is in the riches of civilization. This is generally admitted even by free traders. Their argument is, however, under free trade those industries for which a country is peculiarly adapted will be developed. A practical example is afforded by the present condition of the Canadian lead industry. Canada, with its great supplies of silver-lead ores, its manufacturing enterprise, mechanical skill, and ample supply of capital is surely, of all countries, one most fitted for the development of the many and important industries dependent upon lead as their raw material. Yet, strange to say, the lead used in Canada is refined and manufactured in the United States, in Germany, in Great Britain, everywhere and anywhere except in Canada, while instead of our large production stimulating an export trade in crude ore and bullion is rapidly dwindling away. As a perfect, concrete example of the virtues of free trade in a country like Canada, our lead industry cannot be beaten. And just as surely, if Canada ever deserts her policy of national production, the same results will follow in other industries. There is no difference between the lead industry and any other manufacturing industry. Face to face with the results of free trade, free traders become protectionists, and if they are better than their creed in concrete instances, we need not quarrel with their inconsistencies on general principles.—Colonist.

SLAVE POLICY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A despatch from London says: "The financial arrangements which Mr. Chamberlain's business genius has so quickly effected in South Africa, so far from settling the most serious difficulty in the settlement of that unhappy country, would now appear to have brought England to close quarters with the most serious problem of all—the problem of securing sufficient labor for the mines, from whose output the income required to meet the loans and the new taxation is mainly expected. Mr. Chamberlain's great speech on the 17th inst contains the assurance that he, in behalf of the Government, will refuse the importation of Chinese labor—which would probably be the ruin of South Africa. But when cornered by the mining magnates, who insists there can be no revenue without cheap native labor, the Colonial Secretary does not appear to be so strongly opposed to coercion of the native, who is disposed to loaf or to choose work above ground rather than in the mines. Englishmen must soon make up their minds on this matter of enforced labor which may be advocated, and, indeed, is advocated by some as the only solution of the South African problem. It will be a bad day for our Empire if to maintain the mining companies' property we consent to what is really slavery. Mr. Chamberlain, it is to be hoped, will leave the mining magnates to settle their labor problem in the only just way, by paying wages to induce free labor to go into the mines.

The ballot is the dynamite that capitalism fears.—Miners' Magazine.



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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, FEBRUARY 26, 1903.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Public opinion may ruin a woman, but a man never does.

Greed is the prime cause of the coal strike in East Kootenay.

Perhaps Foley is now excluding the Chinese by sawing wood in his own backyard.

Most of the politicians in B. C. live in glass houses, and seldom is the glass plate.

Running a newspaper in the Slocan these days is like casting your bread into a swift creek.

We are just now taking a rest, but before long there will be a great boom in the Slocan.

A $10,000,000 museum is to be built in Chicago. J. K. Clark might find a niche in it for his lawsuit.

To escape loss by robbery many people are now wearing paste diamonds. This is one way of saving money.

The snowslide season is upon us and not a tourist in sight to fall into raptures over these soft-weather indicators.

Yellow specks have already appeared in the woods around Slocan lake. They indicate a labor storm in the near future.

Russia is catching on to American ideas. Three horse thieves were recently lynched in the country of the iron hand.

In Ontario Sunday laws are becoming so obnoxious that in some towns the people are forming clubs to save their liberty.

Once more we rise to remark that the scenery in the Silvery Slocan has no superior on earth. Get in late and avoid the snowslides.

Most of the coal miners in Georgia are convicts leased by the state to the mining companies. Probably this kind of labor would suit the Crow's Nest Pass magnates.

A lecturer in the east recently said that there was no humanity in socialism. As it is nearly all humanity, this lecturer must be densely ignorant or a willing liar.

Parliament was opened in England by King Edward last week. His speech from the throne was notable for the clever way in which his majesty handled the wood my.

Slocan lake is the most beautiful of all the lakes in America, but it will not be seen by many tourists until the hand of the C. P. R. is taken from [illegible] country).

An ozonagram from White Horse states that 71 baldheads were counted in the audience at a minstrel show in that frozen burg the other evening. Thus does the baldhead shine eternal even if the performance is a fly one.

It is quite likely that the mongrel government of B. C. will be defeated next month and a general election take place on party lines. Almost anything is preferable to the legislative abortion that this province has been pestered with for the past few years.

It has now been discovered that a mechanical shock will kill microbes. All it requires is a steady jar. People should gather them up and set them on the engine of a fast express train.

In West Yale today Doc. Sanson will be beaten out of all Semlince to a lucky candidate. The snow of defeat will be so thick around Doc's neck that he will need several shots to thaw it out.

Waterbury has more than watches. Gaelic is taught in the night schools of the city, and strangers in the city, hearing the noise, are inclined to think that it is a great burg for Scotch suppers.

"How much of a population has New Denver?" said a stranger the other day. An old pathfinder replied: "I don't know, partner; but wait until the boat comes in, and they will all be at the wharf."

Coercive legislation has had a blow in Vermont. After fifty years the prohibition liquor law has been repealed in Vermont, and next Saturday liquor will be sold in that state, by those who can obtain a license.

The Russian newspapers claim that in their country there is a man 200 years old. He has been a widower for 122 years, which partly accounts for his great age. Such a man must have spent his youth in a town like New Denver.

Medical superstition is still rampant in Canada, judging from the way people run after vaccine. There is no proof that vaccination ever saved a single individual from smallpox, but fear makes a fetich of filth and the world jogs along.

Prior's statements in Vancouver and Winnipeg do not couple with any degree of evenness. Perhaps the colonel was too full of beef and beer on his eastern trip to remember all he said. He frequently acts like a man who depended largely on beer and beef for inspiration.

The C. P. R. should raise the wages of the men who work for them. The scale is not high enough considering the enormous freight rates this road charges. The people would not object so much to high rates if the money thus obtained was expended in remunerating the employees of the great octopus.

The case of Clark vs. Collom has been before the courts in British Columbia for 29 months without having a hearing. If Clark does not die the case will soon be old enough to walk into court and talk for itself. A Collom or two might be written on this case, but it is not safe while all the vacant cells in the jails are not full.

British Columbia gave her coal lands away and now some of us cannot get coke for our smelters. Verily this province needs a guardian for we are going against the teachings of Christ. He said to sell sell all that had and give it to the poor. Instead of doing that we give all that we have to the rich, and are being punished for our sin, [illegible] that eternally yearns for black diamonds.

The Prior government continues to waste the people's money by throwing pap to any little heeler who will shout for it. It is a petty concern and as speedily as possible should be relegated to the darkest spot in the political cemetery. It does not deserve a shingle for a headboard, and should be dumped unceremoniously into a deep grave, filled with chloride of lime and left to rot, unhonored and unsung, by all who love a stable and an honest government.

In Rossland if a drunken man loses his money at poker in a saloon the police will arrest the saloonkeeper. Such a barbaric custom has never been turned loose in the Slocan. Drunken men with a love for cards are pie in the Slocan for some boozerine merchants, and as to the police roughlocking the game, such a thing has yet to become history.

The News-Advertiser says that the Dunsmuir-Prior administration has added 50 per cent. to the funded debt; imposed new and increased existing imposts, so that the burden of taxation has doubled; pledged the province to find millions of dollars to enrich railway promoters; granted concessions for hundreds of square miles of pulp timber to gratify political supporters or bribe political opponents, and yet been unable to provide for the requirements of the public service or for the carrying out of needful public works. Appropriations voted three years ago have not been carried out because the money provided for them has been diverted to other purposes. Yet the burden of salaries and payments have been made still heavier for the patient but harrassed taxpayer.

A GENTLE HINT.

One so frequently hears of the paternal boot as applied to the undesirable youthful suitor that it is a pleasure to chronicle the more humane method adopted by a wealthy Glasgow merchant for choking off a "follower" of his daughter. The girl was very young and so was the follower, but nevertheless he called formally on the the object of his affections. The merchant and his wife entered the room, the latter bearing a glass of milk and a huge slice of bread, spread with butter and jam. "Now, dear, run away to bed," said the kindly mother to her daughter, "It's time all good girls should be in bed." Then the Glasgow merchant addressed the astonished young man: "Now, youngster, you drink that glass of milk and take that slice of bread and jam to eat on your way home, and hurry, for your mother must be anxious about your being out so late by yourself." The young man did not call again.

BELIEVES IN WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

A Marysville, California, woman who believes in woman's rights, gave a practical demonstration of the extent to which she thinks her sex may go in enforcing a temperance lesson upon her husband. Knowledge of the fact that her better-half was in a saloon having come to her, the woman boldly entered the place and, taking a seat at one of the small tables, ordered drinks for herself and three men seated there. The husband was astonished and tried to argue with her that she was doing wrong. But she stoutly maintained that it was her right to do as her husband did, and he finally yielded the point, pledging himself to abstain in future on the condition that his wife would not repeat the lesson.

FROM THE WASTE DUMP.

Four new smelters were to have been completed in January of the present year in Old Mexico.

The last annual report of the Quincy mine, Michigan, states that the cost of producing the 19,000,000 pounds of cop per credited to the property the past year was 8.8 cents per pound.

Another effort is being made in the United States to get up an expedition to Siberia, for exploration of the coast opposite Nome, where it ie believed there are good deposits of placer gold along the beach.

The presence of cobalt in the gold-copper ores of Lemhi county, Blackbird district, Idaho, was recently announced. The discovery has given new life to the camp, which was lagging under low silver and copper values.

The main shaft of the big Gwynn mine, Calavares county, Cal., was sunk 2,000 feet before the lode was struck. This enterprise was undertaken on the report of Engineer Thomas, who estimated the lode would be opened there.

The Calumet and Arizona property of Arizona, outputted 1,600,000 pounds during the past year, and the management estimated that the total this year will be 30,000,000 pounds, making it one of the most important producers in the district.

M. A. Hickey, the original discoverer of the famous Anaconda copper mine of Butte, parted with the first half interest in the property for the mere doing of assessment work, and the latter half after further development had been done for but $10,000.

The Chamber of Mines of Johannesburg has published the official report that the production of the Rand mines in December was 196,023 ounces gold, making the production for the entire year 1902, 1,704,410 ounces, or half the output for the year 1898, immediately before the outbreak of the war.

Pedro Alvarado, of the Paral district, Mexico, is said to have risen from a $15 per month peon four years ago to be a multimillionaire now, estimated as being worth $40,000,000 and more He first staked a property on the Veta Colorado vein, of Parral, where his riches were made in the great silver producer.

A late report from Keystone, Nevada, contains the information that the indictment filed against Superintendent Traylor for killing the men who were endeavoring to force him from the camp, failed, and that the president of of the local miners' union had been indicted for participating in the effort to use forcible means for expulsion of the superintendent.

In Amador county, California, where the deepest mines of the state are being operated, the Kennedy shaft has attained a depth of 2,500 feet, and there is discussion among the mine owners there to sink to 4,000 feet depth The grade of ore handled seems to warrant this further project, and give to the life of these great Mother Lode properties an extended lease.

January 26 was the day set for pumping in the great water system just completed for supplying Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie districts, West Australia. The Helen river was damned at Mundaring, by a concrete weir 100 feet high, 15 feet wide at the top, 85 feet wide at the bottom and 700 feet long. The water thus restrained will be pumped 300 miles, by means of eight sets of pumping stations, each of which will handle 2,800,000 gallons per day. The pipe line is 36 inches in diameter.

The U. S. government has instituted an action against the Mountain Copper company, limited, for $50,000 damages, alleged to be the result of sulphur fumes from the smelter sweeping over the adjacent forests. The case is following successful prosecution by individuals of the district, and seems to indicate that the management of a company involved in a most sensational labor trouble, is to be the victim of other troubles.

Mining engineers predict that the big tunnel projects of Colorado have the project of utilizing water opened in the upper workings, to generate power for pumping from levels below the deep tunnels should sinking progress beyond the great adits now being established In this manner it is predicted that operations there may go to a depth unthinkable in a lovel country, where a shaft must be started from the surface.

SUDBURY IS FLOURISHING

Sudbury is the most flourishing town in Northern Ontario just now.

The nickel mines are being worked full blast, about four thousand men being employed on the Copper Cliff deposits. The ores are treated much more thoroughly there now than they used to be. A well-equipped refinery has recently been erected, which purifies the matte to about 75 per cent. of pure nickel. The matte is then all shipped to New Jersey, where the Oxford Copper company purchase the entire output and convert it into the pure nickel and copper of commerce.

Lumbering operations are also very brisk in the pine limits of the district. There are fully eight thousand men working in the woods within thirty miles of Sudbury. The demand for men is very brisk, the men getting from $26 to $32 a month and board, and even with these wages enough help cannot be secured.

The fact that a northern man had two wives was discovered when he put a letter to each in the wrong envelope. Any man so downright careless does not deserve more than one wife.

We never can tell when death will shut our air off. It is better to always be prepared by keeping the printer paid up.

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Her Last Words to Tom

For two days she had laid white and still as death. Many times, indeed, the watchers thought she was dead, but the doctors consulted said no. How blue-black her hair looked upon the white pillow! How thin the white hands that lay upon the coverlet! She had been always beautiful, but now her earthly charms seemed to have been spiritualized by suffering.

Her husband sat in a rocker by the bedside, his elbow on the arm, and his head in his hand. His face was haggard. He had sat there for hours and hours, silent, when the doctors came in from the outer room to look at the beautiful woman lying exhausted from the long struggle with pneumonia. One of the doctors patted him kindly on the head and said: "She is not suffering."

In the parlor there were gathered the women, indulging in "the luxury of pity." They were talking of the white, still woman, who had lain so for two days.

She had been a belle, and, only two years ago, it was thought, a dozen male hearts had been broken when her engagement to Harry Sale was announced. He deserved his prize. He had health and money and manly beauty.

How he had loved her! Why, his devotion was a by-word. He seemed to live only when near her. At fashionable functions he had been observed following her with his eyes around the room, not jealously, but with a love that moistened his eyes as with tears. It was said he could help her with her wrap, or into her carriage, like a man who was servitor to some angel that he thought might vanish beneath his hands.

"Remember," said a gossip in the parlor, "how she was said to to have been engaged to Tom Franklin. You know they were much together, three years ago, and when she went to Europe, he left shortly after. They were seen together at Nice, and Tom was very devoted. There it was we heard they were to be married."

"Yes, and Tom, about four months after, came back and resumed his life at the club, and, they do say, had a menage—anyhow, it was all over between them," said another. "It was never explained."

"Well, she married Sale, and I think she never regretted it. Surely, if she had ever felt for another, his tenderness might have obliterated all recollections of it. Still, Tom was broken up over the marriage. He never called on them. I imagine that he does not like Mr. Sale from the manner in which he met him at several places to which both were invited."

The doctors bent over the bed whereon lay the woman, white and still. As they looked into her face the eyes opened, slowly. They were large and brown, but there was that look in them that doctors know.

"Harvey," said one of the doctors.

The husband leaped from his chair and bent over the bed. Slowly he lowered his head, and a white hand rested upon his brown hair. A nurse thoughtlessly caught a curtain-string and released it, and the shade flew up. A flood of light poured in upon the bed.

"Oh, my God!" the husband cried, and then, rising, he fell backward on the floor.

"Dead," said one doctor, after they looked in the woman's face, while his brother attended to the man upon the floor.

Mrs. Harvey Sale was buried while her husband lay at home, hovering between life and death. When he was told he could go out, he looked as if he were sorry. He looked as if disappointed at his escape from the Destroyer.

The first day he was down town, he met Tom Franklin in front of the Legal Club. They shook hands and Tom tendered his sympathy in the usual bungling way in which this is done by men.

"Yes," said Sale, "it's too bad," and he said it wearily.

"She regained consciousness before she died; that was a consolation."

"Yes," and Sale laughed so wildly that Franklin was startled. "Yes, a consolation. Why, her last words to me were"—. He paused and put his hand to his forehead.

"What, old man?" asked Franklin, resting upon the shaken man's shoulder.

"Good-bye, Tom." — Marion Reed, in the Valley Magazine.

THE POLITE ELEPHANT.

Bessie Brennan, of Thirty-second street and Haverford avenue, New York, is the first person to whom savage old Boliver, the large Zoo elephant, has ever shown gallantry. Miss Brennan was admiring Bolivar's huge body yesterday and feeding him with peanuts. She leaned too far over the rail and her new winter hat dropped off. Bolivar picked it up and lifted it high in the air, while Miss Brennan and her girl friends screamed at the thought of Bolivar swallowing the stylish headgear. Bolivar, however, lowered his trunk and Miss Brennan resolutely reached for her hat. "Give it here!" she demanded, and Bolivar, to the astonishment of everybody, "gave it." Nobody was more deeply impressed than Harrison, Bolivar's keeper, who never saw him obey anybody.

"I tell you," said Harrison, "the American girl gets what she wants every time."—Public Ledger.

WOMAN OR LADY.

The Los Angeles Express, in defending the good old-fashioned Saxon word 'woman,' wants to know how it would sound if the writer of the act of creation had put it thuswise in Genesis ii, 22: "And the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made He a lady."

That is a fair hit, but our contemporary makes a better one when it quotes from the bard the following, with contortion of one word:

"Heaven has no rage like love to
hatred turned,
Nor hell a fury like a lady scorned."

A Unique Notice.

The Axtell, Kan., Anchor recently printed the following unique notice: "We wish to bring to the notice of his friends of A. L. Gilland that his physicians had cautioned him against any sudden jerks or starts. It has been the custom many times when greeting the old gentleman to take advantage of his extreme ticklishness. The surgeons say that a man of his nature, aftor undergoing such a critical surgical operation, would be liable to be badly injured by a sudden start. Therefore his friends should not greet him in the old way by poking their fingers in his ribs."

John Tried Hard.

In a window of one of the Chinese laundries in Greenport hangs this card:

"We will be close
here a few week
I am stay up there
Tom Lee Laundry please
you bling laundry up there
and after to because we
can't get no coal."

The proprietor had gone home on a visit.—Greenport Watchman.

New Wine Measure.

Two glasses make one lively
Half a pint makes one merry.
One bottle makes one fuddle.
Two bottles make one drunk.
Three bottles make one headache.
Four bottles make one sot.

Evolution of the Ideal.

A philosopher once wrote:

"At seventeen, woman asks: 'Which is he?'

"At twenty, she questions: 'Who is he?'

"At twenty-five, she queries: 'What is he?'

"And now: 'Where is he?'"

There are some curious things in English spelling and pronunciation, and the knowledge of them does not come by instinct:

If an S and an I and an O and a U
With an X at the end spell Su,
And an E and a Y and an E spell I
Pray, what is the speller to do?
Then if also an S and an I and a G
And an H E D spell cide,
There is nothing much left for the speller to do,
But to go and commit Siouxeyesighed.

"One of the most remarkable cases I ever heard of," said a Troy lawyer, "was recently settled in a neighboring county. It was a case between a young man who loved a good cigar and an insurance company. The former bought 2,000 extra fine cigars and had them insured for their full value, smoked them up and then demanded his insurance, claiming they had been destroyed by fire. The case was taken to court and the judge decided in favor of the young man. The insurance company then had the young man arrested for setting fire to his own property and the same judge ordered that he pay a fine and go to jail for 3 months."

A Texas man's cotton was eaten by the boll weevel and his corn destroyed by the drouth. His only daughter eloped with a vagabond and his son followed a circus. On top of this his wife gave birth to triplets. He committed suicide by the rope and rafter route, and the coroner's jury very properly returned the verdict of justifiable homicide.—Palletsville Herald.

HOCKEY 25 YEARS AGO.

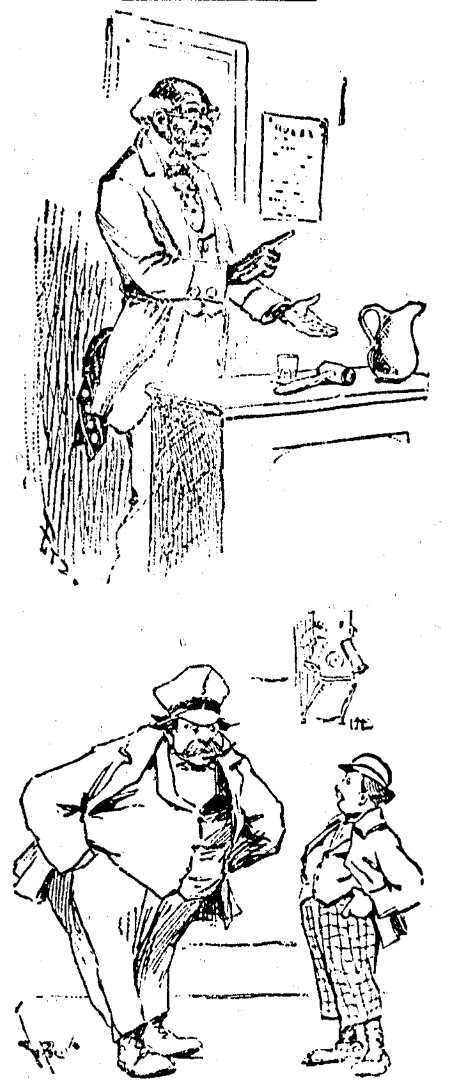
"Shinney on your own side"—
Can you remember how
You shinneyed on your own side
In happier days than now?
The skates were dull and rusty,
The puck an old tin can,
As we shinnied on our own side
On the millpond by the dam.

"Shinney on your own side"—
In clothes that father wore
We shinneyed on our own side
In happier days of yore;
In mits that mother knit us
With coats laid down for goals,
We shinneyed on our own side
And never thought of coalds.

"Shinney on your own side"—
Then run and get the cow;
But shinney on your own side,
The girls are looking now;
And sitting by the big mill wheel,
Our sweetheerts watched the game,
As we shinneyed on our own side
With our sweethearts all aflame.

"Shinney on your own side"—
The sun is setting soon;
Then we'll shinney on our own side
By the light of the silver moon;
And the big mill wheel will sparkle
On this glorious winter night
As we shinney on our own side
With careless hearts and light

"Shinney on your own side"—
Sweet dreams that used to be,
We shinneyed on our own side
Yet, but in memory we yearn for
Our sweetheart's face again,
For the stick and the old tin can,
To shinney on our own side
On the millpond by the dam.



Local characters telling what ought to be done at the Mining Association Convention at Victoria.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES.

Some time ago the Canadian railway magnates at Montreal gave out a statement that they intended to increase the freight rates owing to the increased cost of operation. This was thrown out as a feeler and raised such a storm of hostile criticism that it was immediately withdrawn. Since then the American roads have advanced their rates, and now word comes from Montreal that the Canadian railways will advance rates from manufacturing points and the seaboard. With conditions in the east we are not familiar enough to speak, out for the west we wish to register an emphatic protest against any increase in freight rates in this western country. The abominably wretched service, both freight and passenger, that the C. P. R. particularly has given us the past two years comes plenty high enough at present rates without any increase

With the prospect of a heavy immigration both from the United States and the old lands, and heavy movement of goods to supply the ever-increasing demands of the settlers, an increase in freight rates can be viewed by western farmers as nothing less than a piece of gross hoggishness.—Nor'-West Farmer

GENEROUS ROBBER.

Yet another case is reported of the extraordinary casual business principles of the modern brigand. A bevy of Chinese practitioners having gone through the pockets of a certain priest and relieved him of his silver, went on their way. Soon afterwards they heard hurried footsteps, and up came the priest brandishing a fat cheque, payable to bearer. He had forgotten it at the moment, he said, and had only just remembered it. The brigand chief, with a eulogistic excursus on honesty, returned him every penny that had been taken.—London Globe.

Manuel pel Valle, of Menlo Park, a suburb of San Francisco, is the oldest person in the world and shows proof that he was born 157 years ago. He has lived in San Francisco 57 years. His mental condition is unimpaired, and physically he is quite vigorous. Liquors or tobacco he has never used. His rules for old age are: "To pray regularly to God, to attend church when you are able, to sit in the sun."—Winslow Mail.

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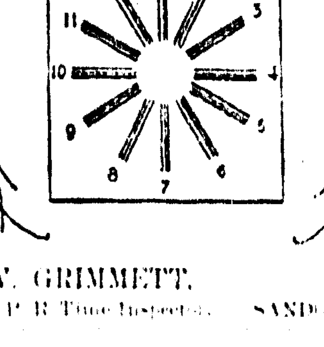

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From the Bull's Kennel

HANK REKLAW

The Spring days are here, and the Lucerne will soon put on her most beautiful garb;

Likewise the ladies.

Soon the festive tourist will begin to look for a cool spot upon which to rest himself;

Soon the Eastern American and Canadian cities will be sending their thousands of tourist capitalists to the seaside and the mountains for rest and recreation.

Soon the C. P. R. will be hauling daily trainloads over its system to view the scenic splendors of British Columbia.

Soon the cry will be, "Give us scenery—scenery that is sublime—scenery that ravishes the eye and ennobles the heart—where dwells the hardy mountaineer."

And when the cry is heard will the Kootenay Tourist Association be ready to beckon them this way?

Will the grandeur and sublimity of New Denver's surroundings be pictured to them as it really is?

Will they be told that away up here where the mountains rise from the waters edge to heights that make one believe that he could stand upon their snow-capped pinacles and knock the stars out of heaven with his walking stick?

Will they be told that the canyon streams that flow into Slocan lake are alive with mountain trout, and the lake itself is filled to its bottomless depths with an inexhaustible supply of the finny food?

Will they be told that in the mountain fastnesses hard by are to be found deer, carriboo, bears, mountain goats, and feathery game of all kinds?

Will they be told that from New Denver are witnessed the most gorgeous summer sunsets that nature can paint to the human eye?

Will they be told that a short day's climb from the lake shore opposite to New Denver will take one to the glacial ice field, where in the hottest day of summer it is as balmy as a morning in June?

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Soon the baseball season will be on and there will be the usual talk of "bunched hits," "scattered hits," "slides" and "fumbles."

But let's wait till the grass appears before we take up the willow.

Did you ever apply the principles of successful ball playing to your own life—

Do you "bunch your hits?"

Do you hit and keep hitting and follow up your hits?

If you do you will eventually score.

You may be put out many times, and often your best efforts will miss the ball and you will only "fan" it, but that should give you no worry.

Sheakespeare said, "It is praise worthy even to attempt a noble action."

If you never hit the mark you aim at, you will be the better for having tried.

You may never get past first base, but it is better to die there than to have never run for it.

Don't be a "rooter," but if you have any coaching ability get in and coach.

Never talk back to the bleachers.

They can always tell you how it ought to be done, but it's precious little they DO.

It is easy to umpire a game from the grandstand, but if you want to know how it is going you must get into it.

You will then be entitled to say something about it anyway.

Never scatter your hits.

A hit now and then—any old time—with indolence or carelessness between times will lose the game for any team or individual.

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Faith is the outgrowth of knowledge.

It is a belief in something that we cannot see or demonstrate to another but that we KNOW to exist.

Faith is the spiritual part of man.

We do not see spiritual things but we KNOW they exist.

We have faith in our friends because we KNOW them;

We have faith in the Slocan mining camp because we KNOW it is enormously rich in mineral deposits;

A child has faith in its parents because it KNOWS them;

We have faith in ourselves because we KNOW our ability.

Faith, then, is the result of KNOWledge.

If we do not know anything about a certain thing we can have no faith in it;

Nor can we understand the reason for our friends having faith in the thing that we doubt.

A 'knownothing' cannot have faith in anything.

A muscle can be developed only by exercise;

So it is with the mind;

So it is with faith.

Lack of faith is an evidence of lack of development.

If you would get the best 'out' of life you must have faith in the best 'in' life;

If you would get the best out of any man you must have faith in the best that is in him or her.

Quit your doubting and start the cultivation of Faith.

Step out of the shadow of Doubt into the warm sunshine of Faith.

Don't pester others by telling them what you don't know.

The world doesn't want to listen to your doubts and what you are uncertain about;

If you KNOW anything it wants to hear it.

LOVE'S WAY.

W. D. Mitchell, New Denver's poet laureate, contributes this pretty story of royal love-making:

"Our beloved Victoria, among her many motherly attributes, enjoyed the reputation of being the most consummate and diplomatic matchmaker in Europe, and when her hopeful son and heir grew up to man's estate she laid her plans to provide for his future welfare. She found a worthy imitator and coadjutor in her designs in the accomplished Queen of Denmark, who was equally anxious for the future of her lovely daughter, so it was arranged; but it was decided that the course of nature should not be trammelled, and that the course of true love should have its way. In a short time the Princess Alexandra was received at the Court of St. James as an invited and honored guest of the Queen and her household and all went merrily and joyous.

The fates were propitious. The lightning struck. It was a case of love at first sight, and the Prince at once became a most ardent and devoted lover, and did not allow the grass to grow under his feet. Taking a walk through the garden they sat down in one of the artistic arbors, where the Princess entertained her lover by a select reading from one of the poets The Prince was delighted and exclaimed that she was a most beautiful reader. The Prince s blushed at the double compliment, and replied that she thought the word beautiful was the most beautiful word in the English language, and at the request of the Prince repeated the word over and over again. The Prince was lavish with his praise, and the Princess naively remarked that it might be a good idea to engage her as reader to the Court. The Prince was afraid that her services would be beyond all price.

"Oh no; all I want is a guinea."

The Prince thought so small a fee was totally out of all reason, but the Princess replied that it was not so small as he imagined, for a guinea was equal to a British sovereign or a British crown. The Prince sealed the compact and "she gave him a rose."

Roses, June roses, the emblem of lovers;
The full blooming roses that first bud in May:
How many sweet secrets are hid in your posies
That keep our hearts bounding with hope on the way.

When "Our Lady" lays by her white snowy mantle,
And the Fair Maid of Spring chases Jack Frost away,
Then roses, June roses, come forth in their beauty,
Like our sweetheart that's blushing in love's sunny ray.

WOMAN PAYS HER FARE.

The trolley car, says the Brooklyn Times, is becoming tiresome, but, nevertheless, it is omniscient. A woman got into one recently. She sat down in the corner, and the conductor advanced for the fare. She unhooked her fur boa and got out her bag and opened her bag and took out her purse and shut the bag and took off her glove and opened her purse and gave the dime to the conductor.

Then she opened her bag and put the purse in her bag and closed her bag and put it in her pocket and put on her glove and hooked her boa. Meanwhile, the conductor gave her the change. She unhooked her boa and got out her bag and opened the bag, took out her purse and closed the bag and took off her glove and opened her purse and took the nickel from the conductor. Then she put the nickel in the purse and closed the purse and opened the bag and put the purse into the bag and closed the bag and put the bag into her pocket and put on her glove and hooked the boa and murmured, "Transfer, please."

She took the transfer and unhooked her boa and took out her bag and opened her bag and took out her purse and closed the bag and took off her glove and opened her purse and put in the transfer and closed the purse and opened the bag and put the purse into the bag and closed the bag and put on her glove and put the bag into her pocket and hooked her boa. Just then she reached the transfer corner and took another car. When seated she unhooked her boa and took out her bag and—but why continue—it's an old story.

It is indeed true that "Time is the most obstinate of the delusive gifts that fate bequeaths to man." How leaden her movements while waiting for silver to rise, but oh, how she floats on magic wings when you are loser in a big poker game and everybody else has cold feet.

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