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General News Float

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

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Sandon is rolling snowballs.

Harry Strickland and bride returned from their honey trip on Monday.

Several marriages are due in New Denver, at least one will occur next month.

Frank O'Neil is in the Slocan hospital suffering from a slight attack of pneumonia.

J. Pierpont Morgan went through Spokane the other day It did not stick to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Aylard returned on Saturday from a six weeks' visit to the eastern States.

Wadds Bros. will spend Thursday in Three Forks, inducing the inhabitants to "look pleasant."

What is he saying? The Royal Seal cigars are strictly in it wherever known. Buy a few and be happy

John H. Wereley has recovered from his recent illness, and is again able to be among his many friends.

Lowery's Claim for November will appear next week. Agents should get their orders in early, as the edition is limited.

The weather clerk and photographers do not work in harmony. As a result there is much of New Denver beauty untaken.

Ted Eyton has returned from the Monte Cristo country, on the Sound, where he had been prospecting all summer.

Billy Hagler, who cut quite a swath around Sandon during the strike, has been arrested in Silver City, Idaho, for stealing bullion.

An effort will be made this winter to form a baseball league in the Slocan. Jim Bowes is one of the prime movers in the formation.

Charles Aylwin delivered hundreds of fruit trees this week to the ranchers and garden owners in and around New Denver and Silverton.

A coach on the Cody branch of the K. & S. ran away last week. Mrs. John Winter, of Cody, was seriously injured in the wreck of the car.

Time drifts on, empires rise and fall, monarchs fade away, but John Williams stays right in New Denver and sells fruit to all who desire it.

The increasing frost in the air does not matter to John Williams. He always has hot water for those who want to get next to godliness

R. Marpole and other C. P. R. officials visited Sandon last week. They came in over the K. & S., a fact that has given currency to railway rumors.

Wm. Gibbs had to return to the hospital last week to undergo further treatment of his injured leg, the effects of stepping into one of the holes in the Sixth street sidewalk.

The Miners' Union is preparing to give its third anniversary ball in Bosun hall on Friday evening, Nov. 8th. The committee in charge promises to make [illegible]

The membership of the local K. of P. lodge is now 66 and new applications are being received almost weekly The lodge is one of the soundest in the province its financial standing being the best.

Services will be held in St. Stephen's church on Sunday next. Matins and holy communion at 11 a. m., evening prayer at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Hedley, B. A., will preach in the morning, and the Vicar in the evening.

The directors of the Molly Gibson are borrowing $120,000, which amount is said to be necessary to be expended in the way of improvements to the profitable operation of the property The money will probably be advanced by Chicago people.

F. Pollick has returned to Three Forks from an extended visit to Montreal. He reports only receiving THE LEDGE about once a month while in that city. Probably the carriers could not read English, or else got stuck on the paper and kept it.

The announcement has been made by the Northport smelter company that no change in the policy of the company will be made with the retirement of Manager Kadish, and that the present force of smeltermen will be retained.

There isn't room for further doubt as to the beauty of New Denver's young ladies and—babies. The last vestige of doubt was dispelled this week when two of the finest photographers in Canada opened for business here. Photographers are good judges of beauty they say, and they wouldn't be here if surface indications were not the best.

Rev. Jas. Turner, the pioneer missionary of the Slocan, is expected to pay a visit to New Denver shortly. He will deliver an address in the Methodist church on Thursday, Nov. 7th Subject, "A trip to the Yukon, via the all-Canadian route" Mr. Turner writes that he counts on having "a packed house." Everybody will be heartily welcome, old-timers especially invited.

Charles Cliffe aspires, it is said, to be police magistrate of Sandon. By age, habits, and experience, he is qualified for the position, and a gentleman who has done so much for the city and the country is entitled to some office. He is always sober, doesn't smoke, never looks at an ace in the hole, pays his bills promptly, talks kindly of his neighbors, and is a journalist of wonderful ability. The people of Sandon should be proud indeed to have such a man upon the Bench, and should grasp the opportunity while it is hot.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The Slocan Star is now the principal Slocan shipper.

The Last Chance is putting in 2000 more feet of water pipe.

Four men are working at the Mollie Hughes taking out ore for shipment.

Eighty men are working at the Whitewater and the mill is working double shifts.

The Slide Line, at Ainsworth, owned by Mrs Gus Wright, has developed eight feet of galena

Harry Lowe and A. Muir have struck several inches of ore in the upper workings of the Queen Bess, upon which they have a lease.

C. B. Taylor has bonded the Texas, on Spring creek, near Sproule's This is the property that made the first shipment over the K. & S

The Noble Five looks good, but a cloud has loomed up that casts its baleful shadow over the stockholders Jas. Dunsmuir has something like $200,000 against the property and he has filed a notice in the Victoria court to recover the amount due him

A deal was on last week for a half interest in Wm. Vallentine's Four Mile property, W. H. Sandford manipulating the business for English capital. A bond of $35,000 was agreed upon, but Vallentine held out for $500 more than the intended purchasers would pay down and the deal is off.

WAITING FOR THEIR PAY.

Six months ago the census enumerators were abroad in the land The work in the Slocan was done as quickly and thoroughly as in any section, and two months ago the general result was printed and published by the census bureau. But up to the present time the Slocan enumerators have not received a cent from the government for the work. Five weeks ago the enumerators of Nelson and Rossland received their pay The accounts of the Slocan census takers were sent in on the same forms and through the same agency as those of the other ridings, and yet, the Slocan enumerators are told that their forms were made out wrong and therefore the department cannot pay the accounts just now. As a compromise the department offers to pay half the accounts now and the other half at a later date. What an obliging government we have at Ottawa!

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 Oct. 26, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne		1748
Last Chance		1179
Slocan Star	264	8159
Ruth		279
Bosun	20	400
Hewett	85	1885
American Boy	20	1192
Ivanhoe	40	1097
Trade Dollar		160
Sunset (Jackson Basin)	20	440
Sovereign		117
Wonderful	40	81
Arlington	230	4148
Two Friends		40
Enterprise	20	500
Hartney		140
Black Prince	30	155
Goodenough		215
Miller Creek		20
Reco	20	295
Sunset (Can. Gold Fields		53
Silver King		14
Noble Five		59
Red Fox		103
Antoine		15
Queen Bess		1199
Monitor		480
Corinth		81
Bondholder	3	26
Rambler		1008
Surprise		20
Kaslo Group		10
Chanleau		15
Speculator		10
Ajax		10
Soho		60
Emily Edith		40
Phoenix		25
Alpha		40
V. & M.		20
Marion		22
Ruby		1
Esmeralda		5
Hampton	6	2
Capella		32
Fourth of July		1
Tamarac		5
Mary Durham		5
Total tons	798	20 813

RESUME OF ROSSLAND TROUBLE.

With the retirement of Managers MacDonald and Kadish of the Le Roi mine and Northport smelter, it is conceded on all sides that the labor trouble in Rossland will quickly be adjusted. Indeed, according to reports from that camp, union men are going back to work daily, and soon the strike will be ended. It has been difficult to get an unbiased statement of the exact cause of the strike that has so long kept that camp in turmoil, as both sides naturally colored the reports to suit their case The press of Rossland, while no doubt attempting to be fair, took sides on the question and magnified things to such an extent that their reliability was open to question. In the Engineering & Mining Journal of New York, its Rossland correspondent presents a fair resume of the case from an absolutely disinterested point of view, and as such it is of interest. He says, of the Le Roi company:

"Before the company took over its mining property the engineers reporting on it based their estimates for returns on the capital invested in the purchase price, on the output of the mines from the employees working 10 hours per day, the 10 hour day being that established in the United States for the preceding [illegible] years and in the Province of British Columbia since quartz mining was commenced The standard scale of wages in the Rossland camp never exceeded $3.50 per day for miners and $2.50 per day for muckers, except for shaft work.

"Up to the time of the purchase of this property the government tax was 1 per cent on the gross value of the output The tax, however, was cancelled at the later session of parliament. Following the abolition of the government tax parliament enacted what is known as the Eight-Hour law, which reduced the hours of labor from the standard of 10 hours per day to 8 hours per day, in consequence of which the output of the mine, per day's work, was reduced proportionately.

"The companies operating in Rossland, however, including the Le Roi, continued to pay the miners the same wages for the 8-hour day that they formerly paid for the 10-hour day, making careful compilations of the extra cost entailed thereby. The additional cost which the 8 hour system entailed for the same amount of ore produced by the 10 hour system, which was 285 tons per day, was found to equal $100 000 per annum in round figures.

"Up to this time the carpenters at the mine worked 10 hours per day, for which they received $3.50. The Carpenters' Union then made a demand on the company that they should be given the same wages for a 9-hour day. This was conceded by the company.

"Later the Miners' Union demanded that the companies abolish the contract system, and insisted that the standard scale of wages be paid for 8 hours spent in the mines. This demand was also acquiesced in, with the result that during the period following the mine costs kept increasing enormously, until the probability of making any profits on the mining operations had disappeared

"The companies became alarmed and began to consider what could be done to make their mining operations profitable. Two plans suggested themselves:

"(1) A reduction of wages proportionate to the reduction of hours brought about by the Eight-Hour law.

(2) The operation of the mine under the contract system

"The companies were opposed to the reduction of wages, and adopted the contract system, basing the estimates for contract work on the standard scale of wages. It was then announced to the miners that the mines would be operated henceforth on the contract system as far as would be convenient to do so. This the Miners' Union opposed, and declared a strike. After the mines were closed down 66 days (February 8th to April 16th, 1900) the Miners' Union agreed to accept the company's proposition and allow its members to return to work.

"From that time until July 12th, 1801, a period of over 14 months, the mines were operated under the contract system, the contractors making considerably more than the standard scale of wages, and doing cheaper work for the company.

"To assist in making the Le Roi mine produce a reasonable return on the capital invested, it was found that there would have to be a much larger output from the mines and the capacity of the smelting plant correspondingly increased. To accomplish this, an expenditure of over $350,000 was made in the installation of mine machinery and the sinking of a 5-compartment shaft At the same time the smelting capacity was increased from an average of 300 tons to 1,500 tons per day. This was accomplished at the cost of approximately $200,000, making the total aggregate cost for machinery betterments about $550,000.

"After this additional expenditure, made necessary by the operation of the Eight-Hour law and the doubling of the government tax, the company expected that it would be in shape to realize suitable return on the capital invested. These additions to the mine and smelter were about completed when the Miners' Union made the following demands:

"(a) That muckers' (carmen, shovelers and common labor) wages be increased from $2.50 to $3 per day.

"(b) That the hours of labor for carpenters be reduced to 8 hours per day without any reduction of wages

"(c) That the hours of labor for blacksmiths and helpers be reduced 1 hour a day without any reduction in wages, at the same time demanding an increase of 50c per day for the blacksmiths' helpers

"(d) That the secretary of the Union be permitted free access to the company's property to search the members' [illegible] employed.

"(e) That the company concede the demands of the Northport Mill and Smeltermen's Union for the reinstatement of discharged men

"The strike was ordered before these demands were submitted to the manager

"The directors were chagrined at this unreasonable action of the Miners' Union After full consideration of the conditions affecting the operations of the Le Roi mine since its acquisition by the company, as set forth in the above resume, and in the interests of the shareholders, who have so far not received one cent of profit from their huge investment of capital, the directors have decided that they cannot accede to the demands of the Union.

Greater Development

Other Camps Show a Marked Increase in the Number of Properties Working.

IN THE LARDEAU.

The Eagle says Ferguson is growing It is equipped with private waterworks, has a bank, an electric light system is being installed, the railway is making direct for Ferguson mines, and a smelter plant on the townsite is among the probabilities for this winter.

Will some kind person inform us the difference between buying scab-made goods from eastern sweat-shops and scab-made goods in western retail stores? If the purchaser demanded the union label from both it would be a step in the right direction.

Work on the Beatrice mine in the Lardeau, the two-thirds interest in which was bonded recently from the Boucher Brothers, is now well under way. A force of ten men are now at work driving a 500-foot tunnel which is calculated to tap the ledge at that depth. The lessees of the property expect to ship 500 tons of ore this winter.

M. B. Webber and associates have, at the instance of their representatives here, thrown up their $30,000 bond on the I. X. L. group at the head of Brown creek, after spending $3,000 in development A fine chute of ore was run through while drifting in on the ledge when only ten feet underground, but further development was deemed unwarrantable by the bond holders. The men employed on the property came down the hill on Saturday, and the supplies have been packed over to the Black Warrior, where the same syndicate will now seek fortune.

NEW PLACER DIGGINGS.

Prospectors have recently struck what are said to be rich placer diggings at the headwaters of Horsefly creek, in the Carriboo. Just what the strike will yet amount to it is very hard to say, as very little is known about it Glowing reports, not altogether reliable, have been made. The dirt is said to pay 5 cents to $2 to the pan, and men can make $20 a day. The Ashcroft Journal publishes a letter from Senator Campbell, anent the discovery. He writes from Harper's Camp, and states that a party of his men came in 10 days ago with glowing reports of the district and with a few ounces of gold dust taken from the new diggings. The main creek is a tributary to the Horsefly, and is eight or ten miles beyond where a white man has ever been. They have named the creek Eureka, and Bob Campbell, an old Barkerville miner, who was one of the party, declares it another Williams creek. There is also another creek running into it which is also rich, and this they have named Empire creek. No one claims to know to a certainity of the value of the find, and no one outside of the parties mentioned have ever been on the ground The discoverers returned to the ground at once and others are rushing into it, but the season is too late to permit of much prospecting being done.

WEST FORK MINERAL BELT.

[illegible] is a new camp, but it has only recently come into prominence It is situated in the West Fork mineral belt, near Greenwood, and, according to the West Fork News, it may fairly be claimed that this is the richest camp in British Columbia, containing as it does twelve parallel fissure veins running from east to west of the camp and assaying from $20 to upwards of $1000 in silver and gold. The lower of these assays is the exception and not the rule, for the camp will average more than $100 to the ton in silver and gold. These ledges run from 18 inches, the smallest lead on the Sally group, to 11 feet in width on the Black Diamond There is also a contact lead on the Standard running north and south, 11 feet in width. The camp includes such well-known properties as the Highland Chief, a free gold proposition; the Bell, from which ruby silver is now being taken from a 5-foot lead. The Washington and Idaho, on which a 120-foot shaft has been sunk, and a number of other properties on which only prospect work has been done. The formation is as a rule granite, although the No. 2 lead on the Sally lies between diorite and granite.

SMELTER INDICATIONS.

It is said by those in a position to know that the recent activity of the C. P. R. people with respect to the establishment of a refinery is in no small measure due to the commencement of operations in the Marysville smelter, which, according to the statements of the men interested in this smelter scheme, will keep the C. P. R. people guessing for some time. Already it is intimated that the United States smelter trust is interested in the venture and it would not be surprising if this should prove the case, nor would it be unwelcome, since it could be counted upon as having the effect of stirring up the C.P. R. people.

The present arrangements between the United States lead producers and the smelter trust expires on January 1st, and the outlook is not considered favorable for a renewal of the present arrangement. On the contrary, it looks very much as if there would be a conflict. The present arrangement works to the disadvantage of B. C. mines, so that if it is upset it cannot but work out to their advantage. If the lead producers of the United States start in to fight the smelter trust it is but reasonable to suppose that the trust will do what it can to put the U. S. producers into competition with the lead producers of B. C. and Mexico.

ENCOURAGING REPORT.

Chairman Wethered, chairman of the London & B. C., recently cabled to London: "Enterprise (Ten Mile)—Everything gives me the greatest satisfaction. Fowler's opinion is 'never looked so well as at present.' Hope to start concentration works compressor in about 20 days Whitewater mine is looking well. I can't estimate what is the margin of profit until three months steady working Ruth—Prospects are undoubtedly good."

2000 TONS A DAY.

A. Dick, mining inspector, reports conditions at the Fernie coal mines in magnificent shape, and says that last Saturday the output was 1600 tons, and that the company expects to bring the average daily output to 2000 tons within a short time.

The Lanark mill, at Laurie, has been bought by the Payne. It will be erected upon the K. & S. right-of-way. Water power from Payne creek will drive the machinery. Dynamos will also be put in to furnish the mine with light and power. There is rock enough to keep the mill grinding for three years.

Mat Garrity has a meat ticket at Lemon's hotel in Nelson for the next six months. Mat was gathered in at Sandon

[illegible] Havana and will no doubt have an immense sale all through the mountains.

Warm baths are again popular in the Slocan. John Williams has an unlimited stock of them for sale.

The development of the phosphate fields of Tennessee will be conducted under one great company.

W. W. Warner has sold his bond on the Mountain Con to the original owners.

The Little King cigar is on a tour of the Kootenays.

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

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

R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

THE LEDGE.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1901.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

It really is no light question between Houston and Fletcher.

The lead lining in the silver sky does not grow much brighter.

It does not look so easy in South Africa as it did two years ago.

British Columbia politics assay higher in chaos than anything else.

The cheapest way of running a mine is often the dearest in the end.

Jim Dunsmuir has apparently encountered a horse in the Noble Five.

Vancouver is on the mend. Slot machines have been ordered out of the saloons.

Hell hath no fury like a woman who finds other hairs upon her hubby's coat.

Never use benzine or gasoline when there is a light or fire burning in the room.

Redistribution is sadly needed in this province; also some politicians who are above the dollar line.

The population of the Northwest Territories is about 150,000, principally cow punchers and their friends.

In France the government refused to grant miners an eight-hour day, and a pension of 40 cents a day after 25 years of work.

The Chicago postoffice was recently robbed of $74,000 worth of stamps. Such a calamity will never come to Three Forks.

Advice is one of the cheapest things in the world. Nearly any person will give it to you for the asking, except lawyers and doctors.

A religious sect in New York believe that angels write their communications on typewriters. Many of them do before they leave this earth.

The administration of justice in this province requires a jogger to keep it within the bounds of equity. The press and public opinion can supply one.

There is no truth in the rumor that Teddy Roosevelt will make England quit fighting the Boers. Teddy is fond of big game, but he saveys the limit.

The population of Yale-Cariboo, exclusive of Cariboo riding, is 51,400, nearly three times greater than it was in 1891. This should make a political difference.

Jamaica has decided to admit goods from all countries free of duties. Would it be advisable for Canada to reciprocate by taking off the duty on rum and ginger?

This province is unfortunate in having so many tricksters and incompetent men trying to run the country, principally for their own interests. A clean, honorable and capable government would be as welcome to the people as a morning drink to a dry toper.

In colors, red appeals to the body, blue to the mind, and yellow to the soul. Perhaps this explains why gold holds such a sway in the ways of this world, as well as Paradise.

In Ontario the output of silver shows better results than any other mineral. The reckless manner of conducting gold companies has injured that province in the English market.

Knight & Son, of Lethbridge, have 250,000 acres leased from the Canadian government upon which they graze their herds and flocks. That ranch should be a great place for prodigals.

The Toronto World urges Canada to send more men to South Africa. The editor should take his gun and try it himself, instead of urging others to go up against an ace in the hole, as the Boer war appears from our perch in the mountains.

In England a steel trust is talked of, similar to the one in the United States, except in the lack of water. If this thing keeps up, the common people will soon be forced to fall back upon their trust in God if they would be free from the allied power of capital.

Last week Mrs. Annie Taylor went over Niagara Falls in a barrel and escaped with her life. She must have had Falls over a barrel for this is the first time the feat has been accomplished without fatal results. Other fools will now please come with their barrels.

Mine owners are not satisfied with the prices they have to pay for meat, and some of them talk of running their own shop. It might pay, although mining ore and selling meat are two very different kinds of business. Both require practical knowledge in order to make them profitable.

In New York, 30 years ago, Ed Stokes killed Jim Fisk because they both loved Josie Mansfield. Stokes served four years in jail, and emerged with his hair white as snow. He then opened the finest saloon in America in New York, and everyone who bought a drink in it could look at pictures worth $100,000. Stokes has always been haunted by Fisk's face, and he has never slept in a dark room or been alone at night since he was released from prison. He is now seriously ill, and may soon see Jim in reality.

Eastern editors are evidently not familiar with good cigars judging from the following remarks in the Bobcaygeon Independent: "It is said that the Duke had with him $4000 worth of cigars at 75c each. When the newspaper correspondents who accompanied George come down to their old corncobs and 10-cent 'baccy, they may be excused if they work off a few bits of flowery stuff on the divinity of royalty and the celestial transcendency of Imperialism. Imagine a 75-cent whiff! Phew! And whole boxes of 'em! Say, pass the towel! A faintness steals o'er the senses."

LIFE—WHAT IS IT?

Mrs. Anna Letitia Barbauld was born at Kibworth-Harcourt, Leicestershire, England, June 20, 1743. She was the daughter of Rev. John Aiken, and the wife of Rev. Rochemont Barbauld. She died at Stoke-Newington March 9, 1825.

Life! I know not what thou art,
But know that thou and I must part;
And when, or how, or where we met
I own to me's a secret yet.
But this I know, when thou art fled,
Where'er they lay these limbs, this head.
No clod so valueless shall be,
As all that then remains of me.
O, whither, whither dost thou fly,
Where bend unseen thy trackless course
And in this strange divorce,
Ah, tell where I must seek this compound I.

To the vast ocean of empyreal flame,
From whence thy essence came,
Dost thou thy flight pursue, when freed
From matter's base encumbering weed?
Or dost thou, hid from sight,
Wait, like some spell-bound knight,
Through blank, oblivious years the appointed hour
To break thy trance and reassume thy power?
Yet canst thou, without thought or feeling be?
O, say what thou art, when no more thou'rt thee?

Life! we've been long together
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear—
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not Good Night—but in some brighter clime
Bid me Good Morning.

—A. L. Barbauld.

SHE STOPPED THE SPEAKER

The most loquacious cockatoo in the world used to be owned by a civil servant in a Riverina township, Australia, and as this is, perhaps, the only bird that ever shut up a political "wind-jammer" the Melbourne "Punch" deems its escapade worthy to be put on record. A general election was on, and one of the candidates for the district had engaged a hall wherein to address the electors. There was a great attendance, and the candidate went from the scratch with a rush, but at the end of five minutes was interrupted by a thin, croaking voice, like that of a little devil suffering from whooping-cough, which called from one of the rafters, "Oh, I'm full of this!" The crowd, suddenly discovering the cockatoo on his perch aloft, laughed uproariously. A long string of insults at the crowd came from the rafters. The candidate tried to get going again. "The man's an ass," was the cockatoo's comment, and he jerked it in after every solemn expression of the candidate's opinion. At last the candidate's patience gave way, and, seizing the water-bottle, he hurled it furiously at the intemperate bird. It broke a window, and excited the bird to further efforts. Picking out the candidate, he heaped reproaches and insults upon him. The bird won; finding nothing left to throw, and unable to make any impression on the roaring audience, the politician flung himself from the hall, and the evil bird gave the last touch by calling pleasantly, "So long, so long!" The meeting forthwith carried resolution to the effect that the cockatoo was a fit and proper party to represent that district in Parliament.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Self-respect in ourselves is conceit in others.

The more a man can get engaged the less he will get married.

The man who will let a woman make love to him is the same one who will borrow money from her.

Most women have the same scruples about flirting as they have about chewing caramels and drinking ice cream soda.

Some women can't have any respect for themselves unless they know there is some reason why others shouldn't have any respect for them if they could discover it.

All a man has to do to make a woman believe she inspires him with high ideals is to hold her hand a long time when he is saying good-bye and bend his head low down so she can't see him wink to himself.

Man can put cloves on his breath and disguise the smell of whiskey from his wife, but there is nothing in the world he can put on his tone of voice to disguise the love he has lost for her.

For every ounce of rum that runs out of a bottle into a man's mouth an ounce of brains runs into the bottle out of his head.

Religion is man's earliest and also indirect form of self-knowledge. Man first of all sees his nature as if out of himself before he finds it in himself. His own nature is first contemplated by him as that of another being. What was formerly contemplated and worshipped as God is now perceived to be something human. What was at first religion becomes at a later period idolatry; man is seen to have adored his own nature.—Feuerbach.

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Hensely went West because the girl he was in love with jilted him, out of hand, for a richer fellow, and he was very hard hit. He went West, and was lost to sight, and the places where he had been knew him no more. If any one chanced to mention him to the girl, she smiled the smile of pitying contempt, which is most women's tribute to the memory of a man they have treated abominably, and said, "Poor Dick." She was as mean as she was beautiful—which is not the fairy-tale formula; but she got her punishment in the end—which is.

This is how it came about:

Circumstances and physicians over which she had no control sent the rich man she had married—whose name was Kent—to spend a season on the Pacific Coast. Kent's fancy lighted upon a seaport town, the only objects of interest in which were a break-water, in course of construction, and a spit of land upon which, tourists were assured, the skeletons of dead and gone pirates might yet be dug up. Neither these nor the adjoining shipping village, which only awaited the appropriations of a delinquent Congress to become the Harbor of the Pacific Slope, offered to Mrs. Kent that variety and excitement which alone could make existence palatable to her. So she decided that if there were to be any such, they must come from within herself. Therefore, as the most unlikely thing that she could happen upon, she determined to try what it might be like to lead that which is known as a normal and healthy life—going to bed when the frogs began to sing in the dismal marshes about, and getting up with the sun. "I will take plenty of exercise," she explained to her husband; "I will row for a couple of hours before breakfast, on the lagoon, I think."

She experienced some real enthusiasm about it at this point. Kent did not. He foresaw the disturbance of his own comfort, which was not greatly considered at the best of times, and he tried to discourage her, but without success.

At daybreak she made her way across the strip of land that divided the lagoon and the sea. The hotels and cottages faced the sea, but the lagoon was the inner harbor, and there were upon it only wharves and rickety boat-houses and fishermen's huts. It was not exactly a picturesque outlook, ordinarily, but the sunrise lights cast a sort of glamour over it now. Even the deep, loose sand was cool and tinted, and all traced over with fine cabalistic lines where the lizards had dragged their tails and no one had as yet stepped. Later on, it would be blistering hot and the marsh weeds would give out a choking smell; but this early, their stunted yellow and pink blossoms had a fresh and pungent scent.

She followed a path that led to a rough board shack, standing on stilts over the ebb-tide mud, where a sign advertised that boats were builded and for rent. When she stopped in the small doorway, her figure shut out most of the light, and she could barely discern the man who was moving around inside. He came toward her. Her back was to the low rays of the sun, so her face was in the blackness, and only her form was as glistening white as the Angel of the Apocalypse.

Had he a row-boat, she asked; one not too heavy, and with oars of a moderate sweep? He was taciturn—a 'longshore character, probably—for he did not even answer, only took a pair of spoon-oars from their rack on the wall, and led the way out to the landing-pier. She followed, running against strange shapes of wood, and stumbling over piles of lumber in the gloom. When they were out on the landing, he turned about and faced her suddenly. She was quite close behind him, and she gave a quick start back.

"I thought so," he said, steadily, "I thought the voice was like yours."

He had had that much warning, but she had had none at all, and it might have been a full two seconds before she got control of herself. Then the beauty of the situation and all its possibilities floated upon her suddenly, and she decided that her movement of impulse had been the best she could have made. So she followed it up. She shrank back into the doorway farther still. "Richard!" she said, cowering.

He stood resting upon the oars and scrutinizing her stolidly. He flattered himself that he was calm, not to say cool, but Mrs. Kent had a deeper than surface sight. She knew that he appeared cool for very much the same reason that a circular saw appears still when it is going fast enough. For herself and for the major part of mankind she was a very light scoffer at love; but she was no such fool as not to know that the heart which has truly loved and never forgets does have it existence in the flesh as well as in the lines of Erin's bard. So, summing up the situation with the aid of observations upon his character, made rather exhaustively some five years gone by, she came to the conclusion that, when she should be ready, it would take her perhaps half an hour at the outside to have him at her feet as a tiger is at the feet of a trainer with a whip.

But for the present she let him just stand there, leaning upon the oars and trying to look at her disparagingly. She did not believe that the man lived who could manage much disparagement for the sort of picture of beauty in distress that she made, all in white, from her big, soft shade-hat to her impractical, high-heeled shoes, all of which had been worn because Kent had suggested something sensible and old. So she managed to tremble and raise appealing glances calculated to soften any human heart.

Henesly spoke at last. "You did your work pretty thoroughly while you were about it, you see," he said. "I went to the devil and to bed-rock in something less than a year. Then I married a Portuguese fisher-girl when I was drunk, and she and I are living together in that shanty over there." He nodded in the direction of a little unpainted board shack some fifty yards off among the sands.

Mrs. Kent covered her face with her palms while she gained time to try and think of something as dramatic and concise. But her own appearance did not lend itself to any narrative of the kind. She made a broken murmur, vague with hints of her own deep wretchedness, do instead. Henesly did not answer; only turned on his heel and led the way to the landing-steps.

When he had brought the boat down from the davits and up to the steps, he held out his hand to help her in. She laid her own hand upon it, and he shivered and stiffened under the touch. She had expected that. Her hands had been his dearest delight, of old. They were the hands of a Mona Lisa, of a beauty of the steel-engraving days, and when they touched they clung, like a small child's hands. But they were strong, too. They settled the oars in the locks, and pulled off skillfully. Henesly went back to the boat-house, but he watched her through a space in the boards as she cut off over the opal-hued water.

He was there to help her out when she came back. When she asked if she might use the boat next morning he told her yes. He explained it to himself as being proper pride, and that she should not fancy him afraid. After a day or two he altered the explanation to that it couldn't matter any way, and often that he did not try to explain. He let things go. At this point she lingered, sitting upon the keel of a yawl up for repairs, and talked about herself in hopeless vein. The ensuing steps were talk about himself. He responded fairly easily, and showed her his drawings, his tools, and the new gasoline-engine band-saw which was his especial pride. He taught her how to start the engine up, and to cut along traced lines through the hardest wood with the toothed band of steel.

It was inevitable, thereafter, that they should—having had herself and himself—come to themselves. And when that happened—it was about the tenth day of her "normal and healthy" life—much more did as well. So that when she started to go at last, and stood, beautiful in the midst of all the roughness around, his head went completely, and he caught her hand against his lips and held it there. It was delight and bliss and temporary oblivion to him. It was the success of an experiment to her, and the point beyond which she did not mean to go, for her wisdom was of this world.

But to Maria, Henesly's Portuguese wife—who was under the boat-house, peering up through a knot-hole—it was rage and jealousy of a very savage kind. She had had her suspicions of the woman who came so often and for so long at break of day, and now she was verifying them. As for what they said, the two, she could neither hear nor understand all of that. Her English was limited. But she saw Henesly kissing the shapely hand, and there was nothing incomprehensible about that.

If Henesly had had the slightest idea of what Maria had seen, he would have been justified in being uneasy and in recalling the warning of one of those poets of his better days, anent mute natures which punish you in deeds. For Maria gave no sign at all. She only waited her time. It came very soon. That same night Henesly was called upon to repair the hull of a launch, and he had to be up until long past midnight, working with lanterns, to take advantage of the tide. The consequence was that he overslept himself the next day. Maria, however, did not. She arose early and went out.

When Mrs. Kent came, humming a snatch of song that she knew would be calculated to awaken memories in Henesly, Maria was hidden behind a pile of lumber in the dark corner where the gasoline-engine was, lying in wait, with a big knife up her sleeve. Mrs. Kent had no suspicion of that. She wandered around the boat-house, playing with various things, and finally, as the time grew long, she went over to the corner and amused herself by starting the band-saw up, as Henesly had shown her how to do. The gasoline-engine began to spit and hiss, and the shiny contrivances, whose names she did not know, to clatter and turn. The saw-edged band itself began to whir so very fast that it seemed to be quite still. She held a scrap of wood against it and watched it cut smoothly in two without a jar.

When she looked up she could see Henesly hurry over along the path through the dunes from his shack. She stopped playing with the saw, and stood waiting for him, beginning the strain of song again. Her hand was lying close to the moving band. Maria raised herself up in the shadow, and looked at it. It was so white, so small, so near the turning saw. It was the same hand that Henesly had kissed the day before.

The whir of the machinery was in Mrs. Kent's ears. The light of the low rays falling through the open door was in her eyes. She did not hear the boards behind her creak. She did not see that some one was coming nearer and nearer, with hot eyes watching that white and careless hand.

The engine was spitting and clattering unconcernedly when Henesly stepped into the place, and in the gloomy corner near it, something white and huddled was on the floor. It was a woman's figure fallen on the face and with arms thrown out. On the end of one arm there was a hand. On that of the other—there was none.

Mrs. Kent's tale, to Henesly and to her husband, was never quite clear. Perhaps she had moved; perhaps she had swayed; perhaps some one had pushed her arm against the saw. She had thought that some one had gone past her, just as she reeled and fell—and, besides, the hand, cut clean at the wrist, was gone.

And Maria, too, was gone. Henesly never saw her again. But that night as he sat alone in his cabin, his head dropped on his folded arms, a voice came in at the window above his head—came with the croaking song of the frogs in the swamp outside and with the drifts of the thick, gray fog.

"Kess it," it said from vacancy, almost in his ear; "kess it, ef you like to, now." And something fell on the table near his forehead, with a thud. He groped and touched it. It was soft and cold. He felt it over. It was a small, stiff hand.

—Gwendolen Overton.

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 provisions 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."

Dated at New Denver, B. C., this 3rd day of October, 1901. FRANK E. CLUTE

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 three 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.

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 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 account of your interests in the Black Horse mineral claim. The above-mentioned sum is your proportion of 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 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-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 account of your interests in the Fedora mineral claim. The above mentioned $102.50 is your proportion of 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 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."

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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 58891, 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.

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 42010, 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. B59000, as agent for the Ruth Mines, Limited, free miner's certificate No. B50856, 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.

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 & Senkler, acting as agent for the Adams British Columbia Mining Company; free miner's certificate No. 16855, 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 Plugston 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 B62252, 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 38026, 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.

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 White Horse No. 4 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 account of your interests in the White Horse No. 4 mineral claim. The above-mentioned $102.50 is your proportion of 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 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 WILLIAM MURRAY BOTSFORD, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Joker Fraction Mineral Claim, situate on Cody Mountain in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended $205 in labor and materials on the Joker Fraction Mineral Claim aforesaid. The above-mentioned sum was the necessary amount required to be expended on the said mineral claim in order to hold same under the provisions of the Mineral Act, for the two years ending the fifth day of October, 1901.

And if within 90 days from this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, 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 Vancouver, this 3rd day of October 1901. J. MACQUILLAN.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER

To WILLIAM MURRAY BOTSFORD, or to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Cody Fraction Mineral Claim, situate on Cody Mountain in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended $205 in labor and materials on the Cody Fraction Mineral Claim aforesaid. The above mentioned sum was the necessary amount required to be expended on the said mineral claim in order to hold same under the provisions of the Mineral Act for the two years ending the 5th day of August, 1901.

And if within 90 days from this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, 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 Vancouver, this 3d day of October, A. D. 1901. J. MACQUILLAN.

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SILVER LEAF Mineral Claim.

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TAKE NOTICE, That I, Albert E. Ashcroft, Provincial Land Surveyor, as agent for Ernest C. Britton, F. M. C. No. B45993, and Joshua Fletcher, F. M. C. No. B45994, 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 August, A. D 1901. ALBERT E. ASHCROFT, P. L. S.

BENBOW, TRIUMPH, TOM BOWLING, BIG KANAWHA, SEATON FRACTION, TRIUMPH FRACTION and BENDIGO FRACTION Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Near the Elgin mineral claim, south of Sandon.

TAKE NOTICE That I, W. S. Drewry, acting as agent for Nellie Hickey, F. M. C. No. 38024, and Wm. C. Yawkey, F. M. C. No. 37951, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates 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 certificates of improvements.

Dated this 19th day of September, A. D., 1901. W. S. DREWRY.

HANDY and HARDSKRACPELL Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About two miles up Carpenter Creek from Three Forks on the south side of creek.

TAKE NOTICE That I, George Marr, of McGuigan, free miner's certificate No. B 52136, 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 10th day of September, A. D. 1901

MINNIE HA-HA, EVENING, JENNIE, VIOLET and VIOLET FRACTION Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Tributary Creek, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE That I, E. M. Sandilands, Cft. No. B 52342, acting as agent for P. Burns, Cft. No. B 50522, and D. D. Mann, Cft. No. A 8654, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants 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 28th day of August, A.D., 1901. E. M. SANDILANDS.

RETURN Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: West of the Sapphire, on Payne Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Herbert T. Twigg, as agent for the Payne Consolidated Mining Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 52375, 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 5th day of September, A. D. 1901. HERBERT T. TWIGG.

TRAMP PLANET FRACTIONAL Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Payne Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Arthur S. Farwell, Free Miner's Certificate No B 50153, 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 section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 29th day of August, A. D. 1901.

9-5-01 A. S. FARWELL.

CENTRAL, RED FOX and RED FOX FRACTION Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division on West Kootenay District. Where located: Surprise Basin and Johns the Surprise on the south.

TAKE NOTICE that I, G. H. Aylard, agent for John A. Finch, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 52212, George R. Henderson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 52625, Cornelius M Gething, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 53826, Free Miner's Certificate No. 52471, 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 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 September, A. D. 1901.

TONIC FRACTION Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Payne Mountain, adjoining "Silver Reef," "Carbonate King" and "Sapphire" Mineral Claims.

TAKE NOTICE That I, P. M. Hayes, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 52356, acting as agent for F. H. Wilson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 38045, 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 23rd day of August, 1901 P. M. HAYES.

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For two years England has endured one of the heaviest financial strains in her history. The first year of the war in South Africa was not felt as a strain upon the nation, for, although the expenditures for materials of war were enormous, the exchequer was flush and the nation was blind to the cost in confident anticipation of an easy victory and the early acquisition of more valuable territory. But after the first year of fighting, and no apparent good having been accomplished, the people began to count the cost and the strain was felt. Since then the cost has continued to grow until, instead of being $50,000,000, the first estimated cost of the war, it has actually passed the $700,000,000, and there is still little or no prospect of peace. A dispatch from London says that evidences are accumulating on all hands of a great wave of pubtic alarm at the incalculable danger to the empire arising from the paralysis which has overtaken England in her attempt to subdue or exterminate the Boers. And there is fierce public indignation at the inconceivable levity and ignorance with which the enterprise was begun and the criminal stupidity with which it has been conducted. The opening of the third year's campaign is signalized by the publication in both the jingo and anti-war press of retrospects of the government's war, the record fully justifying the gloomiest apprehensions.

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Paul Kruger may not be a prophet, but he has a wise old head. When he made his historic pledge to the world that the price England would have to pay would stagger humanity, he was laughed at. But he evidently knew what he was talking about. He was "on the ground," so to speak. Since then the price has been $700,000,000, besides 18,000 lives, the aggregate of casualties being 75,000. And such men as Winston Churchill say the situation in South Africa is worse today than it was two years ago. In September, 1900, Lord Roberts declared the war was over. Of course everybody knew he was jollying the people in order to make votes for the war party. Eight thousand lives have been lost since then, besides 27,000 other casualties, and $350,000,000. "Bobs" is the pride of England, but he's no prophet. Two months ago Lord Kitchener proclaimed the war ended. But the English reverses since then do not indicate a very large strata of peace over there, and it would not be surprising that when "the Iron Hand" gets tired writing proclamations he will conclude that his pedal extremities are not built for walking upon the water, and when his present plan of campaign fails he will be Bullerized by the war office.

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The retirement of General Buller is one of the meanest acts of the war office. Two years ago this man was lionized by all England. Through the stupidity of the war department he was sent up against one of the hardest propositions an army ever tackled. With 45,000 men he went to South Africa to clean up the Dutch in three months. He failed. Six or eight months later, Lord Roberts and General Kitchener were given an army of 220,000 to take up the job where Buller left off. With the experience of the early reverses to British arms to profit by, and not hampered by the want of anything that the war office could give; these great army generals have been at it 18 months, and the end is still out of sight. Both Lord Roberts and General Kitchener have been elevated for services rendered, yet neither served the nation better than General Buller. There is this difference, Buller thinks aloud, while Roberts and Kitchener do their thinking under the censor.

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For the past month or more the Schley inquiry has been held in Washington, and pages have been daily utilized in the city press in giving the testimony of the witnesses. So far nothing has been proven for or against Commodore Schley that was not known by the public many months ago. Schley commanded the American fleet that destroyed the Spanish fleet in Santiago bay when the Spanish-American war was on. He made a good job of it, as everybody knows. A fellow by the name of Sampson was somewhere on the ocean thirty miles away, and didn't get to the scene of action until it was over. This wasn't his fault. But when the story of the engagement was put [illegible] of Sampson, many nasty things were said about Schley, and Schley demanded an investigation. The testimony runs into detail, something like this: "You saw the goose picked?" "I saw the [illegible] the picking?" "Schley ordered the picking." "Port end to?" "Port end to." "Did Schley say 'port end to?'" "Schley said 'port end to'." "Did Schley mean 'port end to?'" "Schley meant 'port end to'." "Was Schley capable of knowing what he meant?" "Schley knew what he meant." "If Schley said 'port end to', when he meant 'port end to', and you heard him say 'port end to', and know he meant 'port end to' when he meant to say 'port end to', and saw the goose picked 'port end to', which end was picked first, and if the port end was picked first, how would it have been picked if it had been picked from the other end?" "Port end to."

It is an old remark that, as men are, such they paint their gods; and as in themselves the passionate or demoniac nature long preponderated, so the gods they worshipped were demons like themselves, jealous, capricious, exacting, revengeful—the figures which fill the old mythologies and appear partly in the Old Testament.—Froude.

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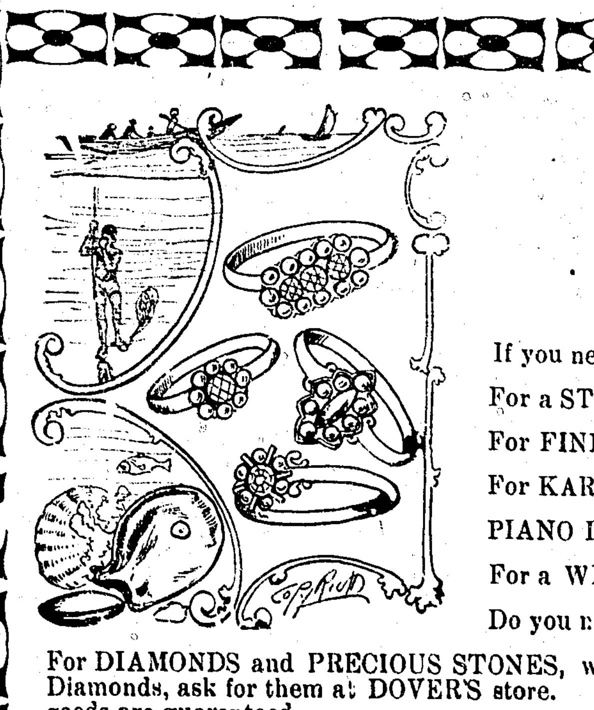
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