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General News Float

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

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

There are piles of jokes in Kaslo, but Sam Hunter can tell the latest.

A letter from Butte states that Carl Hand is very ill from throat trouble.

The residence of George Baker, of Sandon, was destroyed by fire last week.

J. C. Drewry will examine the smelter proposition at Kaslo for eastern capitalists

J. C. Harris was working in his ice fields the past week, and he cut lots of ice, too.

Jacob Dover, Nelson, is offering a 10 per cent. discount to those who need goods in his line.

G. P. Ford, well-known in New Denver, died at Kimberley, South Africa, Jan. 18th, of enteric fever.

The ratepayers of Kaslo will be asked to vote a bonus of $50,000 for the smelter that is talked of for that town.

New Denver skaters took part in the carnival at the Silverton rink Saturday night, and report having a huge time.

A saloon license was granted to the International of Slocan City at the Commissioners' meeting held here Saturday.

Harry Wooley came down from the Speculator on Saturday with a nasty cut across the arm which he received in handling an adze.

The cider barrel in John Williams' store never runs dry. John must fill it up at night when the feverish rush of business for the day is over.

Is there a man in the Slocan, with soul so thoroughly bad, that he never to himself has said, "I will try a little ad." If there is, he is wanted at this office, right smart.

And now the province is to be asked for a bonus of $8,000 a mile to build the Coast-Kootenay road. What's the matter with the government building the road for the people instead of for the charter mongers?

The provincial legislature will be asked to vote $8,000 to defray the expenses of sending a lacrosse team to Australia. It will probably do so by cutting down the appropriations for roads and trails in the mining districts.

The scenery around New Denver is beautiful enough to tame any wild soul. Some of the best views can be seen from the windows of John Williams' store, on the lower end of Sixth street, commonly called the Broadway of the Lucerne.

On the evening of Feb. 22nd, in the Clever Hall, the Knights of Pythias will celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of New Denver Court with one of their always enjoyable social evenings. Refreshments will be served and dancing indulged in.

C. D. Mackenzie died in Nelson on Monday night. He had charge of the Arlington mine, at Erie, since the death of Maurice Bucke. He was a native of Kentucky, and possessed a mind and manner that endeared him to hundreds of friends who will regret to learn that he has crossed the great divide.

At last a clew has been found to the whereabouts of our Siding Station stove. It's up in the Klondike. At all events, the Whitehorse Star tells of one like it: "Last week a strange sight was seen in Bennett, viz.: a well-lighted stove on the ridge of the roof of the new depot, and a brick-layer building up a brick chimney with the thermometer 35 below zero, keeping his mortar on the stove to prevent it freezing. Several snap shots were taken of this not every day occurrence."

Business is slack in some lines in Nelson. Poker stacks have fallen to a dollar. Frogs are 5 cents, while the best solo seldom brings more than 15 cents. White pants are below cost. Religion is looking up. Roulette is at zero. Street cars are fare. Daily papers are weak. Hockey is high, while the ice is not feverish. Cocktails have not changed, and jags are quoted at old prices. Real estate is solid. Brick blocks are up. Free lunches are at a premium, but buckwheat hot cakes are scarce. Whiskey is going down daily. Beefsteaks are firm. Other lines are about the same, except the old timers. Most of them are sober.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

Work was resumed on the Sinfi this week.

Another shipment was made last week from the Bondholder.

The work being pnt upon the Lake View group, situated close to town, is proving very satisfactory.

The Hewett is shipping about a car a week. A lower tunnel is being run to tap the mine at a depth of 500 feet.

Ninety tons of ore was shipped last week by the Arlington, giving that property 460 tons to its credit since Jan. 1st.

In a few days the Noble Five will be in operation again. Work will be pushed through the Last Chance No. 3 tunnel.

Palma Angrignon has garnered his ice crop. He has 100 tons stored away to cool the populace when the summer suns shine forth in all their splendor and misery.

The Payne did not make any shipments last week, but when the new arrangements with the Trail smelter are completed shipments will proceed with increased tonnage.

The Whitewater mine has concluded not to ship ore for the present, owing to the trouble with the smelter combine, and is storing its output. Six hundred tons are sacked and piled near the K. & S. track.

W. H. Jeffrey, representing the Canadian Gold Fields, has secured an option on the Black Prince. Should the property be taken up it will be on a bond running 18 months, calling for the payment of $75,000.

A SAD LEAVING BEHIND.

Last Friday morning a large number of citizens from Three Forks attended the burial in the New Denver cemetery of the body of Roderick Cameron, who was killed Wednesday afternoon at the concentrator. The service was one of unusual sadness, the circumstances in connection with the death, and the condition of the wife and children left to mourn the loss of a loving father and husband—their only protector—being such as to sicken the heart of the community and bring sorrow to the homes of many.

The accident that caused the death of Cameron happened about 8 o'clock in the afternoon, and he died in about an hours time. He was employed at the Concentrator as foreman of the tram system, and was ever a careful, painstaking, industrious workman. He had warned all men employed under him of the danger of riding on the cars, and only the day before refused to allow two of them to go up on the tram. Wednesday afternoon one of the cars stuck in making the descent and Cameron followed it up with a crowbar to loosen it. As he did so and the car moved ahead he jumped upon it. It gained speed as it went and when the trestle was reached—the dangerous part [illegible] jump would have meant certain injury. About midway over the trestle the car left the track and plunged over the trestle to the ground below, a distance of 30 or 40 feet. Cameron managed to stay with it and was found lying beside it, mortally injured. He was carried to the Concentrator and medical aid summoned, but he was beyond all human aid and quickly expired.

Deceased was born in Inverness, Scotland, 38 years ago, coming to Canada in 1881. After spending six years in Perth he moved west, locating in Spokane, Wash. From there he went to Victoria, where he was employed in an important position in the erection of the Parliament buildings. Five years ago he came to Three Forks and has since been employed at the Concentrator. He was not a member of the Union, nor of any fraternal society, and did not carry any insurance. He leaves a wife and four small children, whose welfare is in no wise provided for.

THE OUTLOOK BRIGHTER.

Good Work Being Done by the Rossland Chamber of Mines.

At the annual general meeting of the Rossland Chamber of Mines held in their palatial board rooms this week, says the Rossland Miner, the treasurer announced that the Canadian Pacific, Great Northern and Canadian Northern railways had each contributed $25,000 to that institution, that the Le Roi Consolidated and the War Eagle Consolidated had also contributed a like sum. The financial statement shows a balance of over $300,000 on hand at the end of the year. The chamber now employs 15 lecturers in Europe, two in Eastern Ontario and five in the United States. Senator J. B. McArthur was again elected president by acclamation. Word was received from London that the series of lectures on the Gold Fields of British Columbia by Mr. A. J. McMillan are being well patronized by the British nobility and others with money.

Alex. W. Murdoch, of Toronto, Commissioner for British Columbia and Ontario, representing the London & Berlin Banking Corporation of London, Eng., in an interview with the Miner, said: "There is a great disposition on the part of English capitalists to invest money in Canada, and particularly in the resources peculiar to British Columbia. Owing to the trouble in South Africa, English capitalists are today turning their attention to the resources of the Dominion, and particularly to British Columbia, and if our people are alive to the fact and can be impressed with the opportunity which now presents itself, there is no question as to the results this spring or later in the year.

"With the banking and railway facilities, which are available today, we have practically placed at the doors of English capitalists opportunities for investment such as no other colony has ever presented to them before. There is a feeling of confidence prevailing in London at the present in regard to Canadian opportunities such as has not characterized this class of venture before, and it is with a view to obtaining the closest and most reliable data concerning the mining industry of this province that I am visiting it. We must bear in mind that English capitalists have in the past been more or less deceived as to what we have to offer here, they having obtained a great deal of their information filtered through New York, Chicago or other American sources. With our high commissioner's office in London, to whom the capitalists naturally apply for reliable information, which forms a basis of the Stock exchange quotation, it becomes our people to furnish the most reliable data concerning the output, facilities and the means employed, to place results upon the market in desirable form. I anticipate this spring that British Columbia will experience the most desirable, extensive and satisfactory revival in mining that it has ever had, and it will be but the preface to what is within the possibilities of the very near future.

"Impressed as I am with such facts, and the close correspondence I have had with desirable and prominent people, possessed with wealth and anxious to invest, caused me to visit this resource- [illegible] class of information such as it seems impossible for one interested to obtain outside of its confines, and I believe it becomes your provincial government to make a special effort this spring to take advantage of the singular opportunity which now presents itself. I have sized up the situation. I have carefully considered your banking, railway and other facilities, and I have yet to come upon anything lacking in essential features which could not be advantaged, that [illegible] if you people would only associate the same with the opportunities which the English market presents at present.

"The fact of certain of our Toronto capitalists having invested largely in some of your mines here has evidently deeply impressed the English capitalist with the fact that we have in Canada the courage of our convictions, and we realize with the plethora of English capital seeking investment today that it simply rests with our people to present to the London market the condition of the mines in their existing form, and the unquestionable value in connection therewith, to secure results. If we take advantage of this at once, this year will see a revival and an activity in the mining interests here such as we might almost have hesitated to have dared to anticipate in the past. I shall be pleased while here to obtain any data in a form such as I can submit directly to my correspondents in London."

PECULIAR IDEAS OF FAIRNESS.

The "supply agents,"—the men who do the talking, and, incidentally, the buying of stationery, etc., for some of the Slocan Miners' Unions, have their own ideas of fairness. They appear to believe that fairness in business is only demanded when they themselves are the direct beneficiaries, and that when they can save a dollar or two in their supplies by doing so, they are justified in ignoring the home union printing offices and sending to the coast cities for what they want. This, of course, is their privilege, but it is a policy that is abhorent to the very fundamental principles of unionism, and must be contrary to the wishes of every member of the Miners' Union who has any regard for the principles of fairness. It is a well known fact that in most lines of printing the well-equipped offices of the coast cities can afford to take work at a price much lower than that demanded by any Kootenay office and yet pull out with a larger profit. So can the laboring men of the coast afford to work for $2.50 a day and save more than the average Kootenay miner earning $3.25 a day. If the newspapers of the Kootenays had followed the example of the newspapers of the coast, when the trouble was on some months ago, the wages to miners in B. C. would have been reduced to $3 and $2.50 per day. But the newspapers of Kootenay stood almost solid in opposition to a reduction in the wage scale. They did so without receiving or asking any favors from the Unions. They did so because they honestly believed that a reduction in the wages to miners would be detrimental to the best interests of the country. The Union leaders show their appreciation for the assistance given then by attempting now to force the newspapers of Kootenay to compete with the prices charged on the coast, by sending to Victoria for their printing. Who said "scab"?

A BIG MINING DEAL.

Ole Sandberg has sold his interest in the Wa Wa, on Laforme creek, to W. B. Pool.

E. A. Allan, of Calgary, has transferred his interest in the Chilcat, Noble Three, Treadwell, Wa Wa and White Elephant claims to the Double Eagle Mining and Development Company.

The Double Eagle Mining and Development Company have sold to Alfred Octavious Kirby, of London, Eng., the White Elephant, Treadwell, Noble Three claims, and an eighth interest in the Wa Wa and Chilcat claims on Laforme creek, Big Bend, and also a third interest in the Moscow claims on Pool creek.

J. J. Young, of Calgary, and W. B. Pool, of Revelstoke, have sold their interests in the Moscow and Ottertail claims on Pool creek, and the Silver Bow, Butte and Black Diamond on Lex- [illegible] creek and in the Treadwell, Noble Three, Wa Wa, Chilcat and White Elephant on Laforme and Carnes creeks, to A. O. Kirby, of London, Eng., who is understood to have formed a company to take up and develop these properties. It is believed that the deal will result in operations of an extensive character and which will be of great importance to Revelstoke, Mr. Kirby being expected from London next month to make arrangements.—Kootenay Mail.

Was a Huge Success

The Miners' Union Masquerade Well Attended and Greatly Enjoyed.

The local Miners' Union is fortunate in having as members men who are adepts in the art of blazing trails to the land of fun, frills and forgetfulness. When they locate a claim on a ledge of amusement and advertise for a crown grant, it is safe to wager that the claim has been thoroughly prospected, the lead well-defined and opened up, and all fractions staked. They leave no stone unturned to bring to view the ore outcrop, and when operations begin they generally are in a position to break down fun enough to pay dividends from the first number. They were particularly well-prepared when operations began in Bosun hall last Thursday night. It was, to use a familiar parlance, a grass-roots proposition and there was stoping ground enough opened up to allow everybody to work "in ore."

The ladies were well represented and never missed a shift. Mrs. W. Cook played the role of Doctress, while Miss Holmes conducted herself as a Grecian Lady should. Mrs. Sutherland presided as fair Canada, and Miss McDonald took upon herself the cloak of a charming Spanish Miss. Miss Gillis came in as Night, Mrs. Ferguson as Liberty, Miss Todd as Cards. Upon Mrs. Hill fell the mantle of a Flower Girl, and to Mrs. Brown that of the Chrysanthemum, while Mrs. Geo. Davis came in as the Parlor Girl. Beautiful Spring hung gracefully over the shoulders of Miss Everett, and Mrs. Nesbitt was the Diamond of the occasion. It fell to Mrs. Long to costume as June, and to Miss Walker as the Old Fashioned Girl.

The gentlemen were more numerous and some of them frequently stayed off shift. D. Hope gave his impressions of that illustrious character, the Coon, and J. Bruce looked like a Clown; Duncan McIntyre was a real live Cavalryman hot from the Canadian contingent, and J. A. Lind carried himself with the dignity of an officer fresh from the N.W. Mounted Police. Frank E. Shook showed what an Engineer on the Empress wears, while Ed Shannon was prepared to do the pastry cooking. D. Chisholm was upon the scene like the proverbial Colored Gent, and in the role of a French Cavalier R. Chisholm sported himself to his heart's content. A Napolian Gent was found in A. W. Shoisk, G. Sutherland was a Turk of haughty mien, and R. L. Gibbs was Mex. Bob Johnston wore the toggery of a Cavalier, likewise did W. Gibbs, only his was of French accent. D. J. Weir was the Huntsman Bold, and Charley Greenlee came into the arena with the grace of a Spanish Bullfighter. Dan McDonald was a Hunter, W. L. Hagler a Turk, C. Owens an English Cavalier, and Tom Lloyd rescued McGinty from the bottom of the sea. S. Simmons brought Black and White from Nakusp, and Paddy Stratford came over from Rosebery as Florentine. H. J. Strickland was togged like an English Cavalier, and C. P. Smith wore the trappings of an English Gentleman. Neil Morrison had the make-up of Uncle Sam, John S. Cameron that of a French Soldier, and Percy Johnson was the Mommer of the boys. Ed Angrig- [illegible] a Mexican Prince; Alex McPhee was the living personification of Hard Tack, and if you were looking for a Ballad Girl out of a job she was to be found in Willis Clark. C. Nesbitt played the Jack o' Hearts, George Long was dignified enough for a Barrister, and G. B. Chamian played the deuce as the Irish Gent. R. O. Matheson was a Military officer, Angus McGillivray was decked like a Spanish Court, while Harry Hewer had donned the mask of Encroyable.

From the grand march to the home waltz the dancers enjoyed a hearty good time. Supper was served at the St. James hotel.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 35,000 tons. Since January 1 to February 9, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne		812
Last Chance	52	295
Slocan Star	20	80
Ruth	16	55
Bosun		120
Hewett	40	390
American Boy	20	136
Ivanhoe	30	200
Trade Dollar		63
Sovereign	20	79
Wonderful		4
Arlington	90	460
Two Friends		40
Enterprise		60
Hartney		80
Black Prince		20
Goodenough	25	45
Miller Creek		20
Reco		38
Sunset		21
Queen Bess		283
Monitor	40	77
Corinth		24
Bondholder	20	20
Rambler		150
Surprise		20
Kaslo Group	10	10
Total tons	383	3,593

No ore was sent out last week from the Payne, shipments being delayed pending the settlement of negotiations with the Trail smelter. The shipments for the week were consequently reduced, but we are enabled to add to the total the shipments from the Rambler and Surprise for January, which brings the tonnage since the first of the year up to 3,593 tons. The Hartney has another carload at the wharf which will bring its shipments up to 100 tons. The tonnage this week will show a large increase over last.

THE CORINTH.

The Corinth group of claims is situated on Howson creek, about four miles from New Denver. The four claims were sold by Al Behne and his partners several years ago to an English company. Much money was spent in development and then the work stopped for a time. Last year 80 tons were shipped. Harry Low, foreman, and A. Muir, superintendent, have obtained a lease and bond for one year, and they will work the property steadily, and will ship a car each week. They also have a lease and bond on the Grenville group of five claims, adjoining the Corinth, which will be worked when spring opens. In a few weeks the vein will be tapped from No. 3 tunnel, giving a depth of about 500 feet. No. 3 tunnel is already in 900 feet.

RECORDER'S OFFICE.

The details of work done in the Rossland office for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900, are as follows:

Mineral claims recorded	228
Placer claims recorded	1
Certificates of work	520
Money paid in lieu of work	4
Certificates of improvement	58
Bills of sale, transfer, etc	127
Abandonment	4
Water grants	7
Miners' certificates, personal	60
Miners' certificates, companies	[illegible]
Miners' certificates, special	30

WANTED.

Situation, by a competent steel sharpener. Any camp in the Kootenays. Address [illegible], Ledge Office, New Denver.

At the Green Mountain mine, one of the Anaconda, Montana, copper properties, copper has been found by the diamond drill at a depth of 2,200 feet. The High Ore shaft is to have a depth of 4000 feet.

Piano For Sale.

Grand square piano, better than any Heintzman, for sale, cheap for cash. Apply at once to J. F. DELANEY, New Denver.

Ladies' Jackets, Furs and Golf Capes for sale at cost at Mrs. Merkley's.

THE LEDGE is two dollars a year in advance. When not so paid it is $2.50 to parties worthy of credit. To barbarians east of Lake Superior it is $1 a year. Legal advertising 10 cents a nonpariel line first insertion, and 5 cents a line each subsequent insertion. Reading notices 25 cents a line, and commercial advertising graded in prices according to circumstances.

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

R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

THE LEDGE.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1901.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Not a yellow Chinaman has been left in Moyie.

The local legislature meets next week. The Mineral Act is already shaking with fear.

The newspaper correspondents on the coast have not sold the Britannia mine for several days.

The army canteen has been abolished in the United States army. Must have seen Mrs. Nation coming.

The police in Kansas must be corrupt, or it would not be necessary for Mrs. Nation to raid points where liquor is sold.

The highest salary paid to a bank president in New York is $40,000. Some of his clerks get more than $40 a month.

A store in Vancouver advertises "Her Majesty's corsets for sale." Thus does the war of commerce obliterate the word, indelicate.

A moral wave seems to have hit Spokane. Some day one will swish up against Sandon, and leave of blue and white ribbons quite a pile.

In Windsor, Ontario, the other day 14 men were arrested for gambling. If that law was enforced in the west some towns would all be in jail, occasionally.

An electrical instrument has been invented that can tell to a certainty when people are dead. It is of no use on the delinquent subscribers—they are never dead.

A hotel to cost a million dollars is being built in Toronto. It will likely be supported by western people, as dwellers in the east are averse to paying more than a dollar a day when stopping at a tavern.

Aristotle said that all genius is mixed up with some kind of madness. This explains why so many eminent and talented wood-choppers are crazy with the hallucination that they should be lawyers, parsons, doctors, or handlers of the lever that rules the universe.

When labor unions of any stripe send out of the district in which they live for job printing, because a few dollars can be saved, they are knocking out the foundation upon which they stand. Cheap work always means lower pay for those who produce it. Some union men cannot see farther than the job they are working on.

Mining is active in the Slocan, but the commercial business seems to be rotten. Ask a man for an ad. these days, and he will unfold a tale of woe that would make a bronze image shudder. It is strange how people attempt to economize by cutting off some little ad. They seldom think about cutting off their whiskey, cigars and roast beef, which would be real benefit and economy, but strike at the press, an institution that has done more to build up Kootenay than any other force. Solid facts, when you think about them for a short time.

The spring will soon be here with its soft southern air, its gentle rain, its budding flowers, its active snowslides and rising brooks. It cannot come too soon, for our wood-pile is even now on its last legs, and ere the April showers sprinkle the face of nature it will have passed away, or we are out on our reckoning of the size and strength of New Denver cords.

Ella Wilcox says that divorce is the fire-escape from a domestic hell. If Ella is right we should have the escape system improved in Canada. At present it is too difficult to reach for common people. Most of them fall back into the flames of married misery before they can clutch the first rungs. Lower the escape and give the married folks of Canada a chance to reach safety when the atmosphere of marital bliss becomes heated to excess.

The scenery of the Slocan will some day make it a famous resort for tourists. It is a lunch for the soul. The grand jagged mountain peaks seem to pierce the lower canvas of the blue heavens, while the brooklets that flow down the steep slopes look like silver streaks amid the green when seen from afar. The very ozone seems to be purer than elsewhere. Amid the wonderful grandeur the soul seems to be lifted to a higher plane and—but come and see it for yourself. We are too busy rustling for ads to write effusions upon some of the best work ever turned out by the Creator.

A Church Trust

Trusts are the order of the day, and it is about time for the churches to come in the circle. At present there are several hundred churches all fighting the same hoofed devil, and shouting for the same dear Jesus, but from different standpoints. Why not combine, and save some of the millions now spent on the numerous trails to that unknown prospecting territory generally known as heaven. One broad road to the pearly gates would provide more accommodation to this sin-cursed universe, than a complex system of trails, some of them so narrow that two sinners can scarcely walk abreast. A combine would also stop the war between creeds, and do away with the ruinous competition in reaching out for souls. Just now if a Methodist flag is unfurled in a community, it will not be long before a Presbyterian drops in, then a Baptist, then a Catholic, and so on until the church becomes almost a curse instead of a blessing. The people are confronted with all kinds of schemes for raising money for the priest, parson and the Lord, and the excessive competition weakens the cause.

We do not see any use of fighting the devil with religion. The churches have been trying to kill him for centuries, but the old gent seems to be still holding his own. We have often wondered why the Lord did not shut off his graft and save us poor sinners so much expense and trouble. As it is the people of this earth have all kinds of theories hurled at them from all kinds of pulpits for which they have to pay. Would it not be better to lessen the expense and give us better service. Union is strength, and one strong church would be better than dozens of weak ones. The money saved could be given to the poor, and parsons would be able to live comfortably, instead of living from hand to mouth as thousands of them have to do under the present system. Evolution is in constant motion, and if it does not carry the church to higher ground, the tide of progress, common sense and reason will bury it beneath the debris of exploded doctrines. We do not look for an early combination of churches. There is too much of man in them, and as long as the people dig up we will have creeds. When their brain pans carry better material the troubles of the present church will be over. It will be dead.

Hot Stuff

Warren S. Davenport, in the Butte Reveille, shoves a pen that burns. If he worked on the Nelson Miner it would be all night with the dark-skinned genius who sows his thoughts in the columns of the other daily loser. Warren says the following:

"Every little while the press of this mighty Yankee nation rears upon its hind legs and brays a series of windy discussions anent the value of schools of journalism. They all seem to be pretty well agreed that such institutions are superfluous, and for once they are right. Journalism is no esoteric science, it is just as 'easy as lying.' Really it were as silly to establish schools of journalism as to found professorships for instruction in the art of making chili con carne, creating bad smells or fighting flies. Any one can learn without a preceptor. Of course, there are those who scale Parnassus' rugged steeps step by step until they reach those heights where shines only the great white light of God; those who are overawed by creation's mighty plan, realizing that strive as they may to ferret out the secrets of the universe, words of flaming worlds written on the broad papyri of immensity, they cannot think the thought of God, can only grope towards his throne in fear and trembling. This class of people will disagree with me, but those engaged in journalism who 'sweat blood' in perusal of the old masters, are so hopelessly in the minority that they don't figure much nowadays. Take for instance the daily mental abortion of Mark Hanna's lovely bunch of peons, the delectable mob of hack writers, free lunch fiends, journalistic charley horses and long haired 'sissy' boys yclept the Helena Record."

Forgot The Twins

Children often make remarks in their innocence that if uttered by adults would be considered blasphemous and irreverent by orthodox people. The following are two cases in point. A little boy in one of the Slocan towns had a dog called Koley. At night the boy always said a little hymn before retiring, like this: "I pray the Lord my soul to keep, and Koley's. If I should die before I wake, Oh Lord! send for Dr. Squills." A wee tot of a girl in New Denver was told by her parents that if she incorporated a wish in her evening prayer that twins might come to the house she would be duly rewarded. The little cherub forgot about the twins. Her mother was greatly startled when she entered the bedroom to see her suddenly rise up in bed, clasp her hands, and looking upwards, ejaculate: "Oh, Jesus Christ, I forgot the twins."

THINKERS' THOUGHTS.

Be what you wish others to become. Let yourself and not your words preach for you.—Anon.

An error is the more dangerous in proportion to the degree of truth which it contains.—Anon.

Intolerance, especially when it takes the form of persecution, is the product of two very mean vices, cowardice and idleness.—Selected.

They who voluntarily put power into the hands of a tyrant or an enemy must not wonder if it be at last turned against themselves.—Esop.

If the mind is clear even in a dark room there will be a radiance; if the thought is dark at noonday there will be demons.—Japanese Proverb.

To the personal conscience there is ever present a higher than it has reached, a light beyond, which throws a perpetual shadow on the track behind. —Martineau.

Nature is but an endless series of efficient causes. She cannot create, but she eternally transforms. There was no beginning and there can be no end. —Ingersoll.

Strong souls within the present live,
The future veiled, the past forgot;
Grasping what is, with hands of steel,
They bind what shall be to their will.
—Lewis Morris.

WISDOM OF WILLIAM PENN.

Be rather bountiful than expensive.

Never marry but for love; but see that thou lov'st what is lovely.

He that has more knowledge than judgment is made for another man's use more than his own.

The usefulest truths are plainest. And while we keep them our differences cannot rise high.

Never give out while there is hope; but hope not beyond reason, for that shows more desire than judgment.

There are some men like dictionaries; to be looked into upon occasions, but have no connection, and are little entertaining.

Do nothing improperly. Some are witty, kind, cold, angry, easy, stiff, jealous, careless, cautious, confident, close, open, but all in the wrong place.

THREE THINGS.

Three things to love—courage, gentleness and affection.

Three things to fight for—honor, country and home.

Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to hate—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to delight in—frankness, freedom and beauty.

Three things to avoid—idleness, loquacity and flippant jesting.

Three things to wish for—health, friends and a cheerful spirit.

Three things to admire—intellectual power, dignity and gracefulness.

Three things to think about—life, death and eternity.

FRATERNAL SYMPATHY.

The communications below explain themselves:

MINER'S UNION HALL,
New Denver, B.C., Feb. 9, 1901

Editor THE LEDGE: Sir—As one of the many instances how deeply the death of our beloved Queen is regretted by all classes, I beg to enclose a letter addressed to this Union, with the request to have the same printed in the next issue of THE LEDGE.

Thanking you in advance, I am,
Yours very truly,
D. J. WEIR,
President N. D. M. U. No. 97, W. F. of M. of A.

HALL OF RANDSBURG MINERS' UNION No 44, W. F. of M. of A., Randsburg, Cal., Jan. 26, 1901

Whereas, Victoria I., Queen of England and Empress of India has passed away, be it

Resolved: That this Union extend fraternal sympathy and condolence to our Brethren of the W. F. of M. who are citizens of the British Empire, in their profound national sorrow.

Resolved: That we express our admiration for the imaculate purity and womanly virtue that adorned the long and eventful life of Her Majesty as a Sovereign, wife and mother; and will for ever remain the richest and most glorious heritage of the English nation.

Resolved: That the foregoing be spread upon the minutes of this Union and a copy be sent to each Miners' Union of the W. F. of M. of A. of British Columbia.

Signed— RANDSBURG MINERS' UNION No. 44
Adopted, Jan. 26, 1901.
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Sit down and write the letter
 You put off day by day.
Don't wait until her tired steps
 Reach Heaven's pearly gate,
But show her that you think of her
 Before it is too late.

If you've a tender message
 Or a loving word to say,
Don't wait till you forget it,
 But whisper it to-day.
Who knows what bitter memories
 May haunt you if you wait,
So make your loved one happy
 Before it is too late.

We live but in the present,
 The future is unknown;
Tomorrow is a mystery,
 Today is all our own
The chance that fortune lends to us
 May vanish while we wait,
So spend your life's rich treasure
 Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken,
 The letters never sent,
The long-forgotten messages,
 The wealth of love unspent—
For these some hearts are breaking,
 For these some loved ones wait;
So show them that you care for them
 Before it is too late

SECRET OF LIFE.

Ten days to three weeks' solitary confinement, spent chiefly in bed, is the latest English prescription for tired or ailing men and women, says a recent London despatch. Well ones also are advised that such a penance faithfully performed once a year would solve the whole problem of health and longevity.

This is one of the applications of the principal secret of long life which a large number of prominent English medical men are preaching to all their patients. The theory, condensed into a phrase, is "conservation of energy." It is combined with two older and more familiar precepts—moderation and system. One of the Queen's physicians has just written a popular article on the subject which is attracting a great deal of attention, because in his application of his principles he combats some ideas which have long ruled the professional and lay mind. To begin with, he asks, What is life? That is a question, he admits, which you cannot answer, but you know one thing it inevitably leads to, and that is death, and in a general way you know what brings about death, and that is the expenditure in some way of the last remaining ounces of energy.

It is when he condemns the unnecessary waste of energy by exercise that this eminent physician surprises us. The man who works hard with his head all day and then takes a long walk for the sake of exercise makes a terrible mistake, according to this authority.

"Mental energy and bodily energy" he declares, "come to the same thing at the finish. Having freely drawn from the stock of one, you must not then tap the other with the idea that it is beneficial, for it is not. They have a common source."

He cites Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who takes no physical exercise whatever, as the most conspicuous example of the soundness of his theory.

With regard to moderation, the writer's most emphatic warning is that everybody eats too much. Eat what you like, he says, but stop considerably short of fully satisfying the appetite. The stomach has far too much work to do. Give it less and now and again let it have an absolute rest.

"Practice moderation in smoking and drinking. There is no need whatever for total abstention, for there is nothing in the habits which is in the least inconsistent with nonagenarianism. The man who drinks a quart of beer a day must not expect great length of days. He may never be in the least intoxicated and may believe that he experiences no ill effects whatever from consuming so much alcoholic liquid, but it is too much. Give a stricter meaning to the word moderation, and drink accordingly."

The writer uses "beer" in the English sense, meaning ale. Lager beer, although consumed in larger quantities every year, has not become an English national drink. Finally he says:

"As far as practicable, live throughout your life on the same system. Let it be a good one to begin with, and then adhere to it unaltered. A great mistake is made in supposing a man at 40 requires this, and at 60 he requires that. Fadism is bad. Regularity is a sound principle; but it should be regularity from year to year, and not merely from day to day."

These, he declares, are the secrets of long life, and he adds, "there are no others."

If thou hast not conquered thyself in that which is thy own particular weakness, thou hast no title to virtue, though thou art free of other men's.

ARMOUR AND THE RECREANT MINISTER.

There was some good in the late Philip D. Armour if the following story told about him by the Chicago Interocean is true:

One day several years ago a Chicago minister of the Chadband type called on him and applied for help for a poor woman in his parish whom he had found in poverty and destitution in the most trying hour of childbirth. He was supplied with a sum ample for immediate needs and requested to see that the poor creature received necessary comforts with the least possible delay. Mr. Armour's ability to shunt his thoughts quickly was one of his traits. This matter was speedily forgotten. Imagine his surprise when Chadband returned the next day and said:

"I have brought your money back, Mr. Armour."

"What does that mean?"

"My dear brother," said Chadband, "I am sorry to say that when I applied to you yesterday my information as to this case for Christian charity had been received only by hearsay. I have since investigated personally and discovered that the poor woman in childbirth is unmarried and living in sin. She has not sought salvation that is freely offered without money and without price. I could not therefore conscientiously give her the money. To satisfy my conscience I must therefore return it."

Mr. Armour's indignation was aroused. He dismissed Chadband curtly. Then he sent a special messenger to relieve the unfortunate woman and make her unhappy lot as easy as circumstances would permit.

"Above all," he said, in recalling this case, "a minister of the gospel of Christ should have been the first to show mercy to this fallen one, and if she was in sin and the slough of despond he should have been the first to reach forth a hand to lift her out and start her on the right road."

CHRISTIANITY.

Madame Roland, a victim of the frenzy of the French revolution, as she approached the guillotine, raised her eyes to the statute of liberty and exclaimed, "Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!" As we contemplate the wanton destruction and pillage of Chinese temples and tombs, wrought by Christian nations, we may rightly exclaim in our humiliation and horror, "Christianity, what crimes are committed in thy name!" It is strangely incongruous that the missionaries, those to whom is specially intrusted the spreading of a gospel of peace on earth, good will toward men, should be the first to approve of acts of vandalism and lawlessness when directed against the heathen of Orient. Piety seems to be imbued with the idea that the end justifies the means; that evil may be employed to bring about good and that the heathen has no rights which Christians need respect. The rude hand of violence is used in merciless destructions of the sacred institutions of a pagan people and the Christian world applauds.—The Conservative.

PROOF ENOUGH.

Those who scoff at the declaration made by those who favor public ownership of railroads that under that system a passenger could ride from New York to Chicago for $2 or across the continent for $5 should know that in Switzerland, where the railroads are owned by the government, one may ride day and night for 15 days for $6. To those who cannot believe until convinced by a practical demonstration, what more proof do you want? If the government owned the railroads of the United States, workingmen of New York or other northern cities could visit the beauties of California every winter, those of torrid southern cities could take a week off to visit the cool retreats of the Adirondacks or of the Rockies every summer, and those of both north and south could revel in seasonable fruits and vegetables the year round. Are these not reasons enough why workingmen should work for the system of public ownership? There are other reasons, scores of them, but are not these enough?—Labor World.

THE KENTUCKIAN'S TOAST.

When two Kentuckians want to take a drink they say "Let's get together." It is no joke. They mean it literally. The Kentuckian is the most patriotic and loyal soul on earth on these little occasions of "getting together," and he can sing the praises of his native state with the grace and fluency of a mocking bird. This was borne out one day at the Louisville Grand Army encampment when a Kentucky colonel lifted his glass with a Georgia colonel and said with all the fervor of his nature: "Colonel, I drink this glass to old Kentucky! A land where the blue grass catches the splendor of the brightest, bluest skies; a land where the horses rival the flights of jupiter in speed, a land where the aroma of tobacco fields is caught in every breeze and borne about, a soothing balsam for all ills; a land where whiskey in its purity measures to the dewdrops at twilight, and a land where women in her loveliness rivals the angels." The Georgia colonel paused a moment, looked at his glittering glass, then at the Kentucky colonel, and finally said, "Say Colonel, will you please shuffle those cards again?"

Gigantic Sea Waves.

The waves of the Indian ocean in a strong west wind are 300 to 400 feet long and 60 feet high, and have a speed of 33 miles an hour. Such a wave weighs 364 tons to the foot. If a ship 600 feet long lies in the trough of the sea, a wave 60 feet high hurls against it 218,400 tons, more than 19 times its own weight. This weight does not fall upon the ship at sea because its buoyancy enables it to rise, but if it drifts upon the lee shore the power of a succession of 218,400-ton blows will tear to pieces any ship man has the cunning or the power to build.

The following is an extract from the obituary notice of a country newspaper, published in another paper of the same town: "The pen is silent; the office scissors have been laid away to rest. The stillness of death pervades the very atmosphere where once the hoarse voice of the devil, yelling 'Copy!' or 'Whatinthunder's this word?' was wont to resound. The paste has soured in its pot; cockroach is eating the composition off the roller, and the bluebottle fly is dying in the rich and odorous folds of the printer's towel."

Manganese bronze in the form of sheets, for mining screens, is sometimes used, acid mine waters having no action on it. For rolling into sheets a mixture containing more copper and less manganese is now employed.

It is 42 years since George Jackson made the first recorded discovery of gold in Colorado, at Jackson's bar, now Idaho Springs. It is 53 years since J. W. Marshall made the historical discovery of gold at Coloma, California.

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KNOWLEDGE isn't wisdom, but without knowledge it would be difficult to make a man wise. If we would act wisely in anything we must first gain the knowledge to know how to act and then with wisdom put our knowledge into practical use. When a man is casting about, looking for a location where he can make his home with the assurance that, if he "attends to his knitting" and honestly strives to make the best of his opportunities, his efforts will be crowned with success, he wants to know the merits and demerits of the locality and the conditions existing, so as to act with wisdom.

It is because men act without wisdom on very little knowledge that so many make failures of life. They are led by impulse and flirt with Dame Fortune like a giddy school girl. The result is always the same. They fall; and when they go down they take some body with them, and the community at large suffers in some measure with every failure. It is not failures, but successes, that go to build up a community. One strong, energetic, successful man in a town, who has won through sheer "stick-to-itiveness" and merit, is worth a dozen hangers-on, who, without wisdom or worth, attempt to win by pot luck.

It is the former class that are wanted in this part of British Columbia. If any such are seeking an opening, they can come this way. There are openings for every one. Success will be their's as sure as they work for it. New Denver makes the first bid for this class of men. We have some here but there is room for more The inducements offered are many. We will state a few, as briefly as possible:

New Denver's location, on a plateau sloping to the shore of Slocan lake, makes it an ideal spot for a residential centre, which it is fast being made. Its homes are far above the average found in most mining camps, and its public halls and buildings and business blocks are commodious, substantial, and built with a view to permanency There is nothing shoddy about them. Like the men who built them, they are here to stay.

It is but natural that this feeling of confidence in New Denver's stability should prevail. Aside from the advantages that the town has as a residential centre, it is fast becoming the headquarters for some of the strongest mining companies operating in the Slocan. The Silver mountain, Goat mountain and Fidelity-Bosun mines, carrying big gold, silver and lead values, are rapidly developing into heavy shippers. Their payrolls at present will not aggregate more than 100 men, but this number will be more than tripled in a short time.

New Denver is the banking and commercial centre, as well as the residential town on the beautiful Slocan lake. The business done by the Bank of Montreal is surprisingly large and ever increasing. All the local mines and those of Four Mile, Ten Mile and Springer and Lemon creeks pay through the local bank.

New Denver's school facilities are good; its churches are neat, well-constructed and well attended. Its streets are sidewalked in all directions. The town is not laid out with one street and a back yard, but covers fully a mile square and is without doubt the prettiest spot for a home in the mining section of British Columbia.

New Denver's citizens are the pioneers of the Slocan. They have made money in the camp, and re-invested it. They own their homes and are continually improving them, confident that they will be amply repaid for the expenditure in the comfort and enjoyment of them.

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"No papah tall, sah. I just squatted down on this yere land 30 years ago, and hev been yere ever since."

"But if you have no papers won't the owner come along some day and bounce you out?"

"Not skassly, sah—not skassly. That is to say, sah, that the real owner has come along three different times and tried it, and every time he got killed and had to give it up. Deeds and sich things are all right 'nuff in their way, but my old gun, with a barrel seven feet long, is a heap better right round yere."—Exchange.

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NOTICE.

To F. A. DEVEREUX, C. E., the owner of an undivided one-eighth interest in each of the mineral claims, "Pansy," "Violet Fraction," "May," "Flower" and "Rosedale," situated on the Seaton Creek slope of Payne Mountain, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, British Columbia.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Daniel E. Sprague, the owner of an undivided three-fourths interest in each of the above named mineral claims, have expended the sum of $102.50 in doing the annual assessment work required by section 24 of the Mineral Act on the said mineral claim "Pansy," and for recording the certificate of work issued therefor for the year ending the 29th July, 1900; and the sum of $102.50 for doing such work on the said mineral claim "Violet Fraction" and recording the certificate of work issued therefor for the year ending the 9th August, 1900; and the sum of $102.50 for doing such work on the said mineral claim "Flower" and recording the certificate of work issued therefor for the year ending the 12th August, 1900, and the sum of $102.50 for doing such work on the said mineral claim "May" and recording the certificate of work issued therefor for the year ending the 12th August, 1900, and the sum of $102.50 for doing such work on the said mineral claim "Rosedale" and recording the certificate of work issued therefor for the year ending the 23rd October, 1900.

And, take notice further, that I, the said Daniel E. Sprague, require you to contribute and pay your proportion of such expenditure, being one-eighth of the amount expended in respect of each of the said mineral claims, together with the costs of this advertisement, and that if you fail or refuse to contribute your said proportion of such expenditure, together with the costs of this advertisement, within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, I will at the expiration of said ninety days claim to have vested in me, as your co-owner, your interest in such of the said mineral claims, as you shall have failed or refused to contribute your said proportion of the said expenditure in connection therewith, together with the costs of this advertisement, pursuant to section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900."

The address of me, the said Daniel E. Sprague, for the purposes of payment hereunder, is care of McAnn & Mackay, Barristers, Kaslo, B. C.

Dated the 27th day of November, 1900.
DANIEL E. SPRAGUE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT.

ORA GRANDA Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Arrow Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—On Mineral Creek, about three miles from its junction with Cariboo Creek.

TAKE NOTICE That I, F. C. Green, of Nelson, B. C., acting as agent for William H. Burtt, F. M. C. 32,476, George H. Dorr, F. M. C. 32,452, and George M. Annis, F. M. C. No. B 30,949, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 20th day of October, 1900
2-7 F. C. GREEN, P L S.

SILVER REEF Mineral Claim.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, Arthur S. Farwell acting as agent for M. C. Monaghan, No. B. 36279, as to one-half; H. W. Peel, No. 2510, as to one-quarter, and Lester H. Snyder, No. B 36280, as to one-quarter, undivided interests, intend, 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 13th day of December, A. D., 1900.
12-20-00 A. S. FARWELL.

CODY FRACTION and JOKER FRACTION Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the Freddy Lee Mountain near the Freddy Lee Mineral Claim, about a mile from Cody

TAKE NOTICE That I. W. A. Gilmour, as agent for William Murray Botsford, free miner's certificate No. B 44838, and John MacQuillan free miner's certificate No. B 17051, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of the above claims.

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It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone
That gives you a bit of heartache
At the setting of the sun.

The tender word forgotten;
The letter you did not write;
The flower you did not send, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts tonight.

The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way;
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were hurried too much to say.

The loving touch of the hand, dear,
The gentle, winning tone
Which you had no time or thought for
With trouble enough of your own.

These little acts of kindness
So easily out of mind,
These chances to be angels
Which we poor mortals find.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone
Which gives you a bit of a heartache
At the setting of the sun.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

SILVER CONSUMPTION IN INDIA.

American silver miners may well feel encouraged when they pursue the following facts relative to the wonderful absorption of the white metal. The noted financial writer, Moreton Frewen of London, wrote the following letter recently to a friend in America.

"Rather more than a year since, when in Chicago, I gave my reasons for thinking that the currency scheme of the Indian government would shortly break down. Briefly stated, the position of Sir James Westland, the finance minister in India, was to give India a gold standard and a gold currency, (1) by accumulating a gold reserve; (2) by melting up masses of silver rupees as those coins were collected in the revenue, and selling the melted silver bullion for gold.

"The India government during the past 12 months has accumulated a gold reserve, which at one time was nearly eighty millions sterling; but has found it quite impossible to force this gold into the currency of the country. The sovereign is unfamiliar; in a country where wages are six cents a day it is impossible to secure change for a sovereign; and farther, the rupee currency itself, starved by the closing of the mints in 1893, had induced everywhere a famine of silver rupees, thereby making it still more impossible to secure rupees in change for a sovereign. The scarcity of currency in the famine districts had greatly added to the trouble of the famine, and it was understood in the spring that while still keeping the mints closed to free coinage, the Indian government was buying silver and minting rupees for its own profit. The situation, however, owing to the South African war and other causes, attracted little attention on this side of the sea, and it was only on Friday last that we learned in a Times cable from Simla that this precious gold currency scheme has been virtually abandoned.

"The Indian government has minted since last February no less than 85,000,000 rupees, say 30,000,000 ounces, and last week shipped here to London 1,000,000 more of their reserve sovereigns to pay for their last purchase of silver bullion in this market. The mints in Calcutta and Bombay are now turning out 1,000,000 rupees daily. Under such conditions the cause of the steady advance in the price of silver during the past four months stands revealed. The position is very interesting. The Indian government is buying for tenpence the silver which makes a rupee; next, this government sells these rupees each Wednesday in the Bank of England for 16 pence You, of course, know the mechanism of this exchange. The government of India sells 'council drafts' weekly to English merchants who are buying goods in India, and these council drafts are demand drafts on the Indian treasury for silver rupees. So that on 1,000,000 rupees coined daily the government is at present making a profit of 60 per cent. Mr. Edward Atkinson's test of 'honest money' is that money which, thrown into the melting pot, comes out as bullion the same value it went in as coin: tried by this test the rupee is even as your '50-cent dollar.' To such shifts have we been reduced by tampering with the currency of 300,000,000 of our fellow subjects.

"But, notwithstanding these enormous coinages, still all the symptoms show that India is even yet thirsty for currency—thirsty as a sun-baked plain in a time of drought. During the last six weeks the silver in the treasury reserve has fallen off by more than 15,000,000 rupees, say, 20 per cent., so that the cash reserves of the government of [illegible] lower than at this time last year.

"Therefore it would seem that we have traveled already the first and the longest stage on the road to the resumption of free coinage in India. The next stage will [illegible] exchange, because as the rupee currency in India is relieved by the present large additions, our importing merchants here will not be obliged to give 16 pence for 'council drafts': they will give 14 pence then, perhaps only 12, so that exchange will fall, and probably silver will rise until there is no longer any profit on the coinage and issue of rupees. Before that point has been reached, the Indian mints will be opened.

"I think in the United States the gold men and the silver men will alike rejoice that the project of adding India also to the gold-using countries is likely to be abandoned. Had it been practicable, the splendid and unexpected harvest of the new gold would have been poured into Asia to become the hoarded metal of those countless myriads.

"From that disaster, which our 'statesmen' contemplated with such complacency, we have been saved; the yellow man has pronounced for the white money. I hope that it may be still possible to secure legislation by Western nations which may equally protect the world of industry from currency contraction and the world of trade from fluctuations in exchange.

"You will observe that while the government of India have offered their sovereigns for rupees, at the rate of one sovereign for 15 rupees (a ratio of 1 to 22, the bullion ratio being 1 to 22), no one would give them silver rupees for sovereigns at that rate. Is this not interesting, in view of the old stock objection to your free coinage, namely, that at 1 to 16 India would swamp you with her silver and drain you of gold."

Mr. Frewen's statements are borne oat by the fact that every vessel clearing from England bound for India carries bar silver as part of her cargo. For instance, here is an item taken from an English Journal of Jan. 4:

"The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Arabia, sailing today, takes the following specie for:—Port Said, bar silver, £800; Bombay, bar silver, £51,500; total, £51,800. The same company's steamer Peluwan takes the following:—Calcutta, bar silver, £164,000."

And this is but the record of one day's shipment.—'Frisco Review.

OUR COAL INDUSTRIES.

Information concerning probably one of the largest coal and coke industries of the Dominion of Canada has just been made public. T. G. Proctor and R. E. Fishburn of Nelson, and V. Hyde Baker of Cranbrook, a short time ago purchased 6,000 acres of coal lands situated at Blairmore, Alberta, which is about 50 miles east of Fernie. Since the land was purchased men have been engaged in developing the property, and the result of the work is proving most satisfactory. Although this enterprise is yet young, it will probably develop into one of the greatest of its kind in the world. At present the entire western country is being supplied with fuel from the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, and so great is the demand that a coal famine is threatened. The new coal fields will be opened up at once and nothing will be allowed to interfere with the success of the enterprise. The transportation facilities of that section are excellent, as the C P.R. passes directly through the coal grounds. The Great Northern will in a few days commence operations in building a line into the coal fields. There are two routes under consideration—one is to the Crow's Nest collieries and the other to Blairmore. To construct a line to the latter place will incur far less expense and it is quite probable that is where the line will be run. The coal is said to be of a higher grade than that obtained in any other part of the province and the demand for it is already growing. Coal from that district is now being used in Nelson and is said to give the best of satisfaction. For railroad purposes its quality cannot be excelled anywhere in the west. From present indications Blairmore will be the Pittsburg of Canada.

BOUGHT NICKEL MINE.

Sault Ste. Marie.—The Sultana nickel mine and property, comprising 2,640 acres on the nickel range in the townships of Dury and Trill, owned by J. B. Miller and H. W. Evenden, has been sold for $250,000, the purchasers being Charles Neumann and Judge Krans, of Chicago, who have had an option for a year and have sunk five shafts. They will, within a year, place a $100,000 plant on the property, and intend working the mine on a gigantic scale. The Manitoulin and North Shore Railway is surveyed right through the property, and is expected to be completed within a year.

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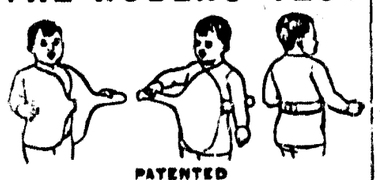

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In boring an artesian well "solid rock" is technically understood to mean rock which will not cave when drilled, or yield or move under the drill.

Steady progress is made in the work of unwatering the Comstock, Nevada, mines. Ore assaying $4 per ton is now susceptible of profit. The deepest of the old workings is 8,300 feet.

Distance at which sounds may be heard through rock varies with the hardness of the rock and the firmness of the transverse joints. Hammering and drilling have been heard through 180 feet of rock in mines.

A 10-brake horse power gas engine will consume about 8,700 cubic feet air per hour. The exhaust would better be piped from the engine out of the mine. Under ordinarily intelligent management there should be no danger from fire.

A mixture of ten parts of white lead, three parts of black oxides of manganese and one part litharge will stop a small leak in a steam boiler is an emergency for a little while, but the leak itself is evidence of structural defect that needs radical treatment.

Sin of Using Tobacco.

In early colonial days the use of tobacco was considered far more sinful and degrading than indulgence in intoxicating liquors. Old-time legislation reveals some curious attempts to check the spread of the "creature called tobacco." Landlords were fined if they permitted it to be brought into their taverns. No one could take tobacco publicly nor in his own house or anywhere else before strangers. Two men were forbidden to smoke together, and no one could smoke within two miles of the meeting houses on the Sabbath day. In Connecticut in early days a great indulgence was permitted to travelers—they were allowed to smoke once during a journey of ten miles.

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The authoritative announcement has been made that just as soon as MacKenzie & Mann receive encouragement from the government the Coast-Kootenay line will be built. Eight thousand dollars per mile subsidy will be asked.

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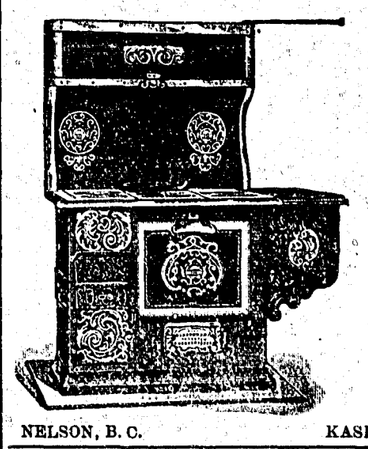

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