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General News Float

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

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Local merchants report a good holiday trade.

The Slocan Bob, adjoining the Republic, was re-staked last week.

John Angrignon, wife and child, are spending Xmas with Palma and wife.

The Bosun shipped 109 tons last month, the approximate value of which was $3,000.

J. G. Stuttz is headed this way with his show. He is always welcome around these diggings.

The citizens of Ferguson have established a butcher shop independent of the P. Burns combine.

Sunday was a busy day for sleigh-riders Everything with runners on was brought into service.

The force at the Arlington is being increased. The mine will be closed for two days for Xmas holidays.

Geo. Nichol has been elected president of the Slocan Miners' Union. R. M. Webster is vice-president.

Sandon has 74 names on the civic voters' list. The municipal election will be held on January 16th.

Joe Butler wishes us to state that he has injured his foot again. Joe ought to change his socks or fix the other foot.

Dr. Milloy will be in New Denver next week. This will be a welcome note to those whose teeth require skilful attention.

In Nelson the defeat of the by-laws has had no effect upon the Royal Seal cigar. The smoke from it constantly floats in the ozone of that city.

A slippy, sloppy Xmas with dull and deadened times isn't conducive to a happy heartedness that makes the face to shine—but be happy anyhow.

Santa Claus made quite a draft upon the stock of good things in John Williams' store, but there is plenty left for *those who could not get supplied during* the rush.

Dividend No. 1, of one cent per share on Goodenough stock was paid this month. Dividend No. 2 will be paid on the 15th day of January, 1902. It will be one cent per share.

A big shoot of ore is showing in the winze below the No. 5 level on the Payne. When the mill is in running order the shipments from the property will be resumed on the old scale.

Sandon's newspaper fraternity want to play at hockey They have challenged the universe and, if in luck, will get a game on with a scrub team of the gulch city on Xmas day. We'd give 99 cents to see the steam rise off the ice.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce will pay after the, 1st of January, the half year's interest due on that date on the six per cent and four-and-a-half per cent. debentures, and on the four per cent. bonds of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway Co.

Canada's most popular banking institution, the Bank of Montreal, as a result of business transacted during the six months ending October last, made a profit of £116,000 The total deposits are now £17,000,000 The assets now exceed £25,000,000.

The Lardeau Eagle furnishes the figures showing the total amount of ore that has been shipped from the Nettie L to date. The amount is 880 tons, the returns from which foot up $63,360. The company has expended something like $45,000 in development work.

Geo Aylwin was up from Ten Mile this week, and reports business in a flourishing condition at Aylwin. The recent strike at the Neepawa is proving a good thing. Ore is being taken out as development proceeds and the prospects for the property are very bright

Inquiries are being made by outside parties for samples of ore from the vein of Molybdenite found on a property owned by W. Brasch, situated in Dry Canyon, two miles east of the railway track on Lemon creek. This is the only deposit of molybdenite that has been opened up in the camp.

Dr. Forin has been appointed by the adjutant general at Ottawa, to examine the recruits to be raised in this country for service in South Africa. He left Slocan Saturday for Rossland, where he examined men on the 23rd. He was at Nelson on the 24th and at Cranbrook on the 25th.

Messrs. Mulvey, King, Taylor and Johnson have encountered a big thing on the Ottawa, Springer creek. They have a six-foot ledge showing in which three feet of ore are enounterd, an assay from one of which last week gave 3185 ozs. silver to the ton. They have taken a bond on the Hamilton, an adjoining property.

Geo Aylwin and Chas. Nicholson have recently been doing some work on the Pontiac and Ben D'Or claims, Ten Mile with the result that they have come into a pay-shoot four to six inches wide that assays 228 ozs. silver to the ton. Running with the main ore body is a seam that gives assay values of 829 ozs. silver, and small values in gold.

Some time ago Louis Miller was badly injured by striking into a missed hole at the Payne mine. There was danger of his losing his eye sight and he was sent to Spokane for treatment. As a result one eye has been saved. Last week Manager Garde forwarded a check for $242 to Miller, $100 of which was subscribed by the company and the balance by the employes of the mine.

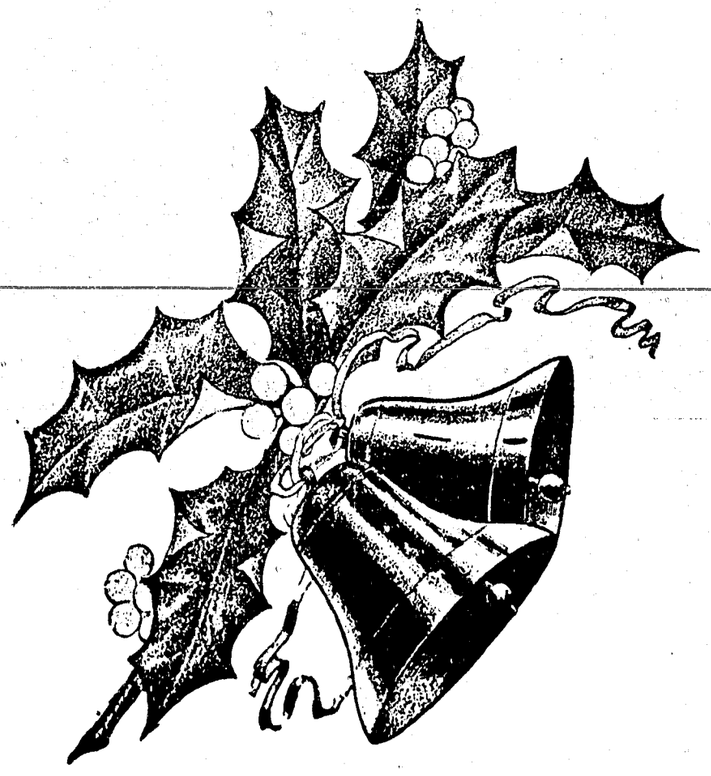
Signor Marconi has at last demonstrated that he can send a message across the Atlantic by wireless telegraphy, and the Anglo-American Cable Company forthwith has got out an injunction restraining him from making any further demonstration of his great invention. The cable company has a cinch on the ocean and believes it can also hold the air. If Marconi will come to New Denver he can get all the wind he wants to breathe, and he can use his ticker if he wants to.

The Capella, Goat mountain, has been closed down for the winter. Work will be resumed about April first. The last car load of ore shipped from the property caught silver at low-water mark, yet the returns were considerably over $3,000. There is a large amount of ore ready for stoping, but there are no winter quarters for the men, and with the coming of the cold weather work had to cease The lower tunnel being driven to tap the lead will be into the ledge in about ten weeks after work is resumed, and if the ore body is caught at that point buildings will be erected and operations carried on on a larger scale.

WHITEWATER MINES.

The report of the directors of the Whitewater Mines, Ltd., for 1900, submitted to the London meeting on the 9th inst., states that a profit of £3,939 has been made during the year. This amount has been arrived at after charging against the year's working £2,525 towards [illegible] accounts as well as £3,807, which amount represents the whole cost of the year's development work, less £1,000 carried forward. In consequence of the miners' strike it was not possible to resume [illegible] of February, 1900; the returns therefore shown in the accounts are the result of only ten months' work The company's engineer reports that at the 31st December, 1900, the ore reserves in the mine approximated to 40,300 tons, of an estimated gross value of over £50,000 On the 12th December last an interim dividend at the rate of 6d per share was paid, which absorbed £3,125, thus leaving a balance of £814 to be carried forward. At the end of the year 1900 the company received notice from the American smelters, who had hitherto been the purchasers of the mine's product, that they would not renew their contracts during the present year, and although the mine was in a satisfactory condition for continuing its operations, this action temporarily deprived the company of a market for its product. Operations, however, continued at the mine and mill for the first two months of this year, but on March 1st the mill was stopped, and only development work carried on until the end of April, when the mine was practically shut down pending the solution of the smelter question. A new contract for the sale of the mine's product was entered into in July on more favorable terms than those previously existing, and in the following month the mill restarted and has continued to work since that time Owing to the existing low price of silver and lead it is expected that the profit on the present operations will be small, but it is impossible to say what the margin of profit will be until the result is actually demonstrated by a few months' work. In the meantime the utmost economy in all directions, consistent with efficiency, is being exercised and it is satisfactory to learn from Mr. Fowler's report, that he has been able to carry on mining operations at a cost considerably reduced as compared with previous periods. Moreover, now that the Dominion Government has granted a bonus for the purpose of encouraging the establishment of silver-lead refineries in Canada, and as the latest advices point to the early erection of a local refinery, it is hoped that the company will, in a short time, obtain better terms for the sale of its product.

Japanese florists have succeeded in cultivating a rose which looks red in the sunlight and white in the shade.



A Few Requests

As Santa Claus will have gone South before he can read this message, we request the Power who looks after New Years gifts to give us the following:

A rise in copper so that the hum in the Boundary may not be hushed.

A smelter in Kaslo, so that that town will be saved from the boneyard.

A mint in New Denver so that we can jingle coins that are native born.

An agreeable settlement of the Rossland strike.

An elevation in lead and silver prices so that the famous Slocan can hold up its head and wink both eyes.

A Provincial Legislature that is stable honest and progressive.

More justice for less money in the courts of this Province.

The abolition of compulsory vaccination.

A remedy for the trust evil.

A cure for Oriental immigration.

The elimination of corrupt politics, and six feet of earth for every spoil hunter and pap-sucker.

Peace to all men and now [illegible] for all the women.

A sun for Sandon.

By-laws that will pass in Nelson.

In the meantime, we wish everyone in the world an enjoyable time during the festive season that is now at its height.

Smelter Said to be Sure

A Kaslo Report to the Effect that the Project is Virtually Decided Upon.

Word has been sent out from Kaslo to the effect that negotiations had been completed for the erection there of a 200-ton smelter in connection with which a refinery will be operated. It is announced that the smelter and refinery will be built and operated by the Glasgow syndicate which is represented in this province by T. B. Stewart, and which M. Gintzburger, of the Monitor mine, interested in the project. Mr Stewart arrived only a short time ago from Scotland and it was not thought probable that the negotiations would be completed for some weeks yet. If the report is not premature, the project will shortly be underway, and Kaslo will experience an era of prosperity that will rose-tint the old town and darken its atmosphere.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 35,000 tons Since January 1 to Dec. 21, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne		1898
Last Chance	44	1383
Slocan Star	261	4157
Ruth		279
Bosun	40	540
Hewett		1894
American Boy	20	1120
Ivanhoe	40	1277
Sunset (Jackson Basin)		703
Sovereign		117
Wonderful		104
Arlington	90	5117
Two Friends		40
Enterprise	20	690
Hartney		140
Black Prince		155
Goodenough	22	259
Miller Creek		20
Reco	66	411
Sunset (Can. Gold Fields		53
Silver King		14
Noble Five		59
Washington		30
Red Fox		123
Antoine		18
Queen Bess		1199
Monitor		480
Corinth		61
Bondholder	7	33
Rambler	85	1035
Surprise		100
Kaslo Group		10
Chapleau		15
Speculator		10
Ajax		10
Soho		70
Emily Edith		40
Phoenix		23
Alpha		40
V. & M		20
Marion		22
Ruby		1
Esmeralda		8
Hampton	5	7
Capella		44
Fourth of July		12
Tamarac		5
Mary Ducham		8
Buffalo		5
Sweet Grass		2
Exchange	6	5
Total tons	705	28,311

OIL IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Bailey Willis, in the Engineering and Mining Journal, has a very interesting article on "Oil in the Northern Rocky Mountains." Speaking of the discovery made in British Columbia he says:

The occurrence of mineral oils as a seepage upon the waters of springs and streams in the vicinity of the 49th parallel in the main range of the Rocky Mountains has long been known. They are sufficiently conspicuous to have attracted the attention of the Indians They were probably found by trappers of the Northwest Fur Company, 1800-1818, and their existence has been [illegible] known that remote region down to the present time. Nevertheless, the first account of them which the writer has discovered is contained in the report of the director of the Canadian Survey, [illegible] mer of that year Dr. Selwyn visited several localities on the Canadian side of the line which he describes as follows:

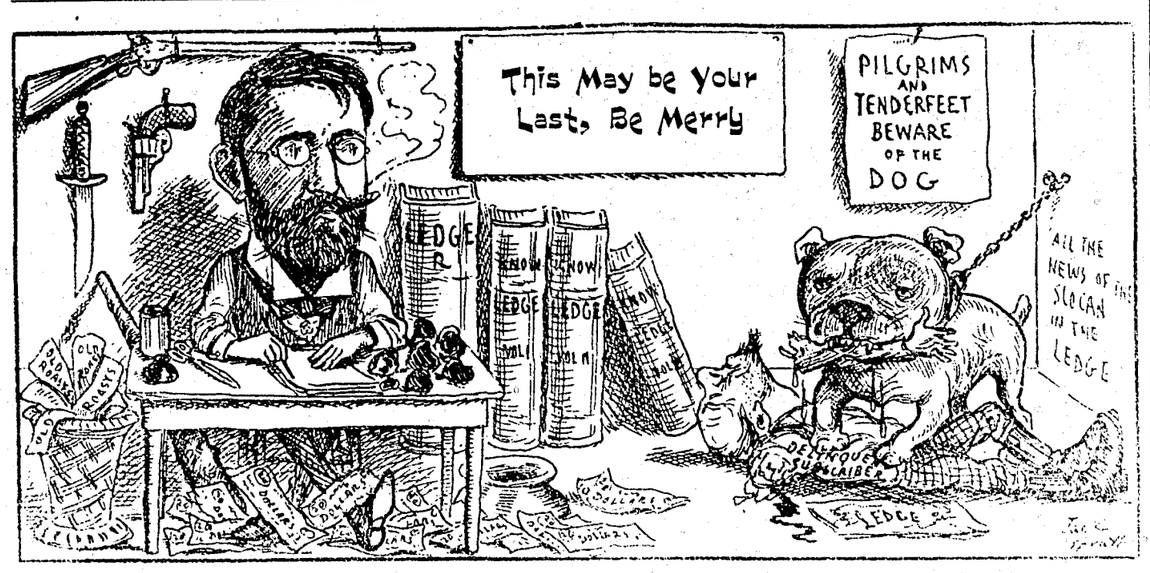
Cameron Falls Brook is a stream rising in a lake on the International Boundary near longitude 114° west, flowing northeasterly for about 7 miles and thence south by east into upper Waterton Lake. After stating that he ascended this stream about a mile and a half above its sharp turn toward the south Dr. Selwyn says: "While still in the saddle and on the trail 8 or 9 feet above the brook, I noticed a powerful odor of petroleum: Descending to the edge of the water and stirring the stones and gravel in the bed of the stream, considerable quantities of oil at once rose to the surface and floated away. Crossing to the right bank it was again seen coming out of the bank some inches above the then level of the stream. Here, skimming it off the surface of a shallow pool, a wine bottle full was soon collected."

After crossing the divide of the Rocky Mountains and camping on Akamina Brook, Dr. Selwyn again states: "About 4 miles north of the 49th parallel, the trail came down to the level of the brook, and here on the edge of the beaver dam pool were ledges of hard dark blue shale dipping E. 30° N. 12°. Lifting layers of this at and below the water, a quantity of dark green circular patches of oil rose to the surface, and a precisely similar result followed by stirring up the mud in the bottom of the pool. This place is about 15 miles in a direct line W. 10° S. from the occurrence on Cameron Falls Creek the main watershed of the Rocky Mountains and Mountains Kirby, Spence and Yarrell intervening. Oil is said by the Indians who frequent this region to occur at other points in the Akamina Valley, both above and below that recorded. The Akamina joins the Flathead in Montana about 4 miles south of the International Boundary. The beaver dam oil is of a dark greenish black and does not apparently differ much from that of Cameron Falls Creek."

Sage Creek is a stream entering the Flathead a short distance north of the 49th parallel, and upon it Dr. Selwyn observed an occurrence of oil which he describes as follows: "At about a mile and a half higher up" (10½ miles above its mouth) "the creek leaves the high mountains which border its upper course in a northeasterly direction up to the main watershed some 14 miles distant, and here at the edge of the water on the left bank I found dark hard flinty shales like those at the beaver dam pool on the Akamina dipping S. 25°—30° W. 25°. Directly the layers of this rock are raised, the oil rises and spreads over the surface of the water in such abundance that a short time suffices with the aid of a tin cup to collect a bottle full Here, also, a considerable quantity of gas escapes from the cracks and joints in the rock and ignites freely on the application of a match Less than half a mile higher up on the right bank and on the opposite or west side of the valley oil was again found issuing from the base of a bank of drift which has here filled the valley and caused the stream to make a sharp bend eastward to the base of the opposite mountain No rock was exposed here, but every one in the bed of the creek, especially on being broken or rubbed, gave out a strong odor of petroleum [illegible] which can be seen in the Museum, differs entirely in appearance from those of Cameron Falls Creek and Akamina or Kishenehn Creek. Some of it was of a light lime yellow, but most of it nearly the color of pale brandy and of a very powerful petroleum odor.

Dr. Selwyn [illegible] springs thus described was initially occasioned by an excitement concerning petroleum in the vicinity of Pincher Creek, a stream on the northeast side of the mountains about 20 miles north of the boundary The country all about has been staked with oil claims, and an experimental boring was made which, however, was abandoned when a copious flow of water was obtained. This boring appears to have been east of the main range and in rocks of Cretaceous age

The Royal Seal cigar is one of the standard productions of Nelson



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1901.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Blue mass will be said by many this week.

Drouth prevails in many parts of America.

It is a wise child who knows its own stockings.

During the year one Kootenay editor only had two drinks. This is a record seldom beaten in the west.

There was no strike in the Burley mill at Rossland last week. The pugs of that town had to Goff and sit down.

Marconi is fortunate. If he had lived when the church had a full set of humps he would have been burned at the stake. That was one way of rewarding genius in the early days.

While there is frost in Alabama and below zero in the east it is pleasant to know that the winters in B. C. will be mild for a great many years, owing to the Japan current having switched its course two years ago. This is one Jap thing that we are thankful for, and Imperial reasons cut no ice when it strikes our shores.

The condition of the lead industry in Canada having been brought before the Dominion Parliament it is quite likely that at its next session relief in the shape of protection will be given the producers of lead. Favorable action at Ottawa will bring capital for a refinery and make lead worth 2½ cents in the Slocan.

SHINING FLOAT.

The following story is told by John Kendrick Bangs as an illustration of a child's fine sense of the fitness of things:

"Hennessey, formerly foreman of the Herald's composing room, had a little daughter who said:

" 'Mamma, what are the stars?'

" 'The stars, my child, are the Angel Gabriel's lamps. Every night at twilight the angel flies out of the gate of Paradise with a torch and lights all the stars.'

"On the following evening a storm darkened the heavens and the lightning zigzagged across the face of the sky. The child ran to her mother, exclaiming:

" 'Mamma, I think the angel is going to light his lamps now.'

" 'Why do you think so my daughter?'

" 'Because he is striking his matches on the sky.' "

While the special train of Jay Gould was on a side track in Missouri, says the New York Times, Mr. Gould stepped to earth to stretch his legs while waiting for a regular train to pass. It was in the more rugged part of the state, well away from civilization. A typical inhabitant of the district stopped a pair of emaciated mules near the train. He hailed Mr. Gould and said:

"Say mister, we have a new baby at my dugout and we ain't got no soap. My old woman is so stuck up over it that she's making me drive fourteen miles to town to get some nice smellin' soap, an' I thought maybe you'd help me out by gettin' me a piece of soap outen one of them fancy cars."

Mrs. Gould, who overheard the request, had a porter give the man several pieces of soap wrapped in towels, and several articles of tinned delicacies. The man seemed much surprised at such generosity, and as he turned to drive homeward he shouted back to Mr. Gould:

"Say, mister, you all must be some relation to Santa Claus."

The shortest sermon ever preached was perhaps the sermon which Dr. Whewell was fond of repeating from the text, "Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward."

The sermon occupied barely a minute in delivery, the following being a verbatim report:

"I shall divide the discourse into three heads: 1. Man's ingress into the world. 2. His progress through the world. 3. His egress out of the world.

"Firstly, his ingress into the world is naked and bare.

"Secondly, his progress through the world is trouble and care.

"Thirdly, his egress out of the world is nobody knows where.

"To conclude: If we live well here, we shall live well there. I can tell you no more if I preach a year." Then he gave the benediction.—Exchange.

Colored Lady—Mister, please gimme two cents' worth powder.

Druggist—Gun powder, face powder or tooth powder?

Colored Lady—W'at I wants with tooth powder, gun powder or face powder? Two cents' worth insect powder.

Druggist—I can't walk across to the other side of the store and wrap up two cents' worth of insect powder.

Colored Lady—Who asked yo' to wrap it up? Just po' it down m' back.

They have a High School in a small town near Toledo, and the story is told in those parts of how the trustees decided to have a classic statue of some description in the building. They sent to a Toledo firm for a catalogue, and unfortunately, this was not illustrated. After considerable discussion, they finally decided upon the figure of "Atlas," as that name suggested geography, this being thoroughly in keeping with an institute of learning.

When "Atlas," the powerful nude figure bearing the globe upon his shoulders, arrived, and was placed in position for the inhabitants to view, some of the "citizenesses" were stricken speechless with horror and shame.

During the stilly watches of the following night, several of these morally offended females gathered together according to previous arrangement, and made the terrible statue a black cambric gown in which they stealthily robed it.

The next day they drew up a petition to which they procured the signatures of many of the mothers of families, and then presented it to the trustees. It called for the exchange of "Atlas" for another statue less offensive to their maiden modesty.

The trustees thinking it well to oblige their constituents, again consulted the list in the catalogue. One of their number read the description of the "Laocoon"—"a beautiful group of three classic figures in the toils of a serpent." The price was the same as that of "Atlas." An old farmer spoke up saying:

"Le's hev that one. We'll be gettin's more fer our money. We're sendin' back one figger, an' will be gettin' three for the same price, with a big snake thrun in—le's choose the Laycoon."

When, upon further investigation, it was found that this group was also nude, the old farmer advocated writing to the Toledo firm to send some "picters of folks with clo'es on, to choose from."

It is not related which work of art was finally decided upon.

"I tell you," exclaimed the slim individual, "that water is God's greatest gift to man." "Are you a Prohibitionist?" asked a bystander, taking him cordially by the hand. "No, sir," was the contemptuous reply, "I sell milk."

There is an immense amount of trouble, a great deal of blindness, an incalculable amount of harm, coming from the misuse of the word faith. Men say that their religion is a religion of faith, and that they believe these things to which I object on account of that faith. Faith tells them that the whale swallowed Jonah. Faith tells them that the deeds of cruelty committed by Moses and David were just. Faith tells them Elisha raised the dead, and faith tells them that the Bible is not contradictory, and that it is true from Genesis to Revelation—veritable word of God. There is something that tells them this—but when they use the word faith, they have got the wrong word. The one they want is credulity.

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McElhonny's Royal Flush

There was not a boy in the office who did not admire little May Anguish, the managing editor's stenographer. She always had a bright smile and a cheery greeting for the staff, from Dick, the copy boy, to the old man himself, who kept her pretty busy during the day writing letters of regret to accompany rejected manuscripts, and dictating an occasional editorial on the policy of the administration in the Philippines. Miss Anguish was not more than twenty-one, although hard work to support her widowed mother and send a curly-headed, eight-year-old brother to school had left a rather serious expression on her pretty features. She was a little woman, and so neat and trim in her modest costumes that "Big Jim," the foreman upstairs, fell in the habit of calling her "the little Dresden China doll." When I say that all the boys admired Miss Anguish, I should make two exceptions. McElhonny, the police reporter, and Dudley, who wrote sports on the Sphere, did more than admire the little stenographer. What had been at one time admiration underwent a common metamorphosis; they were both very much in love. This condition of affairs could not be kept a secret long from the observing eyes of the staff, and it soon became a general topic of subdued conversation. Only once was any open mention made of the subject in the presence of McElhonny. O'Leary, the stock reporter, was the guilty man. Had it not been for the combined efforts of Fenton, the city editor, and two of the boys, things would have fared ill with this same O'Leary. As it was, his facial expression underwent a decided change for the worse, which was only alleviated after some time by frequent applications of beef-steak, and arnica massages. Still, notwithstanding McElhonny's censor on the subject, the fact remained that there was a contest for the heart and hand of Miss Anguish and everyone was interested in the outcome. The boys (with the possible exception of O'Leary) liked McElhonny and wanted to see him win, but the odds were all in favor of Dudley, whose handsome face and dashing figure, always set off by clothes which were the envy of his colleagues, gave him a decided advantage over Mac, whose night tramps through the sleet and slush after police stories did not tend to improve the appearance of his habiliments. Mac had a habit of overlooking the barber more times than was really necessary; his necktie was always ambitious in its efforts to climb over the edge of his collar, while, as a rule, his vest and coat were shy several buttons, the tout ensemble of which did not make the honest-hearted police reporter the object of any great admiration in the feminine mind. But if McElhonny's buttons were not stout, his heart was. He was as conscientious and untiring in his chase after the hand of Miss Anguish as when on the trail of a "hot police story." However, Mac's "finish" could be plainly seen without the aid of a strong pair of field-glasses. He was very plainly running second in the race, and several laps behind, at that. The inevitable came one Wednesday afternoon, when Dudley laid a little typewritten announcement on Fenton's desk with the request that it be run in the society column next morning. It was but a very few lines, yet they sounded the death knell of McElhonny's matrimonial hopes. And in the next issue of the Morning Sphere appeared the announcement of the engagement of "Miss May Anguish to Mr. Robert Anton Dudley."

McElhonny did not turn up at the office that afternoon, although Thursday was not his day off and he had never been known to lose a day since the tragic death of his predecessor, Durrett, a year before. The chief received a curt note from Mac stating that he had a severe cold, but would be on his feet by Friday in order to go on the run.

True to his promise, Mac walked into the office Friday afternoon and checked off his assignments. None of the boys ventured anything but the customary "Morning, Mac," which was responded to by the familiar reply: "How are you, old man?" Dudley was in the office at the time, pounding out his routine of sporting stuff, but he did not look up from his typewriter.

On Saturday nights the boys on the Sphere were in the habit of congregating in Jule Sayer's alcoholic dispensary on Third street, where they would pull off a quiet little game of draw. Saturday was pay day on the Sphere at that time and all of the "gang" had their weekly stipend with them. On this particular night the little room at the end of Sayer's bar was filled with a number of the scribes. There was the smartly-attired Dudley, and O'Leary, whose right optic was just beginning to assume its normal size and color. Fenton, the city editor, had dropped in for a glass of rye and to spend a few minutes with the boys. Ross, the general assignment man, and Hill, who did courts, made up the merry party. McElhonny did not get through work until 3, and was therefore not present.

They were discussing the probability of having squeezed in a police scoop on their rival, the Press, that night.

"I know d—d well that they haven't got it," said Hill, rubbing his bald head, excitedly. "I saw their police man not an hour ago and he was growling a blue streak because there was nothing doing on the run. What do you think, Mr. Fenton?" This to the chief, who was lazily rolling a cigarette. Fenton was always rather skeptical about scoops until the papers were on the street.

"Don't count your chickens before they're hatched, my boy," he replied. "Still, if it is a scoop, McElhonny deserves a lot of credit."

Dudley curled his lip disdainfully. He did not like his erstwhile rival, and, as is invariably the case, his victory over the police reporter in the contest for the little stenographer had not softened his heart toward Mac.

"Boys," said Dudley, "I've got a little scoop myself, and I want you to take a drink on me on the strength of it."

They all glanced at him in surprise. Dudley was never known to have brought in an exclusive piece of news since he was in the office; his long suit was in writing stereotyped stuff about what Corbett would have done to Fitzsimmons if he hadn't been licked, etc. And to make it more strange, Dudley was never known to buy a drink except for himself. Jule took the orders and the drinks were soon forthcoming.

"Now," asked Ross, "what's the news?"

"I'm going to get married tomorrow," replied Dudley, enjoying the sensation created by his remark.

"Tomorrow!" exclaimed the boys, "why that's pretty quick work."

Dudley smiled complacently and accepted the rather half-hearted congratulations.

"Yes," he went on. "You see, it's this way; I wrote my old man down at Des Moines about it; sent him a photo of May, and he was just tickled to death. The fact of the matter is that I never took to any real good girl before, and the old man was always skeart to death that his only son and heir would go to the bad some fine day. He sent me $500 as a wedding present on the condition that the knot is tied without any delay. May was willing and tomorrow we get hitched. Talk about good news from home, why—"

Dudley stopped in the midst of his self-congratulatory explosion. In the entrance to the little room stood McElhonny. There was a strained silence, which was finally broken by Mac himself, saying:

"How are you, boys?

"Mr. Fenton, I gave Roskins that suicide story; I guess we've got the Press scooped all right."

The boys heaved a sigh of relief, while Dudley sat down a little flustered. Hill, who always acted as banker in the game because he never left the table until everyone else was through, arranged the stacks of red, white and blue chips, and the game was soon in progress.

An old Mississippi river gambler once said that "poker chips do travel." That night they all traveled in McElhonny's direction. He won pot after pot with astonishing regularity, until Fenton and Ross rose from the table, "cleaned out." Dudley played in the worst of luck. Time after time his three aces and flushes and straights were topped by the imperturbable McElhonny, who seemed to enjoy a grim satisfaction in separating the sporting editor from his money. Finally Dudley's salary had been absorbed, and he pushed back his chair in disgust. He half arose, hesitated, and then seated himself again.

"I'm no piker," said he, "give me some more chips." He pulled from his pocketbook a certified check for $500. "Just let me have $20 on this, and I'll get it cashed in the morning."

The boys looked askance at each other, as Hill pocketed the check and gave Dudley a receipt for $480. By this time McElhonny had in front of him almost all the money on the table, which, taking into consideration the fact that the stacks of chips represented a half dozen weekly salaries, was not an inconsiderable amount in the eyes of a newspaper man.

As the cards were being dealt out for the next hand, Dudley picked up in succession the nine, ten, jack, queen and king of diamonds—a straight flush, only beaten by one hand in the deck. Dudley's fingers trembled slightly as he tossed several chips in the centre of the table and announced that the pot was open. He ardently wished that there would be one or two strong hands out against him, and his wish was evidently granted, for Hill raised the opener $2, which was "straddled" by the calm McElhonny, who raised the first raise $5. The rest of the players dropped out and settled themselves in interested anticipation of a warm time. Dudley had much difficulty in restraining the look of supreme satisfaction that passed over his countenance. He studied his cards intently for several moments in order to lead his opponents to suppose that he was not sure of the strength of his hand, then raised both of them $10. Hill only saw the raise, but, to the surprise of all, McElhonny, without giving his cards another inspection, threw in $20, thereby again doubling Dudley's raise. Dudley, confident in his almost certain victory, asked for more chips from Hill on his check, and raised back $20.

"That beats me," grunted Hill, disgustedly, as he laid down his cards. "I'm beginning to look like a selling platter in this race."

McElhonny said nothing, but again raised back an equal amount, which was re-raised by Dudley.

"I guess it looks as if there won't any of you draw cards until you're both broke," commented Hill.

It began to look that way. Raise followed raise until McElhonny had exhausted his supply of chips and had flung into the centre of the table his diamond scarfpin, and all that remained on him of value was his watch.

"I'll raise you $90. I guess that's all the watch is worth," said Dudley, whose face was wreathed in a glad smile of delight at the vengeance he was about to wreak on the police reporter.

McElhonny reached into his vest pocket and unhooked the timepiece from its chain. He heard two of the boys talking in a low tone behind him.

"It's a shame," said one. "If Dudley loses that money it will break the girl's heart. She knows he's got it and I'll bet she is up now getting ready for the wedding. Without that coin Dudley won't even be able to buy a license in the morning."

McElhonny's hand shook violently as he unclasped the watch. He drew a long breath and slowly laid his cards face down on the table.

"That's good," he muttered, "I can't see your last raise."

A murmur of astonishment filled the room as Dudley triumphantly drew in the mass of chips and silver.

"You wouldn't have stood deuce high, anyway, old boy," he said, flippantly. "I had a king high straight flush."

McElhonny did not answer. He arose and started for the door. Hill, anxious to see on what the police reporter had wagered so high, reached over and spread out Mac's hand to the gaze of the crowd.

"Good God," he cried, as he saw the cards. "Mac, you had a royal flush; it couldn't be beat."

Mac turned around slowly.

"What in h—l is that to you?" he exclaimed, and shut the door after him with a bang.—Victor H. Smalley, in North-west Magazine.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended $102.50 in labor and improvements on the White Horse No. 4 mineral claim. The above-mentioned $102.50 is the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above-mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interests in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Dated at Silverton, B. C. this 17th day of October, 1901.

CHARLES E. HOPE.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To the legal personal representatives of J. A. SMITH, deceased, or to any person or persons to whom the said J. A. Smith may have transferred his interest in the Silver Bill Mineral Claim, situated on Payne Mountain, 3 miles south of Three Forks, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay, British Columbia

YOU and each of you, are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and five dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim, 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 portion of all such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the subscribers under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

Dated at New Denver, B. C., this 24th day of October, 1901.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.
ROBT CUNNING,
A. DAVID.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To CHAS. ANDERSON, GEO FAIRBAIRN, J. A. McKINNON, J. T. RICHARDS, PHILIP ROWE, or to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Fedora mineral claim, situated on Galena Farm flat, near Silverton, in the Slocan Mining Division, of West Kootenay District.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended $102.50 in labor and improvements on the Fedora mineral claim. The above mentioned $102.50 is the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above-mentioned sum which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interests in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Dated at Silverton, B. C., this 17th day of October, 1901.

CHARLES E. HOPE

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To the legal personal representatives of J. A. SMITH, deceased, or to any person or persons to whom the said J. A. Smith may have transferred his interest in the Mercury Mineral Claim, situated on Payne Mountain, 3 miles south of Three Forks, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay, British Columbia

YOU and each of you, are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and five dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim in order to hold the said 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, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the subscribers under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act 1900."

Dated at New Denver, B. C., this 24th day of October, 1901.

HERBERT T. TWIGG.
ROBT CUNNING,
A. DAVID.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

STANLEY NO. 2 Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Adjoining the Merrimac and Eclipse, on Silver Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Wm. S. Drewry, acting as agent for Herman Clever, free miner's certificate No. B38091, Henry Stege, free miner's certificate No. B52429, and John Goettsche, free miner's certificate No. B38075, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 19th day of December, A. D., 1901.

W. S. DREWRY.

CORNCRACKER FRACTION Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: South of New Denver, adjoining the Alpha, Lakeview and Corncracker mineral claims.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Wm. S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Northwest Mining Syndicate, Ltd., free miner's certificate No. B39312, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 19th day of December, A.D., 1901.

W. S. DREWRY.

SEELIG FRACTION Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division on West Kootenay District. Where located: On Fidelity Butte, south of New Denver, adjoining the Fidelity, Frisco, and Cracker Jack mineral claims.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Wm. S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Bosun Mines, Limited, free miner's certificate No. B59311, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 19th day of December, A. D. 1901.

W. S. DREWRY.

HASTINGS and HASTINGS FRACTIONAL Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Silver Mountain, two miles east of New Denver.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Hugh S. Nelson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 52143, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 28th day of November, A. D. 1901.

NABOB Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Rico Mountain, adjoining the Bluebird, Stranger, Trade Dollar, Idaho No. 2, and Rawdon mineral claims.

TAKE NOTICE that I, B. W. Bull, free miners' certificate No. B 32311, for myself and as agent for George J. Atkins, free miner's certificate No. B 47974, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 12th day of July, A. D. 1901.

B. W. BULL.

HEWITT, RINCON, TRANQUILITY and MOLE Mineral Claims, and the RINCON and CROW Fractional Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About three miles south east of Silverton, B.C.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Francis J. O'Reilly, of Silverton, B. C., as agent for R. Insinger, of Syracuse, State of Washington, U. S. A., Free Miner's Certificate No. B 52765, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 4th day of November 1901.

FRANCIS J. O'REILLY.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To CHAS. ANDERSON, GEO. FAIRBAIRN, J. A. McKINNON, J. T. RICHARDS, PHILIP ROWE, or to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Black Horse mineral claim, situated on Galena Farm flat, near Silverton, in the Slocan Mining Division, of West Kootenay District

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended $102.50 in labor and improvements on the Black Horse mineral claim. The above-mentioned $102.50 is the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above-mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Dated at Silverton, B. C., this 17th day of October, 1901.

CHARLES E. HOPE

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

PAYMASTER Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: At Three Forks, adjoining the Newport.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. M. McGregor, acting as agent for Fred Swannell, Free Miner's Certificate No B 59322, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 9th day of December, A. D 1901.

J. M. McGREGOR.

SILVER BILL and MERCURY Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: North of Sandon, Payne creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 52446, for myself and as agent for Robert Cunning, Free Miner's Certificate No B 52189, and Albert David, Free Miner's Certificate No 52194, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of each of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 5th day of December, A. D 1901

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

CULTAS NO. 2 Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Tributary creek, near Sandon, on divide.

TAKE NOTICE That Wilson & Sankler, acting as agent for the Adams British Columbia Mining Company, free miner's certificate No. B9857, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under Section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 17th day of October, A. D. 1901.

EMMA and ROBSON Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Arrow Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—On Plingston creek, about 8 miles from its mouth.

TAKE NOTICE That I, F. C. Green, acting as agent for the Daphne Mining and Development Company, Limited Liability, free miner's certificate No. B52252, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of each of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 20th day of September, 1901.

F. C. GREEN, Nelson, B. C.

LORNA DOON FRACTION Mineral Claim

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Four Mile Creek.

TAKE NOTICE, That I, M. R. W. Rathborne, Free Miners' Certificate No. B 52343, for myself and as agent for Frank Culver, Free Miners' Certificate No. B 38926, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under Sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 10th day of October, A.D. 1901.

TAMARACK Mineral Claim

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the Third East Fork of Wilson creek, about 20 miles from Slocan Lake.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Kenneth L. Burnet, agent for James M. Martin Esqr., Free Miner's Certificate No. B 12010, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under Section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 31st day of October, A. D. 1901.

KENNETH L. BURNET.

SUNRISE Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Adjoining the Hope mineral claim, near Sandon.

TAKE NOTICE That I, George Alexander, free miner's certificate No. B52660, as agent for the Ruth Mines, Limited, free miner's certificate No. B59856, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 17th day of October 1901.

GEORGE ALEXANDER.

CASHIER Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Carpenter creek, adjoining the Sunrise.

TAKE NOTICE That I, John Keen, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 58811, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 31st day of October, A. D. 1901.

JOHN KEEN.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To D W MOORE, or to any person to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Twickenham mineral claim, at the head of Eight Mile creek, in the Slocan Mining Division, of West Kootenay District

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended $75 in labor and improvements on account of your interest in the Twickenham mineral claim. The above mentioned $75 is your proportion of the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provision of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute the above mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900"

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ASIATIC LABOR IN B. C.

The following characteristic letter from Clive Phillips-Wolley, the well-known author and sportsman, on the above topic recently appeared in the Victoria Times. "I cannot refrain from answering an article in the Dunsmuir daily of November 14th, though I had no intention of touching the matter until later. In a leader upon British emigration it is stated among other things that 235,970 people left the United Kingdom in the first nine months of the present year, of whom only 13,631 went to British North America. The Western Empire (a new London periodical) regrets that so much British blood should be lost to the Empire, but confesses itself at a loss to find a remedy for the evil, and the secretary of the Church of England Emigration Society feels 'that little more can be done at home than has been done,' and suggests that immigration societies should be formed in Canada. Another paper, after quoting words used by the Duke of Cornwall, thinks that Canada should be made more widely known.

"The Colonist sums up thus: 'It would be a patriotic work to endeavor to secure for Canada as nearly all the British emigrants as possible.'

"Now, let us have a little plain talk. Like a good many of my neighbors, who are neither politicians nor hired newspaper men, I am confoundly sick of hypocritical poppycock.

"Do you want white men here or don't you? Is it the duty of politicians to watch the action of the principal emigration societies in the interests of the colonies, or is it not?

"If the answer to both these questions is yes, how do these facts strike you?

"In 1886 the greatest of all the British emigration offices (the Emigrants' Information Office, 31 Broadway, Westminster, S.W.) was founded under the direction of the Colonial Office. The circulars of this office may be obtained free of charge at 600 public libraries throughout Great Britain, and its circulars are published annually for the different colonies. Moreover, its circulars are sent out here to different well-known men for comment. One lies before me as I write. It is called the Canada Circular for 1901, and in it I find that 'In British Columbia some farm hands receive from $20 to $35 a month, with board, but on Vancouver Island and elsewhere many farmers employ Japanese and Chinese for farm work at a lower wage.' Page 9—'Much of the tailoring in British Columbia is done by Chinese.' Page 13—'In British Columbia there is also a very large fishing industry, but most of the employees are native Indians.' Page 13—'In British Columbia female servants are specially scarce, but Chinese and Japanese servants are mainly used, especially in the country districts, as cooks for the rougher kind of domestic work, and for laundry work.'

"Is this enough? I have not had time, nor is it my business, to wade carefully through the whole pamphlet. I am not paid to work either as a journalist or politician. Other men are. But it seems to me that if either politicians or newspaper men representing the Premier wanted to see British emigrants come to this country, it would be worth their while to see that British Columbia was not advertised to all England as the one province in Canada to which white labor (farm hands, cooks, fishermen, tailors, domestic help, laundry women) should not come because its places are already filled by Chinese and Japanese.

"If I might make a suggestion it would be to the men who don't do their work and don't represent the people: 'If you must sacrifice the people to your own interests, do so, but for pity's sake, stop your psalm singing.' We can stand your incompetence, but don't ask us to believe that you are doing anything. Some of us can read.

"You could cure the trouble in twelve months if you wanted to. I would undertake to find the remedy for the Mongolian trouble myself in very short order, but there would be some terrible squealing."

Drink, and the gang drink with you;
Swear off, and you go it alone;
For the bar-room bum who drinks your rum
Has a quenchless thirst of his own.
Feast, and your friends are many;
Fast, and they cut you dead;
They'll not get mad if you treat them bad
So long as their stomachs are fed.
Steal, if you get a million,
For then you can furnish bail;
It's the great big thief who gets out on leave,
While the little ones go to jail.

SEE THE NEED OF A REFINERY.

The B. C. Review, of London, says: "The lead question is again receiving much attention in B. C. mining camps, as the present contracts with the smelters shortly expire, and there is some apprehension felt as to what arrangements can be made for next year. The local smelters, in view of the unsatisfactory outlook both for lead and silver, are naturally anxious, and so far the American Smelting Trust shows no disposition to again take B.C. lead ores. Had a refinery been already under construction, it would have somewhat relieved the situation, which has been accentuated by the recent fall in silver with no immediate prospect of improvement. It has been pointed out by economists that Canada imports lead in different manufactured forms to the extent of two-thirds of its output, and should Canadians manufacture their own lead products it would automatically relieve the situation in the silver lead mining camps. The chief hope at present lies in the East, and now that affairs in China are quickly settling down it is expected that she will shortly again become a large purchaser, but the benefit, however, will go rather to the States than to B.C., which, at present, is unable to export the metal in a refined state."

A certain Tacoma man accepted a paying position with a firm at Seattle and closed up his affairs at the former place to take up his new duties. He broke up housekeeping and the first load of furniture was taken to the boat. He accompanied the shipment to Seattle himself, leaving his wife and a very young son at home. The young hopeful was unduly impressed with the idea of moving from Tacoma and as the evening lengthened appeared more and more abstracted. His mother roused him from his reveries for his evenings prayers and the lad responded with an air of resignation. As he finished his address to the Throne the boy hesitated and then sorrowfully added:

"Good bye, God. We are going to Seattle tomorrow, and I suppose I won't see you any more."

When chaplains are needed for the army the authorities at Ottawa will persist in sending only those who steer sinners against the Catholic or Anglican game, much to the discomfiture of the Baptists and others. This should not be. A regiment usually has nearly all the denominations in it, and it is not fair to send along a sky pilot who carries only one brand of creed. Put them all in. Union is strength and their combined prayers might win many a battle. You can't tell, as the experiment has never been tried. All or no creeds should be supplied our soldiers, so that when a Christian bullet shuts off their wind they can travel to Jesus over the trail they are the best acquainted with.

Major Quiz (ex-Confederate)—Say, Pat, were you at Bull Run?

Paddy—Oi was, sur.

Major Quiz—And did you run?

Paddy—Faith, Oi did, sur; and all that didn't run are there yet.

One of Baltimore's harbor notables is a colored woman, who goes out in a boat in all kinds of weather to get washing from ships arriving. "She obtains the business," the account says, "and her husband does the washing."

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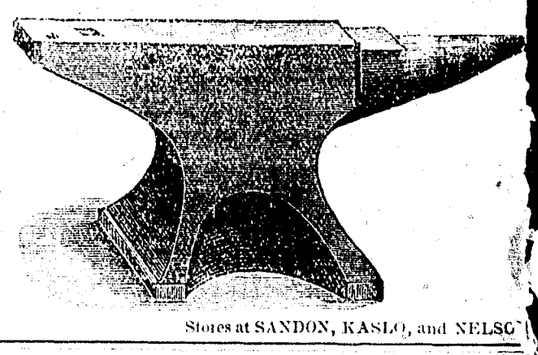

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