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From the Lake Towns

Rossland mines shipped over 400,000 tons of ore in 1903.

R. S. Bradshaw, Slocan City's staunchest supporter, left last week for Toronto, where he will locate.

T. H. Hoben was appointed a delegate to represent New Denver at the Conservative convention at Nelson today.

The attendance at the Forester's New Year's dance was not as large as was anticipated, but the event was a most enjoyable one.

A skating party went from New Denver Monday night and enjoyed an evening on the ice at Silverton. The ice was in excellent condition.

A meeting of Liberals will be held tonight in Bosun Hall, to select a delegate to the Liberal convention to be held at Nelson on the 12th.

W. A. Galliher, M. P., passed through New Denver Tuesday evening en route to Sandon, where he will meet the mine owners and learn their wants.

A large number of New Denver and Silverton young people went to Sandon Friday to attend the K. of P. dance, and all are enthusiastic in their praise of the management of the affair.

We have found the meanest man on earth. He lives at Silverton, and writes THE LEDGE over the name of T. P. McDonnell. Last week he sent us gratuitously a batch of news jottings, which on the surface appeared reliable. But, like a snake in the grass, he struck at the innocence of young womanhood, and attempted to make ridiculous a young couple by publishing their engagement. No doubt this Wise Guy, this Alec of the Smart School, thought he was getting off a huge joke, but such "jokes" are appreciated more by guttersnipes than men of sound sense.

FLOAT.

The art of compounding a cocktail is seen to perfection at the Kootenay, in Sandon.

Furniture is necessary in these days of civilization and the parties to consult about it are D. J. Robertson & Co., of Nelson.

The New York Brewery at Sandon is now making porter equal to their beer, and lovers of the dark liquid should sample it.

Fish! Fish! All kinds. Just received a fresh consignment, salt herrings, salmon bellies, mackerel, quail on toast, codfish, Blue Point oysters, sardines, shrimps; also a fresh stock Cross & Blackwell's turtle soup, Hudson Bay honey, cheese, 1 lb. brick cooking butter, 20c. lb., Tilley's English breakfast teas. We have still on hand Northern Spy apples and the famous Greenings. Can supply all demands. Wholesale and retail. Write or 'phone for prices. All kinds American chewing tobaccos. J. F. Delaney, Bosun Hall, New Denver.

THE LOGICAL VIEW OF IT.

Last week we reproduced a communication written by Geo. Alexander of Kaslo giving one side of the zinc question—the government-aid-seeking side. Below is an extract from a letter written by "K. U," which puts a different complexion on the problem, and would lead a practical man to believe that the greatest need in the Slocan is not so much government aid as practical, persistent hard work and less hot air in connection with the zinc and other mining problems:

He says: "Let those that are up against the zinc question, that are not too remote from transportation, show some disposition to solve this zinc question by united action in making a desirable grade of zinc ore to ship. The price that can be expected for zinc ore will not justify the mine owner that is remote from transportation to do anything at present. But let those that have transportation right at their doors show a disposition to do something, and others will follow. There is but one mining company in the Slocan that has done much of anything in this direction to my knowledge. That company certainly deserves a great deal of credit for what it has done. It has my very best wishes for success, and I hope it will be rewarded for its efforts, and I am confident it will be.

"While the above company has spent its money and efforts in doing what it has done, others equally able, with large bodies of ore ready to take out, are sitting on the fence watching results.

"It is undoubtedly true that there are at least three tons of zinc ore to every ton of lead ore in the Slocan mines. The concentration of those ores has proven this beyond a doubt. While there are a number of mine owners in the Slocan very much opposed to concentration, and justly so, there are large bodies of ore there that cannot be handled any other way than by concentration. This being the case, the question is, can they afford to lose any part of their values? Can they afford to let their zinc ore, after paying for mining and milling it, go down the stream any longer, as thousands of tons have gone? Take a mill that is turning out two tons of lead concentrates per day and six tons of zinc concentrates. Can they afford to let that go down the tail race any longer? As a matter of fact, is there any successfully managed business in this or any other country that would tolerate such a waste? Then the only question left is for them to save it and get all they can for it, let that be what it may. The zinc smelters want your zinc ore at such prices as they can afford to pay for it. The silver lead smelters want to see it go out of the country, as it annoys them.

"The transportation companies will undoubtedly do all in their power to help you as soon as you show a disposition to help yourselves."

SLOCAN'S OUTPUT.

The output of the Slocan mines for 1903 is the lowest in the history of the camp since mining began. Its value will not exceed $1,000,000, whereas, the value of previous years has been in the neighborhood of $3,000,000. It must not be concluded from this, however, that mining is at a standstill. The output has been low for the reason that the mines did not have any ore blocked out when the year began, and developement work was not sufficiently ahead of the stopes. The past half year has seen a great change in this respect. Very little attention has been paid to taking out ore, and all interest has been manifested in development, with the result that all the big properties are in a position to send out a large tonnage in the present year.

With the price of silver and lead advancing, the payment of the lead bounty assured, and the demand for zinc increasing, there is every reason to believe that 1904 will see the Slocan forge ahead to its old record.

The inauguration of the leasing system here is also a step in advance, and it promises to be the means of developing many fine bodies of ore heretofore unknown, and will eventually attract capital from the outside to our rich, but neglected mining section.

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 Dec. 31, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
American Boy		854
Antoine		210
Arlington		43
Alberta		7
Black Prince	60	67
Boudholder		2
Bosun		1077
Blue Bird		52
Capella		32
Comstock	40	60
Cripple Stick		2
Dayton		12
Dolly Varden		20
Empress		20
Enterprise	20	915
Fisher Maiden		280
Hartney		42
Hamilton		4
Hampton		5
Highland Light		2
Idaho		453
Ivanhoe	18	958
Jackson		57
Killo		10
Last Chance	21	81
Lucky Jim		103
Mercury		146
Monitor		780
Mountain Con		20
Meteor		52
Nansen		2
Ottawa	20	120
Payne	83	2000
Queen Bess		201
Rambler		2500
Reco	20	215
Republic		70
Ruth	101	943
Rio		9
Red Fox		115
Rouse		20
Sapphire		5
Slocan Star	12	2725
Slocan Boy		16
Silver Glance		55
Sunset		65
Surprise		5
Vancouver		20
Wakefield		180
Wonderful		93
Total tons	375	15,239

Wm. Davidson, M. P. P., spent a few hours in the Lucerne on Tuesday. He was returning to Sandon from a trip to the lake towns, and will leave this morning for Victoria. Mr. Davidson anticipates a lively time in legislature. Many demands are made for legislation that will tax the strength of the government to the limit.

Sandon News Croppings

Two Murphies are better than one ace in the hole.

The grand stairway up the hill makes it dead easy to get into Three Forks.

G. W. Grimmett in Sandon has hens which seldom lose a shift in laying eggs.

Mrs. Fogg returned to Silverton Tuesday after spending a few days in the Silver City.

Mrs. Pound returned on Monday evening from a holiday visit with relatives in Oregon.

When the Pelton wheel arrives the Alamo concentrator will commence to grind ore.

Mrs. Lawson came up from Silverton New Year's day and spent a few days with friends.

Gus Brudder fell and dislocated his hip last Friday. It was set by Dr. Gomm at the hospital.

Tom Carley came in from the Payne this week, and was treated at the hospital for la grippe.

When the water pipe arrives at the Rambler several four-horse teams will be out of a job hauling coal.

Fifteen inches of solid ore came into the face of the drift being run on the main lead on the Soho, last week.

F. H. Hawkins will take up his residence at Alamo, leaving his office in Sandon in charge of an assistant.

Ed McLeod will spend a few weeks in Los Angeles visiting his brother, and watching the oranges change color.

Lee Chism, of Missouri, is spending a few days in town, having injured his hand hitting rock in the American Boy.

The last shipment of ore from the Empress went 400 ounces in silver to the ton. Another carload is ready for shipment.

The Last Chance will pay another dividend this quarter. Shipments from the Chance will be largely increased in a few weeks.

Seven men are employed at the Whitewater Deep, and arrangements are being made to operate the property on a much larger scale.

Geo. Robbins has accepted his former position as assayer at the War Eagle and left Sandon last week with Mrs. Robbins for Rossland.

There was a busy time at the Hotel Reco on New Year's night. The K. of P. ball furnished 114 guests for supper and each of them had a two-edged appetite.

The mirror that enabled every man to see himself drinking in the once famous Balmoral, of Sandon, now beautifies the interior of the Hotel Slocan in Three Forks.

Larry Hickey and James Delaney have struck some fine free gold ore on the Maple Leaf and Shamrock claims, about three miles from the Second Crossing, near Kaslo.

The Hotel Sandon opened its dining room on New Year's night, and 42 guests participated in the event, making a dash of old times splash the formation in the Silver City.

The jigs in the Ivanhoe mill are being changed from double to four compartment in order to handle the zinc values to greater advantage. The Slocan Star mine will do the same.

Thos. McGuigan, manager of the American Boy, came in from Spokane Friday. He will rebuilt the bunkhouse at the mine that was recently destroyed by fire, and operations will be resumed as soon as possible.

Harry Lowe and his partners expect to strike the ledge on she Black Grouse in a few days. The crosscut tunnel is now in 175 feet and its completion means much to the properties on the North Fork of Carpenter creek.

If there is one thing that makes a newspaperman "hotter" than having to wait three hours for a train at a siding station, it is to have a train on time at the aforesaid siding station and the newspaperman about fifteen whoops and a holler behind time, with three hills and a grave yard to circumvent; and just when the newspaperman aforesaid gets within a whisper of the last hill the train pulls away and leaves him to hike ten miles up a snowbank. Last Saturday a Sandon newspaper man experienced this strenuous exercise. And he was traveling on Standard time, too.

ROSEBERY'S XMAS TREE.

Ed. THE LEDGE: Dear Sir:—In regard to the Xmas tree held at Rosebery: It was a great success, and a surprise to the parties that came from outside points, as well as to the home people. The recitations and songs of the children were greatly appreciated and heartily applauded. Great credit is due to Miss Addie Antoya for the able manner in which the children were handled. After the children's service and the distribution of presents, a ball was held and the merry dancers enjoyed themselves until the wee sma' hours, to music furnished by Mr. Campbell of New Denver and Mr. Carron of Robson.

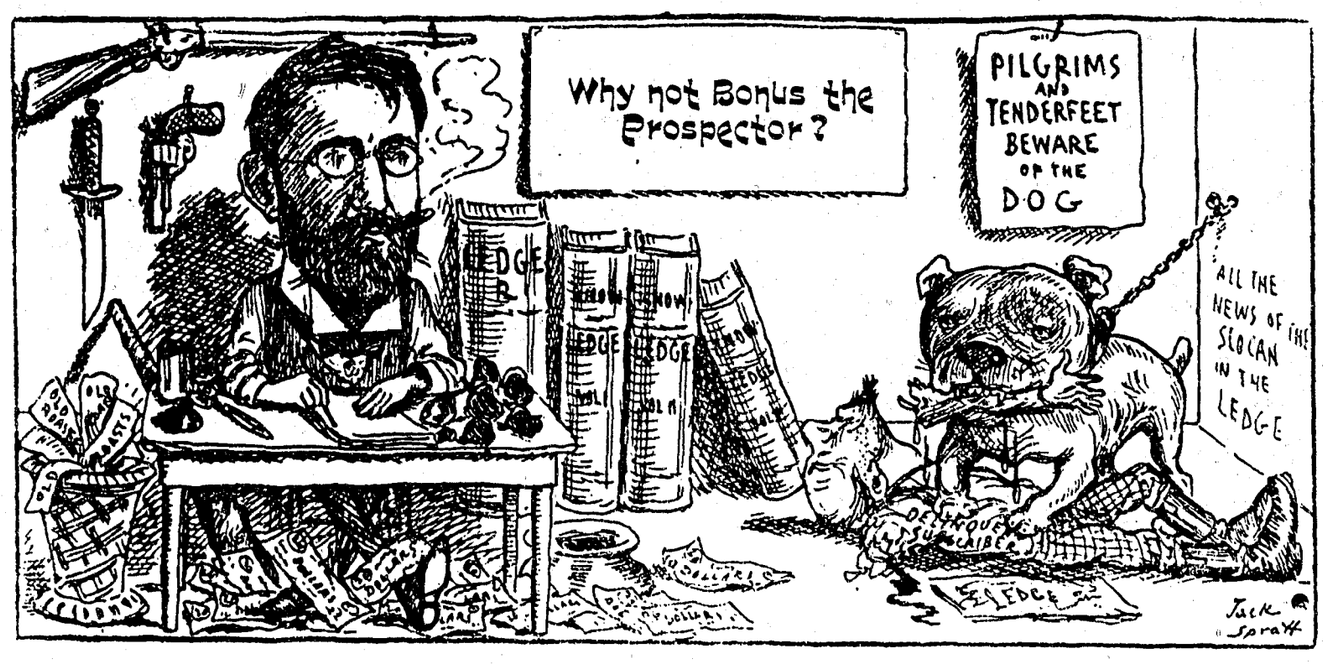
The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures in connection with the exercises: Amount collected $68.35. Cost of toys $45; fruit ordered, $8.50; box apples, $1.75; oranges $2.85; bananas $2.00; ham, $2.50; flags 25c; violinist, $5; due from contributor 50c; total, $68.35.

Thanking all who contributed toward the success of the occasion, by their attendance, contributions and kind wishes, I am yours truly

MRS. A. ANTOYA.

SILVER-LEAD QUOTATIONS.

Dec. 31	Silver, 56	Lead, £11 6s 3d
Jan. 2	Silver, 56¼	Lead,
Jan. 4	Silver, 56⅞	Lead, £11 7s 6d
Jan. 5	Silver, 57¼	Lead, £11 8s 9d
Jan. 6	Silver, 57⅞	Lead, £11 7s 6d



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BILL Galliher is again in the west, and glad of the chance to sit in his own office for a few months.

THE future for the Slocan was never so bright as it is now. The duty on lead may be taken off between Canada and United States at any day, and then we will be worked to death counting our money.

THERE is enough of natural wealth within 20 miles of New Denver to back an empire, but the stuff cannot walk or else every geyser who is crying hard times would have great difficulty in keeping out of its way.

WE CLOSED the year with a Mexican stand-off. We lost our bankroll, but saved THE LEDGE. It still has ore in sight although we may have to drive a tunnel to Poplar in order to catch the paystreak, and grow fat on nuggets.

A POWER FOR GOOD.

GIVE an ass plenty of rope and he will cut off his ozone. Billy Evans once worked in this office, but now starves along by running a little rag at Wilmer. He has no sense of journalistic honor and thinks it is cute to steal another writer's work, in order that he can strut and puff in borrowed feathers. He fixed up one of our articles the other day and deceived the Toronto News into giving him the only taffy he ever received. The News heads its article "A Power For Good," and here it is. It will be amusing reading for those around these parts who know the grade of gray matter Billy packs in his upper stope:

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FLOAT.

Dowie has indorsed the administration of Roosevelt and pledged his support in the next campaign. How can the Democrats hope to win against such a combination as Dowie and Booker Washington?

Satisfactory division: The old farmer and his wife had agreed to separate. They had only one child. "Everything friendly?" inquired a neighbor. "Oh, yes," replied the old man, carelessly. "No trouble about making a fair division of the property?" "Oh, no. She gits the kid and the canned fruit, an' I git the pig an' the apples. That's even enough, aint it?"—Town and Country.

Ancestral right: "It all seems so strange," said Miss Roxie MacKinnes, the heiress, who was engaged to the foreign count, "that I am to have a coronet." "Faith, not at all," replied the old servant of the family, "fur thot's what yer gran'father had before ye, an' 'twas all he had." "What do you mean?" "A car an' net. 'Twas whin he caught fish an' peddled 'em out o' Galway Bay."—Philadelphia Press.

After the Roxburghe-Goelet wedding: A titled foreigner was discussing with his future father-in-law, the wealthy American, the question of settlements. "Pardon my ignorance," he said, "in inquiring about another matter. Is it customary in this country for the bridegroom to fee the police who suppress the riots while the ceremony takes place, or does the bride's father consider that one of the ordinary expenses of the wedding, and pay it himself?"—Chicago Tribune.

War history: "There," remarked the colonel, as a distinguished individual, wearing good clothes, passed by, "there is a man who made the nerviest charge in the Civil War that I ever saw." "Is that so?" asked the major; "I don't seem to recognize him as a military hero." "No," replied the colonel, "I didn't suppose you would. He was the sutler for our regiment, and he made us pay ninety cents a slice for pumpkin pie!"—Cincinati Times-Star.

A New York woman made a bed for her baby in the bath tub and put the little one there to sleep last Saturday night. During the night the water was turned on and when the lady arose next morning the baby was floating on the water dead. It must be remembered that New York is a very crowded city and that room is at a premium. When company comes in it is sometimes necessary to have the baby sleep in the cook stove.

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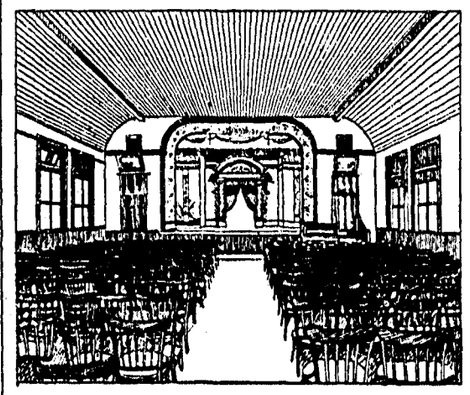
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Our Inartistic Drinking

The average American who drinks, and the average American man does, drinks as he travels, his only apparent concern apparently being to achieve the desired degree of drunkenness by the swiftest and most direct route. He prefers standing at a bar to sitting at a table, and ninety-nine times out of a hundred he guzzles liquors that are the least palatable and the most "effective" Most men insist that they don't like to be drunk; nearly all agree that they don't like the taste of whisky.

If there is any pleasurable period of inebriety it is in that mellow middle stage when the faculties are intact, and the ugly things of life are, for the time, neutralized or forgotten. But the average American drinker jumps from the depot of cool, calm reasoning to the terminus of maudlin helplessness. He accomplishes the summit of bibulous vulgarity with the most indecent and unreasoning haste. Escaping none of the wretched consequences of a debauch, he misses every moment of its doubtful pleasures and every moment of its problematic benefits.

The American drinker who is, or thinks he is, above the average, drinks wine. He will saunter into his favorite buffet or club with a friend or two, and cry, "Bring us a bottle of wine." The waiter will not ask what kind of wine, but what brand. When an American says "wine" he means champagne, and usually his knowledge of this beverage is as slight and unquestioning as a Zulu's knowledge of pink tea. He knows it costs more than beer or whisky, that it is not without a pleasant taste, and that you can "have a hell of a time" on about five quarts. He wants action for his money, and the quicker he gets it the better satisfied he is.

The enormous demand for many of the brands of champagne now in vogue in America precludes the possibility of their having either age or the advantages of the best processes or ingredients. What merits they have, as of flavor, bouquet, toothsomeness, are artificial. Nearly all native American wines are either trashy or diabolical, both in substance and effect, and there may be in this fact some trace of an excuse for our countrymen's almost universal ignorance and carelessness of the uses and delights of sane and discriminate drinking. As in the consumption, so in the production of liquors, the American has no time to wait He wants to "turn his money over" in the shortest time, and with the greatest profits possible.

Wine making is an art with the vineyardists of the older countries, and the drinkers of Europe, particularly the Germans, could save us much money, health and enjoyment if they could but teach us the method and manner of their libations. They will sit in a quiet corner of their favorite cellar with a goodly glass and a dusty old bottle of Burgundy, or Moselle, or Rhenish before them, chatting and sipping for hours without sign or token of intoxication. The tip of the tongue in the liquid is enough for an introduction to the brand and its maker, for they can sense at once its age, its purity and the skill of the maker. Given all these essentials for a "good drink" and the act of consuming it becomes an evident delight, and always a temperate and even serious function.

From the point of his tongue till it passes beyond the influence of his palate, the German wine drinker experiences all the sensory pleasures that are invariably and mysteriously conserved and enhanced in good wine that is old. Without overstepping the law of generous frugality, the observant epicure in drink experiences the best. and perhaps the only pleasure there is in wine. He has done no violence to his stomach, for his appetite is satisfied without satiety, and no unruly burden is laid upon his stomach. And at that, he may, if he have the time and the disposition, literally acquire a goodish "load," put on leisurely and well distributed, to the end that he is content without stupefaction; animated, but not disorderly, stimulated, but not "spifflicated." If there is any excuse for drinking wine, I think these old Germans have it.

Once upon a time, wandering in a remote, mountainous country, I came upon an old miesion monastery, where a few old monks dividing their time between praying and gardening, had contrived in the course of fifty years to store away in an ancient cellar, a few dozen barrels of wine They did not pretend to know the mysteries of wine-making, but carried it on in a small way, because the earth and the sky about them were good for the nurture of grapes The abbot told me that the vine, of which but a few rows remained, had been brought from Spain, and that in the early days of the Mission there had been a large vineyard. One of the pioneers of this cloister had been a master at the growing, pressing and preserving of grapes and wines, but he had died after seeing most of his vines destroyed by a frost—the only one that had befallen that region for twenty years So small was the acreage left, and so slight the demand for the wine, that none of the young monks acquired the skill of their predecessor, and both vineyard and cellar were allowed to retrograde.

There was one barrel left of the old stock, however, and I bought a part of it, for it seemed to me better and of a more peculiar flavor than any I had ever tasted, whether of America or Europe. I got the best judges of wine I could find to taste of it, and while it puzzled most of them to classify it or to locate its origin, they all agreed that it was of great age and exquisite flavor. It was neither yellow nor red, but of a hue nearer to the ruddy wines of Burgundy. It was on the edge of dryness, but innocent of any noticeable acidity on the tongue. Its flavor was delicate, but lingering, and in it was some hint of the sunlight, and the glory of the matchless mountain valley where it grew and ripened.

Perhaps the old monk who had made the wine was really a master of the art; perhaps he stumbled accidentally across the true process; but I suspect it was the loving care which he bestowed upon his work, the years he waited for its full fruition, and, above all, the unequal favor of the cloudless days, that gave it its flavor. For, after all, there is more in the sun and the air in good wine than of the earth or the water which nourish the roots of the vine- In the world's best vineyards the vine has but fragile connection with the soil; the loose, dry soils of all true vine countries are without the muck and moisture of the coarser fields, and it would seem that something of these dainty and inspiring environments is imparted to the wine of the sunlands

It might be a better service in the cause of temperance if the reformers would teach their American recalcitrants how to make good wine first; and then show them how to use it. And what a pleasant field for useful activity that kind of proselyting would be! Prosit! ANNE REEVE ALDRICH.

FRED BURY'S IDEA.

Rest holds a place of importance in nature's economy. To be healthful and successful it is necessary to know how to rest as well as to work. Repose and exercise' relaxation and tension, are equally essential for strength.

It would seem that some people hardly need be taught how to rest. Inaction is apparently the governing principle of their lives. There is never any sign of progress with them—the same old routine—the old ideas—the old everything.

The new, the progressive, the advanced touches them not. And, from an evolutionary point of view, their lives might be declared to be failures.

I have no desire to criticise the life of many people There is a kind of simplicity that appeals to me. But I do not like thoughtless indifference.

I like to see people with ambition—who regardless of poverty and drawbacks, maintain a position of self-reliance and determination to move on

Still, I would not inculcate any fierce, strenuous activity; calm, concentrated, reposeful effort is the best.

One can work hard and work fast, and, at the same time, be gentle and easy. A restful mind enables one to economize time and eliminate many useless details and unnecessary moves.

Surely labor, even today, can be made more pleasant Is not everything the result of our own point of view? Do we not exaggerate the "evils" around us?

Let us *have* unbiased minds. Let us be cheerful. Let us be kind—considerate—reasonable.

I do not care for factions; I do not like contentions and arguments. I want unity [illegible]

I like to see bright eyes and smiling faces. I want none of your hard, set countenances and iron-nerved men. Give me flesh and blood. Give me muscles that are pliable Give me circulation and change. Give me human life. Who wants to immolate the passions and emotions on the altar of trade? Who wants to exchange a loving heart for the ordinrry "business head?" Who, indeed, that stops to think over the value of things?

The world does not know how to value things. It inflates and it depreciates its values in wrong directions Commerce and greenbacks—these are the loftiest ideals of the world.

Some of us New Thought people have been called down by our friends for being too commercial—possibly at times not without just cause. Money and materials are right enough as long as they are kept in their place as servants.

I would like to have lots of money to spend and give away. I believe in generosity; I detest niggardliness or too much of this so-called "economy." And I like business and proper methods and principles.

Never mind if people "do" you; it is better to be "done" out of something than to be close-fisted. Anyway, private ownership is only an illusion. You own the world—it is jointly yours with the rest of humanity. The race is a trust—and in time it will be recognized as such—with all things apportioned accordingly.

If people would only let go of their selfishness for one day they would see that the wealth of the world, in the earth and in the forces of nature, is infinitely enough in every direction to supply all Of course there might not be a great many diamonds for each person when passed around—but diamonds are not the most precious things in life.

However, conditions will not very soon be adjusted in this way. And it is doubtless well that it should not be. The race has got to grow. Individuals have got to arouse themselves; people must think, and give birth to their own particular plans.

The earth is to be gradually inhabited by kings and gods—each man possesses the germ of rulership and mastery.

The future is the continuation of humanity's redemption and freedom—depend on the ideals of today.

Therefore it is urgent that we be alert; that we open our eyes; that we think. It is urgent that we AROUSE ourselves for there are most surely very many opportunities right within our reach.

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So, reflect! Look at yourself! Live up to your manhood! Act out your ideals!

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A Washington dispatch states that another appeal for relief has reached the Postoffice department from the small town in southwestern Texas where the mistress shoots the hats of those who enter the post office without uncovering their heads and bowing politely. Tho sheriff of the county wrote some time ago asking that a postal inspector be sent to the scene of war. He evidently did not realize how long it takes a postal inspector to reach his town from Washington, so he writes again, in part as follows:

"No inspector ain't shown up yet in these parts, and we'd like to know if one is coming. This lady postmaster here found out in some way—we ain't yet decided how—that the mayor and me and other leading citizens of this town was vexed annoyed with her and since then the post office ain't done any business to speak of If it was a man dealing out stamps and handing over our mail you can rest easy we wouldn't ask help.

"This town respectfully protests to you against the way this accredited postmistress is using her views on politeness; this town respectfully protests it ain't got time to leave its hat outside the door when getting its mail; this town respectfully protests its duly elected mayor is important in the eyes of its citizens and there ain't no call to act humble when he's getting his mail. This mayor ain't felt right since he skipped out of the post office last week some undignified and frisky, owing to the fact he forgot to take off his hat and bow, and he's going to resign if something ain't done. Please attend to it for we are getting snippish and fretful in our tempers and are liable to do something we might regret.

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9.10	9.10	Denver Can'n		15.30	16.05
9.30	9.30	Ar Rosebery	Lv	15.00	15.50
9.15	9.15	Lv Nelson	Ar	15.40	15.40
14.40	14.40	Ar Rosebery	Lv	10.00	10.00
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And further take notice that action, under Section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 3d day of December, A. D. 1903

HERBERT T. TWIGG.

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