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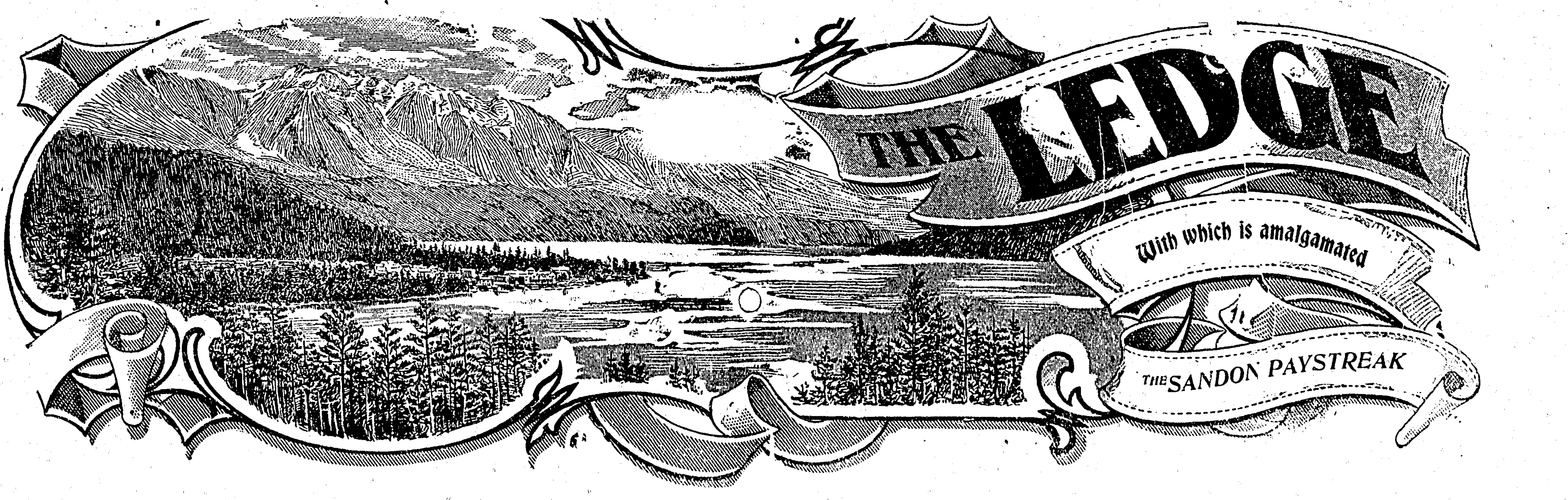

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STOPE AND DUMP

The Rambler shipped 900 tons of ore in June and July.

A stamp mill may be erected at the May and Jennie this fall.

The production of zinc in the world exceeds 400,000 tons a year,

The force of miners, lessees, etc., employed in Cripple Creek is said to number 7,000 men.

There has been a stampede from Dawson to a new district 100 miles to the west of White Horse rapids.

The quartz around Poplar creek does not assay much unless gold can be seen in it with the naked eye.

The Highland at Ainsworth is sending large quantities of ore to the Nelson smelter. It probably pays about $9 a ton profit.

Australia voted the bonds that were used in the construction of the 360-mile water system for the Koolgardiie mining district.

It is expected that the furnaces of the North American smelter at Grand Encampment, Wyo., will be blown in some time during the present month.

Samuel Newhouse of Utah has placed an order for 10 miles of 14-inch steel pressure pipe, to bring water from the Wah Wah springs to the cactus mine, near Frisco.

President John Dern, of the Con. Mercur, Utah, has announced that the company would return to the dividend list this month, after an absence of several months.

Reports from the Cœur d'Alenes are to the effect that the site of 200 acres purchased recently near the Amador mine is for a smelter to reduce the ores of that property and adjacent mines.

At Tonopah and other parts of Nevada the authorities are enforcing the eight-hour law by arresting those violating it and promptly prosecuting them. The Western Federation of Miners is active in maintaining the law.

Connecticut is reported to have enacted a law to protect investors in mining companies. The safeguards require statements of all companies or agents entering the state for business purposes, either promoting or selling stock in mining componies.

It is reported that Gooderham and Blackstock will buy the Trail smelter from the C. P. R. It is also reported that the Broken Hill Co. of Australia will build a lead and zinc smelter at Vancouver, and that the C. P. R. will give a $2.50 rate upon Slocan ores to the coast.

Later reports from the Lake copper belt indicate that the production there this year will fall short of 200,000,000 pounds, estimated at the beginning of the year. It is also apparent that Montana will be first in production, Michigan second, and Arizona third, as for several years.

Owing to the high price of copper of late, it is said that the Tamarack mine, Michigan, is paying now, but the stockholders do not feel highly encouraged. The great depth of shafts, one of which is nearly 5,000 feet, and the leaner character of rock at that depth, has little promise for the future.

Heavy equipment work is the feature of Klondike operations this year. From eight to fourteen steam shovels are likely to be operating there before the season closes. [illegible] are being put in almost everywhere, and work the following season will be the most substantial of any season since discovery.

Judge Sloan, of Yavapia county, Arizona, has issued a sweeping injunction upon the request of the Mine Owners' association of the county, restraining the Miners' unions of the county and certain individuals connected with them from any manner interfering with work at the properties of the petitioners.

The Eva stamp mill is rapidly nearing completion. Crushers are in place and stamps ready to drop. The four vanners are all set up and floor in vanner room laid. Shafting is being put in place and the three pelton wheels are in position. At the mine three shifts of men are at work and good headway is being made.—Camborne Miner.

The Boundary shipments for the past week have been the largest in the history of that camp, reaching the grand total of 16,360 tons, or nearly double the output of the Rossland camp for the same period, the latter having shipped 9,480 tons.

A peculiar accident occurred in the Granby mines at Phoenix Friday last, by which W. G. Fraser was seriously injured. The two high-pressure cylinders in the 30-drill compressor exploded. Fraser was the only one injured, although a number of men were in the building at the time of the explosion.

Mine operators of Southern California. Arizona and Nevada have organized the Desert Mine Operators' association, one of the cardinal doctrines of which is said to be that they will not discriminate against non-union laboring men. This purpose was a portion of the creed adopted by the Northern California Mine Owners' association last summer, preceding the big Amador county strike

A free-gold group of prospects, consisting of the Nelson, Goldflake and Gold Medal in the Camborne district, was purchased the past week by Cory Menhinick, Gus Sandham and George Young, the vendors being Archie Curry, Ed. Hillman and Fred Morrisen. One thousand dollars cash was paid for the Nelson claim alone, on which there is a lead 10 feet wide of more or less decomposed quartz from which gold can be panned without crushing.

News from the north to the effect that the Canadian government is interested in the project of installing a $4,000,000 water system for the Klondike. The system would comprise 61 miles of ditches and flumes, 14 miles of steel mains and 120 miles of distributing mains. The plan contemplates the taking of 7,000 inches of water from Klondike creek a little above Nello creek, and distributing it to every creek tributary to the Klondike.

The effort of Todd C. Woodworth to treat the tailings from the Center mine, Lake district, has been given over. Mr. Woodworth and associates erected a mill on the immense tailing dump of the Calumet and Hecla mine, but gave the work up after a year's experiments. It is known that the tailings of these great copper mines, which have accumulated for fifty years, have millions of dollars worth of metal in them, when the process has been worked out for handling them advantageously.

In his annual report to the Calumet and Hecla company, President Agassiz says: "During the year we produced mineral equal to 42,216 tons of refined copper, as against 42,162 tons last year. Our output in refined copper was 38,310 tons, as against 39,952 tons last year. The price of copper has varied from 11½ cents to 15 cents. There has been paid during the fiscal year four dividends of $5 each. The annual meeting will be held in the office of the company in Boston, August 19."

Bert Porter, who is working on a lease on the Atlin mine near Ymir, has now a shaft down 45 feet, the ore exposed being remarkably rich. The vein at this depth is reported to be 8 feet wide and an assay across 4 feet of this gave $112.80. The other four feet of vein matter is said to average $20 per ton. Mr. Porter is sacking up the ore as taken out to be ready for shipment as soon as the wagon road from the Dundee mine to the Atlin is completed. This road will probably be finished before the end of the month. In the meantime the Atlin company is continuing to drive the crosscut tunnel, which up to date is in 112 feet. It is expected to strike the vein in another 75 feet, and if the rich ore now being worked in the shaft above is found to have continued to this depth the Atlin company will have a very considerable body of rich ore in sight.

BLACKSTOCK ON THE WEST.

A representative of the Toronto Globe recently interviewed T. G. Blackstock as to the condition of mining in the west, and in reply Mr. Blackstock said that he had found mining in British Columbia in a depressed state.

"The feeling, however, is that the worst has been seen," said Mr. Blackstock, "and the province will experience a slow return to prosperity. The bonus granted by parliament to lead has already stimulated that industry, and the big mines, which have been closed for the past few years, are getting ready to ship again."

Mr. Blackstock was asked as to the St. Eugene mine, and in reply said:

"We have not yet decided whether we shall open up this mine or not. Negotiations are now in progress looking to that result, but, as it will cost thirty or forty thousand dollars to open up a mine like the St. Eugene, which has been lying idle for the past two or three years, the directors hesitate to do so until they are satisfied as to the outlook for lead in the London market, and as to the rates which are offered.

"As to the Rossland camp, it has been well known to those who have made a study of the conditions there for the past couple of years that the grade of the ore is so low that large profits cannot be expected unless some method other than smelting can be devised for treating it. In point of fact it has been pretty generally conceded that these mines would have to close down before long unless the low grade ores can be successfully treated. Fortunately for the country this question seems to be about satisfactorily solved. The Le Roi No 2 is putting up a small concentrator, at which it proposes to concentrate its ore by the well-known Elmore oil process. On the other hand, the War Eagle and Center Star mines have decided, after most thorough experiments, both in the laboratory and in the mill at Silica on Sheep creek, to put up a concentrator with a capacity of 200 tons a day and susceptible of being enlarged cheaply to a capacity beyond that. The exact location of this mill has not yet been definitely decided upon, but it is expected that this point will be settled in the course of a few weeks. Meantime the plant and machinery is being ordered, and it is hoped operations will commence before the 1st of January."

"Is the general commerce of the west increasing?"

"Notwithstanding the depressed condition of mining generally throughout British Columbia, it is astonishing how well the trade in such cities as Rossland and Nelson keeps up. While the mining interests of the country have been suffering, the lumbering interests, on the other hand, have been greatly stimulated by the settlement of the Northwest territories. Large lumber mills are springing up throughout the country, and a brisk and profitable trade is being done with the prairies east of the Rocky mountains.

"What struck me both going and coming was the fact that notwithstanding my trip was made during July and August, not a blade of dry grass was seen from Toronto to Rossland. The whole of the prairie is covered with green, showing that the country has had an abundance of rain, and, while the drouth of the early part of the season has undoubtedly affected the yield of wheat in Manitoba, still, however, at points well west of Moose Jaw the [illegible] Around Moose Jaw they claim forty bushels to the acre, where a few years ago it was thought doubtful whether wheat could be raised in paying quantities or not

"A coal and coal oil boom is developing in East Kootenay at various points between the international boundary and the main line of the Canadian Pacific. Some people fear that the coal business will be overdone. It is a poor mining man now who hasn't an interest in a coal or oil claim."

THIS AND THAT.

It is related that a celebrated artist being asked what he mixed his colors with to get such exquisite tints, replied: "Brains, sir, brains!"

Greenwood Conservatives have nominated Dr. J. D. Spankie to contest that riding. His opponent is J. R. Brown of the legal firm of McLeod & Brown.

A Kentucky woman has discovered a new use for the telephone. Wishing to visit a neighbor, she pulled the baby's crib up in front of the telephone, opened the receiver and told central if the baby began to cry to call her up at the neighbor's

Duncan Ross of the Greenwood Times has been appointed Liberal organizer for the mainland of British Columbia. This means that the anti-Martin faction has gained the ascendancy, as Mr. Ross is a Bodwell-Kelly-Templeman Liberal.

Mark Twain tells of a man who, when he came home drunk, explained to his wife that his condition was due the fact that he had mixed his drinks. "John," his wife advised, "when you have drunk all the whiskey you want you ought to ask for sarsaparilla." "Yes," retorted her husband, "but when I have drunk all the whiskey I want I can't say sarsaparilla."

The Houstone-Tailore Specialty company opened a two-months' engagement in the Nelson opera house Thursday evening. The special features of the entertainment were a baritone solo by J. Keene-Houstone, entitled "My Hero, Prince McBryde," and a superb juggling act by S. Sauve-Tailore. These are old favorites in Nelson. A new feature introduced by the company this season is the skirt-kancing act and humorous songs, high kicking, etc. by the popular vaudeville artist, Miss Arabella Parr. Her song "'Ow Hi Lives Without Work," was much appreciated by the large audieuce. Altogether the performance was above the average, much difference of opinion being expressed as to the merits of the performers, but it was geneaaily conceeded that the coy Arabella was a "wunner, and no mistake."

News comes from Sedro-Wooley, Wash., of the death of Seneca G. Ketchum, the well known printer, poet and journalist. Senaca learned the printing trade at Orangeville, Ont., and afterwarde worked a year in Grip office, Toronto, as an improver. His first journalistic venture was in Hanover, Grey county, Ont., where in 1883 he published The Post. The following he and Blaney McGuire started the Post in Orangeville. After publishing the Post for a couple of years he accepted a position on the Toronto Telegram. He came west in 1889, for a time doing editorial work in Calgary. In 1890 he came to the coast. Since that time he published papers in or did "write-up" work in nearly every town in the state of Washington. In 1897 he was chief of police in Nelson, and arrested the mayor for "interfering with the chief of police in the discharge of his official duties," the "interference" being an order from the mayor insisting on certain rules for the guidance of the chief. After leaving Nelson Seneca commenced the publication of the Sedro-Wooley Times, one of the most influential weekly papers in the West. All his newspaper acquaintances will regret his death. Bright and witty, a true philosopher, he took life's ups and downs, its lights & shadows, as they came, always smiling and good-natured. He had his faults, but the good far out weighed the bad. His "30" is on the hook. Let us hope that when "time" is called beyond the great divide, the copy will be type written, the matter slatted, three-column cuts on the hook, few corrections in the markets, and no machines—a "square-man's" paradise

Jock Got Back.

"Well Jock," said the laird of a certain estate, "You are getting very bent. Why don't you stand straight up like me, man?"

"Eh, man," said Jock, "dis ye see that field of corn ower there?"

"Yes," replied the laird.

"Well, ye'll notice that the full heids hing doon, an the empty eens stan' stracht up.

ASSAYS OF NELSON

Travel into Nelson is very heavy this month.

Some people think it was scarcely Wright to beat Honest John out of Ymir.

Merchants wishing to advertise in this journal should drop a postal and all will be well.

The railroad excursion to Rossland was not behind the date. Breakfast was served on the cars.

Get pour typographical triumphs from Lowery. He produces work in which art is never lost sight of.

Gilbert Stanley has gone on a fishing excursion to Proctor. The C. P. R. will give him a special rate on car lots.

The postal car from Nelson to Midway is a great improvement over the former service. If we had birds to carry letters into the Lardeau all would now be serene with Jack Gibson and his estimable staff of assistants.

The lawn in front of the Phair hotel has no equal in America for its shape. As Nelson is not the Lucerne of America it is cropped by art and no black cow ever runs her mower over the expanse of green in front of Kootenay's famous hotel.

It is sometimes difficult to get drugs in Nelson after dark and on Sundays. People generally want drugs in a hurry and are impatient when they cannot get them. To keep peace in the town the druggists should have a man on shift all the time.

R. B. Kerr, now of Phoenix, but formerly of New Denver, was in Nelson this week. Mr. Kerr says that the result of the election in Greenwood and Grand Forks ridings is doubtful, no one of the candidates appearing to have any advantage over his opponents at the present time.

W. W. Bradley lost a valuable dog not long ago. Detectives could not find the animal, but after a few days its owner remembered that he had been in the deserted warehouse of the California Wine company. In this building, with the odor of departed spirits the dog died of thirst, only living a short time after being released.

There is a little girl in Nelson who is very fond of watching the Salvation Army. The other evening she turned away from the window long enough to ask her ma what it all meant. "They are trying to go to heaven, said her ma. "Well, ma, they have to work awful hard, don't they?" said the little one. She had probably noticed the Army trying to convert Dave Carley.

Children in their youthful ignorance often say witty things Norma McGregor is a little girl who came to Kaslo when she was just a little tot. Her pa took her to Nelson not long ago. As the boat stopped at Ainsworth Norma got her traps ready to go ashore. Being assured that Ainsworth was not Nelson, she remarked that she did not know there were any other places but Kaslo and Nelson. In Nelson she saw a watering cart go by Holding her hand to her mouth she smiled in childish glee and whispered to her papa: "Don't say a word. That man's wagon is leaking, and he don't know it." As providence waters the streets of Kaslo the remark of the child was quite natural

The circulation of THE LEDGE last week was a shade under a million. The balloon arrangement for delivering it in London, Poplar, Three Forks, Paris, Forty-Nine, etc., is working like a bird's wings. It is delivered to all subscribers in bed. Our cold storage stories on Hades are much appreciated. In a little while we will publish that old song entitled "Come Home, Tommy, Mother Has Found Work." If the commercial manipulators of Nelson flood this office with ads we will take fresh hope and publish a line of poems that will oscillate the universe. They will be: "I'm Poplar at Last," by John Keen; "Oh, Ymir, I Love Thee," by Harry Wright; "We Are up Against it," by S. S. Tailore; "Rocks of Ages," by Jake Dover; "Sit up, Dave; Sit up," by John Hewstone; "Only a Wasted Vote," by Willie Hunter. If business keeps up we may also publish essays upon fishing by Gilbert Stanley, and "How to Swim a River," by Tom Collins. We are bound to have this paper read by the entire world. No trouble to do business with us. We take anything for subscriptions. Do not be without the paper if you own anything that can be turned in—Poplar creek mines, poker chips, bulldogs, Pilot Bay pumpkins, Kaslo smelters, Proctor bait, Grit candidates, or anything else goes at this office when the cash is elusive to your grasp.

J. T. Black and Murdoch McLean of of New Denver were in Nelson for a couple of days last week.

Just Like Bodie.

It is said that the formation in and around Poplar creek is something like that of Bodie, California. That camp had 22,000 people in 1881, and four paying free-gold mines. It was struck in 1876. In the Bodie free gold was found to a depth of 750 feet. The miners stole from $20 to $100 a shift. The Bodie paid dividends for 24 months and its stock went to $55 a share. In the Standard, an extension of the Bodie, free gold was found to a depth of 1,300 feet. Outside of these two mines 150 claims were worked, all with hoisting works but they panned out nothing but expense. In Bodie today 250 miners are working for $4 a shift underground. Poplar creek may be greater than Bodie.

Poole and the Prince.

Poole the English tailor is about to receive the accolade. Why not? Has he not done more to make Edward VII presentable than all other artists in the United Kingdom put together? Clothes make the king as well as the man. Poole makes the clothes; ergo, Poole makes the king. When Edward was simply prince of Wales he owed Poole at times as high as $100,000, and even suffered the tailor to address him in public places without fear of the tower. There are several distinguished Pooles in England, but none so famous as Tailor Poole.

Speaking of Poole, one of his customers seys: His accounts are rendered once a year, just around Christmas. If not paid, he waits twelve months and sends a second bill. Such as do not pay on receipt of the second statement are dropped from his books, and never again are they allowed to give an order in his establishment.—New York Press.

And a Few Wrecks.

People living along the coast of Newfoundland are wreckers to a man—not in the criminal sense, but expert in stripping and unloading such vessels as are tossed up on their shores. In fact, they count on prospective earnings of this kind. Father Hennebury, the priest at Trepassy, near Cape Race, was dining one day with the late Bishop Power, of St. John's. "How will your people get along this winter?" said the bishop. "Very well," was the priest's cheerful answer; "with the help of God—and a few wrecks."

A Pretty Thought.

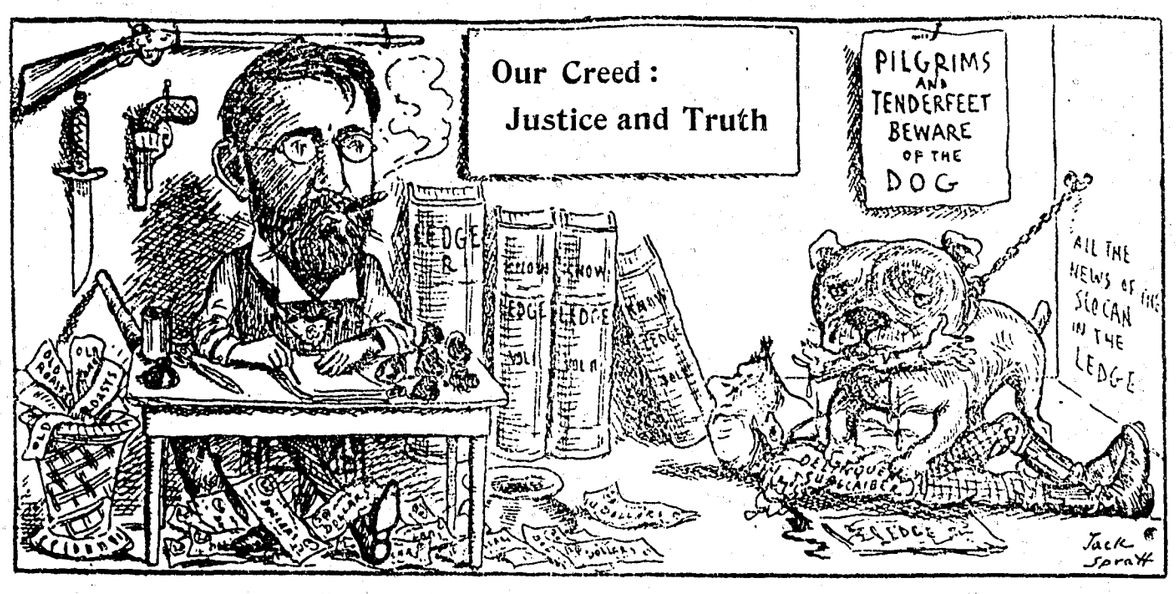
I would rather fill my purse with money and keep its beautiful gates for- [illegible] liquor under my roof than to clutch it with a miser's hand until the harp strings of youth are broken, and all its music forever fled. I would much rather spend my last nickel for a little [illegible] barefooted boys than to deny them their childish pleasure and leave them a bag of gold to quarrel over when I am dead.—Bob Taylor.

Might Yet Pass Veal Stage.

Miss Sharp—Believe in vegetarianism? Why, I love good beef.

Cholly—I wish I were beef, don't you know!

Miss Sharp—Never mind, you'll grow



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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.

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THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

KAISER BILL knows that Socialism is no dream.

THE air around Poplar creek has not yet been assayed for gold.

OLD maids should go to Newfoundland By reading the statistics they will find the reason.

HIGH heels distort and ruin the feet but we have never heard a parson raise his voice against the evil.

THE merchants of Nelson should advertise in all the papers that reach the people. Self recommendation is not necessary.

IF working people are selfish they do not know it. They give every thing to their masters except just enough to live upon.

PEOPLE ride too much on the cars these days. Walking is much more healthful, and saves the poor con[illegible]

THE great will fall. The Ferris wheel used in Chicago during the World's Fair has been sold for $1,800. It cost $362,000.

DEAD marines should be kept away from buildings. In France recently the sun's rays acting on an empty bottle set a stack of hay on fire and burned it to the ground.

IN Alberta Rev. Armstrong was struck by lightning. No reason is assigned for the deed, and the parson is now out of danger.

A WOMAN was recently killed in New York by the explosion of a soda-water tank in her candy store. Another reason for keeping away from soda-water fountains.

SINCE the Presbyterians cut infant damnation out of their Confession of Faith it is reported that the baby population of heaven has increased at an astonishing rate.

IN Ontario Billy McLean is still shouting for a two-cent a mile rate on railroads. Out West we are still paying from four to seven cents a mile without even kicking the conductor.

IF the Sunday observance craze does not die in Ontario we may expect any day to hear of a petition being sent around to have the sun quit shining on the Sabbath. The day worshippers in Canada should go off shift. They are not even sensible enough to worship the day spoken of in the Bible.

PARTYISM is rampant in Canadian politics because the people wish it so. When they grow tired of listening to the crack of the party whip this grand country will no longer be under the rule and at the mercy of one or two cranks. We are bright people in Canada but our upper stopes are still haunted by the bats of custom, and the owls of superstition.

A WOMAN near Courtland, N. Y., could not get the tea-kettle to boil. Upon examination she found it full of oil. She looked into the well from which the water was drawn and found it full of crude petroleum. This is a case where Providence was kind. The case is equal to us coming along some morning and finding a bag of gold on our desk.

THE yellow press is responsible for much insanity. A man in Jersey City went crazy through reading the long accounts of Pope Leo's struggle with fate, When arrested he claimed to be Pope Pius XIII, and had several cheques in his pocket payable to Napoleon, and one payable to Jesus Christ and signed God. Such is the effect of certain literature upon weak minds.

DRUNKENNESS will never be obliterated until the poverty of the masses is wiped out, more especially in Europe. In Vienna, Austria, there are 27 children in a school of 40 who never saw a bed. How can people be reformed in the midst of misery? Oppressed by church and state they fly to alcohol for a few moments of surcease from sorrow. The condition of all people must be improved before the curse can be eliminated.

HELL or heaven is a state created in our own minds, just as we make a god or devil. If we think right all is bright. If we think wrong all is dark. Within us is something that never dies. The mud around it may sink back to earth but the soul is imperishable and touches the stars or hits Gehenna. It all depends upon how you steer the indelinable something about which speculation is always rife.

IN England the Methodists are said at present the increase of their church at a standstill The people will not stand having the semaphore turned against social enjoyments As the world grows more enlightened, and freer from the fear of bugaboo creeds, the Methodist and all other churches will gradually sink into the shades of oblivion and be replaced by one that reaches the stars without having toll gates strung all along the pike.

THE Canadian government will issue more paper money, and the Bobcageon Independent wants the bills printed in different colors so that they can be more readily distinguished when of different values. The idea is a good one for we have often handed out $1 bills instead of ones when a crowd of people were standing in line to subscribe for our weekly excitement. A string should also be put on them so that they could be held when captured.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

From the death of the old the new proceeds
And the life of truth from the rot of creeds.
—Whittier.

Thou rascal beadle, hold thy bloody hand!
Why dost thou lash that whore? Strip thine own back;
. . . Plate sin with gold,
And the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks;
Arm it in rags, a pigmy's straw doth pierce it.
—Shakespeare.

If we would win the common rights detailed,
We must combine and practice what we preach.
What do we sek to win? Just human rights,
And to be governed by diviner laws
Than now prevail. Our revolution is
The evolution of both thought and mind,
Which working upwards yearns to find the truth;
—Lady Florence Dixie.

When man undertakes to become God's avenger he becomes a demon. When he assumes God's authority he becomes a persecuting tyrant.—The Sentinel.

Belief in a god is affected by circumstances and conditions locally existing, as well as by geographical and climatic positions. A slum child has a different god to the high-born child. Heredity and training determine at the beginning the character of their god. We are all the creatures of circumstances. We did not make ourselves nor the conditions in which we find ourselves. Every one grows up with different ideas of God. A Unitarian child, a Jew child, a Catholic child, a Protestant child, will each have a different god. In an agnostic family family, again, the child, in all probability, will grow up without a god of any kind. Such a difference shows that there is no real knowledge on the question existing. It is all guessing and imagining, and a great deal of it, I fancy, the result of interested teaching of knowing, cunning, and designing priests, kings, and rulers, carried on through the ages in order to keep the masses in economic and intellectual bondage, for the benefit and aggrandisement of the privileged classes.—R J. Derfel.

Even now, when the world has had time to become sane, much of it is still mad from the effects of the phil tre of blood and bang the church has through the ages administered. Blood? She preached that each individual soul must be washed in the blood of the lamb; and she drenched the plains of the earth with the blood of fools. Damnable irony, the standard of "the Prince of Peace" waves over an ocean of gore. There were millions butchered in the wars against the Saxons, Sarmatians, and Scandinavians; a million in the wars against the Arian heretics; millions in the Crusades; a million in the man-hunt against the Albigenses, Huguenots, Waldenses, the Netherland insurgents, and the Thirty Years' war; a million by the holy inquisition; millions for witchcraft; millions of natives of the New World slaughtered through the pious fanaticism and hellish hate of the bigots of Christian Spain. And all this without taking into account such comparatively minor religious horrors as the Covenanting struggle which for long and terrible years drenched the heather of my native Scotland with blood. The vague and baleefully ill omened myth at the head of the legend of horror said: "I came not to bring peace, but a sword," and, by God, he brought it. [illegible]

L. K. Washburn's Thinks.

Self depreciation is the hypocrisy of vanity.

Fools can shout in a crowd, but only a man dares to stand up and speak the truth alone.

God will answer prayer when a photograph smiles, or when toes grow on the leg of a chair.

Most people are wise when it is too late for their wisdom to help them.

The moderns have said better things than ever did the ancients and said them better too.

The Point of View.

They were young and in love. Long had they walked that evening, looking for an unoccupied park bench, but every seat which had not its burden of bliss stood in an electric glare.

"I hate those lamps," she said angrily. "They make too much light in a place like this."

One night later. The same couple and still in love, and in the park. Nay, they had just come in. This time they were holding down a bench in an arbor so dusky that an Ethiopian would have looked like a ghost in it.

"Aren't the electric lights grand!" cooed she. "They cast such nice, dark shadows."

Curious Wells.

A well recently drilled in Canada produces sand instead of water. The sand comes up in a fine stream like a fountain. The force by which it is driven to the surface from a depth of 100 feet has not yet been discovered. A miraculous well was discovered recently in New Guinea at a depth of 600 feet. Anything made of iron or steel dipped into the water at once becomes magnetic.

All in Their Place.

"It's powerful easy to abuse a good thing," said Uncle Eben. "A razor is all right in a barber shop, but it's troublesome at a parlor social."—Washington Star.

Do you think he would accept a bribe? Certainly not—if any one was looking.—Chicago Post.

When the Mississippi river is at flood one can drink fresh water from the gulf ten miles from the river's mouth.

Why did Grayboy's handsome stenographer leave him so suddenly? He says she found a number of letters from his wife in his desk.—Columbia Jester.

You could call him a captain of industry, couldn't you? You could do it, but you wouldn't do it if you were wise—at least not to his face. He thinks he's a colonel of industry.—Chicago Evening Post.

He—Did you notice that woman who just passed? She—What, the one with the died hair and false teeth, and nasty, ready made clothes on, all tied up with ribbons and things? No, I didn't notice her particularly.—Punch.

For Ready Reference.

Mr. Ireland—This book on swimming is very useful in sudden emergencies.

Mrs. Ireland—Is it?

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CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM.

[Adopted at Revelstoke, September 13th, 1902.]

1. That this convention reaffirms the policy of the party in matters of provincial roads and trails; the ownership and control of railways and the development of the agricultural resources of the province as laid down in the platform adopted in October, 1898, which is as follows:

"To actively aid in the construction of trails throughout the undeveloped portions of the province and the building of provincial trunk roads of public necessity.

"To adopt the principles of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the government of the province control of rates over lines bonused, together with the option of purchase.

"To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the province."

2. That in the meantime and until the railway policy above set forth can be accomplished, a general railway act be passed, giving freedom to construct railways under certain approved regulations analogous to the system that has resulted in such extensive railway construction in the United States, with so much advantage to trade and commerce.

3. That to encourage the mining industry the taxation of mineral claims should be on the basis of a percentage on the net profits.

4. That the government ownership of tele[illegible] as a first step in the acquisition of public utilities.

5. That a portion of every coal area hereafter to be disposed of should be reserved from sale or lease so that state owned mines may be easily accessible if their operation becomes necessary or advisable.

6. That in the pulp land leases provision shall be made for reforesting and that steps should be taken for the general preservation of [illegible] destruction of timber.

[illegible] province should persevere in the effort to secure the exclusion of Asiatic labor.

[illegible] of bounties or subsidies and appropriations for the province should be vigorously pressed upon the Dominion government.

[illegible] province be fostered and encouraged by the imposition of increased customs duties on lead and lead products imported into Canada, and that the Conservative members of the Dominion House be used to support any motion introduced for such a purpose.

10. That as industrial disputes almost invariably result in great loss and injury both to the parties concerned and to the public, legislation should be passed to provide means for an amicable adjustment of such disputes between employers and employees.

11. That it is advisable to foster the manufacture of the raw products of the province within the province as far as possible by means of taxation on the said raw products, subject to rebate of the same in whole or part when manufactured in British Columbia.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

MILTON and MILTON FRACTION Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Northwest of Bear Lake, about 6 miles from Three Forks.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Robert McPherson, free miners' certificate, No. B 69313, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of each of the above claims.

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

Dated this 22d day of June, A. D 1903

ROBERT McPHERSON.

FREDDY Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the Galena Farm, adjoining the Stevenson Mineral Claim.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Francis J. O'Reilly, of Nelson, B. C., as agent for John A. Turner, free miner's certificate No. B 80700, and Hugh Nixon, free miner's certificate No. B 80669, 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 4th day of June, A. D. 1903

FRANCIS J. O'REILLY.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

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

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended $102.50 in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

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Once upon a time "a woman who was a sinner" (perhaps she lived on the Dupont street of Jerusalem) was brought to the Lord Christ of the Christian church for condemnation. You all know what Jesus said to her accusers: "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone," and not one of the virtuous (?) hypocrites dared so much as put his hand to the ground to pick up a stone. That seems to be the very consistent attitude of present day society towards the "social evil." We are not in a condition to engage in the stone-throwing business—not even the Rev. Mr, MacBeth, if the aspersions of some of the city fathers are to be believed.

But, giving that gentleman credit for purity of purpose and singleness of heart in the agitation he has endeavored-vainly it seems—to create against the maintenance of a street dedicated to immoral purposes in the very heart of our city, is he not open to question from another standpoint? As one of the dwellers in that district is reported to have remarked, apropos of the abrogation of their privileges: "What is the use of moving a sore from the belly to the knee? Why does not the reverend gentleman endeavor to get at the causes that make such a street what he and his colleagues of the cloth usually designate—"a necessary evil."

From the lips of Christian (?) men and women have I heard it proclaimed that but for the existence of such businesses in our cities respectable women would not be safe in going abroad. This is a terrible condemnation to pass upon the mankind of a nation. Men resent it. Women accept this doctrine of vicarious sacrifice with the utmost complacence, rewarding the victims—in their stead—with scorn and loathing, instead of the gratitude they ought to feel if this indictment be true.

Has it never occurred to Mr. MacBeth that profit is the main accessory after the fact, and that women's social and sexual slavery is the fact itself that makes the maintenance of such a street possible in so-called respectable communities?

Does he know that by fostering a commercial system by which millions of human beings are deprived of the opportunity to lead wholesome lives along natural lines, he is aiding and abetting the vice he depiores?

Does he know that the so-called bestial behavior of man is but the perverted strivings for expression of the divine instinct of fatherhood? But fatherhood is a crime under our present system when children are but born to be devoured by one of the twin wolves of excessive wealth or excessive want, and the man is brave to excess who invites its responsibility.

Does that gentleman know that a goodly portion of the revenue of the courts of justice of most modern cities—perhaps Vancouver is an exception—is derived from the fines levied upon the women of the tenderloin? That is undoubtedly the main reason for the laxity with which the laws regulating this "necessary evil" are enforced. The salaries of the city officials would be short and taxes would have to be made higher in order to cover the shortage, were it not possible under our present system to "raid" and "fine" resorts of this kind? Is the city that panders to this vice any more respectable than the individual pimp?

Is Mr. MacBeth doing anything to substitute a better way of supporting our civic life? He knows surely that the average ratepayer will sacrifice his morals or the morals of anybody else, to the pecuniary interest of the hour every day in the week?

How much redemptive work has the reverend gentleman set in motion for these women themselves? Who can blame one one of them if she refuses to return to the paths of virtue when she knows a lash awaits her at every turning to drive her back to infamy again? Neither church nor society is willing that these women shall be saved unless they can be taken directly to heaven. On earth there is no salvation for them from outside. Only a deep self-consciousness that no man no woman is ruined while a single noble impulse remains, and that the past can never overtake the future if we but rise up and go forward, can never save anybody. The trouble for these women is that the way out and forward is persistently hedged up by our modern civilization. Give women the means of life and see how many will continue to traffic in their own bodies,

Give men the means of life—natural life—and see how many will continue to buy an unnatural and unsatisfactory commodity to satisfy a craving that no longer exists. Abolish profit from the whole business and then get the lantern of Diogenes and go hunting for a man or woman who will engage in it.—Western Clarion.

THE FOLLY OF PUNISHMENT

For ages men have erected scaffolds, instruments of torture, built jails, prisons and penal institutions, without end, and through all the ages a long line of suffering humanity, bound and fettered, has been marching to slaughter and condemned to living tombs; and yet human governments charged with the responsibility of the condition and lives of these weak brothers have never yet been able to agree even upon the purpose for which these pens are built. All punishment and violence is largely mixed with the feeling of revenge—from the brutal father who strikes his helpless child, to the hangman who obeys the orders of the judge; with every man who lays violent, unkind hands upon his fellow the prime feeling is that of hatred and revenge. Some human being has shed his neighbor's blood; the state must take his life. In no other way can the crime be wiped away In some inconceivable manner it is believed that when this punishment follows, justice has been done. But by no method of reasoning can it be shown that the injustice of killing one man is retrieved by the execution of another, or that the forcible taking of property is made right by confining some human being in a pen. If the law knew some method to restore a life or make good a loss to the real victim, it might be urged that justice had been done. But if taking life, or blaspheming, or destroying the property of another, be an injustice, as in our short vision it seems to be, then punishing him who is supposed to be guilty of the act, in no way makes just the act already done To punish a human being simply because he has committed a wrongful act, without any thought of good to follow, is vengeance pure and simple, and more detestable and harmful than any casual isolated crime. Apologists who have seen the horror in the thought of vengeance and still believe in violence and force when exercised by the state, contend that punishment is largely for the purpose of reforming the victim, This, of course, cannot be held in those instances where death is the punishment inflicted. These victims at least have no chance to be reformed. Neither can it be seriously contended that a penal institution is a reformatory, whatever its name. A prisoner is an outlaw, an outcast man, placed beyond the pale of society and branded as unfit for the association of his fellow man: his sentence is to toil without recompense, to wear the badge of infamy, and if ever permitted to see the light to be pointed at and shunned by all who know his life.—Clarence S. Darrow.

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We sometimes mistake the seeds of lies for the seeds of truth, but we soon know it.

If it is a lie against the physical being it causes a spot of disease. If it is a lie against the mental being it befogs the reason. If it is a lie against the moral being it chafes and blights the spirit.

When you find that you have gathered a lie for the truth cast it out. Don't hug a lie to your bosom because it looks like the truth, or because you have spent time in gathering of it.

But gather in the grain; don't be afraid. If it is the truth and helps you mentally, morally, or physically, it is good; keep it. If it is a lie and hurts you mentally, or physically, it is bad; cast it out. Know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

ARCHIE FRACTION Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: West branch of the North Fork of Carpenter creek, on Dolly Varden Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE That I, W. J. McMillan, free miner's certificate No. B71724, for myself and as agent for R. J. McMillan, free miner's certificate No. B71725, 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 14th day of July, A.D. 1903.
W. J. McMILLAN.

PHILADELPHIA NO. 3 Mineral Claim

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On divide between Fennell and Granite creeks, about 1½ miles southwesterly from the Thompson group.

TAKE NOTICE that I, F. S. Clements, acting as agent for D. S. Prescott, free miners' certificate No. B70081, F. L. Prescott, F. M. C. No. B70[illegible], and W. A. Coplen, F. M. C. No. B58323, 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 1st day of August, A. D. 1903.
F. S. CLEMENTS, Nelson, B.C.

NOTICE.

THIRTY DAYS after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Special Licence to cut and carry away timber from the following tract of Land, situated on Wilson Creek, in the West Kootenay District: Commencing at a post planted on the east side of Wilson Creek, about four and one-half miles above the high falls, marked "G. S. V. S. E. C." thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to the point of commencement. Located the 20th July, 1903.
G. S. VANSTONE.
Rosebery, B. C., July 27, 1903

NOTICE.

LIQUOR LICENCE ACT 1900.
SLOCAN LICENCE DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned persons have made application under the provisions of the Liquor License Act [illegible]

[illegible]

Arthur Mullen, Retail Licence, Brunswick Hotel, Three Forks.

George Aylwin, transfer to Enterprise Landing.

A. C. Allen, retail licence, Denver House, New Denver, B. C.

A meeting of the Board of License Commissioners for the Slocan licence district will be held [illegible] New Denver on Saturday, the [illegible] day of September, 1903, at the hour of [illegible] o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN T. BLACK,
Chief Licence Inspector.
Provincial Police Office, New Denver, B. C., August 27th, 1903

NOTICE.

MALE TEACHER WANTED,

For New Denver Senior School, on or before October 1st, 1903.

W. D. MITCHELL,
Secy School Board.
New Denver, Aug 21 1903,

Sandon News Croppings

Paul Hauck is doing a good business in his bakery.

The force at the Reco is to be increased to 15 men.

Mrs. Dr. Gomm and child have returned from the coast.

A daughter was born to Mrs. George Huston Sunday morning.

The Monitor shipped 20 tons of zinc the past week, and another car is being loaded.

A car of ore recently shipped from the Rambler brought $4,000 over mining and smelting costs.

A body of rich ore carrying black sulphurets and brittle silver has been uncovered on the Empress.

Chester Thurber, (Pat Griffith) was admitted to the hospital Saturday, suffering from tonsilitis, and was discharged on Monday.

W. B. Ryan, of Vulcan smelter site fame, visited Sandon Tuesday He did not mention the sites he had looked at, nor the sites he was looking for.

The K. R. & N. Co's ss Kaslo, is now making tri-weekly trips from Kaslo to Lardo and return, leaving Kaslo wharf Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Dr. Gomm had to perform a surgical operation on the brewery horse last Sunday. He chloroformed the animal and sewed up a gash on the leg 20 inches long.

An ice cream social, with a hot coal stove attachment, was given in the Reading Room Tuesday evening, and a large crowd of young people enjoyed the festivities.

Sandon's rate of taxation has been raised from 19¾ mills in 1902 to 26½ mills. The increase is really not so great as it might seem, since the assessment has been reduced.

Morris Davis, who had such a miraculous escape from death recently at the Payne, was discharged from the hospital the past week, and is recuperating at New Denver.

W. C. and W. H. Yawkey, of the Ivanhoe, are on a visit to the property. They are preparing to work the mine to its full capacity, and will have a busy camp this fall. The annual meeting of the company will be held this week in Sandon.

The C. P. R. train did not reach Sandon until 12 o'clock Tuesday night. It came in minus a whistle. When climbing the grade out of Nakusp the whistle toppled off and the engineer had to go into the woods and cut a plug for the valve to stop the steam escape.

It is understood among mining men that the Trail smelter is about to change hands. The rumor is also current in mining circles that the question of erecting a smelter in the Slocan is being considered by one of the big mining companies operating at Sandon.

It doesn't pay to be carried to the lockup in Sandon. It is cheaper to be quiet and walk. Pall bearers of a live and kicking corpse come high. It cost the husky man who raised the dust on the Silver City thoroughfare last week just $82.50. Magistrates Rashdall and Grimmett sat on the case, and, you know, neither of these gentlemen are lightweights when they sit as dealers in that kind of a game.

Everything is moving at the Payne. The zinc roaster lately put in operation is working satisfactorily, and the roasted product is being sacked, preparatory to rehandling when the magnetic separator arrives. The Payne is rapidly nearing the point where Manager Garde has long been striving to bring it The directors will soon be able to give to the shareholders something better than reassuring reports

W. E. Zwickey, manager of the Rambler, was at Nakusp Monday to order lumber for his property The Rambler is employing upwards of 80 men, and is greatly in need of a number of carpenters Much flume construction is going on, and numerous buildings are to be erected. The amount of development work that is being done on this property ensures a busy camp this fall and winter.

While George Clarke, of the Filbert, was in the Poplar creek camp, he met many representatives of American and Canadian capital, who, while looking for snaps in the gold camp, were really more interested in learning about the opportunities for investment in the silver-lead properties of the Slocan, and it is Mr. Clarke's opinion that there will soon be more capital looking for good Slocan properties than there are good silver-lead properties looking for capital.

ON THE LIST.

The voters' list is closed. Eight hundred and fifteen names are registered, from the following points:

Slocan	239
Nakusp	105
Sandon	154
New Denver	111
Rosebery	17
Silverton	52
McGuigan	31
Three Forks	31
Winlaw	30
Alamo	2
Gutelius	2
Cody	3
Burton	19
Fire Valley	4
Deer Park	5

DIVIDEND PAYERS.

The silver-lead mines of the Coeur d'Alenes have paid $12,160,878 in dividends, in the past ten years, and the silver-lead mines of the Slocan have paid [illegible]. Mining in the Slocan has advanced very slowly in the past five years, and, yet, dividends have been paid, which speaks well for the district

JOHN R. CLARKE.

Rev. A. E. Roberts has brought the best entertainers to New Denver that the town has had. He was responsible for the Jubilee Singers stopping here; later he brought the world-famed violinist, Camile Urso here, and now he is coming this way with John R. Clarke, the great actor-orator, a great-hearted, sunny-souled, silver tongued platform king. Mr Clarke will lecture in Bosun Hall next Wednesday evening, Sept. 2, and on Thursday evening, Sept. 3, in the Sandon Auditorium. Here is the chance for lovers of high-class entertainment to hear the best. This is Mr. Clarke's twenty-sixth season on the platform in the United States and Canada. He has given "To and Fro in London," his masterpiece, over 1,900 times.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1902 was, approximately, 30,000 tons Since January 1 to August 22, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
American Boy		502
Antoine		101
Arlington		40
Black Prince		17
Bondholder		2
Bosun	20	816
Blue Bird		20
Dayton		4
Enterprise		475
Fisher Maiden		280
Hartney		42
Hamilton		4
Highland Light		2
Idaho		21
Ivanhoe		569
Lucky Jim		105
Monitor	20	456
Meteor		12
Ottawa		106
Payne		1492
Queen Bess		204
Rambler		890
Reco		153
Republic	20	70
Ruth	68	313
Rio		9
Red Fox		24
Slocan Star	42	1216
Slocan Boy		16
Silver Glance		55
Surprise		5
Vancouver		20
Wonderful		23
Total tons	170	8157

ORE SAMPLES WANTED.

W. A. Coplen, superintendent of the Mineral Department of the Spokane Interstate Fair, writes us as follows:

"I write you concerning the matter of a mineral exhibit from your section to see if there could be any interest raised there in that line. We expect to have a big mineral exhibit here this fall, at least are making every effort in that direction. We have a lot of good samples from the Slocan which were gathered there some three years ago, but feel that probably you would like to build up the exhibit and add some new samples which would make a much more favorable showing comparatively speaking. I will say in the exhibit that you gathered in '99 we received great praise and nice prizes from the management that year, and the character of ore from that section is very attractive. If you think it would be desirable by the citizens, I would be glad to hear from you on the subject and will give you space for a representative, or will exhibit any samples directed to the Spokane Interstate Fair. All charges will be paid here."

This is a matter that every owner of a mineral claim is interested in. Good samples of ore can readily be had if a concerted move is made to get them. Who will volunteer?

APPLY BUSINESS PRINCIPLES.

Nothing conduces more failure in mining ventures than lack of business sense and mismanagement. The "fool" expert and the dandy, extravagant manager make a team which have wrecked more mining companies and destroyed confidence in mining to a larger extent than any causes of which we are cognizant It is a dangerous and untractable team, too, with not half as much sense, but a great deal more assurance, than a well behaved team of government mules.

The "expert," (and now we do not refer to well informed engineers, but to self-opinionated asses who think they know something about a mine), invariably selects some place to sink a shaft or run a tunnel so that it would require a fortune to develop the mine before a pound of ore could be taken out. Then his shadow, the "General Manager" comes along at a salary of at least $2000 per year, and while he sets his men working through country rock, he begins to look around for the most expensive machinery he can decorate the mine with He has a high priced superintendent, a high priced foreman, elegant quarters and more often than not, a cool bottle on ice for his friends when they visit the mine.

The result cannot be other than failure. Ten, twenty, thirty or forty thousand dollars have been expended; the shareholders become tired of "long winded" reports and hope deferred; the mine is closed and pronounced to be valueless

We have in mind one instance of that kind But two years afterward an ordinary miner got hold of the property for $500, put three miners to work, sank a shaft 150 feet from the $10,000 hole and cut a six-inch vein of high grade quartz by drifting ten feet from the first level at 100 feet As the work advanced, the ledge widened; he took out some fine ore, and in six months, he sold the mine for $50,000. A strong company took hold of it and, applying business principles and economy to mining, took out in the first year nearly double the purchase price. That was ten years ago. It is producing yet, is one of the best equipped mines on the mother lode, and has made every stockholder in the company independent. The mine was alright. It was the team of incompetents that was all wrong, and that team is yet traveling through the mining camps of the West, ruining mining companies and damning good mining properties.—Engineering and Mining Review.

BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Foreman Holman, of the Mother Lode mine, has been doing some remarkable work lately in ore extracting With a force of only 55 men he has for ten days or more supplied sufficient ore to keep two furnaces at the smelter in operation—some 600 or 700 tons daily. He wanted, and he still needs, 15 or 20 additional men

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From the Lake Towns

A. C. Allen will open the Denver House.

Mrs. W. J. Adcock of Slocan City, left for England last week.

Arthur Mullen will re-open the bar in the Brunswick Hotel, Three Forks.

W. C. E. Koch is shipping lumber from his mill on Ten Mile to Manitoba points.

Jack Aylwin returned to Portland this week to complete his studies in dentistry.

The New York Brewery at Sandon never pinches out. Its lower levels are full of beer.

On the 19th inst. a daughter was born to Mrs. Thos. J. Armstrong of Slocan City.

R. B. Kerr, of Phoenix, is spending a few days in New Denver, resting up after a long seige of office work.

On the arrival of Mr Strickland, new manager for the Bank of Montreal, Mr. Gibbs will be transfered to Nelson.

D. J. Robertson & Co., in Nelson, are ready to ship furniture to Poplar or any other new camp in the country.

The erection of the Clever block is progressing rapidly. It will be ready for occupancy about the middle of October.

Services will be held in St. Stephen's church on Sunday next Matins and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock; evening at 7.30.

LOST—About town; pair of gold rimmed eye glasses, in a Geo. L. Pedlar case. Finder will be suitably rewarded on returning same to A. D McGillivray

Hugh Niven has added a safe to his hotel office furniture, and is ready to receive all deposits that are to be wagered on the Three Forks lacrosse team.

The Ontario-Slocan Lumber Co., is keeping its mill at the head of the lake humming. Half a million feet of lumber is going in one shipment to the Northwest Territories.

Geo. L. Pedlar has tendered his resignation as teacher of the New Denver Senior grade, and has accepted a much better position at Fernie. The loss of Mr Pedlar will be much felt by the New Denver School.

Somebody is going to be disappointed in October. The Slocan Torries are sure that Wm Hunter is going to be elected; the Grits are sure that R. S Bradshaw is going to be elected, and the Laborers—they look on with a smile and keep a' sawing.

If one-half the smelters are built in the Slocan camp that are now being talked about, they will have to feed them on scenery and snowslides to keep them going. But the Slocan wants one smelter, and will have it, and that soon, if present negotiations are successful

There promises to be a warm time soon between the Silverton and Three Forks lacrosse teams. The game will have to be pulled off on neutral ground, and we would suggest New Denver. The hospital is handy, and Denverites would like to see a lively game of some kind before the annual Christmas Tree exercises.

W. R. Will says he never made a statement to any person as reported in the Nelson Daily News' of August 20th, as regarding the shipments and net returns of cars of Capella ore.

Grand Chancellor Nelson leaves today on his first official visit to the K. of P. lodges in this part of the Domain. He will institute a new lodge at Fernie and possibly another at Ymir. He will be in Sandon next Wednesday evening, Sept. 2nd, at which time the officers of New Denver lodge will visit the sister lodge to test the merits of the canny goat.

Chas. Aylwin came down from the Red Fox Sunday evening, and when he saw the condition of the shade trees fronting his Slocan avenue hotel property he was red eyed. The electric light line men, in his absence, cut the trees to pieces in their anxiety to keep the branches off the wire. The butchery was done in day light, and the butcher was allowed to go unmolested. If half the damage were done at night by mischievous boys arrests would follow.

Pat Hayes, one of the old boys of the Slocan, who has hit all the trails in the camp, walked into our sanctum Tuesday morning and climbed the elevator with his old dog Faithful. Pat is a prospector, a student and a gentleman He advanced to the altar, saluted the devil, said he was in arrears and wanted to pay up; and Old Faithful looked on as if he knew all about it. Pat is the best known prospector in the camp. He has made a reputation for himself in that capacity and he makes a good living at it After spending the spring and summer around Nelson, he is now heading for Poplar creek, and he deserves to find the biggest chunk of gold on the creek.

LEMON CREEK GOLD PROPERTIES.

Wm Thomlinson came in to New Denver this week from the Nanson group, at the head of Lemon creek, in which he and W. B. Young are interested. The property is being developed this summer and it is producing some very rich gold ore. Buildings have been erected and everything put in shape for the successful operation of the property. Several tons of ore are sacked for shipment. Half a mile from the Nanson group is the Lady Franklin group, owned by Oscar V. White This property is also being developed, and ore is being taken out for shipment. In the same radius Gill Finkle and Tom Benton are developing another group, and are getting some very rich ore.

These properties are about 17 miles from Nelson inlet, and are connected with a good sleigh road by four miles of trail.

SILVERTON GROWING.

Two births in a week is Silverton's record. On the 17th a son came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh, and on the 23rd a daughter graced the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Highland.

EWE AND LAMBS.

The pictures which the Free Press, Winnipeg, presents to the readers of the Weekly Free Press every month continue to maintain their reputation for attractiveness. For the month of July the Free Press sends to its readers a homely, but very striking, painting of a flock of sheep The picture is entitled "Ewe and Lambs," and is an excellent example of the work of one of the most celebrated painters of sheep of the last century.

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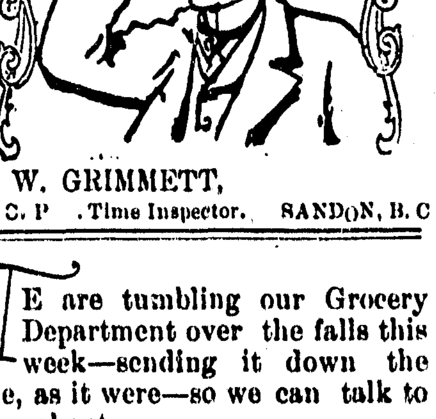
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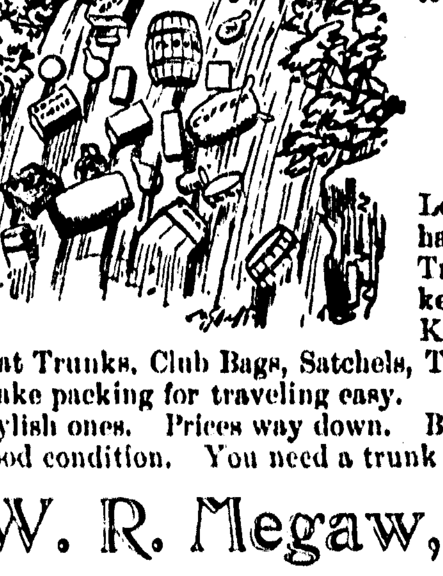
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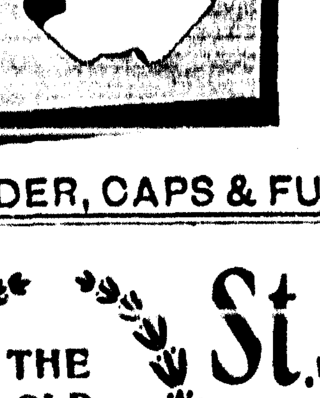
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