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From the Lake Towns

The Poplar Nugget will be issued in a few days.

Jack Smith has returned to the Slocan from Nome.

Rawhiding of ore from the Comstock will be started next week.

Our annual November zero weather is with us—on schedule time

Seven cars of Wakefield ore were shipped from Silverton this week.

The license commissioners will meet at New Denver on the 15th of December.

Mrs. J C Harris will leave in a few days for England She will spend the winter there.

Julius Wolf has resigned his position in the bank, and has gone to Ten Mile to keep books for Wm. Koch.

Jack Kinman received $87.80 smelter returns on 10 sacks of ore recently shipped from the U & I. Ten Mile.

Preparations for the annual Christmas tree service are under way. It will be held as usual on Xmas eve, in Bosun Hall.

Services will be held in S. Stephen's church on Sunday next. Matins and litany at 11 o'clock. Evensong at 7:3o Rev. C. Arthur Mount, Vicar.

The K. of P. "at home" has be n changed into a ball to accommodate the dancing public. It will be held on Nov. 26, the American Thanksgiving.

After months of continuous hard work, ore has been encountered in the Ottawa. The ore body is 14 inches thick, of high grade, flaked with native silver.

Wm. Koch is endeavoring to get a lease on the Fisher Maiden. The inauguration of the leasing system in the Slocan is going to be the making of the camp.

Andy Tunks and partners are getting some of the richest ore ever mined in the camp in their new workings on the Mollie Hughes, and the payshoot is from three to six inches thick.

Thos Avison is fast recovering from the serious injuries received in the dynamite explosion at the Mollie Hughes some time ago. He is able to walk about, but will not leave the hospital for some time.

William Mitchell, of McKillop, Huron, Ontario, uncle of our townsman, W. D. Mitchell, now on a tour to Vancouver and the coast, took a side run over from Nelson on the King's birthday to make a short call on his nephew and Amos Thompson. He had only one night to stay and took an early morning walk up the Silver mountain wagon road to see the Sinfi and the surrounding scenery.

DELINQUENT TAX SALE.

The provincial governmen is hard up. All work on roads, bridges, etc., has been stopped, and there is not any reason to hope that work will be resumed for some months

In order to raise revenue for current expenses, the government has ordered the sale of real and personal property for delinquent taxes. There is reason to believe that the government is acting without law, and the probability is that the advertised tax sale will have to be declared off.

The Act relating to taxes on property says that "all taxes on real property, personal property and income, which became due on the 2d day of January in each year, remaining unpaid on the following 31st day of December shall be deemed to be delinquent on the said 31st day of December."

The Act further says: "All taxes unpaid on the 31st day of December, 1902, are hereby declared delinquent, and shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per centum per annum from that date until paid or recovered, * * * and if such delinquent taxes remain unpaid at the 15th day of June, 1903, the lands of the persons liable theretor shall be exposed for sale on a day to be fixed by the Minister of Finance, NOT LATER THAN THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1903, and no notice need be given except by publication in the Gazette and a newspaper, as hereinafter provided."

Under this Act the sale now being advertised is illegal. It is two months late.

SKIP VERSUS CAGE.

A well known Canadian mining engineer writes as follows his view on skips versus cages: "For vertical shafts where the vein is perpendicular, or nearly so, it is only fair to admit that the well known mining cage has done good work, but wherever it is possible to use a skip or skip car I always prefer it to the cage. Within the last few years the skip system has gained much favor and has been introduced pretty well throughout all the large mines of Butte, Mont, as well as South Africa, both for vertical and incline shafts. It stands to reason that where a large amount of material has to be handled from several levels and from a considerable depth, a single deck cage with from for one one-ton car only is quite insufficient, and two, three or even four deck cages will have to be employed to do the work. In such cases the combined dead weight of cages and cars becomes both enormous and impracticable. I remember two well known mines in Butte where four-deck cages were used until a five ton vertical skip was introduced Each deck was carrying a one ton ore car, and the combined weight of the four cages and the four empty ore cars aggregated 9,600 pounds, or 2,400 pounds of steel per ton of material hoisted, while a five ton vertical skip that was put in later on only weighed 5,000 pounds, being equal to 1,000 pounds of steel to one ton of material hoisted. Where good fuel is expensive and several thousand tons of material are hoisted every day, as is done in the above case, the amount saved in coal represents a very handsome yearly dividend The same rule applies to a smaller hoisting plant. The weight of a standard mining cage is about 1,200 pounds and a 16 cubic foot standard ore car weighs about 800 pounds, making a total of 2,000 pounds, while a one-ton skip car with safety clutches will not exceed 1600 pounds If 200 trips are made during 24 hours, the extra dead weight would amount to 50 tons, or 25 per cent of the hoisting capacity. To make the skip system a success it is necessary to have bins or ore pockets cut out at each station in the mine, so as to receive the ore or waste made during each shift. When the car man has emptied his car into the ore pocket he returns to the chute to refill it. Any time during the shift the pockets are emptied, and it will then require a man at the bin gate to fill the skip and prevent the spilling of material down the shaft. This last feature was solved in vertical shaft propositions when the pneumatic ore bin gate was introduced in Butte, as it enables the operator to shut off the ore stream within a second, or, in other words, when the skip is loaded. In addition to the pockets at each level, a storage bin will be required at the top landing. Depending upon the ingenuity of the engineer in charge. It will readily be seen from the above that by the skip system economy in labor is possible and the proverbial "waiting for the cage" is done away with. The skip is equally as convenient for handling men and material down to the mine and is safer than a cage."

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1602 was, approximately, 30,000 tons Since January 1 to Nov. 14, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week.	Total
American Boy	21	750
Antoine		210
Arlington		43
Alberta		7
Black Prince		12
Bondholder		6
Bosun		1057
Blue Bird		52
Cripple Stick		9
Dayton		12
Dolly Varden		20
Empress		20
Enterprise		755
Fisher Maiden		280
Hartney		42
Hamilton		4
Hampton		5
Highland Light		2
Idaho	20	420
Ivanhoe	45	800
Jackson		57
Last Chance	20	20
Lucky Jim		103
Mercury		125
Monitor	20	710
Mountain Con		20
Meteor		52
Nansen		2
Ottawa		125
Payne	64	1926
Queen Bess		201
Rambler		1118
Reco		151
Republic		70
Ruth		725
Rio		9
Red Fox		118
Rouse		26
Slocan Star	23	2132
Slocan Boy		12
Silver Glance		52
Sunset		41
Surprise		5
Vancouver		26
Wakefield	140	180
Wonderful		23
Total tons	353	13,245

FIRE AT ROSSLAND.

Rossland has been suffering severely of late from fires. It is only a few weeks since that a number of incendiary fires very nearly resulted in a disastrous blaze, and again last Friday night fire did damage to the extent of $15,000. There is about $10,000 insurance. The first alarm was turned in about midnight, fire being discovered by Cecil Bogart. The fire proved to be at the rear of Daniel & McArthur's premises, and after a short but stiff fight it was subdued. Daniel & McArthur's stock of paints and paper was valued at $3,500, with $2,000 insurance.

J. T. Kelly, the Three Forks general merchant, has a nice steady business, and attends to it in a nice steady way.

GOLD AND SILVER PRODUCTION.

Following is the director of the mint's report of the production of gold and silver of the United States for 1902. In *estimating the silver output the coinage* value is given:

	Gold.	Silver.
Alabama	$ 2,500	$ 129
Alaska	8,345,900	118,950
Arizona	4,112,800	2,934,518
California	16,792,100	1,164,671
Colorado	28,467,700	20,267,960
Georgia	97,800	5,515
Idaho	1,457,000	7,569,842
Maryland	2,500	257
Michigan	......	......
Montana	4,437,600	17,123,297
Nevada	2,895,300	4,843,572
New Mexico	531,181	591,137
N'th Carolina	90,700	27,022
Oregon	1,816,700	120,680
S'th Carolina	121,900	868
South Dakota	6,965,400	439,855
Tennessee	......	15,908
Texas	......	576,905
Utah	3 594,500	14,004,622
Virginia	3,100	7,629
Washington	272,200	800,323
Wyoming	38,800	6,484
Totals	$80,000,000	$71,757,575

The number of fine ounces of gold is given as 3,870,000 and of silver as 55,500,000 This is an increase of 64,500 oz. of gold as compared with 1901, and an increase of 286,000 ounces of silver. The total value of the silver produced is $29-415,000 as against $71,757,575, its coinage value. The estimate of the director of the mint of the world's production of gold and silver for the calendar year is; Gold, total value, $295,889,000; silver, coinage value, $215,861,800.

Following are figures for some of the leading countries.

	Gold.	Silver.
United States	$80,000,000	$71,757,575
Mexico	10,153,100	77,804,100
Canada	20,741,200	5,564,500
Africa	39 023,700	......
Australia	81,578 800	10 377 100
Russia	22,583,400	205,200
Austria-Hungary	2,171,300	2,432,200
Italy	5,300	1,246,800
Spain	10,200	4,784,100
Greece	...	1,499,500
Bolivia	4,700	10,897,600
Chili	575,200	4,611,600
Columbia	2,532,600	2,297,000
Brazil	9,991,600	......
Guiana (British)	1,808,600	......
Guiana (French)	2,420 200	......
Peru	2,326,100	5 313,700
Central America	2,001,900	1,255,800
Japan	1,287,000	505,000
China	8,731,800	......
Corea	3,500,000	......
British India	9 588,100	......
British East Indies	1,027 000	......

As compared with 1901, these figures show an increase in the production of gold of 1,572,914 ounces and a decrease of 8,015,931 ounces in the production of silver. During the year Africa increased her gold production to 439,704 ounces to 1 887,773 ounces Australia increased her gold production to $81,578,000, which is over a million and a half dollars in excess of the production of the United States, which again takes second place.

GREAT TUNNEL IN ALPS.

Recent dispatches have suggested the probability that work upon the Simploon tunnel in the Alps would be abandoned because the hot springs encountered made the heat so great that it could not be borne. The difficulies, however, have been solved

For a distance of six and a quarter miles the mountain has been penetrated on the north and for four and a half miles on the south side, leaving one and a half miles to complete it. A juncture will be effected in May or June of next year with a maximum of error in direction of seven or eight inches.

Owing to the great height of the mountains above the tunnel, the pressure is great, and the temperature of the rocks and springs is correspondingly high. The greatest heat encountered was 133F. It is now 126. This temperature, with water falling upon the workmen, would injure them, but this heat has been reduced by diluting the air with cold from hydraulic mains To cool the air a large volume of fresh air, the temperature of which has been reduced by means of a high pressure water spray, is sent up to the working face of the tunnel, where it is perfectly cool and fresh in contrast with the foulness and oppressiveness usual in other tunnels.

There is no sickness among the workmen A Brandt drill immediately suppresses the dust There has not been a single case of miners' pthisis, although 3000 men have been working for five years

THE SCHUBERTS COMING.

The K. of P. lodge is always on the lookout for good things. The members like to bring to New Denver what is first-class and will please. They have secured for Dec 8th an engagement of the Schubert Symphony Club and Quartette, a musical organization of the highest rank. This company gives a program of the greatest variety, consisting of lady quartettes, mandolin and guitar club, string, violin and vocal solos, amusing readings. In Schubert's we will get a musical entertainment that is enjoyable from first to last—not a long, dull classical affair but a bright, interesting program of music's choicest gems

B. C. MUST RETRENCH.

Toronto News: Mr Byron E. Walker, general manager of the Bank of Commerce, stated to the News this morning that it was possible a mistaken impression might get abroad with regard to the relations between his bank and the government of British Columbia.

"We are most anxious," said he, "that the province should find a solution of its difficulties, and it is far from our desire to in any way embarrass the government. Indeed, any steps we have taken have been with a view to assisting the administration in putting its affairs on a rational basis. As a matter of fact, the province has been lavishly spending money in the past, without taking the trouble to consider where the money was to come from. *Its affairs have been so badly administered by the recent administration that* it will be necessary for the McBride government when it meets the house to submit a measure of general retrenchment. Any steps we have taken have been with a view to helping the government to convince the legislature of such a step. Financiers are hoping that the liberal newspapers of British Columbia, or the decent ones, at least, will support the government in an honest and rational effort to set in order the financial conditions of the province. Perhaps, it is well to remind the public in general that the financial difficulties of a government in British Columbia are much greater than in any other province of Canada. They have an enormous and mountainous tract to administer and develop, with few of the means for raising revenue that the older provinces possess. This fact makes it all the more necessary that a serious and rational effort at retrenchment be made."

KILLED BRUIN WITH STONES.

There have been not a few strange encounters with bears in this provine, but Jack Hurst, an East Kootenay rancher, holds the record. He pounded the life out of a big brown fellow with rocks. He preferred nature's ammunition to a shot gun which, while useful to get down birds, was not a shining example in how to kill a bear. The shot gun, however, was of great value in what may be called the preliminaries. It was at Wilmer that Hurst went after the birds, armed with only a double barreled shot gun. He was not expecting bigger game. Suddenly a big bear rose from the bushes within a few yards of him. No bear ever put Hurst to flight. He is an old Wyoming hunter and knows not fear, so he immediately put two shots in the side of bruin's head, blinding one eye. Bruin chased Jack, but as the latter ran he reloaded, and, turning again on the bear, shot him through the mouth, knocking out several teeth Another shot in the head put bruin on his knees, and then Jack dropped his gun and with *continuous throwing of rocks finally* succeeded in pelting the life out of the bear When the corpse was examined it was found that the skull was cracked open, some teeth gone and two just hanging, and shots were flattened out all over the side of the head. It was hard work for two men to lift the dead bear onto a horse to pack it home.

SEEKING ADVICE.

Giving advice as to mining investments is rather a hazardous proposition, for the reason that, no matter how honestly tendered, such advice may prove false, the stock purchased decline in value, or the mine bought outright may turn into an unexpected failure, says the *Cœur d'Alene Mining Record*. Science has done much toward establishing the fact that the element of risk connected with mining investments is scarcely, if any, greater than attaches to any other kind or form of investment. All must admit that every business project involves an element of speculative risk. If the opposite were true, not a failure would have marred the pages of human history since the time King Solomon began the pursuit of the precious metals on an extensive scale.

WHERE TO GET WHAT YOU WANT.

If you must buy wine, look at the goods in the Kootenay at Sandon.

D. J. Robertson & Co., of Nelson, carry the finest stock of furniture in the country and do the trade of Kootenay.

Capitalists can procure a working bond upon an excellent silver property by sending their address to box 452, Nelson, B. C.

Mrs. Williams has just received a stock of dry goods and ladies' furnishings. Her stock of hand made confectionery has no equal in the Slocan.

Sandon News Croppings

The Last Chance is adding to its force.

Byron N White came in to Sandon yesterday.

Shipments will start from the Reco in a week or so.

Wm Davidson left for the coast Tuesday morning.

Willie Eccles left Monday morning for Westfield, N B.

Jack Gusty is a shut-in this week. Tonsilitis is the ailment.

Chas Richardson is confined to the hospital with the grippe.

Work on the Mountain Con has been suspended for the winter.

The winter of Sandon's discontent has arrived The sunshine hits only the high places.

Mr and Mrs. M. L. Grimmett left on Saturday for the coast cities, to be absent some time.

F. J. Donaldson is displaying a big assortment of chest protectors—cold weather warmers.

The force at the Rouse fraction was laid off this week, the property closing down for the winter season.

R. L. McBride, lately of Rossland, has taken partial charge of H. Byers & Co. hardware store in Sandon.

The Mercury closed down this week for the winter Robt. Cunning will spend the cold season in California.

Work has started on the Metlakatla and Bimetallic, near Whitewater, under the management of M. J. Mahoney

Geo Smith has returned from the coast, and Cliff Seal came in Tuesday from a visit with the old folks in Ontario.

There is only one way of accounting for the great demand for the beer brewed at the Sandon Brewery—its quality.

Everybody in Sandon has bought a ticket for the Cosgrove concert to be given under the auspices of the school children.

Geo. Clark, the genial hotel favorite, has leased the Sandon Hotel from Robt. Cunning, the old pioneer of the open house in Sandon.

Messrs. Radcliff, Welch and Cameron have taken a lease on the Bachelor group, situated near Three Forks and owned by Geo. Petty

Sandon Curling club will give its annual ball in the Auditorium next Thursday evening, Nov. 26 It is going to be made a grand affair.

Jack Cadden, the old reliable C. P. R. engineer, the only man who can drive an engine into Sandon over the N & S. line on time, is erecting a cottage at the Three Forks station.

A. B. Knowles, the patentee of the zinc separator that has been installed at the Payne, has spent the past week at the mine, operating and explaining the machine for the company.

Hugh Niven is making some great improvements to the Hotel Slocan at Three Forks. When passing through the burg you will enjoy spending an hour or two with the pioneer Three Forkers

Geo. Waite had a horse fall on the trail while packing ore from the Mercury the past week, and it was badly cut on a snag. Dr. Gomm was importuned to attend its injuries, and he sewed it up.

An effort is being made to organize two curling rinks in New Denver and one in Silverton to enter in the winter sports with the Sandon rinks. At the meeting held last week the Sandon rink club re-elected N C Cavanaugh president, A E Hall vice-president and C. F Lyons secretary, with Fred Ritchie assistant secretary Sandon is preparing on a large scale for interesting winter sports

Under the newly-born train service the postmasters have received the following notice: "The train service between Nakusp and Rosebery will be reduced to tri-weekly, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The train service between Rosebery and Sandon will remain daily except Sunday, so that the baggage to and from Sandon from Slocan lake points will remain as at present. You will exchange with Revelstoke and Calgary and Vancouver points, however, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only Matter for those points to be forwarded ... on Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

SMELTER EARNINGS.

It is said that the earnings of the American Smelting & Refining company are at a rate approximating $750,000 per month, or $9,000,000 per annum. At this rate the company is earning *about 11 per cent on its common stock* Silver has advanced 13 cents per ounce *in the last eight months*, which increased the value of the metal on hand. The company has now between $18,000,000 and $20,000,000 working capital, of which $6,000,000 is in cash. The company has outstanding $50,000,000 each of common and preferred stock and a trifling quantity of bonds. The stock, including the preferred, is held by about 4,100 stockholders. It has been supposed that there was a "pool" in it of a speculative nature, but this is denied. What is true is that 100,000 shares of common stock are held as a species of pool by the interests dominant in the management under an agreement not to sell separately. The management interests hold common stock in greater quantity than they do the preferred stock, and it is understood that they believe that time will show it to be at least of equal value.—Chicago Mining World.

NEW TIME TABLE.

After vainly trying to catch up with its old time table the C P. R. has thrown up the sponge, and has adopted a new schedule over the N. & S branch Commencing this week, the train which heretofore ran daily except Sunday between Sandon and Nakusp will run three days a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, leaving Sandon 8:15 a. m. and arriving at Nakusp at 11:40 a. m., returning will leave Nakusp at 1:05 p. m., arriving at Sandon at 4:35 p. m. There is no change in the time of the train leaving and arriving at Nelson. Following is the new winter schedule:

Read Down			Read Up	
Mon Wed Fri	Tues Thur Sat		Tues Thur Sat	Mon Wed Fri
8.15	8.15	Lv Sandon Ar.	16.35	17.15
8.50	8.50	Three Forks	15.50	16.30
8.55	8.55	Alamo	15.45	16.25
9.10	9.10	Denver Can'n	15.29	16.05
9.30	9.30	Ar Rosebery Lv	15.00	15.38
9.15	9.15	Lv Nelson Ar	15.40	15.40
11.40	11.40	Ar Rosebery Lv	10.00	10.00
	10.00	Lv Hills Ar	11.30	
	10.52	Summit	13.50	
	11.40	Ar Nakusp Lv	13.05	

SILVER-LEAD QUOTATIONS.

Nov.11 Silver, 56½ Lead, £11 1s3d
Nov.12 Silver, 57¼ Lead, £11 1s3d
Nov.13 Silver, 57⅞ Lead, £11 1s3d
Nov.14 Silver, 58¼ Lead, £11 1s3d
Nov.16 Silver, 58⅞ Lead, £11 1s3d
Nov.17 Silver, 58⅞ Lead, £11 1s3d

In the Elmore oil concentration process adopted at Rossland, the ore first passes to a grizzly, where the smaller pieces are directed to a No. 2 crusher and the larger to a Blake, which reduces to three inches, and then to a Gates, which brings it down to a half-inch size. Thence the ore passes to two Chilian mills, which will crush to any desired size. the practice at the start being established at 60 mesh. Thence the pulp passes to Wilfley concentrators, which save about 50 per cent of the metal. The launders from these tables deliver to the first mixer of the series, where the oil is introduced. The oil, taking up mineral, passes below to a separator, while the residue passes to a second and a third mixer. The remainder of the machinery of the plant is devoted to separation of the oil from the mineral, for which it has a marked affinity.

The Tyler Harpoon deals high society an uppercut as follows: "If a razor-backed hog in searching for grub worms should root up a pot of gold, it would not be very long before he would receive an invitation to lead a German, or be tendered a box party at a theatre, and later on be given a banquet by the very men who the previous day had set the dogs on him."

Since the first of October not less than 300 additional men have been placed at work in Leadville, as a result of the stimulated operations on silver properties following the *increase in price of this metal.*

A slight difference: Nora—"O, towld thot instalment mon thot he nadent call so often." Mistress—Did he take the hint?" Nora—"No, mum; he took the pianny."—Philadelphia Record.

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Fellow Pilgrims: THE LEDGE is located at New Denver, B C, and is traced to many parts of the earth. It 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, 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.

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.

Address all communications to—

THE LEDGE,

New Denver, B. C.

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

Float is now on the market. Send 50 cents to this office for a copy.

Fish eaters are liable to catch pneumonia, while beef eaters have a sure thing on rheumatism.

Mary MacLane does not require to sleep in the ice house any more. She was married a few days ago.

The wisest physicians have the fewest remedies. It is the mud-brained who always looks wise behind a barricade of bottles and pill boxes.

Nelson is probably the only city on earth where a man can strew the highway with $100 bank notes, and have them blow into his pocket again through the honest ignorance of their finders. Still we would not advise anyone to repeat the experiment, as the Nelsonites are now on to what a $100 bill looks like.

It does not always pay to laugh at or josh people at the wrong time. In New York state the other day a farmer shot his wife because she laughed at him for losing his temper over an unruly hog. He completed the tragedy by killing himself. So, dear readers, never josh a man with a loaded gun in his hand.

The states are bound to keep ahead of Canada. An old-time gun fight at a theater in Wallace, Idaho, last week pushed two men over the dump of oblivion, and caused a miniature panic among the spectators. The people of the Coeur d'Alenes live by lead, and evidently believe in using their own production. More gun fights, in Canada might help to boom the Slocan.

It once happened when Faust was being acted that the corpulent person who was playing the title role stuck fast in the trap door, being therefore unable to comply with Mephistopheles' final injunction to descend to the fiery regions. Mephistopheles tried to fill in the pause with interpolated stage business, but still Faust stuck where he was. A dead pause followed, broken by the encouragement of one gallery god to a friend: "Larry, my boy, there's luck for us all. Sure, the place is full."

THE WRONG SYSTEM.

How to deal with the oldest profession on earth has always been a granite problem with municipalities. When Nelson put on long pants and became a city every landlady of a maison de joie was required to pay $20 a month into the city treasury, presumably for the privilege of dealing out booze at double prices. In collecting this tax there was no publicity: no parading of unfortunate women in police courts. The inmates of these houses of commercial love were unmolested, except when they became disorderly upon the public streets.

This system worked admirably for seven years and enriched the city by $20,000. Lately this system has been changed to one that has caused trouble and scandal in nearly every city of the west. The system is to bring the Cyprians every little while into the police court and fine the madams $10 and the inmates $5 a month, payable, we understand, three months in advance. There is no more money in this system for the city, but there is a heap of unsavory notoriety. It places Nelson in the position of a municipal pimp, profiting by the shame of so-called fallen women. It is not wrong or undignified to collect even an indirect license for selling cheap booze at dear prices, but to drag the sad-hearted martyrs of a false social system into a police court and fine them regularly is a business fit only for the lowest stope in hades. It is deplorable enough to know that in Nelson women are daily crucified upon the altar of unholy passion without having the city stoop to profit by their misery, much the same as a hobo dives into a spittoon after a slimy nickle. If the trade of a harlot is criminal and illegitimate, then a city that condones it and allows it to flourish by accepting a share of the profits, is no better than any other kind of a macque. The municipal rulers of Nelson should wipe the mud off their mental visions, and live less in the sewer of thought upon social and public affairs.

SUNDAY LAWS.

Sunday legislation is a relic of barbaric days and a blow at the freedom of the people. It is obnoxious to all broad-minded and clear thinking people, and is practically a form of religious persecution. Bigoted and small-brained people are constantly harping upon the subject in Canada, and seeking for legislative power to aid them in their false notions about making the world good. The petty persecutions in Ontario have brought contempt upon several religious bodies, especially the Presbyterian. The Presbyterian hates Sunday work about the same as a Catholic does Friday meat, or a Jew Chicago chicken. We see no reason why the public should be compelled to live a certain way on one day in the week because a few meddlesome creed promoters desire such a life. These same parsons would be highly indignant if a law were passed compelling them to saw wood for six days. Yet a law of that kind would be a greater benefit to society than a law that punishes those who work upon a certain day of the week. It is impossible to make the world good by persecution, and the church that persists in it will surely die.

The state has no right to enforce religious dogmas. It has no right to persecute or prosecute in order to please any creed. A church may demand from its adherents certain ways of living, but it has an immaculate amount of gall to force its own peculiar ideas of things upon those who have no use for them. Sabbath keeping is a thing of the conscience, of the heart, between an individual and his God, and a law that compels him to act differently is simply a machine for making hypocrites, and will eventually produce nothing but evil. If it is noble to work six days, why should it be criminal to work on the seventh? The efforts of the church in Canada to uphold a religious dogma by civil law is a menace to the liberty of the people and should be stamped out before it ruins the country. Canada should be free from slavery of every kind, and we warn the people to watch all laws that encroach upon their freedom.

ROOFING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Referring to the use of roofing in districts where the snowfall is heavy, my attention has been drawn to the fact that the use of wooden shingles is unsatisfactory, for the reason that the water from the melting snow, is partly absorbed by the surface of the shingle. This freezes the snow above into a solid mass which is impossible to take off without serious damage to the roof. Such roofs require extra heavy bracing underneath, to compensate for the increased weight borne. The roof must have an abnormal pitch to carry off the water. The constant pull on the shingle loosens the nails, and allows oxidation below the nailhead.

With sheet iron roofing (painted), although the pitch need not be so abrupt, the snow has the same tendency to stick. This is probably due in part to the rougness of the surface; also to the oil in the paint, which appears to hold the water in globules, until it freezes. Any attempt to clear the roof of snow, especially with iron pointed shovels, scrapes, the paint, leaving the iron surface subject to oxidation. Unless repainted the life of the roof is very short. In the hot sun, if the paint is of poor quality, it blisters, exposing the iron surface. This class of roof is ranked below the wooden shingle in snow countries.

With the galvanized sheet iron roofing, the snow does not appear to have any holding surface. It will stay on to a certain light depth and the weight will overcome the hold on the surface, sliding it off. It never, with a reasonable pitch, has to be shoveled of. Its life is, therefore, greatly increased. It requires no painting to protect its surface. There is no pull on the nails. If put on with galvanized nails, it makes an extremely durable covering. Even on roofs with very moderate pitch requiring shoveling, it shovels easier, in fact, the snow only requires pushing off with wooden scrapers. It makes a very durable roof covering for countries having a heavy fall of snow.

Close study and observation, leads me to believe that the ideal roofing for such countries is one wholly of sheet zinc. It should be put on with zinc nails. Its higher first cost would be paid back many fold in decreased expense for repairs. It saves labor when used on pitch roofs, in keeping itself clear. It is easier on the building, as the weight of snow is not there to strain the roof timbers. It solves the problem for a durable economical covering in districts where the snowfall is a most aggravating factor, as any one who has had experience can testify, in leaky, strained roofs. GEO. HUSTON.

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CRISIS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

British Columbia has another crisis. This time all public works have been suspended on orders from the seat of government as bankers refuse to advance more money. Railway bonusing, land-grabbing by promoters and other evils have steadily been steering the Pacific Province on the rocks. That alleged panacea for existing ills, party government, has not yet wrought a cure. The need for reform and retrenchment in government in this land of marvelous natural wealth is becoming more and more apparent. Not only have provinces in the Dominion, but the central government itself has been lavish in the disbursement of land, concessions and cash to the grafter element, and at least one province is now reaping the harvest. The policy of ruthless sacrifice of public interest cannot result otherwise. The constant drain on the capital stock of the country, and the enrichment of a few promoters at the absolute sacrifice of the masses can only have one ending.—Winnipeg Tribune.

CANADIAN PEERS.

Minneapolis Journal: As if to increase the irritation felt in Canada over the course of Lord Alverstone in regard to the Alaska boundary, here comes an Englishman, one W. Culver James, and proposes that a colonial aristocracy must be created as a means of drawing the British Empire more closely together. W. Culver would have a lot of Canadians made members of the British House of Lords, and would have them take their titles from places in the colony. He thinks it a shame that titles should be limited those who reside in England and Ireland. Thus, he would have, for example, Baron Whyte of Winnipeg, Baron Wiley of Port Arthur, Baron Cox, of Toronto, Baron Fielding of Nova Scotia, Baron Brown of Regina, while Mr. Shaughnessy, formerly of Milwaukee, might become Lord of Montreal, and the fiery J. Israel Tarte might be made Baron de la Patrie. Mr. Gourly, who is a boisterous patriot, might be rewarded with the title of Marquis of Alaska.

WHEAT.

Manitoba and the North West Territories produced 50,290,974 bushels of wheat this year. This is the estimate arrived at by F. O. Fowler, secretary of the Northwest Grain-dealer's association, from the reports to the association from every section of the country. The government estimate for last season gave the total yield for Manitoba as 53,077,267 bushels, so that according to the Grain Dealers' association's figures there is this year a falling off from the province's figures of 2,787,293 bushels, which, calculated at a flat rate price of 70 cents per bushel, will mean a deficit in the country's receipts of $1,951,105.10

Estimated at the same rate per bushel, the total value of this year's crop would be $35,203,681.80.

The first estimate by the agricultural department of Manitoba was in 1883, the total yield that year being 5,686,355 bushels. In 1893 the yield had jumped 15,615,923 bushels. The average yield last season was 16.1 bushels per acre, and the area under wheat was 3,123,663 acres.

THE BURDEN OF GERMANY.

The tithing system, as the Hebrews practiced it, is supposed to be an antiqated and disused scheme. Prices are so high and competition so keen that we moderns feel that we cannot afford to give one-tenth of our income for anything except the necessaries of life. Yet credible statistics show that, taking the world over, one-tenth of the income of the civilized world is spent for alcoholic beverages. This is our modern tithing sytem. Emperor William recently received a report from a commission which he had appointed to inquire into the habits of his subjects with reference to drink. The report showed that the German people spend on an average one-eighth of their income for beer, wine and liquors, or $750,000,000 annually. The amount has almost doubled in the past decade, and hard times do not interfere with the increase. The Kaiser's commissioners are not total abstainers or prohibitionists, but they are frankly alarmed over this condition.

WELL SATISFIED.

Blairmore Times: F. L. Byron, an old timer and who with Mr. J. E. Woods, is now heavily interested in a good quartz proposition on Perry Creek, British Columbia, spent Tuesday in town on his way to the prairie where he was taking his horses to be wintered. In speaking of his gold property he expressed himself as highly pleased with the development work accomplished this summer and says that every foot of development work driven has added to the richness of the mine. A small force of miners will be kept at work all winter and by spring he hopes to have a quartz mill pounding out gold on the property.

Reports from Mexico state that the wealthy mine owners of La Guanajuanto district will contribute $20,000,000 to the La Luz Drainage and Transportation company for construction of the longest drainage tunnels of the world. It is estimated that water may be lowered 400 feet, draining depths 50 years inoperative because of the heavy flows of water encountered on those levels. Nothing definite regarding the enterprise is published.

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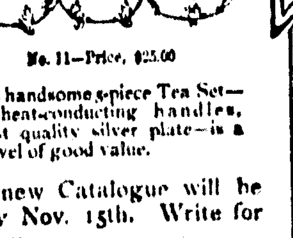

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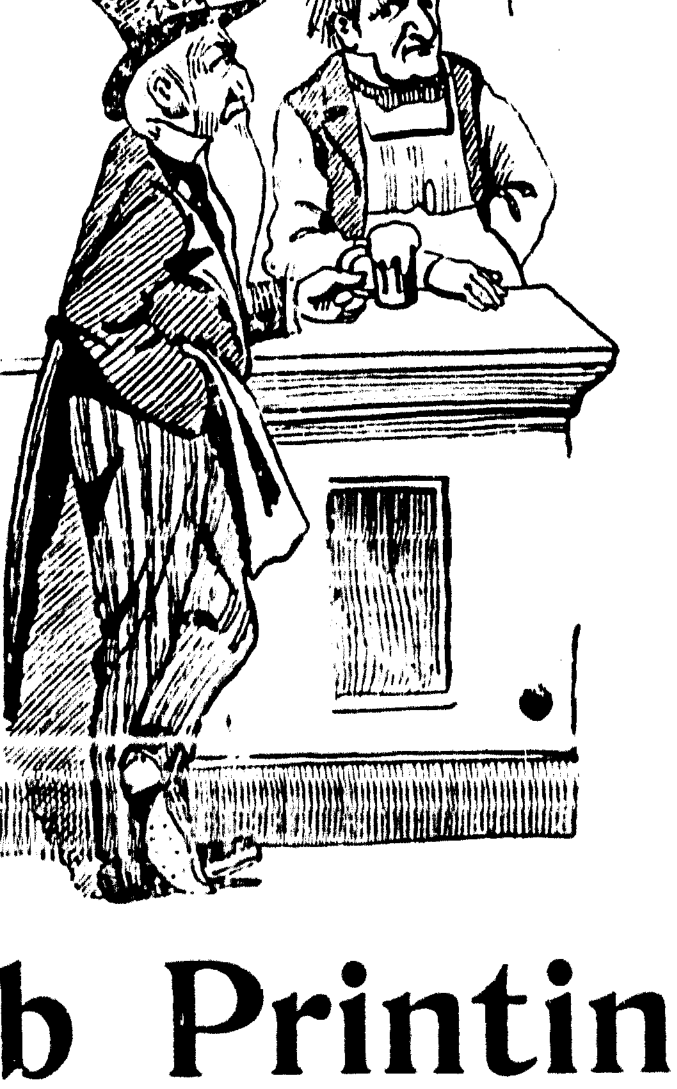

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Along the far, dim, desert route—
Their ghosts are many. Let them keep
Their vast possessions. The Piute,
The tawny warrior, will dispute
No boundary with these. And I
Who saw them live, who felt them die,
Say, let their unplowed ashes sleep,
Untouched by man on plain or steep.

The bearded, sunbrown'd men who bore
The burden of that frightful year,
Who toiled, but did not gather store,
They shall not be forgotten. Drear
And white the plains of Shoshone
Shall point us to that farther shore,
And long, white, shining lines of bones,
Make heedless sign or white mile-stones.

The wild man's yell, the groaning wheel;
The train that moved like drifting barge;
The dust that rose up like a cloud—
Like smoke of distant battle! Loud
The great whips ran like shot, and steel
Of antique fashion, crude and large,
Flashed back as in some battle charge.

They sought, yea, they did find their rest.
Along that long and lonesome way,
These brave men buffet'd the west
With lifted face. Full were they
Of great endeavor. Brave and true
As stern Crusader clad in steel,
They died a field as it was fit.
Made strong with hope, they dared to do
Achievement that a host to day
Would stagger at, stand back and reel,
Defeated at the thought of it.

What brave endeavor to endure!
What patient hope when hope was past!
What still surrender at the last,
A thousand leagues from hope! how pure
They lived, how proud they died!
How generous with life! The wide
And gloried age of chivalry
Hath not one page like this to me.

Let all these golden days go by,
In sunny summer weather I
But think upon my buried brave,
And breathe beneath another sky.
Let beauty glide in gilded car,
And find my sundown seas afar,
Forgetful that 'tis but one grave
From eastmost to the westmost wave.

Yea, I remember! The still tears
That o'er uncoffin'd faces fell!
The final silent, sad farewell!
God! these are with me all the years!
They shall be with me ever. I
Shall not forget, I hold a trust.
They are part of my existence When
Swift down the shining iron track
You sweep, and fields of corn flash back,
And herds of lowing steers move by,
And men laugh loud, in mute mistrust,
I turn to other days, to men
Who made a pathway with their dust.

—Joaquin Miller.

THE ART OF KEEPING YOUNG.

There's no trouble at all about keeping young if you know what to do. Sarah Bernhardt says that she has kept her youth by the aid of hot water and soap.

"When I am tired I take a hot bath," she says. "When I am nervous I take a hot bath and massage. When I am depressed nothing exhilerates me and puts me in form so soon as a hot bath.

"Every night when I am playing, as well as when I am at leisure, I take a hot scrub before going to bed. Yes, I scrub my face with soap and hot water twice, and sometimes three times in the 24 hours.

"There is no beautifier like soap and water, and no preservative against illness, nerves and age that compares with hot water."

Clara Barton keeps young by not puttering.

"I don't putter," she says. "That's what ages women—puttering."

"When I'm not working I either rest or play. When I see a woman breaking down with nervous prostration, I wonder when women will learn to stop puttering.

"Sleep is a great thing for women. Half the women don't sleep long enough. I've cultivated the accomplishment of napping. I shut my eyes and go to sleep whenever there's a lull in my work.

"It isn't the work that wears women out—it's fretting and puttering. Here's the way to keep young: 'Stop worrying and go to work.' "

"Indulging in a fit of ugly temper not only shortens a woman's life, but makes her old and ugly before her time," says Mrs. Annie Jenness Miller, the apostle of dress reform. "Control your temper, for every time you allow it to control you, you spoil your good looks and injure yourself physically.

"Not only that, but the woman who governs her temper is the woman who wins in this life; and, as a rule, she makes the best match, because men like sweet tempered wives. Then anger curdles the blood, hinders circulation and consequently makes the complexion bad and dulls the eye."

One woman who is beautiful, though 60, gives a recipe for retaining youth as: "Have great patience with fools. Worrying or being annoyed by the foolishness of others only makes unnecessary lines upon the brow and cheeks."

Here are a few rules, according to the New York Sun, for the guidance of the woman who would be beautiful at 60 to 80, with a fresh complexion, not one of parchment—and bright eyes and mental faculties active:

Sleep eight hours during the twenty-four. Don't drink hard water. That long-lived race of people, the Chinese, drink only rain water, if they possibly can obtain it.

Avoid food that contains lime. Every article of food contains lime, but, of course, there are some freer from lime than others. Onions are admirable youth preservers; so are fish, rice and eggs.

Eat fruit of all varieties. Fruit contains a large amount of acid, and this neutralizes the effect of those elements which make old age creep fast upon us.

Not long ago a German discovered that all you had to do to live forever, and be beautiful forever, was to eat a suffiiciency of lemons. There was only one objection to the plan, but that was fatal. You had to eat daily one lemon for each seven years of your age.

When, therefore, you arrived at the second or third century, your length of life would be of very little use to you, for it would take all your time to eat the prescribed quantity of lemons.

THE OKANAGAN DISTRICT.

A dispatch from Armstrong says that everyone throughout the valley is busy, from the Klootchman picking potatoes in the fields to the train crews of the Shuswap and Okanagan railway, whose trains are daily several hours late through the amount of freight now offering to be handled. Wagon follows wagon with its load of produce to the railway stations, and from quite small points, two, three and four cars of apples, hay and produce are being handled daily.

The potato crop is a huge one, and the quality and size fully up to the famous Okanagan standard. Loaded on the C. P. R. cars they are worth about $8 a ton throughout the valley.

Hay and grain are both rather short crops through the wetness of the season.

Apples surpass anything yet seen in British Columbia, and their excellent quality and size will equal anything of this sort grown anywhere, as one enthusiastic rancher put it. Manitoba, the Territories and Kootenay offer splendid markets, but even with these the British Columbian enterprise is not to be satisfied, and, foreseeing the huge crops soon to be grown up here, every effort is beng made to open up others of the great world's markets, and so this year two carloads have been shipped to Australia, one to Honolulu, another to Glasgow and one more to Liverpool. According to Dominion Inspector Maxwell-Smith the Glasgow car is the finest ever shipped out of this province.

This year the packing of the fruit has much improved, and while the inspector has been obliged to require the repacking and marking of some packages, the great majority of them have been done most satisfactorily. The business appears to tend toward greater exactness in this part of the trade, as a class of fruit pickers are growing up who buy whole orchards out and out, and pick, pack and handle the whole crop.

A vasly increased acreage is being devoted to orchards, too, the planting of young trees this season almost equaling in number the total of fruit trees already growing in the district. Many of the big ranches are being broken up, and at all points family after family are coming in and swelling the population of the valley. Enderby, Armstrong, and all points south report many new settlers this year.

AN INGENIOUS BIGAMIST.

A remarkable instance of bigamy was revealed to the police the other day by William Harvey, a London carpenter, in his confession that for the last ten years he has been the head of two families who have lived during that time within five minutes' walk of each other, without either suspecting the other's existence. The man is now in prison, awaiting his trial, but it is due only to carelessness and not to any failure of the "system" by which he carried on his amazing deception that he is not now continuing it unmolested.

Harvey had been married to his first wife for eighteen years when he met Mary Dentry. She was a pretty girl, and Harvey made love to her earnestly—*representing himself a widower*. Soon afterward he married her and had the audacity to establish Mrs. Harvey No. 2 in a house almost around the corner from that presided over by Mrs. Harvey No. 1.

The plan adopted by this double benedict to keep up his two establishments without detection is remarkable, both for its cleverness and simplicity. As soon as he had been united to his second wife, Harvey told her that he would rather have their marriage kept quiet for a little while, as certain property, to which a grown up son and daughter of his, with whom he had been living, expected to fall heir, would revert to other relatives should their father's marriage be made known. He declared that, in order that no suspicion should be aroused, it would be necessary for him to spend the nights at the home where he still droposed to be living, and to his doing this the second Mrs. Harvey agreed.

So he managed. Alleging to his first wife extra work at his trade, Harvey spent the evening of every working day at his clandestine home. After supper he would don the carpet slippers of domesticity and live for this wife alone until half-past ten, when he would leave ostensibly to rejoin the "grown-up children," who must not be kept out of their inheritance, but in reality to seek the company of the [illegible] And this went on for ten years.

In time his second wife, too, became the mother of three babies. Apparently defying discovery, Harvey might be seen almost any pleasant Sunday out walking in the park with his second family, while he went so far as to take his second wife to the home of the first, being careful, of course, that the family should be out. Once he encountered his eldest son in one of these walks in the park, and at another time was nearly caught on the street with his real wife, but Harvey explained these situations in a most satisfactory manner, and both families continued to suspect nothing.

Only once did Harvey break the rule of leaving his second establishment at the usual hour. This was one night when the second wife's first child lay dying, when, in answer to her frenzied appeals, he stood by the bedside until the child's death at midnight and staid to comfort the mother until half-past two next morning.

Some time ago an accident received while at work sent Harvey to the hospital. As both wives knew of the accident, Harvey had to make a choice as to which should see him at the hospital. In this case his first spouse was the favored one, while a note to the other explaining that the hospital allowed no visitors kept Mary Dentry away.

Whether the voice of conscience had something to say while Harvey lay in the hospital cot he does not include in his confession, but after his discharge his visits to the second establishment began to grow less frequent. Five weeks of continued neglect brought a note of protest from around the corner, which happened to fall into the hands of the first Mrs. Harvey. As this was signed "Your loving wife," Harvey met trouble face to face as soon as he returned from work. Apparently glad that all was over, he made a complete confession to his wife, after which he went to the nearest police station to surprise the inspector on duty with one of the most remarkable stories the authorities have heard in years.

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"Now, the place, if you please."

"What place?"

"The place where you came from. Where do you live?"

"I live on the Island."

"Well, but what island?"

The other man looked at him in amazement. Then he said, with an emphasis that left no doubt of his feelings. "Prince Edward Island, man. What other Island is there?"
—Youth's Companion.

REASONS WHY.

The oratorical gift of the preachers of mountain regions of Tennessee is much admired by their simple parishoners. In fact, nearly every youth's ambition, it is said, is to be a preacher, although it is an affectation among the horny-handed portion of the population to pretend to despise those who do not engage in manual labor. A traveler recently asked a bright eyed youngster in Tennessee: "What are you going to do when you grow up?" The boy turned his head away, blushed with embarrasment, and began to draw semi-circles in the dust with his bare toe. In the meantime his father answered for him: "I reckon that boy'll be a preacher; he's a powerful pert talker when he ain't bashful, an' he's too darn lazy to work."

FACTS AND FANCIES.

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For nearly 200 years, or since its capture in 1704, by the British Admiral Rooke, down to a very recent period, the rock of Gibraltar has been the synonym for impregnability, and its possession has been thought to invest Great Britain with absolute control over the entrance to the Mediterranean.

It dominates one of the most frequented waters in the world. From every quarter of the wide horizon which is visible from its summit the steam ship tracks converge. Those coming from the East, from the ports of the Mediterranean, from China, India, Australia and the far Pacific, cross those which arrive there from England and the United States, from France and Germany, from South America and Western Africa, and every day throughout the year nearly two hundred vesels defile between the columns of Hercules and pass in sight of the gigantic fortress that stands there on guard.

Such being the case, it is no wonder that Great Britain, with its vast commerce to protect and its distant colonies and dependencies to guard, should these two centuries past have held on to the place with such a tenacious grasp, or that it should have spared nothing in its effort to improve to the uttermost the natural advantages of the position, and to make Gibraltar, in very fact, the key to the inland sea at whose entrance it is situated. The control of the Mediterranean was never so important to Great Britain as it is to-day, when the road to India and the East, which used to lie around the Cay of Good Hope, has been diverted to the Suez canal and the Red Sea, and to make sure of the control against whatever opposition may be encountered has been and is the constant solicitude of the British government.

Everything that is possible has been done, not only to render Gibraltar impregnable, but to develop its full utility as a naval base. The rock has been honey-combed with galleries and stocked to the limit with provisions and munitions of war. Immense cisterns have been built to hold water, of which the place by nature is devoid. There is a standing coal pile of 100,000 tons, and the regular strength of the garrison is 10,000 men. On the summit of the hill 200 guns of heavy calibre and modern pattern have been installed, and, as the harbor was insufficient for the present need, the British government lately undertook its extension, and is now engaged in the execution of plans, at an estimated cost of $22,000,000, which it expects to complete in about a year or eighteen months from date.

Yet grave doubt has been raised as to the wisdom of this expenditure, and there are those who declare that the trust which is placed in Gibraltar might, if put to the test, be disappointed. That the position dominates the entrance to the Mediterranean has ceased to be true. It did so in the days of sailing vessels, because, owing to the set of the ocean currents such vessels were compelled to come close to the rock in order to get through the straits. Things are different now. From Gibraltar to Ceuta on the African coast is fourteen miles, and as there is plenty of deep water off Ceuta, vessels propelled by steam can traverse the narrows beyond the effective range of the British guns. The domination of the Mediterranean is at an end. But that is not all or the worst. The experts have discovered that the port, the town, the new harbor, the barracks, everything would be within the range of heavy artillery placed on Spanish soil anywhere along the whole stretch of the bay of Algeciras at distances varying from 6,000 to 10,000 yards.

It is unnecessary to demonstrate the gravity of that circumstance. Its effect upon the military value of Gibraltar is obvious. In view of it so good an authority as Sir Charles Dilke is arguing that if Spain could be induced to exchange Ceuta for Gibraltar it would be a good bargain for Great Britain.

THE ALLEGED HUMORISTS.

Mike—"They say Tim Cassidy died widout the aid av a dothor." Pat—"Well, Tim was always a handy lad at anything."—Judge.

Not her weapon: "Is your wife a club woman, Mike?" "Narry the likes o' that, sor. She uses a flat-iron, sor."—Detroit Free Press.

Just as good: Sporting editor—"Our best football reporter is sick and can't go to the game." Managing editor—"Never mind; we'll send the war correspondent.—Judge.

"But," protested the man, "I have admitted that I was wrong. Isn't that enough?" "No," replied the woman; "you must also admit that I was right."—Chicago Daily News.

A slight difference: Nora—"Oi towld thot instalment mon thot he nadent call so often." Mistress—Did he take the hint?" Nora—"No, mum; he took the pianny.—Philadelphia Record.

Dr. Jinks—"I suppose that you must have lost some of your patients by being in Europe so many months." Dr. Kent—"Yes; confound it! Ten or a dozen of them got well."—Boston Transcript.

"Telegraphing without wires is no new thing," remarked the gray-haired passenger. "Isn't, it?" queried the drummer. "Not by a jugful," continued the old man; "why, sir, when I published a country paper forty years ago, I got nearly all my telegraph news that way."—Chicago Daily News.

Irate parent—"I want you to get out of here and never darken my door again. If I had a sick cat, I wouldn't send for you." Imperturable physician—"Of course not. You'd send for my brother, the veterinary, who lives over on the street next to the one I live on. Here's one of his cards.—Baltimore American.

Miss Kidder—"They've only been married six months, but whenever her husband goes away on a business trip, she's delighted, and prepares to have a good time." Miss Meanley—"Ah! do you know, I suspected something like that. I always said——" Miss Kidder—"Yes; you see, he always takes her with him."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Miss Askew—"So your marriage is put off?" Miss Crummeo—"Yes, papa is not all satisfied with his position; mamma doesn't like his family connections; auntie thinks he is too careless in his dress, and I think——" Miss Askew—"Yes, what do you think?" Miss Crummey—"I think I ought to wait till he asks me."—Town and Country.

"My brother bought an automobile here last week," said an angry man to the salesman who stepped forward to greet him, "and he says you told him if anything broke you would supply him with a new part." "Certainly," said the clerk; "what does he want?" "He wants two deltoid muscles, a couple of kneepans, one elbow and about a yard and a half of cuticle," said the man, "and he wants 'em right away."—Youth's Companion.

Expectant: The country clergyman was nailing a refractory creeper to a piece of trellis work near his front gate when he noticed that a small boy had stopped, and was watching him with great attention. "Well, my young friend," he said, pleased to see the interest he had excited, "are you looking for a hint or two on gardening?" "No," said the youth; "I be waiting to hear what a parson says when he hammers his thumb." --Tid-Bits.

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"What about your lawsuit with X——?"

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"My goodness! That ought to have lost you the case."

"Of course, but, you see, I had signed the letter with the name of my opponent."

BAD SIGN.

"Ma poowers are failin'," moans the famous writer of Scotch dialect stories.

"Hoot, laddie!" says his friend in cheerful tones; "ye're aye muckle better, than ane cud expect frae ye."

"I dinna ken," signs the author, albeit he brightens somewhat at the kindly words; "I dinna ken. 'Twas bet the day I writ soom dealect whilk I somelike felt I onnerstood masel'."

Shaking his head dourly, he endeavors to devise a new way to misspell things.

In a recent issue of Mining and Scientific Press W. E. Thorne punctures some of the northern baubles heard of so frequently. He says many Alaska gravel beds reported to be rich could not be operated at a profit even in California. "As for the chance of making a strike, it is just as good in the United States, with none of the privations there. The newspapers of the country publish every fake story that they hear of a strike, fully 75 per cent of those reported having no foundation save some hot air miner's statement. No failures are ever reported, and there are plenty of them, some on a large scale, too. At least 70 per cent of the population could leave that country and not reduce the output of gold 10 per cent. The high wage of the country is of little benefit to the miner, as four months is the working season. What he makes will pay for provisions and clothing, and as a rule they spend the year prospecting, and are broke."

It is related that, on one occasion, Boss Tweed, of New York, was standing with a group in the mayor's office, when a large diamond, as big as a strawberry, rolled upon the floor. Some one of the group picked it up and passed it around to find its owner. "Not mine," said one after another. Tweed fumbled with his garments for a minute, then reached for the stone. "It must be mine," he said. "I see I have lost one of my suspender buttons."

News from Boise, Idaho, states a feature of the Idaho mineral exhibit at St Louis will be a monster silver nugget, weighing more than a ton, which is said to be the largest single piece of silver ore ever taken from the ground. This was taken from the silver mines at Hailey, of that state, and is said to be more than 60 per cent silver.

DIDN'T CARE FOR ANIMALS.

A Hobart man visiting Chicago was invited by a friend to see the zoo. He replied: "No, thank you, I stay at home. My oldest daughter does the kangaroo walk, my second daughter talks like a parrot, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife watches me like a hawk, my cook is as cross as a bear, and my mother-in-law says I'm an old gorilla. When I go anywhere I want a change."—Ex.

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To H. EUMMELEN, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the Soho mineral claim, situated in the McGuigan Basin, Slocan Mining Division, West Kootenay Mining Division.

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended $102.50 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 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."

Kaslo, B. C., October 15, 1903.

J. C. RYAN.

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To THOMAS M. RAE, or to whomsoever he may have transfered his interest in the Royal Five, Lake View, and Jennie mineral claims, situated on Goat Mountain, Slocan Mining Division, West Kootenay District.

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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 November, A. D. 1903

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TAKE NOTICE, that I, A. R. Fingland, F. M. C. No. B 69293, 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.

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Dated this 22nd day of October A.D. 1903.

A. R. FINGLAND.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, F. S. Clements, acting as agent for D. S. Prescott, free miners' certificate No. B70681, F. L. Prescott, F. M. C. No. B70085, and W. A. Coplen, F. M. C. No. B75323, 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.

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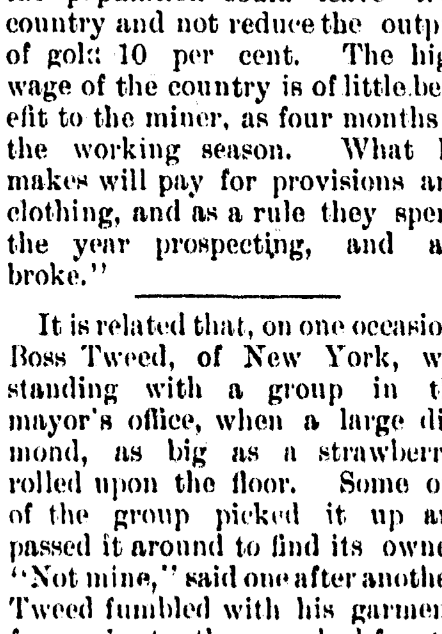

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