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General News Float

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

LOCAL NEWS FLOAT.

The Slocan Star has cut off all Sunday work.

The Bosun resumed work Monday morning with full force.

Five feet of shipping ore is being worked on the Republic.

Fred Johnson has taken charge of the Slocan hotel at Slocan City.

Delicious, crisp celery at Mrs. Matheson's. Cakes, pies and cookies.

The holidays have passed but there is still candy left in Williams' store.

BORN—At Slocan City, Dec. 29, to the wife of Malcolm Cameron, a son.

When putting in a istock of beer do not forget the New York Brewery at Sandon.

All trains were snow-bound on Saturday, no mails arriving from any outside points.

The Fisher Maiden has another carload of ore on the Silverton wharf ready for shipment.

A. Milloy, the popular dentist, will be in New Denver January 9, 10 and 11, at the Newmarket hotel.

With roasting and milling, Payne ore can be run up to 71 per cent. zinc, with lead and iron below penalty.

All the men at the Last Chance were laid off New Year's day. The mine will be closed until spring opens.

D. J. Robertson & Co in Nelson are willing to ship furniture to any part of the country. Write for prices.

The heavy snow of the past week wrecked three buildings in Slocan City, among them Schonberg's hall.

British Columbia has the finest farming land in Canada, much of which is found in the Kootenay Valley.

There is at least one offense in the decalogue that the C.P.R cannot be accused of. It did not make Salmon Arm.

With all its woes the Slocan has one radiant feature. The beauty of its scenery is not specked with Chinamen.

Mrs. Thos. Rouse, of Silverton, whose husband was buried in the Mollie Gibson slide, will go to Boston, to reside with her son.

The New Year's ball given by the Foresters in Clever's hall was a very enjoyable affair and an entire success from every point of view.

Miss Wilson of Revelstoke has been engaged as teacher of the primary grades, vice Miss Henton, resigned. She took charge on Monday.

The case of Harris vs Kerlin, involving the title to the townsite of Sandon, will be heard again at the session of the supreme court which opens in Victoria today.

New York men have bonded the Hungry Man group on Raven creek, near Slocan Junction, and will install a plant at once. The ore carries gold and copper, to the value of $20 per ton.

As an evidence of their appreciation of their efforts in connection with the Sunday School, and the training of the children, the citizens presented Mr. and Mrs. Pyman with very appropriate Christmas gifts.

Ronald Burns, who was dispenser in the Slocan Hospital some three years ago, has a large drug store at Armstrong, and is prospering like a capitalist with a corner on spring chicken and fall wheat.

As an indication of the steady advance of New Denver, the local C P. R. office reports an increase in the freight business in the sum of $250 over the business of December a year ago The business of the year is far ahead of that of 1901.

The Xmas tree services in Bosun hall Christmas Eve., netted $32 50, in addition to which $5 was contributed to buy presents for needy children. The performance by the children was the best that has ever been witnessed in the town.

The C. P. R. is preparing for the heaviest tourist traffic next year that it has ever carried. The day when it will have to build a tourist hotel in New Denver is not far distant. Next summer hundreds will drop off here, and in the summer of '04 look out for the hotel.

William Hockey, a young Cornishman employed at the Ymir mine as a powder-monkey, was found in an unconscious state in the mine shaft, down which he is supposed to have fallen on Christmas eve, died from the injuries he sustained on Thursday afternoon, in the Ymir general hospital.

It is said that when the new contracts are made by the Slocan lead miners with the smelter people, a reduction of $5 in the freight and treatment rate will be made. This is not authoritative, however, and nothing will be sure until after January 15th, when new contracts will become operative.

The Enderby flour mill last week made its first shipment of flour in one barrel sacks, sending 600 to the Fiji islands for the British Government Another 800-barrel shipment is going to China. The mill has a capacity of 250 barrels a day, and is pushed to the limit.

Fifteen men are employed at the Arlington, the reduction in the force having been made last week. It is the intention of the company to stop all stoping while the price of silver is so low and push ahead development work, with a view to installing a mill early in the spring. Shipments will cease for the winter.

While the C. P. R. is perfecting its plans for the accommodation of its tourists this year it ought not to overlook this point. New Denver will be on the itinery of hundreds of tourists this summer, and they should not be compelled to cut it out. There is nothing on the mainline that can touch the scenery and restful quietude of Canada's Lucerne.

The valuable specimen cabinet of the late Howard West, said to be worth $1,500 at the least calculation, was given away last week for $50. W. F. McNaught of Silverton got it. Some of the samples were valued as high as $250, and others could not be replaced at any figure. It was the result of years of close research by the deceased, and ought to have commanded $1000 if for nothing but exhibition purposes.

Monday night the following officers were installed by the K. of P. lodge: C. C, Murdock McLean; V. C., Geo. B. Garrett; Prel., F. D. D. Kelly; M. of W., Ed Shannon; K. R. & S., H. M. Walker; M. of E., A. D McGillivray; M. of F., Charles E. Strickland; M. A., Robt. Sutherland; I. G., Chas. Peterson. New members are being enrolled, and the lodge is in a highly satisfactory condition.

The smelters at Trail and Nelson have taken advantage of the dry ore producers of the Slocan, and, with few exceptions, have charged extortionate rates for treatment, with the result that they are now getting very little of that character of ore. When the Silver-Lead Mine Owners' Association of the Slocan takes the stand that the mine owners of the Cœur d'Alenes took some time ago, and arrange to build a smelter of their own at some point on Slocan lake, they will not have to depend upon the the local smelter trust for freight and treatment.

Fred Williamson went into the Fire Valley last week by way of Vernon to start work on the McPhail group, recently taken up by St. Paul and Spokane capitalists. The deal was engineered by Jim Wardner, who claims that the property is one of the greatest things he ever got hold of A company has been organized and $10,000 set apart for development purposes Mr. Williamson is confident that he will be able to put the property in shape to begin shipments early in the spring. The ore runs high in gold and copper, and if it continues as rich as they go in on it as it is on the outcroppings, the company certainly have a bonanza. A force of 12 or 15 men will be put to work at once

IRRIGATION IN THE WEST.

Mr William Whyte, assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, went west this week in connection with irrigation matters. The company propose carrying out very extensive irrigation work in the territory lying between Calgary and Medicine Hat. Surveys and other preliminary work have been going on for the past year or two in connection with this proposed work The rapid settlement of the west and growing demand for land will bring these lands into immediate use as soon as they are irrigated. The quality of the land is good and the situation convenient to the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, makes the district a valuable one for settlement. The only drawback heretofore has been the insufficient rainfall in some seasons to ensure a good crop one year with another. The Calgary board of trade has endorsed the enterprise. This important undertaking by the company will be carried out under the general direction of Mr. Whyte.

LIFE ON A DIAMOND FIELD.

The following letter from a correspondent of the Cornish Post, from a resident of the Rand, will be of interest to those who contemplate trying the South African diamond fields:

"The life out here is very quiet. We are restarting a diamond mine. My particular work is scraping for the brilliants. What a lot of different things I have done during my short life! The last livelihood I was at was in the Battery at 5s. a day—mere slavery. It was only for a stop-gap—not for love. I am fairly well known on the Rand and bear good references and certificates, yet they were of no avail. It is a case of 'first come first served,' and the first are here already, on the Rand. It is no good making application as every employer has some one in view for first vacancy. There would be plenty of work for everybody on the Fields if there was not a deep game on. The mines are not in full swing nor do they intend them to be until they gain their points. At present their excuse is want of native labor. This is Tommy rot, and the difficulty could be surmounted by paying the boys sufficiently. Instead of that they are paid most inadequately—much lower than before the war; and less than what the other colonies are glad to give them. They cannot expect boys to leave the different colonies (where they are mostly recruited from) to go to the Rand for less pay and worse work. Even if the colonies did not require them, they could not be coerced or starved, as they are, practically, the best off and most independent laborers of the world. The game might be a regular amalgamation scheme, whereby the different groups will unite and rule the Rand as De Beers rules Kimberley. However, one thing is certain, that is a great reduction in the white man's wage. Since the war started, everybody from everywhere has been attracted this way. Thousands of men are on the fields—most of them working for a bare living and a great percentage hanging on and loafing; all the ports are crowded to suffocation and the crowds are unable to get house shelter; there is hardly a vacant house in South Africa; every boat brings out hundreds of others; and I believe, in some lines, every berth is booked for the next two years. What they are going to do I don't know. When I fail to get work (with my training and knowledge of the country) I reckon things are bad—and will get worse. What the different governments are doing it is hard to say. I think warning ought to be published."

PERTINENT AND IMPERTINENT.

Some brokers make it a point to see that their patrons go broke.

In England it is possible to buy two cents' worth of government bonds.

It cost over $35,000 to police the British House of Commons last year.

Pride makes some people ridiculous and prevents others from becoming so.

A genius is a man who is able to dispose of his troubles for a consideration.

Some women could not be happy unless they were just bunched up in trouble.

Wives fear burglars will break in and husbands fear the baby will break out.

Some lawyers prolong the outcome of a case in order to increase their income.

While volcanic eruptions are usually restricted in area, earthquakes are not.

Since 1882 4,000 miles of railway track have been laid in the Japanese empire.

Hops are said to be a sedative, yet most frogs are troubled with chronic insomnia.

No branch of medical science has progressed faster than the study of infectious diseases.

Paint will make an old house look new, but it won't make an old woman look young.

Science has no record of the discovery of mercury; history knows nothing of the discovery.

The island of Sakhalin, the great penal colony of Russia, has splendid forests of fir and pine.

When a man wants to borrow money he discovers that his most distant relatives don't always live farthest away.

WANT A PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

On Saturday W. S. Drewry received the following telegram from J. L. Retallack:

"On behalf of lead miners, request you to call a public mass meeting of your citizens to endorse our cause and to discredit the utterances of Smith Curtis, M, L. A, whose speeches purporting to represent local public opinion are being printed and published in the east in an active propaganda against us lead miners."

In compliance with the request, notices were posted for a meeting in Clever's hall, Saturday evening, and at the hour of meeting upwards of fifty citizens were present. The objects of the meeting were explained by Mr. Drewry, and after the matter had been thoroughly discussed, the following resolutions were carried unanimously:

"Resolved, 1st, that this meeting endorses wholly the resolution passed at the meeting of the silver-lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, held at Sandon on Dec 10, 1902.

"Second, that the use of the speeches made by Smith Curtis, M. L. A., of Rossland, in opposing the request of the Sandon resolution, is denounced on the grounds that Mr. Curtis does not, and never has represented a silver-lead mining population, and speaks in ignorance of the wishes of such population."

The resolution referred to in the above and passed at the Sandon meeting is as follows:

"We, the silver-lead miners of East and West Kootenay districts of British Columbia, in convention assembled, do hereby recommend and respectfully urge the enactment of a tariff act which will afford protection to the producers, manufacturers and transporters of lead, thereby creating and fostering a new and expansive home industry calculated to benefit all classes by the stimulation of national trade and commerce.

"Having in view the interests of the producers, manufacturers and consumers of lead, we would recommend a duty equal to that imposed by the United States, viz.:

"On lead in ores, 1½c. per pound.

"On lead in bullion, pigs, bars and old lead, 2½c. per pound.

"On lead in sheets, wire, shot, etc., 2½c. per pound.

"On white lead, etc., 2⅞c. per pound.

"On all other products of lead as provided in the Dingly tariff act of July 24th, 1897.

"Provided, always, that if at any time it shall be proven that a combination has been formed for the purpose of unduly increasing the charges made for smelting lead ores produced in Canada, or for refining or marketing lead bullion, or if the charge for smelting and refining in Canada is proved exorbitant, then the governor-general in council may at his discretion permit the admission into Canada of lead bullion smelted and refined in foreign countries from Canadian lead ores, upon payment of an ad valorem duty of 15 per cent. upon the cost of such smelting and refining."

A copy of the resolution passed at the Citizens' meeting has been telegraphed to W. A. Galliher, M P, with a view to strengthening his hands and aiding the delegation sent by the mine owners to interview the Ottawa government.

TARIFF REVISION PROBABLE.

OTTAWA, Jan 8.—Signs continue to multiply that at the approaching session of the Dominion parliament important developments may be expected in the direction of the revision of the Canadian customs tariff. The probabilities are that tariff walls will be strengthened generally to provide more adequate protection to Canadian industries. Canadian iron and steel interests demand better protection in this particular. The manufacture of steel rails and structural steel may be cited. Steel rails can be purchased from either the United States or Germany for delivery in Canada cheaper than consumers in either of those two countries can buy them, and can now be imported into this country free of duty when weighing over 45 pounds per lineal yard. The total iron and steel consumption of the Dominion now amounts to upward of 1,000,000 tons a year, of which hardly one third is the product of Canadian works. The proportion produced in Canada is the output under protection.

HOPEFUL AUGURY FOR SILVER.

The London Statist, a high economic authority, anticipates a considerable recovery in silver in the new year for the following reasons: "We base the opinion on several considerations. One of these is that as soon as the new year sets in the stringency in the American money market will come to an end. A second and more powerful cause is the recuperative power that is being shown by India. China is regaining its usual condition, and business is going on fairly satisfactorily. That being so, it is probable that China will be in a position to take more silver than she has done of late, and if China and India buy more freely there must necessarily be a recovery in the silver market."

All the while keep the upward windows open.—Brooks.

Slocan Mines and Mining

The Result of Last Year's Operations Up to the Average in Tonnage and Value.

Mining in the Slocan district during the past year has not been on the increase owing to the drop in the price of silver and lead. The tonnage in the Slocan and Slocan City divisions, according to the table appended, amounts to about 28,500 tons of an estimated valne of $1,425,000.

	Week	Total
Payne	237	2368
Ivanhoe	50	717
Sunset (Jackson Basin)		827
Reco		511
American Boy	21	1197
Arlington		3580
Hewett		805
Bosun	30	2119
Last Chance		168
Wonderful		181
Enterprise	20	2300
Lavina		65
Bismarck		62
Queen Bess		180
Silver Glance		257
Whitewater		2962
Ottawa		68
Capella		60
Florence		1
Trade Dollar		20
Slocan Boy		158
Neepawa		123
Hartney		25
Marion		80
May		5
Paystreak		7
Surprise		22
Monitor ( )		1306
Slocan Star	51	815
Duplex		7
Emily Edith		20
Wakefield		220
Prescott		4
Rambler		4187
Molly Gibson		2100
Washington		187
Folliott		2
C. O. D.		2
London Hill		115
Ruth		888
Antoine		207
R. E. Lee		144
Spectator		4
Red Fox		63
Hampton		13
Mercury		21
Dardanelles		21
Porcupine		2
Charleston		11
Pinto		13
Noble Five		21
Soho		64
Fisher Maiden		20
Republic		22
Total tons	409	28,428

None of the large properties have worked full-handed owing to the unsettled condition of the market and the decline in the price of silver and lead. All have confined their operations to development work, marketing only enough ore to pay for the work.

The Ruth, Whitewater, Last Chance and Noble Five are all now practically closed.

The Monitor at Three Forks, which carries about $8 in gold, besides the high values in both silver and lead, has done remarkably well the past year with a small force.

The Rambler-Cariboo is working about 40 men, having cut its force about half. It is shipping now only about 80 tons per month. The miners have not enough water during the winter to run the mill, but will begin milling the large and valuable dump they have on hand the first thing in the spring

The Surprise, the Red Fox, the Antione and the Washington all have small forces at work. The Antione has a fine body of very high grade ore, going over 200 ounces to the ton It is shipping about 75 tons per month and working about ten men. The Red Fox and the Washington both have forces of about twelve men and are shipping about 40 tons per month.

The Silver Glance near Bear lake, has a very fine showing of rich sulphurets and carbonate ore. The returns from one car went $8,000. The ore is at the present time exceptionally good, as it carries very little lead and consequently gets a low rate of freight and treatment.

The Hope, an adjoining property to the Ruth, is working a small development force and shipping about two cars of high grade carbonates per month.

The Ivanhoe, owned by the Minnesota Silver company, has been developing all summer with a force of about 20 men, and running the mill occasionally. It has of late been making a zinc product. It has on hand about 800 tons, with large bodies of concentrating ore blocked out in the mine.

The Payne [illegible] ship about 100 tons a month and employing about twenty men. The mine is looking well and values of late have increased.

The Sunset, situated above Cody, has shipped about 250 tons of ore since the rawhiding season of last winter [illegible] The management has decided to quit shipping and do only development work during the winter The mine is looking fine and has large bodies of ore blocked out for shipment The ore goes by the car on an average 135 ounces in silver and 75 per cent. in lead, about 2 ounces of silver to every per cent in lead. During the past 18 months this property has paid $55,000 in dividends, besides doing a large amount of development work, and has also a good sized treasury fund.

The Bosun has had a very good year, Its tonnage has exceeded that of 1901. and the mine is better developed than at any time during its history, with more ore blocked out. Shipments, however, are curtailed at the present time, excepting of zinc, and will not be increased so long as the price of the white metal is low

The Fisher Maiden has been developing all summer, but only recently commenced shipping. It will figure more conspicuously in the list of shippers for 1903, as it has large bodies of ore to draw upon.

The Hewitt has curtailed its force and is pushidg development work only. It will erect a mill in the spring and shipments will be greatly increased if the price of silver justifies it.

The Enterprise has closed down for the winter months. This property has been a regular shipper and has much ore to draw upon when work is resumed

The Marion, Hartney, Eclipse and Capella have been employing small forces, but shipments have been light.

In the Slocan City division ten other properties besides the Arlington and Enterprise have appeared on the list of shippers, but their tonnage has been small. The present year gives promise of many of them becoming regular shippers.

THE GOLD PERIL.

Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, is afraid the nation is getting too much money into circulation; in other words that the common people are getting too rich, and are inclined to become extravagant. He says:

"The stock of gold in the United States shows for four years an annual average gain of $107,783,693. In per capita the stock of gold in this country is greater than anywhere else except in France and South Africa. The treasury of the United States holds $615,000,000 and gained $412,450,562 in five years, while all of the official banks of Europe taken together in the same period lost $37,477, 107. The inflow of gold has, since July 1, 1897, added an average of $78,238, 512 every year to our circulation.

"Here lies possible peril. Inflation of currency incites to dangerous expansion of business. No one will suggest that the incoming of gold shall be stopped; but can not the paper currency be reduced in dull seasons?

"Prices of commodities have advanced and wages have followed a little after How do these conditions affect our world relations? Has inflation of currency or prices and wages gone so far as to check our exports? In agriculture, crops at home and abroad determine shipments. Prices and quality determine exports of manufactures In the first ten months of 1901 we sold abroad more manufactured articles than in any like period excepting 1900 and they were 32.63 per cent of our total exports. The inflow of gold is not without its hazards. It must be avoided. The American people are sane enough to make gold not only the symbol of prosperity, but its stout defense."

CAGADA'S GROWING TIME.

Bradstreet's, under the heading of Canada, says:

"Canada this week completed, from a business point of view, the most successful year in her history. For the past five years the Dominion has been experiencing what has been called the 'growing time' The truth of this has found ample proof in the great expansion that has taken place in manufacturing, mercantile and financial circles, as well as in the agricultural sections of the country. There was great increase in the wealth of the country during the past year. Various figures and statements now in course of preparation for the calendar year just ended, but which are still incomplete, unmistakably prove this fact."

A BIG PURCHASE.

A special to the Free Press from Sault Ste Marie, Mich., says: Mr. Charles S. Osborn, state railroad commissioner, who not many years ago was a reporter [illegible] owner of the Detroit News, and his associates, have been offered $2,000,000 for their iron ore properties in Sudbury district, north of the Canadian Soo, in Ontario. Diamond drill operations have been in progress for several months, and it is believed that a large body of ore has been encountered. The offer to purchase is said to have come from the Clergue interests, and is one reason for the loan of $3,000,000 made yesterday by the Consolidated Lake Superior company.

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 wants once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1903.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Some people worship money so much that they fail to pay the printer.

The Nelson News is an excellent newspaper and should be supported by all within the territory it reaches

It costs ten cents a word to send wireless messages across the Atlantic, and the rate may be reduced to one cent.

The Toronto News, under its new management, will plug for the Grand Trunk Pacific. A strong booster helps any game.

Canada's postoffice will surely pay this year. The salaries of nearly all the postmasters in the Slocan have been cut down.

People should be careful in handling gasoline. Lack of caution has caused many accidents in America during the past month.

Petroleum as fuel oil on railroads is going out of use in California. Indirectly it was the cause of the recent horror on the Southern Pacific.

Vancouver has another daily paper, which is just like putting five wheels on a wagon. Fewer and better papers is what the country wants.

London papers anticipate a considerable rise in the price of silver this year, owing to the coming demand for the white metal in India and China.

It is predicted that the Doukhobors will start on the march next spring in search of Jesus. If they can't find Him where they live there is no use hunting the universe

If we had a dollar for every new resolution that was born this month we would have no time to do anything except cut the coupons from our bonds and cash them in the bank.

The Slocan will not always be a white chip. The prospects of silver are very bright, although pessimists continue to howl. Let them continue to howl. There will be silver when they are dead.

Judging from the heavy and frequent loss of life by railway collisions, it is high time some one invented a system whereby two trains can cross on the same track without making a wreck of human life.

Several churches in Summit Hill, Pa., have had to close their doors as the parsons were boycotted by the coal miners, owing to their attitude in the recent strike. As parsons belong to the ruling class they invariably take sides against the working man in a strike.

The winter climate at New Denver is an inducement of itself to bring in settlers. So far this winter the thermometer has never been lower than 10 degrees above zero, and most of the time just about freezing. For beauty of scenery and climate Slocan lake easily takes first place in Canada.

Judging from what Shaughnessy tells us the C. P. R. is not likely to build any tourist hotels in Kootenay. The great road prefers that somebody else make the millions keeping the hotels, while they will make millions hauling visitors without much extra expense. The country built the C. P. R. and the country will have to build up the tourist trade, and hand it over to the road. That is the only way we see that the matter can be settled. We would buy the C. P. R. and make Kootenay the talk of the tourist world only we have a horror of becoming like Morgan.

The Interior Press Association of British Columbia will meet at Nelson upon January 18, and devise the best ways and means of keeping the sheriff in cold storage. The press is the mightiest power in the land but owing to the lack of unity among its members it is constantly being shoved against the worst end of everything.

The restriction of the editorial pass system over the C. P. R. is raised by certain greedy individuals abusing the privilege. At present the legitimate journalist suffers for the bastard element that crept into his profession because the door was easily opened. The press is a valuable ally of the railroads, especially in new settlements. The resources of a country are made known through it, the people rush in and the railroads make money, while the editor takes his reward in glory and frozen smiles when extra transportation is requested. A railroad that is good to the press seldom grows faint in the financial stope.

A NEW JAG CURE.

We won't have time to indulge in a regular Christmas story this year, but we are going to tell a story that is true, about something that came under our own personal observation during the past week. We are not going to mention the party's name, but he is a well-known individual about Denver, and, like men who drink to excess, is a genial, good-natured sort of a fellow, and pretty generally liked when he is sober. For twenty years he has borne the reputation of being a chronic drunkard and in twenty years he has gone through a fortune. This would not be worth mentioning, if it were not for the fact that a patient wife and two lovely daughters have suffered with him. We met him the other day so changed that we hardly knew him, and our evident surprise caused him good-naturedly to remark:

"No, sir; I have not gone against the jag cure. I have taken that so many times that it seems like a farce; but I read an article in your paper some time ago concerning Edgar Wallace Conable at Roswell, Colorado, who claimed drunkenness to be nothing more or less than an obession. It struck me as being very funny, but I concluded I would go against his game. I have tried every scheme on earth to keep sober and I never have overlooked anything calculated to make a man of me. With many misgivings and a sort of contempt for myself, I finally took the train and decided to visit the party and here I am with no more appetite for liquor than I have for melted lead,"

The statement of the gentleman set us to thinking. For twenty years he had struggled against the habit. Our curiosity led us to question him farther:

"What do you mean by obsession?"

"Well," he replied, laughingly, "that is a long story; suffice it to say that a man who drinks is a negative proposition and in this vast ocean of thought that surrounds us are innumerable departed intelligences who have not had enough liquor here on earth. We come in harmony with these intelligences by reason of the law of vibration, and the intelligence borrows our person to satisfy its appetite. See?"

"Do you believe it?" we asked.

"Believe it—you bet your sweet life I do; and I have had a practical demonstration of the fact. Mamma and the girls are going to get a Christmas this year that will make them the happiest they have been in many years."

Then he turned away to hide the moisture that bedimmed his eyes. "Do not think for a moment, Mr. George," he added, "that I am crazy. I am so overcome with happiness and gladness that I cannot think of myself and my new conditions without this expression of weakness."

Well, whatever it is, he is a new man and God bless him. It fills us with joy to think there are better things ahead for him and his family. Surely it will be a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for them all; and, we only hope and pray that our friend really means what he tells us, and that what he tells us is so, for if it is, there is a big field for men like Mr. Conable to work in.—George's Weekly.

THE SLANDER TONGUE.

A young married woman in Havelock, Ont., a mere girl, swallowed poison and died because the village gossips were whispering malicious slanders against her. This is a recorded case. But think of the myriads of victims of the slanderous tongues who, though they do not seek refuge in suicide, live crippled lives and suffer in secret. We forget at the moment what torture Dante invented for the slander-mongers in his Inferno; but it should be something more excruciating than the punishment for most other sins.—Hamilton Herald.

Yes, indeed, slander is the curse of society, and gossips are the purveyors of slander. Many women who gad about churches and sewing circles, ready to faint if they heard a word a little off color, will tear to shreds the character of a man or women for the edification of soulless hearers, and actually make themselves believe that they are God-fearing honorable women! Cigarettes are somewhat of a curse, and whiskey is more or less in the same class, but it would be well worth while to abandon the campaign against one or both and direct the powers for good toward the suppression of the character-wrecking gossip. The Havelock woman was indeed very silly to take notice of what the scandal-mongers said of her, but those who spoke ill of her will yet have to answer for their levity to the Great Judge. This young woman may not have been murdered, but her death comes dangerously near to murder.—News.

NOT INVINCIBLE.

Three Irishmen were discussing the merits of the various fighters in an Atlantic City saloon, and in conclusion one said: "Yes, gintlemen, the Irish are the greatest fighters in the world."

After they left the place a little German, who was contentedly sipping his beer and smoking his pipe, listening to what the Irishman had to say, remarked to the bartender that he did not think the Irish were such great fighters. The bartender said they proved themselves fine fighting men.

"Vell, I dond dink dey vas any goot as fighders," the German contended. "Vy only las' veek me and my brudder Gus and anudder fellow whipped one of dem."

CONFUCIUS IDEAS.

Confucius conceived man to be endowed with marvellous powers and capacities which made him little other than a veritable god upon this earth; that by nature he is constituted such, but that through ignorance he has drifted wide of the mark.

To attempt to show man the way back, therefore, as well as to impress upon him the opulence of his endowment and the grandeur of his inheritance, was the aim and endeavor of Confucius' long life.

This was Confucius' great scheme: to urge man to make of himself what he termed the superiorman—the perfect man.

Virtue he defined "to be able to practice five things everywhere under the heavens—gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, kindness and earnestness." And another of his definitions was this: "In the Book of Poetry are three hundred pieces, but the design of them all in that one sentence, Have no depraved thoughts." This was all there was of life to him.

The practice or pursuit of this would make gods of us all, he considered. This is very much the same view as that entertained by the ancient Greeks except in this—the Greeks believed in a great number of gods of a personal nature, while Confucius could conceive of only one universal, impersonal Power or Being governing in the universe.

Happiness he considered a result and not an end—a corollary, so to speak, which naturally follows or ensues from the pursuit of the end. To live simply to be happy, he considered, would be selfish—unworthy of man's endowment. This is his definition of happiness.:

"When there are no stirrings of pleasure, anger, sorrow or joy, the mind may be said to be in a state of equilibrium. When those feelings have been stirred and they act in their due degree, then ensues what may be called a state of harmony. This equilibrium is the great root from which grow all the human actings in the world.

No man can be expected fo foot his wife's bills without kicking.

Even the river banks are unable to stand a protracted run on them.

FROM THE WASTE DUMP.

The police sometimes get those who help themselves.

A rolling stone never makes much of an uphill fight.

It's a put up job on a man when his wife orders a new stove.

If a man gets too fresh he deserves to find himself in a pickle.

To read without reflection is like eating without digesting.

The rooster does the crowing but the hen attends to business.

Only a mean man enjoys seeing another man's wife smoking a cigarette.

Some of our friends, after starving us on earth, hope to meet us in heaven.

Virtue is its own reward, and genius is frequently found in the same class,

The Greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice, and her constant companion is humility.—Colton' Lacon.

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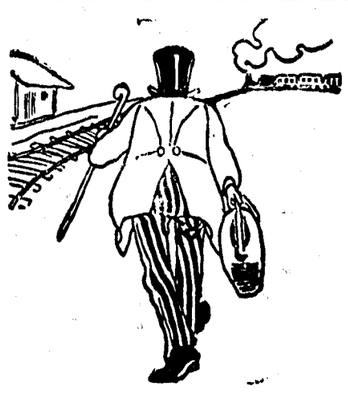

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Is Nature Made Mad?

The manager of the proposed Pacific cable line promises to send a message around the globe in 39 minutes on the first day of next July. The time required at present is 39 hours.

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In the present century, when the strides of progress are leaving a record of scientific advancement never yet equalled in the history of man, men witness with indifference the accomplishment of marvels which would have failed of credulity but a generation past.

The life of an Edison means much in human affairs and what Edison has been to the present era Marconi and those who follow him in his experiments may be to the next.

That persistent, persevering and boldly enterprising little animal, man, is already fairly in the way of binding the elements hand and foot and making them subservient to his uses and his will. He caught the lightning and chained it, and since then there has been a record of his doings that might well make his grandfather turn in his grave.

To a fanciful imagination it would seem that all this is not to be suffered by Mother Nature without a protest. This animal of the genus homo, favorite creature of the earth, has taken upon himself a most impertinent and officious importance.

He has built himself steam boats and sails the seas. He has contrived the engine and spans the land in the twinkling of an eye.

He has arranged a substitute for wings and the air is also his that he may fly through it.

He has sent up his kite and brought down the thunderbolts of the heavens, tamed them and made them to do his bidding from one end of the earth to the other, over the land and under the sea by means of the telegraph, the telephone, and the, as yet, unperfected wireless system.

He has taken these wonders from the air, and he has delved into the earth and brought forth the chains for their harness, and the shackles wherewith to bind them in their unruliness.

He has made inroads into every known kingdom and brought back his chosen captives.

In his own kingdom he has possessed himself of every animal and certain of these he has made subservient, fitted upon them the harness of bondage and made them to expend their energies for him.

He has hitched them to the plow and the wagon and compelled them to draw him about or toil for him at his will, and it has been only in the latter day of his boundless ambition that, growing impatient of their limitations, he has substituted the captive elements—steam and electricity—in their traces.

He has gone into the vegetable kingdom and compelled it to yield him raiment and food.

Raiment and food he has also exacted from the backs and bodies of the animal kingdom.

And the mineral kingdom has been made to bring forth fuel for his warmth, mediums for his power, jewels for his adornment, and illumination for his prowlings about in the night that he may encroach upon the rights and in the natural dominion of the owl and the bat.

Having brought down the birds of the air and brought up the fishes of the sea, and having conquered all the creatures of the earth on his own level, and having filched from the mineral kingdom and the elements powerful weapons of warfare wherewith to make battle upon the unconquered of his own kind—having done all these things without protest from his fond and indulgent parent, Mother Nature, he became even more presumptuous and began to reach out for those elements which were theretofore the personal and inviolate property and weapons of Mother Nature herself.

Thus did he incur her displeasure.

When he dragged the lightning from the sky and chained it; when he bottled up the restless steam and gas and turned their restlessness to account; when he dared to leave the earth and soar in an element from which, by his natural physical restrictions he had been forbidden; when he contrived bits of glass into powerful lenses that he might pry into secrets hidden from his natural sight; when he invented the telescope, the microscope and the X-ray, by which to peer through space and solids; when he even presumed to interfere with the seasons down in Arizona and attempted to draw the rain from the sky at his bidding; when he buckled on an armor filched from the backs of other animals and ventured into the icebound, forbidden north in search of treasured gold; when presumptuous numbers of him gathered on mountain tops and signalled through limitless space by means of the subsidized elements to other presumptuous gatherings of his tribe; when he resurrected the secrets told to Noah by direct message from the clouds, and contrived improved editions of the ark run by steam, and trailing trans-oceanic cables in its wake to circle the globe in 39 minutes—when he did all these things and began to do more, his presumption, it would seem, angered Mother Nature and her frown has been over it all.

Warnings have grumbled forth from under sea and land.

The Gulf of Mexico seethed and foamed and rushed in maddened waves over the city of Galveston, ending the lives of a swarm of offenders.

Mount Pelee burst forth in wrath and thirty thousand of the favorite creatures of the earth were hurled into eternity.

On the coast of Mexico another volcano belched forth and swept away more thousands of the presumptuous ones.

But undisturbed the genius homo goes on planting his potato crops on the verge of Mexican craters.

In the old world the mountains shook and showered upon unhappy cities fatal storms of stone and lava.

But man has gone on building his cities in the shadow of the belching mountains.

In the Hawaiian islands, old Kilauea has been grumbling and belching fire while the presumptuous ones gathered at its crater and gaze upon the pyrotechnic wrath of Mother Earth, as if it were a splendid show for the sole benefit of mau himself.

Seismic disturbances are disturbing the deed all over the globe and the earth is all a-tremble.

Geological revolutions are going on beneath the feet of offending man.

Plagues have been let loose and the savage heathen of the Celestial kingdom are feeling the impact of a new wrath against civilization.

Everywhere Mother Nature is threatening—unheeded.

It is as if men were swarms of ants toiling at ant-hills and when a stone rolls by and kills a toiling mass others take their places and the work goes on.

Will the wrath of the Mother of the Elements pass? Will the overgrown children of the earth, spoiled and unheeding the warnings of an angry parent, incur the threatened punishment—or will the fond parent with characteristic maternal indulgence—forgive the splendid presumption of the favorite creature of the earth and spare the rod that the child may be further spoiled?

These are the fanciful questions that time will answer.

POSSIBILITIES OF MAN.

The Rev. Frank E. Mason lectured recently upon the above subject. The following notes of his address are of interest to advance thought readers:

"What am I? I don't know. I am trying to think myself right.

"Everybody must be just what he is because he is the only one that thinks it.

"If you are poor, weak and unhappy, change your thinking.

"We put up with our conditions because we are too ignorant to overcome them.

"We are the evil of all the past.

"Every system is an incubator of disease.

"What is man? We don't know what man is. Nature has never yet defined man. All we know is that man is all he can make himself. There is nothing impossible in this universe to man.

"All the good things we put in the sky. We hope for things today. What are hopes? It is evident that we haven't what we want.

"No man has seen God at any time. God is not until somebody expresses Him.

"Thoughts are things. The organ is a thing. Man thought of the organ, consequently the thought is the organ. The electric light is a thought of man's; it is a thing. If you think of disease you will have disease. If you think of pain and poverty you will surely have pain and poverty. People don't think of themselves. Most of us are phonographs and only talk what others talk into us.

"Everything in this universe expresses itself. The only trouble with man is self-belittlement. The best any of us can do is to advance what is in us. Nature has given no outward weapon, but has given no outward weapon, but has given us mind, and mind is man's weapon

"My grandfather rode in ox-carts and used the tallow candle. I rode down here in a train at a mile a minute, and have the electric light. What's the difference? My grandfather's mind was as highly illuminated as the candle. He couldn't think any faster than he could travel. When you begin to to think you have a new phenomenon of life.

"Like produces like.

"Whatever a man sows, that shall he reap.

"Diseases will not exist when you begin to think beyond them.

"It is the thought of today that produces the condition of today. You can't put a quart of intelligence into a pint of mind, and just as large as you make your mind nature will fill it.

"We believe in immortal and mortal.—If you believe in a good God and a bad devil, you will be seeing good things and devilish things. When we drop the devil and embrace God, there will be no devil.

"It is not the masses that need to be made better; it is the fellow that sees the masses crushed. You need to be made better yourself.

"Heaven means harmony, and if you can't make heaven here you can't anywhere. There is no place where you can get rid of yourself, so if you have heaven within you you will be in heaven.

"Everywhere you go nine-tenths are talking of Disease, Failure and Death. When you stop talking of disease, it will go.

"You can change all your conditions by thinking beyond and above them.

"There is only one basis of life—Spirit. There could not be any other.

"If you are weak, don't call yourself weak; call yourself strong.

"The Golden Rule is the only thing that is worth anything to man in this world: Do to others as you would do to yourself."

There are three days whereon a man should not worry—tomorrow, because it has not yet arrived; today, because it is needed for business, and yesterday, because it is gone forever.—Anon.

There are no incidents so unfortunate from which skillful men will not draw some advantages, nor so fortunate that foolish men will not turn them to their hurt.—La Rochefoucauld.

The whole philosophy of life consists in knowing what is true in in order to do what is right.—G. W. Foote.

I hate to see things done by halves. If it be right to do it boldly; if it be wrong leave it undone.—Gilpin.

He who foresees calamities suffers them twice over.—Parteous.

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H. F. MACLEOD
District Registrar.

Land Registry Office, Nelson, B. C., 13th December, 1902.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To SANFORD DAIGLE, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "George No. 2," "Roland" and "Commander" Mineral Claims, situate on the North Fork of Eight Mile Creek, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended for assessment work and recording fees on the above named claims for the year last past, three hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents; namely, one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents for each of the said claims, in order to hold the said claims 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 such expenditures, together with all cost of advertising your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.

Signed: CHAS. E. HOPE

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Free Miner's Certificate No. B 21679 and Harold Selous Free Miner's Certificate No. B 31471, 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.

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To GEORGE T. McKENZIE, late of New Denver, British Columbia, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Shareholder" mineral claim, situated north of Bear Lake, and adjoining the "Lakeview" in Ainsworth Division.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended $200 in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned sum, which is now due together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

Dated at New Denver, B. C. this 6th day of November, 1902.

ROBT. WILLIAMS
Witness Charles S. Rashdall

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To MIKE MORRIS and J. G. McKAY, or to whomsoever they may have transferred their interests in the Stanley mineral claim, situated near Meadow Creek, Slocan Mining Division West Kootenay District, B. C.

YOU, and each of you, are hereby notified that I have expended the sum of $[illegible] in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral 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, 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 an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

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From the Bull's Kennel

HANK REKLAW

Farewell, a long farewell, to all my greatness;
This is the state of man:
Today he brings forth the tender leaves of hope,
Tomorrow blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him;
The third day comes a frost—a killing frost.

When Shakespere wrote these lines he must have looked far into the future and foresaw what was to be in B. C. governmental affairs. He certainly was a prophet No other province in the British empire, if, indeed, the world, has been cursed with so many "leaders" of little or no ability. Man after man has been chosen to lead the people out of the wilderness of commercial stagnation into the Canaan of industrial prosperity. They have come mighty in promise, but after a momentary flash of brilliancy have fallen to the earth like a spentsky-rocket. They have borne the leaves of hope, then for a day blossomed, and faded away, leaving naught but vain regrets behind. In the passed four years five men have been made our Moses, and today the people are no nearer the promised land than when Turner became Premier. There came Turner, then Semlin, then Martin, then Dunsmoir, and now Prior. All have had merit, but no administrative ability; all have fallen short of the demands made upon them; not one of them fearlessly faced the issue before the country and intelligently tried to meet it. All wires were pulled, and stretched and twisted in order to put feathers into the beds of the pap-dribblers that feed off the people. The lobby that is always out for boodle has been more powerful in affecting legislation than any of the Governments, or all of them combined, and on top of this influence has been the fear of the labor leaders, party leaders, and corporation lawyers. And still the end is around the corner—or at Victoria.

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In a mining camp there is a church and in that church there is an organ. In that camp there are people who like to dance, and when a hop is on they burglarize the church and carry off the organ. Sometimes an entrance is made by a window, and sometimes the lock is picked. Recently a new lock was put upon the door and notice given that the party removing it would be prosecuted. And now a "boycott" is on that church. The dignity of those cheap fellows who like to dance, but who would rather rob a church than "pay the fiddler." has been touched, and they propose to boycott the institution of God! How laughable! The church should joyfully welcome their "change of heart." Open opposition is better than covert enemies. But the man who would boycott another for refusing to allow him to enter his place of business and carry off his furniture is a peculiar animal.

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Ike is not getting his three squares nowadays like he used to. I believe he goes hungry to kennel many a night. Ike is a dog friend of mine—and your's. He is big, raw-boned and has a heart like a wash-tub He is so glad to see you when he meets you on a fine morning that he tries to tie a knot in the air with his long shaggy tail and push his great legs though the loops just to make you laugh. Everybody loves Ike, because Ike is lovable. Prince is another of our canine family. There is much that Prince does not know, but he is not losing any flesh over it He knows a good thing when he has it, and more, he knows enough to keep out of other dog's kennels. Lots of men are minus this wisdom. Prince and Ike are old chums. Ike is a frequent visitor to Prince's kennel, and, I don't know how it's done, but I'm quite sure Ike asks him for a "hand-out." Prince has a hotel kitchen to draw upon, and it is quite common for him to come in these cold mornings, go to the scrap depository and whine for all he can get Then he carries it out doors, where Ike is in waiting, and sits down to watch the big fellow devour it. This isn't how humans do it, in that Ike is not introduced to the wood-pile, but Ike and Prince are only dogs, and have not acquired many of the fads of civilization—and are happy.

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Rev. Dr. Sowerby spoke at St. Thomas at the time of the recent vote on the liquor question, and in the course of his remarks, brought out some points to make Canadians think. He based his remarks on the verse taken from Esther, "And the drinking was according to law." He gave a synopsis of the events leading up to the scene of the words. The drinking was legal, and, he declared, we put the coat on because it fits us. A magnificent sketch was given of Canada's progress in wealth, science, art and education. We have made magnificent progress in all these matters, but none in the drinking customs. It is the same today as in the time of Xerxes, thousands of years ago. Revenue is at the bottom of it—it is a legalized business. He thought the people ought to say that this should not be a legalized business. He did not speak as a politician, nor yet as a prohibitionist, but as a lover of his country. Here are some of his deductions:

A sober people will give no trouble regarding the revenue.

No power on this earth has any right to license an evil.

I will not be a partner to the traffic.

I want to make it illegal.

I want to follow Christ, as he denounced all evil.

I owe it to the children to keep them from it.

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A gentleman who had business in a small town "out West" had ordered some important letters sent there, and on his arrival went to the postoffice to inquire for them.

"No letters here for you," said the postmaster.

"They ought to have been here yesterday."

"Couldn't have got here yesterday. Old Brown, who carries the mails was drunk, and didn't go over to Iosco after it."

"And how about today?"

"Well, he's sober enough today, but his old woman has cut her foot."

"But there will be a mail tomorrow?"

"Skassly, sir. We don't have any mail on Thursdays."

"Then how about the next day?"

"Friday is sort of off day with the Iosco postmaster, and he generally goes fishing. If he don't he sends the boy over. I never count on it, however."

"You seem to have a slipshod way of running postal affairs out in this country."

"Waal, I dunno but we have," he admitted, as he looked over the top of his spectacles, "but as long as nobody but Uncle Bill Simpson ever gets any mail, and that's only a circular about how to kill cockroaches, we kinder take things easy, and let the United States run along without bustin' her biler."

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