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General News Float

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

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

What used to be the "hookey" days have come.

BORN.—In Nelson, March 11, the wife of J. S. Carter of a son.

Silverton is credited with a population of 194 by the census

Many New Denverites will wear the green to Silverton Saturday evening.

Rev. Purdy of Sandon exchanged pulpits with Rev. MacColl on Sunday.

The Sandon Miner's Union will hold their annual ball on Monday evening.

Williams always has good tobacco in stock. Stock up before you go in the hills.

R H. Trueman, the popular photographer, passed through New Denver this week.

McKanlass and his Alabama Warblers will amuse in New Denver this (Thursday) evening.

N. C. Dingman is able to be out on crutches, after a month's rest with a dislocated hip.

Among other things to make life not what it seems Slocan City has a co-operative store.

The air in Nelson seems to be too chilly for newspaper plants. The Miner is now offered for sale by tender.

May Cline, who whipped the station agent at Slocan City, was fined $25 before a Nelson magistrate last week

W. J. Twiss was in town this week and reports that 1901 was one of the most successful years in the history of The Mutual Life of Canada.

Sandon's hocky team played all around the Nelson team in the match at Sandon last Wednesday evening, the score being 4 to 11 at the close of the game

H. J. Robie has disposed of his tailoring business in Nelson and removed to Kelowna, in the hope that the change of climate will be beneficial to the health of his eldest boy.

Ping-pong has invaded Nelson. It is rapidly spreading throughout the province Coupled with this news comes the statement that the asylum at New Westminster is being enlarged.

The census returns give the population of New Denver at 368 Yet it is in this camp that Lowery's publications are published, with an aggregate circulation of something over 75,000 copies a year.

A strictly first-class high-class vaudeville show will appear in Bosun hall next Monday evening. There are 17 people in the company, and they give three solid hours of fun, with no intermissions.

This evening the McKanlass aggregation of eye-openers and button-twisters will startle theatre goers at Bosun hall. According to reports they give a performance that makes hair grow on bald heads.

Manager Sandiford, of the Bosun, is expected to return to New Denver the latter part of April. During his absence in the old country he will visit the Rio Tinto mine of Spain and examine properties in that country for his company

Bob. McKenzie, who used to make New Denver his home, and was associated with J. A. McDonald when the latter owned the California, is reported to have been caught in a coal mine explosion recently over in Alberta, and was badly maimed, losing his eyesight, an arm and a leg

Kaslo has a kid—he's buried now—who is entitled to the bakery and all the pastery. One day last week he lassoed a mule and got tangled up in the other end of the rope. The mule ran away and the poor youngster was dragged to death. The mule will now the daisies over his grave.

The average attendance of the Kaslo public school for February was 199. It used to be a matter of public interest to know the standing and attendance of the New Denver schools, but of late months the teachers have been so overworked that they have not had time to give to the public these monthly reports.

The net profits of the C. P. R. for the month of January amounted to $820,461 If the Government owned the C. P. R. and the other roads, and charged the same freight and passenger rates, there would be no necessity for raising funds by taxation for government purposes. The profits from the railroad business and import tax would be sufficient for all purposes—or nearly so.

John Delaney received word the past week of the death of his father at the advanced age of 86. Mr. Delaney was a pioneer resident of Peterborough, Ont. Speaking of his character the Peterborough Examiner says: "He was a man, who, though he never identified himself with any public office, or societies of any kind, was intimately known to a wide circle of friends. He was noted for being broad-minded and strongly discouraged bigotry wherever found."

Papa Roosevelt has decided that Miss Alice Roosevelt shall not attend the coronation of King Edward. This is what comes from being the President's daughter. Miss Alice can come to the Lucerne and ravish the scenery with her eyes and there won't be half the fuss kicked up over it. Come on, Alice; lots of the boys would quit work to show you the landmarks about these diggings. You can hollar down all the rain barrels that our red cow has left standing, and we know of a cellar door with lots of nails in it that you can slide down if you want to—if you are sliver proof

The war in South Africa was over at least a year ago according to reports from the war office. Since then General Kitchener has been "bagging" the Dutch fighters at the rate of a few hundred a month. Ten days ago the Boers captured something like 700 British and two guns. That looked bad. A few days later the same forces defeated a British force of 1,200, took Gen. Methuen prisoner, killed three British officers and 340 men, wounded five officers and 72 men, with one officer and 200 men missing, and captured four guns and all the supplies. In reporting the catastrophe Kitchener said he thought it was the part of a scheme "to draw off the troops pressing Dewet." Perhaps the General is right, but from this distance it looks like the part of a scheme to harass General Kitchener, and make him do some fighting, instead of fencing in the veldt with blockhouses. And it doesn't matter much what the Boers' intentions were, anyway; they caught Methuen and his men and guns.

A BIG ATTRACTION.

Henri Stuart, a pioneer show man, advance agent for the Fiechtl Comic was in town Monday, billing that company for Monday evening, Mar. 17, in Bosun hall. This company numbers 17 people, and embraces the best artists in high-class vaudeville that have ever toured the Kootenays. The features of the entertainment are many, introducing Fiechtl's famous quartette of Tyrollean warblers and sextette of sweet singers; the Jarrett's Royal Marionettes, the celebrated impersonators of Chinese characters, Geo. A. Bird and Lizzie Bird, the two little Troubadours; the Cyclonic Comedy: Peck's Bad Boy and Johnny Riley in one act, revised and brought to date; the beautiful musical comedy burletta in one act, German Town on the Hudson; with sketch artists, dancing, singing and fun making. They give three hours of uninterrupted fun. At Rossland last week they played a two-night engagement The first night the performance was delayed by the late arrival of the train, and the last act was not put on until after mid night But the audience staid to a man until the last number was given. Of the second night's performance the Rossland Miner said: "The Fiechtl Comic Players concluded a successful engagement in Rossland last night. The fact that the audience was considerably larger than on the previous evening, approaching a full house, was a neat compliment to the quality of the performers as entertainers. The various numbers were warmly applauded and the company leaves behind many pleasant recollections of their appearance in the Golden City." Reserved seats on sale at John Williams'.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The Ruth mine will resume work in a short time.

The force at the Hartney was laid off the past week.

The Payne has a force of 55 men on development work.

Thirty-five men are working on development at the Last Chance.

The May, on Twelve Mile, last week made a trial shipment of five tons of ore

No ore was shipped from the Arlington last week owing to the breaking up of the road.

Another carload of ore was shipped this week by the Neepawa, making 60 tons since shipments began a few weeks ago.

Further shipments from the Fourth of July are to be made shortly by the owners. The ore shoot is 16 inches in width.

The Granby and Mother Lode mines in the Boundary, mined and smelted over 9,100 tons of ore last week, an average of 1,500 tons daily

The Slocan Star will ship 800 tons of ore per month to the Everett smelter this summer, to do which it will employ as large a force of miners as it ever worked.

The Sunset mine, Jackson Basin, is shipping two carloads of ore a week. In January 140 tons were shipped, in February 200 tons, and for the first eight days in March 80 tons

Seven tons of ore is being rawhided from the Duplex, on Lemon creek. The ore has been taken out under lease by Jas Cross and J. Nathan, whose work during the winter has developed a very promising ore body.

Another Twelve Mile property has made a trial shipment of five tons, the Paystreak by name, owned by A. M. Rogers, L. Hillman and S. Cooper. A 30-foot tunnel has been driven on the lead and an ore shoot carrying high values has been exposed.

Preparations are under way to resume work on the Anglo-Saxon this week. This property adjoins the Home Run, on Silver Mountain, and has a very good showing of ore in a strongly mineralized and well defined ledge, upon which a tunnel has been driven 100 feet.

WHAT WILL NEW DENVER DO?

The following communication speaks for itself:

To the Editor of THE LEDGE:

DEAR SIR,—At a public meeting held here on the 4th inst. it was decided to form a Tourist Association, covering, if possible, the whole of South-west Kootenay As we feel that in order to make it a success and obtain important results by advertising our country and placing its attractions before the public at a distance, it is absolutely necessary for all sections to join hands.

Our desire is to obtain the opinions of the merchants and business men of each section, and, if the project meets with general approval, to organize local boards at each point, and all matters pertaining to each section to be under their supervision, and in that way to get up an attractive pamphlet, well illustrated, and obtain the co-operation of the different railways in its distribution; and also to appoint a good live man as secretary who could visit each section when necessary.

We have already started an Association here. The membership fee is fixed at $1.00, and so far have met with great success, having obtained a membership of about 150, with the probability of getting from 50 to 100 more.

We shall be glad if you will take this matter up with friends in your neighborhood and let us have your views as to the assistance we might expect from each section. We shall be pleased to get this information at as early a date as possible. Yours respectfully,

J. FRED HUME, President
MELVILLE PARRY, Sec'y pro-tem.

HORSEFLY BAIT.

[From the Ashcroft Journal]

The Cariboo Trading Co are also ready for business with a well-selected stock.

Harper's Camp, owing to its proximity to the Horsefly discoveries, is already a point of considerable importance.

McRae and Fitzgerald have for some time been in possession of the Walters place and in connection with their store business have fitted up the hotel very comfortably.

The Horsefly Trading & Transportation Company have the most of their new stock of goods in their store and Mr. Sutherland who is in charge is, we believe, ready for business.

Mr. McKay, the newly appointed mining recorder, has an office in the Miocene Gravel Co.'s building and will do business there until a place is erected for him. His first morning's receipts are reported to have been over $80.

The travel to the discoveries is mostly by the Horsefly lake at present, but later when the snow is gone it is expected a good many will take the river trail. Within the last two weeks about 20 prospectors fully equipped have left Harper's Camp for the discoveries and considerable more than this number will leave in a day or two if they have not done so now. Three-quarters of them are experienced prospectors. None of those who located ground last year, as far as we can learn, will go in until they can begin work. Nearly every day men are leaving Ashcroft in companies of twos and threes, all anxious to be on the ground when snow will permit of prospecting.

CANADA'S MINERALS.

A summary of the mineral production of Canada for the year 1901 has been prepared by the geological department. The total mineral production for the year was $69,407,031, as compared with $64,488,037 in the year previous, or a total increase of $4,918,994, nearly five millions In 1895 the total mineral production was a little over twenty million dollars.

The entire gold production is valued at $24,462,222, of which the Yukon gold fields contributed $18,000,000. Of copper there was $6,600,104; pig iron, from Canadian ore, $1,121,113; lead, $2,199,784; nickel, $4,594,523; silver, $2,993,668; and iron ore exports, $762,284. These, with the gold production, makes a total $42,824,698 metallic production. There was $26,282,333 non-metallic, and $300,000 products not returned, which, added to the non-metallic makes, made a total production of $69,407,031.

Coal production is valued at $14,671,122; coke, $1,264,300; petroleum, $933,415; asbestos, $1,186,431, and building material, $4,820,000.

Notwithstanding a decrease in the gold output over 1900, the increase in the total production is equivalent to 8 per cent. There was a decrease of over four millions in the gold output from the Yukon, but in British Columbia there was an increase of one million dollars There was a falling off in the lead production over 21 per cent.

Leaving the Yukon district out of consideration, the permanent metal mining industries show an increase of nearly 37 per cent., notwithstanding the falling off in the lead production. [illegible] was 122 per cent.; of copper, 115 per cent.; nickel, 38 per cent.; asbestos, [illegible] per cent, and coke, 91 per cent.

In the production of pig iron in Canadian furnaces, an increase of 181 per cent is recorded This increase is due largely to the operating of the Dominion Iron and Steel company at Sydney, N.S. In steel furnaces which are not included in the general table, there was made 11,018 tons of steel ingots.

Mining Prospects Bright

Douglass Lay Gives His Views on the Relations Existing Between the Miner and Smeltermen.

Douglas Lay, A. R. S. M., writing in the Mining Record on the silver-lead industry of British Columbia, says:

"The New Year opens with brightened prospects for the silver-lead industry of the province. The recent reduction in the freight and treatment rates on lead ores, is a material concession, and will go far to alleviate the state of depression incumbent upon a low metal market, and will lead to renewed activity on the part of many mines. Last year closed with silver-lead mining at a virtual standstill, the low prices of lead and silver, coupled with the prevailing freight and treatment rates, permitting of the shipment of only very rich ore, while many mines found it quite impossible to ship at all under the then conditions, and had perforce to close down entirely, or proceed only with development work. The more favorable conditions now prevailing, however, will greatly encourage the mining companies, and in many cases will make all the difference between profitable and unprofitable operation.

"The present concession on the part of the smelters, amounting to practically a reduction of $4 per ton in the freight and treatment rates of lead ores, is certainly liberal, but there are conditions adhering thereto which did not apply to the former rate, and which rather detract from the advantages of the new rate, so far as the miner is concerned. The new conditions are—

(1) The amount of zinc treated without penalty (50 cents per unit over 8 per cent) is reduced from 10 per cent to 7 per cent.

(2) To avoid the risk increased by the smelters in buying metals on a falling market, they will pay, upon receipt of ore, only 90 per cent. of its net value as calculated from the market then prevailing. Final settlement will be made 90 days later, when any depreciation in market value will have to be stood by the mine, and on the other hand a rise in value of the metals will be made up by the smelter.

"So far as the growth, development, and ultimate well-being of the mining industry of the province is concerned, the question of freight and treatment rates is of paramount importance, the great majority of the ore demanding the intervention of the smelter. But it is a question that must ever be a vexed one, and so far as treatment rates are concerned perhaps no basis of settlement will ever be arrived at equally satisfactory to both miner and smelter alike. The smelter from his unassailable position, perhaps justly, regarding the miner as ever prone to cavil, and deeming that his (the miner's) proper attitude should be one of patient submission, rather than of aggressive self-assertion. While the miner, on his part, unable to possess himself of the belief that his ore is smelted merely as an act of accommodation, ever clings to the conviction that smelting rates were framed entirely for the benefit of the smelter, to the complete exclusion of his own interests Be that as it may, and without in any way taking up the brief of the miner, a contrast between the gross net values of silver-lead ores as calculated upon the new basis of settlement will be of interest:

[illegible]	[illegible]
Silver	75 cts. per oz

and a freight-treatment rate of $15 per ton as against the old rate of $19 per ton we have:

Gross value per ton—

[illegible]	[illegible]
Silver, 30 ozs. @ 55 cts	16 50
Total gross value	$10 00

Net value per ton, as allowed by smelter—

Lead, smelter pay for lead at London quotation less $4 per ton [illegible] of lead contents, as calculated per assay, have been deducted, 90 lbs. lead @ $1.35 per 100 lbs.	$12 15
Silver, smelter pay for silver at New York quotation deducting 5 per cent. of silver contents as calculated by assay. 28.5 ozs @ 55 cts per oz	15.67
	$27.82
Deduct freight and treatment	15.00
Total net value	$12.82

It will be seen from the above that the difference between gross and net value of lead ores is very marked. Moreover, when from the net value as above given has been deducted the total cost of mining the ore and placing it on the railway cars, and also the government duty, the margin of profit accruing to the mining company is not great However, the net value allowed by the smelter is greater by some 45 per cent. than that resulting from the old freight and treatment rate.

The miner is prone to contend that in view of the many modern improvements in the metallurgical field, the high perfection to which the science of metallurgy has been brought, it is not unreasonable to suppose that in a large up-to-date plant this 10 per cent. of the lead contents and 5 per cent. of silver contents is not lost beyond recovery, and that while in the slag ultimate losses must of necessity occur, yet by means of suitable plant, a considerable proportion of this 10 per cent. of lead and 5 per cent. of silver contents, is susceptible of recovery Without having access to detailed records of smelting campaigns, it is hazardous to state to what extent such a contention is justified. But there is abundant reason to maintain that the miner's estimate of the smelter's profits is, in the great majority of cases, excessive; that in lead smelting (copper smelting is another matter) on a small scale, only a small profit accrues to the smelter, to use a colloquialism, there is "nothing in it." In the case of large lead-smelting plants there is reason to believe that it may be otherwise.

"As matters now stand, for silver-lead mining particularly, is the outlook brightening and while some few months ago it was impossible to contemplate the future other than with serious thought, if not with anxiety, now there is good reason to anticipate better times and a general renewal of activity."

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1901 was, approximately, 80,000 tons. Since January 1 to March 8, 1902, the shipments have been as follows:

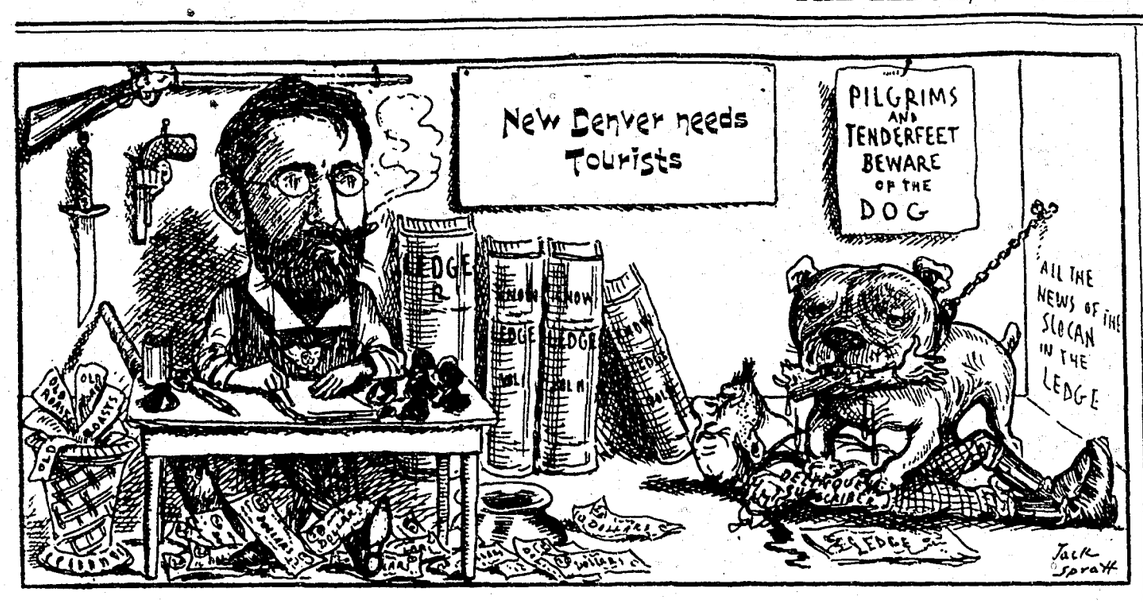
	Week	Total
Payne	40	335
Ivanhoe	20	255
Sunset (Jackson Basin)	60	420
Reco	22	142
American Boy	41	208
Arlington		670
Hewett	30	581
Bosun	40	380
Last Chance	20	70
Wonderful		20
Enterprise	40	160
Monitor		207
Queen Bess		31
Silver Glance		34
Whitewater (for February)	500	1193
Ottawa		7
Neepawa	60	60
Hartney		20
Marion		88
May		5
Paystreak	5	5
Surprise	30	30
Total tons	938	4961

WILL BUY UP THE CREEKS.

R. B. and J. R. Thompson, mining [illegible] interests on the different creeks, or wait until they can stake for themselves.—Ashcroft Journal.

During the month of February the Rambler shipped 25 carloads of ore that gave returns of $1,500 to the car. A dividend of one cent a share was declared on Feb. 28th, and a like amount will be divided among the shareholders at the end of this month.

Robt. Bailey, who was employed on the Slocan until recently, is confined in the Nelson hospital by an attack of typhoid fever.



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 barre'l: 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, MARCH 13, 1902.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

A live newspaper is seldom run with dead ads.

Eat whole wheaten bread if you desire to keep your teeth.

More than 22 millions of tons of iron ore will be moved from Lake Superior ports this year.

The right use of air, water, fasting and exercise will cure nearly every disease known to man or woman.

Santa Barbara, in California, is a sweet burg. Two hundred cars of honey are shipped out of it every year.

Lake Superior is 1,003 feet deep, and 601 feet above the sea. Slocan lake is about the same depth, and 1,750 feet above the sea.

This office turned a blackjack last week. It made a contract for a telephone, and it is number 21. Now don't ring all at once.

Asparagus is one of the most wholesome of vegetables. It comes early in the spring, and a bed once established will last 20 years.

In advertising Canada the fact should be put in capital letters that this Dominion spent $200,000 for the capture of a Yukon murderer.

We want no more railways in Canada unless they are owned by the people or built without any Government aid, either in cash or land.

Lent is valuable without any reference to its religious meaning. It gives the stomachs of some people a slight holiday from the evils of over-eating strong food.

Eight million acres of land, besides the cash, would be a nice thing to give the Canada Northern railway. Railway magnates must think we are easy suckers to stand such a play.

Another newspaper for Ferguson is spoken of. The Eagle now published there is one of the best in the mountains, and if the people support it they will have no need of another sheet.

If some people would eat less they would not need to pray so much. Wrong living makes people sometimes imagine that they are full of sin when it is only bile that is troubling them.

There are over 18,000 miles of railroad in Canada, all of which pays except that operated by the Government. Too many vote boosters on the Government roads for the good of the people.

Divorce is such a costly and cumbersome thing to get in Canada that people prefer to suffer rather than journey to the fossil belt in Ottawa. In 35 years less than 25 divorces have been granted by the Senate of Canada, although just now there are 11 applications. An easier and cheaper divorce law would increase happiness in Canada. Marriage should be made more difficult and divorce easier.

The C.P.R. will enlarge the hotel accommodation at Banff. Why not build a summer hotel on the shores of Slocan lake, and rush some of the tourists through this section? They would be delighted and so would the Slocan people.

In the Bank of England there are millions of dollars unclaimed by the owners. Let us see, didn't some of our ancestors put a roll in that bank and forget all about it. We believe they did, and we must wire a wireless to the bank about it.

Physicians often receive large fees. Dr. Gale, of Bristol, although blind, received the largest fee ever paid a doctor. He got $250,000 for curing a diseased knee by electrical treatment. Some experts would be glad of $100 for the same job.

An Irish street car conductor called out shrilly to the passengers standing in the aisle: "Will thim in front plase to move up, so that thim behind can take the places of thim in front, an' lave room for thim who are nayther in front nor behind."

The market for molybdenite is very limited, and ore running less than 22 per cent. is not purchased. The price is $50 a ton, and the production in America is about 200 tons a year. Molybdenum is worth $1.25 a pound, and the production in America is about 16 tons a year.

This world is full of tears. A woman in New York is suing her husband because he cut her pin money from $50,000 to $40,000 a year. Looks strange to us, but perhaps she has another fellow cached who would allow her $100,000 a year. You can't tell in these days of degenerated commercialism what a woman will do for a slight raise.

Cold feet can be cured by soaking them six times a day in very hot water in which a spoonful of mustard has been dissolved. Soak them 30 minutes, and then rub hard with a coarse towel. Large and thick-soled shoes should be worn as an aid to the cure. Cold feet can also be cured by losing all your chips in the early part of the game and remaining that way during the night.

When the columns of a newspaper are packed to the last quad with advertisements of business men it does more to attract attention to a town and district than anything else. It is a sign that there is business going on, or at least that the people are capable of doing business when they get an opportunity. The man who does not support his local paper cuts a gash into his financial back without knowing it.

Prince Henry and a thousand newspaper men dined together a short time ago in New York. Henry must have felt like a deuce in the hole with such a flood of brains around him. Most of the editors survived the meal, and packed some of the cake home to show their subscribers. If Henry does not keep a stiff rein upon himself he will be getting full at some of these blowouts, and perhaps find out that a King full is not the top hand in the deck.

To give the Canada Northern railway eight million acres of land and $1,800,000 in money if they build a railway through the best agricultural section of British Columbia would be the height of folly and a betrayal of public confidence upon the part of our legislators. Better do without railways or build them ourselves. This giving companies land and cash is too old a grab. If kept up the people of this province will have nothing but the air left. All such propositions should not be entertained for a moment.

Evils of Vaccination

Vaccination to prevent or cure smallpox is a fallacy and of no benefit except to allay fear, much the same as some people think the carrying of a rabbit's paw will bring them luck, or the wearing of a charm keep away evil spirits. There is no positive evidence to prove that vaccination ever was of any benefit against smallpox. This looks like a rash statement, but if the reader will think below the surface he will see that it is right. People who live clean and proper lives need have no fear of smallpox or any other disease. Vaccination probably kills as many as the smallpox, although the people who die from it generally have some other disease credited with their demise. Doctors through ignorance or a desire to keep up the delusion for personal gain seldom speak harshly against vaccination. Doctors are a good deal like sheep and parsons. They will follow any old trail because they lack the brains and courage to find a newer and better one.

Compulsory vaccination is an outrage upon the liberties of the people. It has been abandoned in Great Britain, but is still practised in free America. To hold people up and inoculate their healthy systems with filthy cow pus is one of the most damnable customs and delusions of the age. How a free people can submit to such a health destroying process is a mystery. It must be through fear and ignorance. If people of their own accord will be foolish enough to allow themselves to be poisoned nothing much can be said, but when the law of the land forces it upon them they should protest until the insane custom is abolished.

Within the past months smallpox has killed about one-third as many people as vaccination. If this record keeps up people will have to take smallpox in order to protect themselves against the evil of vaccination.

Statistics from some of the best vaccinated countries in the world show less deaths from smallpox amongst those not vaccinated. The United States army is vaccinated to a finish, yet mortality from smallpox in that army is 36 per cent.

Smallpox was very bad in Cleveland last year, but it was stamped out in a very short time when Dr. Friederich took hold of the health department. Vaccination was discarded and the city cleaned thoroughly. Then regardless of expense the houses were fumigated with the vapor of formaldehyde, and the smallpox disappeared like mist before the hot sun. Other cities should follow the example of Cleveland and become healthy.

A Big Lunch

They are commencing to do things on a big scale in the old camp of New York. Quite recently Morgan and some of the other million or more in the bank fellows gave Prince Henry a 30-minute lunch that cost $20,000. In the room the tapestries cost 250,000 plunks. Tapestry at this price ought to give most anything an appetite, but we never use it. It does not look well with pork and beans. However, Henry might have been lonesome at that lunch. It is an even break that Morgan forgot to have lager and pretzels on the menu. However, it was a swell lunch, and knocks any of our Slocan spreads away back into the shades of oblivion. To eat a $20,000 lunch in 30 minutes seems infra dig as they say in Rome. It would look as though Morgan's crowd cared more for time than money, and nothing for indigestion. If Henry was a great man it is hard to say what the crowd would have done. As it is they will probably make Germany pay a million for that lunch. Morgan may have an eye on the railways of the Fatherland. Who knows? Pierp; and he is mummer than a dead hobo.

Beats Switzerland

In due time when the Slocan is known to the tourist world its beautiful scenery will have proper appreciation. S. C. Clark, in the Rossland Miner, says this about it:

"Slocan lake is a gem in the mountains surrounded on every side by towering peaks. They rise 7000 and 8000 feet almost straight from the water's edge, and makes as grand scenery as can be found on the American continent. The lake is 28 miles long and from two to three miles wide. It is of great depth. In one place 987 feet was reached, while in other places no sounding could be found. Its waters teem with fish, which are caught in great numbers during the open season. The time will surely come when the entire region surrounding this beautiful sheet of water will be the resort of thousands of people who go forth, not to seek riches in the delving mines, but to bask in the smiles of nature and worship at her most wonderful shrines. This region has been compared to Switzerland, and it has nothing to lose by the comparison; in many respects it surpasses it. Time will only add to the enchantment. As remarked by a friend, the great trouble with British Columbia is that she has too many Switzerlands within her borders. The Switzerland of Europe could be placed in our midst and the difference scarcely noted. As known to all intelligent readers, Switzerland's chief revenue is derived from her tourist travel, people who flock there each year from Europe and America and leave hundreds of thousands of dollars. When the stream of tourist travel shall turn this way it takes no stretch of the imagination to picture the result. The towering columns that pierce the sky at every turn, cut into thousands of fantastic shapes—pinnacles, minarets, domes, veritable castles in the air—are sights that cannot be described with feeble pen and ink, but must be seen to drink in the true inspiration. And many will come to see them as the years roll by. Directly in front of New Denver, on the opposite side of the lake, is a glacier. It fills a large basin between two noble peaks, several thousand feet above the surface of the water. Steps have been taken to raise money to build a trail to this glacier which cannot fail to be one of the attractions to this region. Mountain goats and caribou are found on these heights, where they are sometimes shot by the hardy Alpine climber. No one need travel to Europe to see the grand and beautiful in nature—we have it at our very door."

"Thar must be a woodpile up to college, Maria."

"Why, Hiram?"

"Because Crawfoot's son writes that he sees our Silas picking up chips every night."

"I don't know what to do," he mused; "if I say I never drank whisky in all my life I can get half a column of pure reading matter in the village paper; on the other hand, if I say I have always used it, I can get two columns and my picture through the whisky concern.

Wandering Willie—What's de matter, pard? Yer look bad.

Weary Wraggles—I'm allus dis way durin' Lent. I find dat hard-boiled eggs an' cole fish-balls is worse fer me dejestion dan mince pie.

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I believe it was Artemus Ward who once said that "a reasonable amount of fleas is a good thing for a dog."

Now, while Artemus was a great personage in the fun-making business,

I don't think his experience with fleas nor with dogs entitles him to be accepted as an authority on the question.

Fleas do not grow in the scenic Lucerne.

But I've seen places where they did.

And I can assure you of this that they come and go by jump,

And no amount of them are good for dogs—

At least, not the canine variety.

Perhaps Artemus has in mind the breed that travels upright.

No doubt his conclusions would apply then.

But I've seen people who would not do the scratching no matter how many fleas prospected their anatomy.

"All things come to him who waits," is credited to a sage.

But it sounds more like the babbling of an idiot.

Things do not come to anyone who waits.

You've got to go after them.

The only thing I ever got by waiting for it was a clubbing.

And I deserved it a long time before I got it.

Bull dogs usually do.

So do editors.

Never wait for anything.

Be patient, of course.

But all the time keep adding to the jack pot.

It is a lazy man's policy to wait.

They wait so long they don't know how to do anything else.

And seldom do.

They generally get what they deserve—

Nothing.

God feeds the sparrow, but He doesn't throw the feed into its nest.

He gives to every man life and intelligence.

And to bull dogs tenacity.

But the man and the bull dog has got to make use of them if they are to grow.

Don't be exclusive—

Like a clam.

Any fool can be exclusive.

An exclusive person is one of more or less dwarfed and dwindled nature.

They are exclusive, because they haven't the capacity to be anything else.

A man can make himself so "exclusive" that his nature will lose its soul.

He is a pigmy that hides his ignorance in his ash-barrel—

A fool waiting for the undertaker.

I see a lot of people traveling past my kennel whose faces wear a troubled look—

As if they owed the editor something.

They talk about mines closing down,

Hard times.

Hard up,

And the like.

As if a mine could be a mine in the Slocan and not close down semi-occasionally!

If it never closed down it could never "resume operations."

And how monotonous it would be without these periods of "resuming operations."

Anyhow, if all the mines in the camp closed down it would not warrant the darkening of a single countenance with trouble lines.

Think how large the world is!

And how good!

It is blessed to only LIVE!

If you know how to do it.

SHINING FLOAT.

Last Fourth of July I was coming along the street, smoking a cigar.

A small boy, with a lot of firecrackers in his hand, asked me for a light.

I thought he handed me th' cigar back.

But the dentist thinks he'll have my teeth all right by Thursday.

I suppose you all enjoyed th' Fourth—I had a peculiar experience.

I brought home a lot of fireworks, torpedoes, pin-wheels, etc.

I didn't want th' children to see them, so I put them in the pantry.

Th' next morning I discovered th' dog had eaten them all up.

I didn't know it until breakfast time. The dog came in and laid down under th' stove.

Then I found it out.

As far as I could see everything went off great.

And I could see about a mile and a half from where I stood.

Going up—th' dog hit th' stove and th' stove hit th' ceiling.

Coming down—th' stove hit th' dog, th' dog hit th' floor, and I—hit the pipe.

Then, just to cool off, th' dog went out in th' yard and ran around the rain barrel so fast that every third time around he had to jump over himself.

He'd rather do that than wait for himself to get out of th' way.

I met a friend of mine on th' street today, a young man; he's been married just a year—one year ago today he was married.

I says, "How's your wife?"

He says, "She's holding her own."

The other day a gentleman asked me where I was from, and when I told him Chicago, he says, "What part—Wisconsin or Indiana?"

I told him Joliet.

"Why," he says, "is Chicago taking in Joliet?"

I says, "No; Joliet is taking in Chicago."

He says, "That's very good; come in, let's have a drink—and tell me another."

He says, "Your face looks familiar to me."

I says, "I can't help it—it's my face and your fault, so don't blame me."

He says, "Haven't I seen you in Springville?"

I says, "You may have seen me in Vaudeville, but never in Springville."

He says to the bartender, "What beer do you keep?"

The bartender says, "That we don't sell."

He gave us two glasses of Schlitz. While drinking th' Schlitz I noticed a machine full of slots; so we put a few nickles in the slots.

And then we put a few nickles in the Schlitz. And we put so many nickles in the Schlitz that we couldn't see the slots.

Warning—Look not upon the slots through th' Schlitz.

The bartender says, "I'm going to close up now; take anything you want out of th' house."

My friend took the awning—and he's kept shady ever since.

I says, "Anything handy, that's soft, will do me."

And he hit me with a sponge.

Did you ever notice that, wherever you go to take a drink in one of those places there's always some one around who thinks he knows you? If they're not there they send out for 'em.

The fellow you know, who always squeezes in edgeways and says, "You don't remember me, do you?"

I was just taking a glass of beer when one of those remember me's says, "I declare, old man, you're getting stout, aren't you?"

I says, "No beer, go way from me."

After having a couple more—for which I paid, he says, "Well, bye bye, old man."

I says, "Not on your life. I bought the last two, buy one yourself now."

He says, "I'll shake you for the last two."

I says, "All right."

He went out the door, and I haven't seen him since.

By that time every one commenced to sing. When it came to me I hit a high note for three basses and tied the game.

Diggs—I'd have you know, sir, that my ancestors were blue-blooded.

Diggs—Too bad: why didn't they take something for it?

DEPARTED.

"We regret to announce," writes the editor of the Hickory Ridge Missourian, "that a snide firm that has done business in this town for the last year or two under the name of Scallenberger's sneaked out between two days this week, owing us $18.40 for advertising. There were two of them—old Scallenberger and young Scallenberger—and they carried on a sort of grocery business. The old man had a long, thin nose, and dyed his whiskers. He can shave off his whiskers, but he can't disguise that nose. The young Scallenberger, if that is his real name, has a gold front tooth and a smile that is always showing it. They beat us down to bottom figures on every inch of advertising and whenever we wanted any money we had to wait for it six weeks and then take it in dribs. They carried away all their stuff except a barrel of their celebrated Porto Rico molasses, which we have seized in part payment of their account, and anybody who wants it from us can have it in large or small quantities for five cents a gallon. Readers of the Missourian may remember that they were always advertising that celebrated molasses. Well, we have sampled some of it, and as near as we can make out it is a mixture of corn syrup, turpentine, and rain water. It never was within a thousand miles of Porto Rico. So far as we are concerned, we don't want the Scallenbergers to come back. We are glad the Scallenbergers are gone. Darn the Scallenbergers!"

"When the snow and ice have gone," said the Sunday school teacher beaming upon the boys, "and nature awakens from her long sleep, the tiny bugs begin to appear, and then what do we have? You may answer, Robert?"

"Sulphur and molasses," replied Robert, earnestly.

First Bulgarian bandit—The chief has cut the ransom to one thousand dollars.

Second Bulgarian bandit—Yes, his idea is to close out all the missionaries on hand, to make room for new stock, I'm told.

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THE CHINESE QUESTION.

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SILVERTON, B. C., MARCH 1ST, 1902.

To the Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada:

GENTLEMEN— At the regular weekly meeting of Silverton Miners' Union No. 95, of the Western Federation of Miners, held in Union Hall on Saturday, March 1st, 1902, the attitude of the British Government towards Canadian, and especially towards British Columbian legislation, on the restriction of Chinese and of Japanese immigration, was well considered, and it was unanimously agreed that the uniform disallowance of all such legislation, with no other explanation than that it was done "for Imperial reasons," showed upon the part of said British Government, a contemptuous disregard of the wishes of the people of Canada that well deserves to be resented.

And it was thereupon unanimously resolved that the British Government, in making treaties with the Governments of China and of Japan whereby the people of those countries are licensed, contrary to the known desires of the Canadian people, to unrestrictedly come into Canada, has committed against the people of Canada an act of insolent despotism; and it is the hope of this Union that the people of Canada have the nerve to quickly prove to the said British Government that their "Imperial reasoning" in this case is very erratic.

It was therefore further unanimously resolved that this Union most earnestly desires that both the Parliaments of British Columbia and of Canada firmly stand by such Acts of Restriction of the immigration or employment of Chinese and of Japanese as they have already passed, and that they pass and likewise stand by such further laws of restriction or of exclusion as the majority of the people of Canada may determine to be necessary for their welfare.

Resolved, That every Union in Canada be notified of the action of Silverton Union on this matter, with the request that each of them quickly express its views on the same to the Provincial Parliament of British Columbia.

A. McKINNON, President.

C. BRAND, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To the legal personal representatives of J. W. LOWES, deceased, and to HUGH McRAE, or to any person or persons to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Glencoe Mineral Claim, situated on the north side of Hume creek, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District, British Columbia.

YOU, and each of you, are hereby notified that I have expended two hundred dollars 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, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the subscriber under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act 1900."

Dated at New Denver, B. C., this 25th day of February, 1902.

D. A. McDONELL.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—

TAKE NOTICE that thirty days from the date of this notice I, William Downie, acting as agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease that portion of the foreshore of Slocan Lake, in the town of Silverton described as follows:

Commencing at a post marked "C.P.R. S.E. corner," thence northeasterly along high water mark to the north boundary of Lot 13, Block 8, in the townsite of Silverton.

WM. DOWNIE,

Dated at Silverton, B. C., Feb 13th, 1902.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

KING FRACTION Mineral Claim.

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

TAKE NOTICE that I, John D. Anderson, P. L. S., of Trail, B. C., agent for Mrs. Mary Holland, Free Miner's Certificate No. 23218A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 5th day of March, A. D. 1902.

3-13 J. D. ANDERSON.

HARTNEY, AUGUST FLOWER, SYLVANITE, EDITH, HUNTER, HUB AND HUB, EDITH Fractional and KINGSTON Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Silver Mountain, west of the Merrimac Mineral claim.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Wm. S. Drewry, acting as agent for John D. MacMaster, free miner's certificate No. B 52470, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of each of the above claims.

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

Dated this 30th day of January, A. D. 1902.

2-20 W. S. DREWRY.

FLOOD FRACTION Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: In Best Basin, joining the John W. Mackey and Jim Fair mineral claims.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Alexander Sproat, as agent for Wm Hastie Adams and Charles J. Kapps, free miner's certificates Nos. B 77816 and 58800, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 13th day of January 1902.

MOUNTAIN SCENERY Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: At the head of Eight Mile creek

TAKE NOTICE That I, Albert Ashcroft, acting as agent for Harry Christopher Wheeler F M C, No B 52409, Charles McNicholl, F M C No B 52410 and F F Lietscher, F M C No B 52400, 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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SUCCESSFUL MINING.

A subscriber writes asking whether he should pay an assessment, the third within a few months, upon shares purchased in a mining company whose directors had held out hopes of early dividends. He does not doubt the integrity of the directors, but fears they have not the knowledge or experience necessary to make a success of the mine, and hints incidentally that mining is at best a very risky venture.

As to this particular instance we cannot pretend to pass an opinion, knowing nothing of the interested parties.

As to mining in general, however, we must remind our correspondent that the mineral industry has created more real wealth and has made more rich men than any other, and like every business undertaking is largely dependent upon the knowledge and skill of those who engage in it. Indeed, in some respects the man who engages in mining must have a wider sweep of knowledge and a more thorough training for his business than any other.

He must first of all have some knowledge of geology, so that he may not waste time and money in a formation in which mineral does not exist. Second, he must be a mineralogist, so that he may recognize the rocks and gangues which accompany the precious metals. Third, he must be a machinist that he may equip his mine with the best machinery and see that it is properly set up and operated. Fourth, he must be a chemist in order to adopt the most suitable and economical method of treatment. Fifth, he must be a good business man in order to keep watch of expenses and take advantage of market conditions. Sixth, he must be a manager of men and a good judge of character, in order that he may not be tied up in strikes, and may make the most of his labor; and lastly, he must be continually alive to every condition of his local surroundings. Or else he must have the money and intelligence to hire the right men to fill all these requirements.

But "Fortune is a fickle jade," and sometimes she seems delighted to fling wealth into the laps of those who have least expected it, and sometimes the man who thinks he is sure to win is the one who loses.

That the rewards of mining are often gigantic is proven by the wonderful success of Senator W. A. Clark of the United Verde; of De La Mar of a score of big mines; of J. W. Mackay, the Comstock Bonanza King, and hundreds of others.

Speaking of the Comstock bonanzas, there have been few such tremendous returns in dividends as the California and Consolidated Virginia mines, now known as the Con. California and Virginia, of Virginia City, Nevada, paid in their palmy days.

The California paid $29,160,000 in 28 consecutive monthly dividends, between May, 1876, and August, 1878. The first 26 were of $2 per share, on 540,000 shares, or $1,080,000 each, and the last two half as much.

The Consolidated Virginia paid $11,040,000, in 46 dividends, between May, 1874, and June, 1878, these dividends being paid monthly with the exception of the first four months in 1877 when they were omitted. Thirty-four of these dividends were of $1,080,000 each, two were of $540,000, and ten were of $324,000. Last year these mines paid several smaller dividends.

Another similarly tremendous dividend return is that made by the Calumet and Hecla copper mine of Michigan. It has paid about $80,000,000 in dividends since it was placed on a paying basis, although in the early days of its history it was considered to be a "wild cat," and it cost over a million and a half to develop before it paid a dollar, and many of the stockholders dropped out rather than keep on paying assessments on what was considered to be a hopeless proposition.

The millions paid yearly from mines in Colorado and California, Arizona, Nevada and Oregon, come mostly from mines which were developed by subscriptions from stockholders. Many mines which were abandoned because the stockholders grew weary of paying assessments, not having the courage nor patience to wait for their reward, have since been reopened and have become regular dividend payers. As an instance of what might have been, the Kennedy mine in Amador county, this State, which has paid $1,108,000 in dividends, was about to be closed down in the early stages of its development because the vein had "pinched." It afterward widened and at a depth of 3000 feet the vein is stronger and the ore richer than ever.

So that mining when prosecuted in a business way is more profitable and less risky than many commercial enterprises, and there have been fewer failures to record.—Frisco Mining Review.

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And what hopes does the future hold for these miners? Illiteracy is on the increase and it must continue until the people at large arouse from their criminal negligence and wrest the mines from the robbers to restore them to the people collectively, to whom they belong by natural and moral right. Or does any one think that the coal barons made the land and the coal contained therein.

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