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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

IT was the boast of the supporters of the Turner Government that the late Minister of Education had taken our school system out of politics. Evidently Joseph Martin is going to put it back into politics. Alexander Robinson, a devoted follower and admirer of the Attorney-General has been appointed Superintendent of Education.

THE Countess of Minto recently had her picture taken wearing a fur coat, at which some Canadians are much wroth, claiming that it will give the impression that Canada is a region of snow and ice. This leads the Toronto *Saturday Night* to remark that what we appear to need is a patriotic camera, for we can scarcely expect distingushed sojourners among us to do what a correspondent presumably does—wrap himself in only a linen cloth when he goes to have his photograph taken. The worst enemy our climate has is the man who thinks we must conceal the real facts concerning it, whereas all we need is to see that it is not misrepresented.

FROM the fiscal returns for the year ending June, 1898, it appears that the aggregate foreign trade of the country in that period has reached the large sum of $294,850,689, consisting of $164,152,684 exports and $130,698,006 imports. These figures are each in excess of the corresponding figures for the preceeding year, which were respectively $246,244,274, $137,950,253 and $111,274,021, showing that the increase of exports was in larger ratio than that of imports. The countries with which this country traded most largely last year were as usual the United Kingdom and the United States. With the mother country we did business amounting to $137,499,735, or 46.63 per cent. of the whole, while that with the United States amounted to $124,410,926, equal to 32.19 per cent; leaving the sum of $32,940,028 as the aggregate of our business with all other nations in the twelve months.

IT should bring the blush of shame to the face of every patriotic Canadian to learn that the plains of Abraham have been surveyed into building lots, and unless a new arrangement is made with the Dominion Government owners will begin to build and convert it into a closely settled suburb of Quebec.

THE St. Louis Judge who went on record as believing that a husband has a right to beat his wife under certain conditions, has probably had troubles of his own in the management of his domestic establishment.

KOOTENAY legal lights should remember when visiting Victoria that the Attorney-General has ordained that there must be no smoking in the Court House. The Czar is carrying things with a high hand.

THE Ymir *Miner* believes in preparing for war in times in peace, and suggests the foundation in Ymir of a company of South Kootenay Rifles.

ALL Canadians and all those who admire the great ability of Franklyn McLeay, the young Canadian actor, who has made a great success on the London stage, will be pleased to learn that he is now enjoying wedded bliss. He was recently married to Miss Grace Warner, the only daughter of Charles Warner, who in the seventies and eighties was the leading man at the old Princess and at the Adelphi theaters in London—a warm personal friend of the late Charles Reade and the principal actor in the plays that came from the pen of that gifted author. Mr. McLeay first met his charming wife while playing Nero in the Sign of the Cross with Wilson Barrett. Miss Warner played the Empress, and not only completely won the heart of the fearful Nero on the stage, but performed a much more difficul , though a more womanly part, in winning the heart of one of the most brilliant young actors of the day. Mr. McLeay graduated from Toronto University.

THE Victoria *Globe* has doubled its size, and is now an 8-page paper. An increase in dimensions is about the surest guage of prosperity of a paper.

As a result of a wager Wm. J. Terry rode a bicycle from Dawson City to Skagway. He left Dawson on March 15th at 9 o'clock a. m., and reached Skagway at 3:30 on the morning of the 24th, thus beating the Northwest mounted police record of nine days and three hours, which record was made in relays of 30 miles each. Mr. Terry does not believe traveling to and fro between Dawson and Skagway will ever become popular.

"ONE by one the old-timers get it in the neck from the Johnnie-Come-Latelies." Thus muses the organ of the "Antediluvian Mound Builders Association." What do the old-timers want, anyway? Pensions?

AN exchange says: "Salmo should be a lively camp this summer; but the people should advertise it a little more, so as to let the outside world know where they are and what they have got." This is the trouble with every mining camp in British Columbia. The men who are most interested in the advancement of mining give the least attention to making the merits of their district known. The newspapers of British Columbia, at their own expense, have kept the mining interests before the world, and in doing so they have not been assisted by the mine-owners or those interested in the development of the mines. Very few newspapers in British Columbia can truthfully say they have received in return one-tenth of the amount they have expended in labor and money to make British Columbia known to the outside world.

STEPHEN MURRAY, an Englishman who has lived for 11 years in the Philippines, arrived at Vancouver by the Empress of Japan last Wednesday morning, from the Orient. Mr. Murray, during the years of his residence in the Philippines has been almost continuously at Manila and Iloilo, and knows both cities,

the surrounding country and the whole group of islands as well as any Englishmen there. In an interview last week with a Vancouver *World* reporter, he cast very severe reflections on the campaign of the Americans in their acquiring the Philippines. "There are some 25 Englishmen and as many representatives of other European nations living at Manila. They have been there many years, and I think without doubt that all feel aggrieved at the laxity and want of forethought that the Americans have displayed in the conduct of their campaign against the natives. Dewey did his work of destruction well, but the time that elapsed between that and the sending of the troops was altogether longer than seemed to be necessary. Two days after the arrival of the troops, the Spaniards had surrendered to the insurgents at Iloilo, and if the American troops had then pushed forward, a peaceable arrangement would probably have been come to. The 50 foreigners who lived in the islands constituted themselves a sort of advisory board to meet both the insurgents and the Americans. We interviewed President Mailizo, who was in command of of rebel forces at Iloilo, and urged him to come to terms so as to avoid bloodshed. The president was willing to do this, but felt that the Americans had broken faith with them in endeavoring in the way they did to take possession of their country over their heads. We also approached the Americans, but they declined the courtesyof advising with us, ignoring our long experience with the natives of the island. They altogether declined to enter into negotiations. I am acquainted with many of the rebel generals, and the majority of them are fine men, there being some very able men among them. There is no doubt about it being inevitable that the Americans will win eventually, but for a long time they will have the ill-will of the people whom they might have made their friends from the beginning. The wet season is coming on there now, and it will not be before the next dry season that the rebels will be driven into their strongholds, and their is no telling how long it will take to keep them subdued. The warfare has altogether been a very peculiar one. The Americans cannot go beyond driving them back to their strongholds before the wet season comes on, and since the begining the rebels seem to be almost innumerable in the way they fill up the ranks. They simply harass the American troops, seldom give open battle, and fade away in retreat just as fast as the Americans come up. Men of their ranks who drop are replaced from goodness knows where; but there seems to be lots of them still to fight. They aggravate the American troops by their slow methods, and the latter keep peppering away at them, and will do so until a great many soldiers are killed from malaria and other diseases that affect the islands. Another year may see them all subdued, but then there will be fastnesses in the mountains that will not be taken for years."

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THE proposal of the public works committee to raise $60,000 for public works—($30,000 to be used on the waterworks system, $15,000 on the electric light system and $15,000 on sewerage)—will be commended by every man who has the interests of Nelson at heart. For lack of funds public improvements are practically at a standstill. The statement that no such sums are required to be expended this year is simply nonsense. Nelson has reached a critical stage in her history, and the question before the people is, are we to fold our arms and trust to luck for the future, or shall we move forward at a pace in keeping with the growing importance of the city? A policy of ill-advised economy at the present time might blast the future of Nelson, a consummation, we are convinced, no citizen desires.

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Without entering into the particulars of the different items to be expended in carrying out the proposal of the public works committee, we believe it must be apparent to all that the improvements suggested are absolutely essential to the welfare of the city. There has been a persistent demand for a more elaborate and better arranged waterworks system. It is generally admitted that our present system is not only totally inadequate to supply the requirements of the immediate future but the present as well. It would be false economy to go no further in the way of supplying a waterworks system that would completely meet the requirements of a growing city like Nelson.

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Anyone who has to depend upon our present electric lighting system for light should be fully convinced of the necessity of improving it—at no matter what cost. In nearly every case the prudent business man has equipped his place of business with lamps to preclude the possibility, or rather probability, of being thrown into total darkness without a moment's notice. Much will be required to extend the electric lighting system and make it of permanent utility, and $15,000 does not appear to be an unreasonable expenditure for that purpose.

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From a sanitarian point of view the sewer system of Nelson needs fixing, and the council must not be deterred in their efforts to bring it up to at least present requirements. Fifteen thousand dollars could also be profitably spent on the sewers.

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On the whole, the proposal of the public works committee to spend $60,000 in the way indicated should be endorsed.

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THE Fernie *Free Press* remarks: "We wonder how many people are aware that British Columbia has been absolutely without a liquor law since February 25th until to-day. Not many in Fernie, at any rate, judging from external evidence, and yet such is actually the case. By an oversight when the new liquor law was passed on February 25th, the old law was repealed, and the new law did not become operative until April 5th. What an interregnum! What an opportunity missed! Free license without let or hindrance for more than a month, and not a magistrate could convict, or a constable interfere. How some of the ambitious 'blind piggers' must be kicking themselves, now it is too late, at missing such a chance. But the secret was well kept and only a Gilbert could do justice to the situation."

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THE gold production in New South Wales, Australia, during February amounted to 21,119 ounces, being a slight decrease as compared with February last year. The decrease was expected to be covered last month.

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WANTED—Fifty balded-headed men to occupy front seats at the Spider and Fly performance Friday and Saturday evenings. No preferences given to members of any particular church. The lowest or any offer not necessarily accepted.

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ABOUT ten million feet of Maine birch-wood will be sent to England and Scotland this year for spools. The wood is cut in small logs in winter, sawed at mills near the forest in spring, and piled up for seasoning until warm wheather, about the middle of June. Then the bars are bundled and sent to Bangor by rail, where they are loaded generally into steamships for the European market.

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THE Provincial Government will dispense with the services of Mining Recorder Tolmie on the 15th of the present month, and thus has been written the last chapter of one of the most heartless persecutions to which an official was ever subjected. The demand for Mr. Tolmie's head has been made with a persistency that was as indecent as it was callously unjust. Many of the strongest supporters of the present administration openly avow that Mr. Tolmie was one of the most efficient and courteous officials in the service of the present Government. But this counted for naught when the thirst for revenge had to be satiated and the itching palm for office of some subservient tool of the Government had to be greased. The charge that Mr. Tolmie manifested an undue interest in the issues between the two political parties at the late election is lacking in the very essential element of specific proofs, and his most intimate friends have no hesitation in stating positively that the mining recorder went no further than to prevent undue manipulation of his office by either party to the struggle. It was not unnatural that he should have regarded the usurpers with contempt; any self-respecting man would feel the same way. Mr. Tolmie was in a position to realize the incapacity and crass ignorance of the present outfit, and it would have been a miracle if he did not occasionally feel exasperated at the wretched exhibitions of ill-breeding and illiteracy displayed by some members of the Government and their cringing lickspittal worshippers. Throughout the district Mining Recorder Tolmie was held in high

esteem and his removal from the office he filled so efficiently will be deeply regretted by mining men generally. As a mark of the favor with which he is regarded it may be mentioned that several large mining corporations have offered him a much larger salary than he received from the Government to enter their service.

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It seems as if the 8-hour a day movement will not be applied to the work in metaliferous mines. Even certain members of the government are convinced that such a radical change at this time would completely disorganize existing conditions and retard mining development throughout the Kootenay. It was an ill-advised provision in the first place, and was only intended for political effect. The Government in receding from the position taken at the last session with regard to this law have done the best thing they could under the circumstances. The miners are satisfied with the present arrangement of hours of labor, and they further realize the detriment of which the enforcement of the 8-hour law would be to the mining interests generally. It is admitted by nearly everyone that in certain branches of industry an 8-hour day would be advisable, but in the present primative condition of our mining development a short day would simply mean destruction to both the mine-owner and miner.

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The United States ambassador to the Court of St. James and Lord Charles Beresford appear to have formed themselves into a mutual admiration society.

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The United States army will be reorganized. Something of this kind has been needed in the United States army for some time past.

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The New York correspondent of the London *Times* assures the British public that Sir Charles Tupper's views on Canadian matters are not accepted in the United States, remarks the Montreal *Star*. The United States vote three years ago was for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and considering the tariff concessions, and the large increase in Canadian imports from the republic, it would appear that the United States took a sound business view of the situation. Our neighbors have got Sir Wilfrid and have used him. They have no use for Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster.

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Here is the way the Trail Creek *News* views the 8-hour law: "The Provincial Legislature passed a law limiting shifts in all metaliferous mines to eight hours. The new law is not looked upon with particular favor at this stage in the mineral development of British Columbia, for the reason that it is apt to precipitate a disastrous difference between capital and labor. Especially is this so from the fact that miners are not disposed to accept a reduction in wages. The 8-hour day is now being given a trial in the Le Roi, War Eagle, Center Star and other Rossland mines, for the simple purpose of ascertaining if the men can, as they contend, do as much work in an 8-hour day, as they did in 10 hours. Superintendent Carlyle proposes to work the properties of the B. A. C. on the 8-hour basis for one month, and if at the end of the month it can be shown that its labor has not cost the mine any more than formerly, all will be well; but in the event of it being shown that the charge has increased the cost of labor, the wages of the men will be reduced or the property will be shut down. The War Eagle will act in conjunction with the Le Roi."

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The Turner-Pooley-Nichol libel case will stand over to the next assizes. The last time this case was tried the jury disagreed.

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The mystery surrounding the age of W. A. Jowett has not yet been cleared up. The attempt of one paper to create the impression that Mr. Jowett is an octogenarian is resented by that gentleman's friends.

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The Ottawa *Citizen* observs that R. R. Miller, editor of the Pembroke *Observer* (Grit), who wrote a letter to his pap r last fall from Dawson, in which he said: "I have seen enough to convince me that it is worse even than the mind of an honest man can conceive," has been given an office by Mr. Sifton in the Yukon district. We trust this sudden elevation to position and wealth will not have a deleterious results so far as Mr. Miller's eyesight or mind are concerned.

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The *Record* insists that the people of Rossland are entitled to know all about the progress that city council is making toward securing a water and light plant.

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Three years ago a Buffalo man stole a locomotive, and was sent to prison for two years. If he had only stolen the whole road, and tossed a few shares of stock around among the editors and politicans, he might have served his term, not in jail, but in Congress.

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Gov. Gage of California has attached his signature to the Moreno bill, one section of which provides that every article, statement or editorial in any newspaper "that tends to blacken the memory of one who is dead; or to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue or reputation, or publish the natural or alleged defects of one who is alive * * * must be supplemented by the true name of the writer of such article signed at the end thereof. If such articles are not signed the newspaper must forfeit $1,000."

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The following from the *B. C. Review* (published in London, Eng.,) should assist Finance Minister Cotton in floating a loan in the London money markets: "Under the heading of an article entitled 'Ridiculous Railing,' Mr. Carter Cotton, the new Minister of Finance, attacks us in his paper, the *New Advertiser*, on account of certain remarks which we made recently concerning the policy of the Government of which he is a member. Even Mr. Cotton has never before penned an article more grossly false and scurrilous. Had the libel been published in this country Mr. Cotton would have had an opportunity of contrasting his treatment in an English prison with that which he a few years ago received in a British Columbia gaol. We regard abuse from a professional politican of Mr. Cotton's calibre as the highest praise and an excellent advertisement."

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The tremendous migration of French-Canadians to the United States may have a depressing effect on the repatriation proposal of the Liberal Government.

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If those "Dreyfus suicides" continue at the present alarming rate, the French race should in a short time become extinct.

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If the Alberta Coal and Railway Company get $100,000 from Mackenzie & Mann, the latter may have to retrench in their newspaper enterprises throughout the Dominion.

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Up to the hour of going to press, the United States troops had not succeeded to any great extent in conquering the Filipinos.

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The Montreal *Star* believes that the determination to gerrymander the constituencies shows that the Liberal leaders are afraid to appeal to the same constituencies that gave them a majority in the last general election. The announcement that a gerrymander is proposed is an acknowledgment of a fear that the majority of the constituencies as they stand to-day are in favor of the Conservative party.

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An effort is being made to carry early-closing into effect in Nelson. We trust the effort will prove successful. There seems no good reason why the proprietors of stores and their clerks should be compelled to labor thirteen hours a day while in other branches of trade a 10-hour day, and in many instances a 9-hour day, seems to fully meet with the trade arrangements. The very nature of the work of clerks in stores is such that it produces enervation. The confinment for twelve and thirteen hours accelerates the weakening of the nervous system, and in time the victim becomes a physical wreck. All that is required to obviate these dire results is a little consideration on the part of those who have purchases to make. A man or woman can just as well buy his or her groceries before 6 o'clock in the evening as at a later hour. If buyers would consent to buy only within reasonable hours, the solution of the early-closing problem would be reached at once.

## "BIMI"

The ourang-outang in the big iron cage lashed to the sheep pen began the discussion. The night was stiflingly hot, and as Hans Breitman and I passed him, dragging our bedding to the fore-peak of the steamer, he roused himself and chattered obscenely. He had been caught somewhere in the Malayan Archipelago, and was going to England to be exhibited at a shilling a head.

"It would be well for you, mine friend, if you was a liddle seasick," said Hans Breitman, passing by the cage. "You haf too much Ego in your Cosmos."

The ourang-outang's arms slid out negligently from between the bars. No one would have believed that it would have made a sudden, snakelike rush at the German's breast. The thin silk of the sleeping suit tore out. Hans stepped back unconcernedly to pluck a banana from a bunch hanging close to one of the boats.

"Too much Ego," he said, peeling the fruit and offering it to the caged devil, who was rending the silk to tatters.

"If he was out now dere would not be much of us left hereabouts," said Hans, lazily. "He screams good. See, now, how I will tame him when he stops himself."

There was a pause in the outcry, and from Hans' mouth came an imitation of a snake's hiss, so perfect that I almost sprang to my feet. The sustained murderous sound ran along the deck, and the wrenching of the bars ceased. The ourang-outang was quaking in an ecstasy of pure terror.

"Dot stop him," said Hans. "I learned dot trick in Mogung Tanjong, when I was collecting liddle monkeys for some people in Berlin. Are you asleep, or will you listen, and I will tell a dale dot you shall no pelief?"

"There is no tale in the wide world that I can't believe," I said.

"Good! When I was collecting dose liddle monkeys—it was in '79 or '80, und I was in der islands of der Archipelago—over dere in der dark"—he pointed southward to New Guinea generally. "Mein Gott! I would sooner collect life red devils than liddle monkeys. I was dere for nearly a year, and dere I found a man dot was called Bertran. He was a Ferenchman, und he was a good man—naturalist to the bone. Dey say he was an escaped convict, but he was a naturalist, und dot was enough for me. He would call all der life beasts from der forests, und dey would come.

"Und dot man, who was king of beasts-tamer men, he had in der house shust such anoder as dot devil-animal in der cage—a great ourang-outang dot thought he was a man. He haf found him when he was a child—der ourang-outang—und he was child und brother and opera comique all round to Bertran. He had his room in dot house—not a cage, but a room—mit a bed und sheets, und he would go to bed und get up in der morning, und smoke his cigar, und eat his dinner mit Bertran, und walk mit him hand-in-hand, which was most horrible. Gott! he was not a beast; he was a man, und he talked to Bertran, und Bertran comprehended, for I have seen dem. Und he was always politeful to me, except when I talk too long to Bertran und say nodings at all to him. Den he would pull me away—dis great, dark devil, mit his enormous paws—just as if I was a child; and Bimi, der ourang-outang, haf understood us both, mit his cigar between his dog teeth und der blue gum.

"I was dere a year, dere und ot der oder islands—somedimes for monkeys and somedimes for butterflies und orchits. One time Bertran says to me dot he will be married, because he haf found a girl dot was goot, Den he go off courting der girl—she was a half-caste French girl—very pretty. Haf you got a new light for my cigar? Oof! Very pretty. Only I say: 'Haf you thought of Bimi? If he pulls me away when I talk to you, what will he do to your wife? He will pull her to pieces. If I was you, Bertran, I, would gif my wife for wedding present der stuff figure of Bimi.' By dot time I had learned somedings about der monkey peoples. "Shoot him?' says Bertran. "He is your beast,' I said; 'if he was mine he would be shot now.'

"Den I felt at der back of my neck der fingers of Bimi. Mien Gott! I tell you dot he talked through dose fingers. It was der deaf and dumb alphabet all gomplete. He slide his hairy arm round my neck, and he tilt up my chin und look into my face, shust to see if I understood his talk so well as he understood mine.

"'See now dere!' says Bertran, 'und you would shoot him while he is cudding you? Dot is der Tueton ingrate!'

"But I knew dot I made Bimi a life's enemy, pecause his fingers haf talk murder through the back of my neck. Next dime I see Bimi dere was a pistol in my belt, und he touch it once, und I open de breeck to show him it was loaded. He haf seen der little monkeys killed in dere woods, and he understood.

"So Bertran he was married, and he forgot clean about Bimi dot was skippin' alone on der beach mit der half of a human soul in his belly. I was see him skip, und he took a big bough und thrash der sand till he haf made a great hole like a grave. So I says to Bertran: 'For any sakes, kill Bimi. He is mad mit der jealousy.'

"Bertran haf said: 'He is not mad at all. He haf obey and love my wife, und if she speaks he will get her slippers,' und he looked at his wife across the room. She was a very pretty girl.

"Den I said to him: 'Shoot him when he comes to der house, for he haf der light in his eyes dot means killing.' Bimi come to der house, but dere was no light in his eyes. It was all put away, cunning—und he fetch der girl her slippers, und Bertran turn to me und say: 'Dost thou know him in nine months more dan I haf known him in twelve years? Shall a child stab his fader?"

"Dot next day Bertran came to my house to help me make some wood cases for der specimens, und he tell me dot he haf left his wife a liddle while mit Bimi in der garden. Den I finish my cases quick, und I say: 'Let us go to your house and get a trink.' He laugh und say: 'Come along, dry mans.'

"His wife was not in der gardens, und Bimi did not come when Bertran called. Und his wife did not come when he called, und he knocked at her bed room door und dot was shut tight—locked. Den he look at me und his face was white. I broke down—der door mit my shoulder, und der thatch of der roof was torn into a great hole, und der sun came in upon der floor. Haf you ever seen paper in der waste-basket, or cards at whist on der table scattered? Dere was no wife dot could be seen. I tell you dere was noddings in dot room dot might be a woman. Dere was stuff on der floor: und that was all. I looked at dese things und I was very sick; but Bertran looked a liddle longer at what was upon the floor und der walls, und de hole in der thatch. Den he pegan to laugh, soft und low, und I knew und thank God dot he was mad. He nefer cried, he nefer prayed. He stood still in der doorway und laugh to himself. Den he said: 'She haf locked herself in dis room, and he haf torn up der thatch, Fi donc. Dot is so. We will mend der thatch und wait for Bimi. He will surely come.'

"I tell you we waited ten days in dot house, after der room was made into a room again, und once or twice we saw Bimi comin' a liddle way from the woods. He was afraid pecause he haf done wrong. Bertran called him when he was come to look on the tenth day, und Bimi came skipping along der beach und making noises, mit a long piece of black hair in his hands. Den Bertran laugh und say: 'Fi donc!' shust if it was a glass broken upon der table; und Bimi come nearer, und Bertran was honey-sweet in his voice und laughed to himself. For three days he made love to Bimi, pecause Bimi would not let him self be touched. Den Bimi came to dinner at der same table mit us, und der hair on his hands was all black und thick mit—mit what had dried on his hands. Bertran gave him sangaree till Bimi was drunk and stupid und den?'—

Hans paused to puff his cigar.

"And then?" said I.

"Und den Bertran kill him with his hands, und I go for a walk upon der beach. It was Bertran's own pizness. When I come back der ape was dead, und Bertran he was dying abofe him; but siill he laughed a liddle und low, and he was quite content. Now you know der formula of der strength of der ourang-outang—it is more as seven to one in relation to man. But Bertran, he haf killed Bimi mit sooch dings of Gott gif him. Dot was der mericle."

The infernal clamor in the cage recommenced. "Aha! Dot friend of ours haf still too much Ego in his Cosmos. Be quiet, thou!"

Hans hissed long and venemously. We

could hear the great beast quaking in his cage.

"But why in the world didn't you help Bertran instead of letting him be killed?" I asked.

"My friend," said Hans, composedly, stretching himself to slumber, "it was not nice even to himself dot I should lif after I had seen dot room wit der hole in der thatch. Und Bertran, he was her husband. Gootnight, und sleep well."—*Rudyard Kipling.*

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Dr. Douglas's bill to regulate the grain trade in Manitoba and the Territories, is a very compulsory one. It provides that all the railways must either provide at their own expense adequate means for the receiving and shipping of grain, or allow private individuals to erect flat warehouses, elevators or grain chutes, on railway properties for the purpose of storing and shipping grain. It also provides that there shall be no discrimination against elevators of less than standard capacity.

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"Third notice.—Every editor has received them. The postmaster sends them to the editor. The postmaster is not to blame. For instance, there was a man by the name of—well, say Tim Short, who sent us three notices to stop his paper; he did not want it any longer. We wondered what was the matter. Upon investigating our subscription book we found that Tim was short $2 50. He never paid a cent and yet he stopped his paper as a matter of economy to us. A few evenings ago we stepped into church and Tim's melodious tenor rang out loud and clear in that old soul-stirring song, 'Jesus Paid It All.' He might have been mistaken but his earnestness impressed us. The next day we sent him a receipt in full, begging his pardon for not knowing he had made an assignment of his liabilities to the Lord."—Ex.

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A Vancouver paper learns on good authority that the Trades and Labor Council of that city will shortly, in conjunction with other representative labor bodies of British Columbia, take steps to secure from members of the Provincial Legislature pledges to support the passing of a comprehensive Workmen's Accident Compensation Bill, on the general lines of British legislation on the subject. The labor men contend that the common law of compensation for injuries to workmen is, as now judicially interpreted in Canada, so restricted and limited by a host of fine drawn legal technicalities, that an injured worker has usually a small chance of securing compensation from the courts, even if the accident from which he suffered be due to negligence of the employees or their foremen. In this respect Canada is, they aver, a quarter of a century behind the United Kingdom. Such is the workers' view of an important question, of which more will doubtless be heard in the early future.

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## OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

### Billy Should Go Further.

(Victoria Globe.)

Mr. McInnes is introducing a bill in the House of Commons making it criminal for clergymen to take part in elections, whether on public platforms or from their pulpits. Mr. McInnes should go a step further and bring in a bill prohibiting lieutenant-governors from interfering in elections.

### What Did He Mean?

(Montreal Star.)

That was a unique idea of Mr. Monet's to clear the skirts of the Government of wrongdoing in the Drummond county and Yukon railway affairs by pointing out that "so far as accomplished facts were concerned" no harm had been done because the Senate threw out the bills; and then to pass lightly to a demand for the abolition of the said Senate. Did he mean that the Government should have been permitted to do wrong; or that the Senate should be punished for preventing the "will" from becoming an easily discerned "deed?"

### A Comparison.

(New Westminster Sun.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not a master in constructive speech making. His latest effort compared with that of Sir Charles Tupper was as the difference between a toy cannon and a ninety-ton gun. To be plain about it, Sir Wilfrid lost his head and temper because his blunders and deceptions are being explained to the people in a manner which they understand. The Premier of Canada figures that British perferential trade has produced an increase of six per cent. but the Colonial Secretary Mr. Chamberlin, stated in the British House of Commons the other day, that the increase was only one per cent. Which gentleman is right?

### A. B. C. Summer Resort.

(British Columbia Weekly.)

Nakusp is to become a summer and health resort, the mineral springs in the immediate vicinity having been bought by a syndicate, which will spend $50,000 in erecting a sanitarium. The establishment, it is stated, will consist of a hotel and sanitarium, twelve separate cottages for guests, also houses for the officials of the company, stables, etc. The location has been selected directly back of the town, on the flat at the foot of the mountain. The company will also have an electric power and light plant of sufficient capacity to furnish the city with electric lights. Nakusp is situated about eighty miles from the C. P. R. main line, and at the terminus of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway, on Arrow Lake, where two steamers connect daily with the railroad. As a summer and health resort, it is declared, it cannot be beaten. Mountain trout are in every stream, and large and small game can be found any and everywhere. There is good boating on the lake.

Everything in the grocery line at Morrison & Caldwell's.

### The Canadian Army.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

The latest proposal in connection with the permanent corps of the Canadian "army" is to elevate one master gunner of a battery and two sergeant-majors, representing the cavalry and infantry, to warrant rank. This is hardly fair to the sergeant-majors of the "unpermanent" corps of the service, and is somewhat in line with the late movement to brevet every permanent corps officer about three steps above his actual rank, so that though he be only a lieutenant at the school of instruction he will rank as a major or even a lieutenant-colonel (such a case is extant) in the militia. This sort of thing has not tended to popularize the instructional corps with the militia. In case the Canadian "army" is ever wanted for business the militia will do the work. Therefore its members think that the permanent corps should not be coddled up at the expense of the main body. If the government has money to spend it should spend it on the encouragement and improvement of the bulk of the force. The instructional schools are all right in their places and doing good work, but they are rather too expensive. In the matter of creating warrant ranks for senior non-coms. it seems an invidious distinction to select the sergeant-major of a small one-company school of instruction and pass over the sergeant-majors of large militia battalions many of whom, particularly in the city corps, are equally well qualified and have far more work and responsibility. Looked at from the standpoint of the actual benefit to the public service the sergeant-major of a city corps of eight or ten companies occupies a much more important position than the sergeant-major at a school of instruction, where nearly all the work is done by special instructors. If there are to be elevations to warrant rank the honors should not be confined to permanent corps men. As has been said, the sergeant-majors of most city battalions are equally well trained professional soldiers and occupy much more important positions in the service than the permanent corps men of similar rank.

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A Board of Trade has been organized in Moyie City and the following gentlemen have been elected officers: J. P. Farrell, president; Karl Neitzel, vice-president; A. T. Clark, secretary; and J. T. Smythe, treasurer.

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# MUSIC & DRAMA

The Musical Society's concert proved a success in every way. The house was well filled and the audience testified their approval of the performance with hearty and genuine applause.

The chorus are deserving of great praise, for they plainly showed what assiduous practice and care can do. It may be said at once that the best possible results were obtained from the material the conductor had to work with. Undoubtedly their best attempt was the march and chorus from Tannhauser, the last number on the programme. This was by far the most difficult piece of music. Owing to the strain on the voices it was placed last on the programme. When the society first began practice the sopranos found difficulty in singing a high G; in this piece they sang the high B, (two notes higher,) with ease. This shows what industry and practice can do. The people of Nelson should be indeed grateful to those who have devoted so much of their time and attention during the past months to steady practice in order that they might do credit to the musical reputation of the city.

There are very few towns of the size and age of Nelson where such an excellent performance could have been given by purely local artists, and the members of the society can congratulate themselves, without fear of any accusation of self-praise, on their efforts. The conductor informed us that much undeserved praise had been given to him. As a matter of fact the conductor's success was due solely to two things: the invaluable assistance of Mrs. Brougham and the regular attendance at practice of the chorus. If it had not been for Mrs. Brougham's aid the result would not have been a success. The sopranos, many of whom are pupils of hers, learned, not only how to read the music of their parts, but also how to sing them, from her. She gave up her house for the members to practice in, and in spite of her recent illness she sang with the altos in all the choruses and double quartettes, a severe strain on any voice.

Provided the singer is in possession of great physical strength, a perfectly trained voice never wears with much exercise. Many a prima donna sings in all the choruses during the performance of an opera in order as it were to "oil up" her voice. But if the voice production is false the voice will thicken and grow hoarse after much singing. At the same time the physical exertion is great and if the singer is not in good health the strain is too severe and the voice will show signs of fatigue. The acoustic properties of the Opera House are not very good, nevertheless Mrs. Brougham's songs gave manifest pleasure to the audience. The aria from the "Prophete" is very seldom sung in its entirety, as Mrs. Brougham sang it, the last cadenza in particular being beyond the compass of most contraltos, for the range quired is three octaves all but a note and a half. Madames Viardot and and Trebelli made themselves famous by their rendering of this song. In the simpler, but none the less beautiful, song from "Faust" Mrs. Brougham was heard to advantage. This song was the first she ever sang on the operatic stage when she made her debut in the role of "Siebel" with the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company at Dublin. On that occasion the Dublin "bhoys" gave her an ovation the like of which has seldom been heard in the "dishtressful" country's capital.

Mr. Frank Oliver has also served his time in the "profession." He is a pupil of Shakespeare, the best teacher in London. He was for some time in the choir of the Chapel Royal, St. James, and since then has sung in opera and concerts in various parts of the world. During several years he has been engaged in mining and is now working for the B. A. C. at Rossland. He has a fine baritone voice, which would be heard to even better advantage had he only the time to give to practice. His first song, one of Dvorak's gipsy songs, was given with great taste and feeling, and he was equally at home in the more florid "Yeoman's Wedding." He is a member of the Nelson Musical Society and has promised his assistance to the society whenever required.

Herr Steiner is an artist of more than ordinary merit. He played with exquisite taste and feeling and had an excellent reception. It is to be hoped that the musical taste of Nelson will be sufficient to show Herr Steiner some inducement to stay here. He is not only an able 'cellist, but a first-rate musician. We sincerely hope that the concert for his benefit (under the auspices of the Presbyterian ladies) will be well attended. He has been promised the assistance of all our best local artists, so the concert will be an undoubted success.

Mr. Kydd sang in excellent style, his encore song being exceptionally well received. Mr. Macdodald sang the difficult part of "Wolfram" in the scene from Tannhauser very artistically.

It is to be hoped that next season the society will receive the assistance of those who can contribute to its complete success. There will be ample room in both chorus and orchestra for more members. Mrs. Brougham's example ought to be sufficient to show those, who may, in their own opinion, think that their musical gifts are too great for the society, that there is nothing *infra dig.* in lending their aid either to the chorus or the orchestra. On the contrary, the general public, as well as the society, will in more than one way show their gratitude and appreciation for their valuable assistance. In every town a young musical society has in the beginning much to combat against; but the greatest foe is ignorance. As the town increases better sense will prevail, and the pioneers of such an undertaking as the Nelson Musical Society will in the end receive the only reward they strive for, namely, success—and THE ECONOMIST wishes them a speedy realization of that reward.

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The Chicago Ladies Quartette Club fully sustained the truth of the advance notices of that musical organization. The programme was well selected and its rendition gave great pleasure to the audience. If exception could be taken to any portion of the programme it might be the recitations of Miss Bolkcom. This lady possesses the dramatic inspiration in a marked degree, but she is a little off color in her dialect. Her impersonation of an English "dude" was forced and not true to nature. Speaking of the Quartette proper, we can fully endorse the words of a Coast critic: "Their rich tones, delicate shading, distinct articulation and close, exact harmony, made a marvellously perfect whole."

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### FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.

The Buchanan Company are at Kaslo this week.

Theresa Vaughn has joined the ranks of vaudeville.

Seven London theatres are now managed by Americans.

Harry Lindley comes to the Nelson Opera House May 22.

E. S. Willard has postponed his American tour until 1900.

Mme. Modjeska played Easter week in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Julia Arthur will bring out a translation of the French More Than Queen.

Sardou's famous play Diplomacy still commands a royalty of $500 per week.

One of the scenes in Conan Doyle's The Brothers is to be a realistic representation of a surgery.

Vienna dramatists and managers have determined not to appear before the curtain on first nights.

Both the Victoria and Vancouver theatres, under the management of Mr. Jameson, have met with unusual success this season.

Ellen Terry's granddaughter has made her theatrical debut at the age of 3. She is the child of Golden Craig, who was married shortly after his first appearance at the Lyceum theater.

Dr. Watson, better known as Ian Maclaren, states that this is his last visit to America. The reason is that he cannot again secure so long an absence for some years and will then go in another direction.

Sir Arthur Sullivan and Owen Hall have accepted a commission from Augustin Daly to compose and write a musical comedy for production in New York City in the autumn. Adrian Ross will write the lyrics. It is said the scene will be laid in Egypt.

Walter Morosco, the wealthy San Francisco manager, started in life as a bareback rider in a circus, and was subsequently an acrobatic juggler with a "human cannon ball." He has given 5,500 performances with his stock companies in 'Frisco, where he first introduced cheap price theatres.

Preparations are on foot for a revival of Diplomacy this spring, with Miss Rose Cogh-

lan, Charles Coghlan, Miss S. Martinot, J. T. Sullivan, F. de Belleville, Robert Fisher, Miss von Trautman, Grant Stewart, and Miss Mabel Eaton in the roles they have already played. The production will be made in May, at a prominent New York theatre.

The following are the bookings for the Nelson Opera House: April 14 and 15, Spider and Fly; April 27 and 28, Metropolitan Opera Company; May 6 to 13, Lyceum Comedy Company; May 22 to 27, Harry Lindley: Nov. 3 to 7, Boston Lyric Opera Company. The dates for the winter season are filling up rapidly.

The Spider and Fly, which comes to the Opera House, Friday and Saturday depends more on its spectacular effects and specialties than anything else for recognition. It has been several years since M. B. Leavitt's extravaganza visited the Pacific coast, during which time it has been held in popular esteem by the playgoing public. Already there is a big demand for seats, and the opening is assured of having a bumper house. Forty people are required for the production, and many novelties, high class specialties and up-to-date melodies are promised. Like all spectacular plays, there is an ever-varying series of pictures, in which shapely girls dance or march on the stage, sing, pose and melt away again into the wings, to give place to other entertaining features.

### SHARPS AND FLATS.

The Firemen's Smoking Concert was a success financially and otherwise.

"Iolanthe" was produced at Vancouver two nights last week by Victoria amateurs.

The Opera Robin Hood will be produced tomorrow evening at Victoria by amateurs.

Nordica has received and has declined an offer to sing Brunnhilde eight times in Madrid.

The Imperial Opera of Berlin is said to have paid 250,000 lire for Berosl s Resurrection of Lazarus.

Lillian Blanvelt, the American prima donna, will sing before the Queen of Italy early next month.

Saleza's favorite role is Don Jose in Carmen. He thinks it one of the most dramatic and realistic characters in the literature of the state.

Eugene Weiner, who is with the Spider and Fly Company, has a splendid voice, and was very prominent in musical circles on the coast.

A feature of the Paris Explosion will be a collection of musical instruments of all kinds, showing the progress of invention in the nineteenth century.

The Berlin Philharmonic orchestra, under the direction of Arthur Nikisch, will visit St. Petersburg next month and give two concerts in the Russian capital.

The Physical Culture Concert, in the Nelson Opera House to-morrow evening, will be unique in the way of entertainments. It should prove a profitable attraction.

Leli Lehman now does most of her singing upon light vegetable dinners. She has abandoned the use of flesh and finds that she can do more and better work.

The latest popular waltz in Paris is Paola, by M. de Trabaldo. It was played at the last grand ball at the Paris Opera house by orchestra of 150 and was much applauded.

Villiers Stanford, the English composer, has issued an appeal to Englishmen to create a fund of $750,000 for the purpose of building an opera house in London, to be devoted to opera in the vernacular.

A new instrument, supposed to belong to the fifteenth century, has been found in a Mexican church. It is the primitive form of the oboe and its tone and timbre are remarkable. The instrument is covered with symbolic paintings in vivid colors.

The Young Ladies Jubilee Minstrels, of Victoria, will give a performance May 1 and 2. The ladies will put on burnt cork, and get off good old minstrel jokes. George E. Powell, who will enjoy the distinction of being the only male on the stage, will act as interlocutor.

Harry Greenbank, who died recently in London, was the cleverest of the writers of lyrics. The London papers mention that he had just completed the songs for Edward Morton's new piece, San Toy. Mr. Greenbank wrote the prettiest things in the Runaway Girl, The Circus Girl, A Greek Slave and a number of other musical things.

There will be a concert under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church at the Nelson Opera House, Monday, April 17. The following artists will take part: Mrs. Bruce White, Mrs. Melville Parry, Mrs. W. A. Macdonald, Mr. W. A. Jowett, Mrs. W. F. Brougham, Miss Wilson, Mr. George Kydd and Herr F. Steiner, the cello soloist.

The Singing of God Save the Queen, in which the audience joined with the Musical Society, was not the least interesting feature of the concert last Wednesday night. By the way, wouldn't it be a good idea for the people generally to learn the words of the National Anthem, not one in a hundred can repeat the second verse of this patriotic anthem.

## VENTS AND GOSSIP

Elaborate preparations are being for the opening of the new Odd Fellows' Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow have returned from a six-months' sojourn in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. P. Perkins and bride have arrived at Nelson and will make their future home here.

Mr. Fred Starkey will in future be the local manager for the Parsons Produce Company at Rossland. Mr. Starkey's many friends regret his departure from Nelson.

## SPORTS & PASTIMES

### LACROSSE.

A meeting of the Victoria Capital Lacrosse Club was held Friday evening at which it was decided that the club shall re-organize for the season and do battle as usual for the premier honor in the league contests. It was suggested that perhaps the James Bay Atheletic Association may be intending to include lacrosse in their list of sports, in which event the Capitals will be allied with the Bays, otherwise they will remain, as heretofore, independent. Most of the members of the Capitals are also members of the J. B. A. A., and the amalgamation should therefore not be difficult.

Rossland has made application for recognition in the British Columbia Lacrosse Association. What is the matter with Nelson club joining the B. C. Association?

Already there is evidence of great enthusiasm in Nelson in the national game. The first practice was well attended, and there is every reason to hope that one of the strongest teams in British Columbia will represent the honor of Nelson this year. Every Canadian in this city who believes in lacrosse should contribute towards making the club a success. A membership list of 500 should be gotten up in Nelson, and this alone would add to the interest in the game. It will require some expenditure to make the grounds ready for a match, but this will come as the season progresses.

### BASEBALL.

Nelson should have an efficient baseball team this season. Already great interest is being taken in the game, and the practices are all that can be desired.

The Fire Brigade team won the match last Sunday.

### BICYCLING.

Hereafter at Mayence, all moto-cycles must pass an examination before being allowed to run in the city streets.

A South Australian authority states that the use of bicycles by the South Australian police force saves the police department fully $5,000 a year.

Ten Eck will be in the game again this year. He will have Johnny Johnston, Ben Monroe and a green rider compose the team of the veteran manager.

They are having big crowds of competitors in the Australian race meets now. At a recent race meeting in that country there were 1,133 competitors, one race having an entry list of 251.

In Winnipeg a meeting was held last week to take up the question of good roads, paths, and other matters affecting the rights, privileges and conveniences of wheelmen, and the advisability of organizing a cycle path, association. It is intimated that a membership of 1,000 could be secured in an association looking after the welfare of wheelman in the matter of cycle paths and good roads.

## THE HOME

The Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., discusses "The Young Man and Marriage," in the Ladies Home Journal. "Marriage to a certain degree," he says, "a young man is to look upon from a utillitarian standpoint. A good wife is so much capital. She makes him to be, by a kind of grace, a great deal more than he is by nature. She contributes the qualities needed in order to convert his vigor into a safe as well as productive efficiency. She introduces, for instance, into his intellectual nature that ingredient of sentiment which intellect requires in order to be able to do its best work. Heart and brain need to conspire in order to the attainment of the true, and without caring to assert that man is naturally heartless, any more than I should wish to assume that women is by nature brainless, yet heart in its way, is just as precious a brain in its way, and women, so long as she is untained by the passion of wanting to be a man, will be that member of the connubial corporation that will in particular contribute to the capital stock its affiectional element. Some women may resent this, but I would like to caution young men against cherishing matrimonial designs upon any woman who is likely to resent it. If what you want is a wife and not merely a housekeeper, you must keep your eye well open for a warm bundle of femininity that will be to you in a personal way what the fire on the hearth is to you in a physical way—a fund of tropical comfort that will keep the stiffness out of your thinking, the frost out of your feeling, and the general machinery of your life in a condition of pleasurable activity."

"Marriage in Japan is only a civil contract, and not in any way a religious one," writes Onoto Watenna in the April Ladies' Home Journal. "It is protected by law and social obligations. The Church and State do not concern themselves at all in marital affairs. The chief peculiarity about the ceremony is the exchangfng of cups of sake(a liquid) nine times, three times the bride, three times the groom, three times the mid-woman who works between the pair in making the engagement. Toward the end of the ceremony a singer sings a song called 'Takasago,' which narrates the loving and happy life of an old couple. Thus the ceremony closes, the last notes of the singer's beautiful melody remaining in the air, charming all. The last stage of girl life is over."


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## MINING NOTES.

There is great activity in the vicinity of the Whitewater camp.

The Slocan Belle, formerly called the Northern Belle, will probably be reopened.

The shaft on the Mother Lode, in Deadwood camp, is down 215 feet, and 25 men are employed.

The Katie L. in Providence camp is to be worked soon by the Rosalia, Wash., company that purchased the property.

The Whitewater now employs 130 men. The miners by a large majority in this camp favor the old 10-hour day and the 10-hour pay also.

The Old Ironsides, in Greenwood camp, has started its big compressor plant, the same outfit running 10 drills, 2 hoists and 3 pumps. There are now over 900 feet of workings in the Knob Hill, adjoining, all in ore.

Capital is steadily finding its way into the rich mineral belt on the North Fork of Kettle river in British Columbia. A few days since the flotation of the Humming Bird claim caused a stir in that camp which includes many rich gold leads on both sides of the river. The company has found ample capital ready for its use in Toronto.

Provincial Inspector of Mines McGregor reached Sandon last Thursday, to enforce the 8-hour a day law. F. A. Wood, who was one of the delegates who recently waited upon the Minister of Mines, telegraphed to Mr. Hume in Victoria, explaining the situation and asking why the promise he had recently given the delegation was being disregarded. This promise was that he, as Minister of Mines, would not enforce the 8-hour law unless the pressure in its favor became so strong that he could not ignore it. As a result of the telegrams sent, Inspector McGregor received a wire to wait further instructions.

What promises to be a strike of considerable proportions has just been made in the Clara D. claim, on Goat mountain, near Gladstone. In prospecting the claim preparatory to doing assessment this spring, John Holms, one of the owners, discovered a six-foot lead of fine grained white quartz carrying considerable galena. According to the Grand Forks *Miner*, samples taken from the surface were assayed and gave returns of $12.50 in gold, silver and copper. The owners, John Donaldson, W. B. Bower and John Holms, have already done one assessment on a nice lead with about one foot of a pay streak running high in gold and silver, and it is their intention to develop both this lead and the new discovery to a considerable extent this summer.


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**Thought the Conductor Shot an Angel.**

An engineer running over the Panhandle branch of the Santa Fe is somewhat superstitious and believes in warnings.

One night he was rolling along at a good rate of speed, when he saw a clear, white light, like a will-o'-the-wisp, dancing around just over the track a few hundred feet in front of him. He shut off steam and came to a stop as quickly as he could. The conductor and train crew came running up to the engine to see what was the matter.

"There is some one swinging a lantern across the track," said the engineer, and the crew went ahead to investigate.

"We can't find any one," reported the rear brakeman, and the engineer pulled out again, but he went slowly, and in a few minutes he stopped again. The crew went ahead once more to see what was the cause of the light. The conductor, who was a good shot, drew his revolver and at the second shot he made at the mysterious light there was a crash, a scream and the light went out and something white came fluttering down from the clouds.

The superstitious engineer was scared. "You've shot an angel, sure," he said to the conductor, with his face pale as death.

Investigation brought out the fact that a small boy with a lantern tied to the tail of his kite was the cause of it all, but it teases the engineer to say anything about "shooting angels."—Topeka State Journal.

**Queer Funeral Mistakes In Maine.**

There have been some queer mistakes made of all kinds, but this is one of the most unusual and undesirable, although no real harm was done: A man, one time prominent in professional life of this city, died. He was a member of a certain society in this city, which sent representatives to the funeral. The members of the organization were notified of the death of their fellow member by postal cards sent out by the secretary. One of the cards was addressed to and delivered at the late residence of the dead member, inviting him to attend his own obsequies.

A similar incident was, if anything, worse. A member of a secret society died and his fellows were notified of his death and the time and place of the funeral, as usual. A card was delivered at the address of the dead man, directed to him in his own handwriting. He had been the secretary of the organization and had addressed sets of postal cards to the members at his leisure. When a member died, a set of the addressed cards were sent to the printer, who printed the name of the deceased member on the back with the other matter used in the notice. So when the secretary died his assistant or successor sent a set of the cards to the printer, so that the dead man was sent one addressed by his own hand.—Portland Express.

**Victoria and John Brown.**

"Pol Manear" is a favorite cast near Balmoral castle and was always held as the special preserve of the late John Brown, her majesty's personal attendant. John was an enthusiastic and inveterate fisher, and often the royal larder was indebted to his prowess for its supplies of spring salmon when the rods of the other fishermen failed to bring them to the bank. It is authentically reported among anglers on Deeside that when the queen wanted John he was immediately at her call, except when angling, and at such times she studied not to disturb him. The tacit understanding between them is said to have arisen in the following fashion: Her majesty one day sent an imperative message to the river side, desiring to immediately wait upon her.

"Tell her majesty," replied John, in his usual Doric, "that I am rinnin a salmon and I canna come."

The messenger came back to him in hot haste saying that the queen desired to see him this very minute.

"Well, tell her majesty this time that I am rinnin a salmon and I winna come," and that settled it.—Pearson's Weekly.

**When Molten Lead Won't Burn.**

When the Prince of Wales was studying under Sir Lyon Playfair in Edinburgh, that gentleman, after taking the precaution to make him wash his hands with ammonia to get rid of any grease that might be on them, said:

"Now, sir, if you have faith in science you will plunge your right hand into that caldron of boiling lead and ladle it out into the cold water which is standing by."

"Are you serious?" asked the pupil.

"Perfectly," was the reply.

"If you tell me to do it, I will," said the prince.

"I do tell you," rejoined Playfair, and the prince immediately ladled out the burning liquid with perfect impunity.—London Standard.

**Wifely Pride.**

In the course of a conversation between two workingmen's wives one happened to remark that her husband always put on a clean white shirt on Sunday morning. The other replied: "I never care so much about the Sundays, but I aye like to see John wi' a clean shirt on Saturday afternoon, because he's gey hot tempered, and if he should take off his coat to fecht I like him to look clean and decent!"—London Telegraph.

**Theory Is All Very Well.**

Mrs. Mishaw—You praise yourself too much, my dear. People would appreciate you more and would tell you so if you were to cultivate a little modest reticence.

Mr. Mishaw—There's where you are out. I did that for years, and nobody took any notice of me but you.—Brooklyn Life.

**Self Deception.**

If we could see ourselves as others see us, most of us wouldn't believe our eyes.—Somerville Journal.

**Where Ready Money Is Scarce.**

In the British settlement in the great Chinese city of Shanghai, ready money is practically unknown. After you have had lunch at a restaurant you calmly get up and walk out without a thought of payment in cash. Some time later in the day a coolie arrives at your residence with a tiny slip of paper—a "chit," as they call it—simply a memorandum of the amount. You get a shave at your barber's. The same system is carried out. You purchase a newspaper or a buttonhole bouquet, a "chit" is the result. The very shoeblack does not ask for coppers, but brings his bill at the end of the month.—London Answers.

**Wanted Them Soled.**

Officer (to new servant)—Murphy, I have left my mess boots out this morning. I want them soled.

Private Murphy—Very good, sor.

Officer (later in the day)—Did you take those boots, Murphy?

Private Murphy (feeling in his pocket and putting on the table 18 pence)—Yes, sor, and that's all I could get for them. The corporal who bought them said he would have given 2 shillings had it been pay day. (Collapse of officer.)—London Tit-Bits.


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G. O. Ross, the merchant tailor, had his face scorched by the explosion of an acetyline gas plant, last Tuesday evening.

J. Roderick Robertson will reach Nelson about the 24th of this month.

The Nelson, B. C. syndicate, with a registered capital of £20,000, in £1 shares, has been registered at Somerset House, London, England.

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