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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

WITH the British government heaping honors on the head of the hero of Khartoum and our American cousins immortalizing the name of Dewey, in song and story, it seems to have occured to some of our citizens that now would be a fitting time to get up a suitable testimonial to the Nelson public school teacher who reduced the young boy Oates to a proper condition of respect for constituted authority. This matter was suggested at a down town hotel the other evening at dinner, and a dozen persons as one man arose and offered to contribute liberally towards providing Mr. Soady with a mark of their appreciation. One or two offered their services in circulating a petition, all of which should be highly flattering to Mr. Soady. THE ECONOMIST is not sufficiently acquainted with the Soady–Oates incident to discuss it at length, but this paper does desire to place itself on record as believing that the boys of Nelson are the most incorrigible lot that are to be found in any city on the continent of America. Of course there are good boys here, but in such environment it will only be a matter of time until they must become as evil as their associates. Evil communications corrupt good manners, and it would be more than a miracle if the young boys who have not already become contaminated would long be able to withstand contagion. This may be regarded as an exaggerated view of the situation, but THE ECONOMIST believes its contention will be borne out by two-thirds of our citizens. It is almost impossible to walk along the principal streets in the evening without hearing boys using the most profane and obscene language, and if any means are in contemplation to check these fearful exhibitions the public are not aware of the fact. It is also said that many of these boys devote much of their time at school to writing obscene notes to the little girls in attendance. Of course, it is a difficult matter with our schools in such a chaotic condition as they are at present, to prevent such conduct, but it appears to us that the parents of these boys should endeavor to second the efforts of the teachers to put a stop to it. Moreover, the police should make one or two arrests, and thus make an example of incorrigible youths. If something is not done, and that soon, to check the vicious habits of the youngsters, the jail had better be enlarged to accommodate the demand that will be made upon it in the future.

THE Dominion criminal statistics for last year have been published, and are somewhat depressing. Crime seems to have been on the increase, the total number of convictions per thousand inhabitants being 11.06, as compared with 10 25 the previous year. In two Provinces only, namely, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, have the convictions decreased, the increase in British Columbia being the greatest. The number of convictions in British Columbia in 1897 amounted to 21.73 of every 10,000 of our population. In the previous year the increase was only 17.86. The percentage of young offenders did not show any increase over the previous year, female offenders, however, were slightly less numerous than before, the percentage being 6.3 against 6.7. Offences against the person, such as murder, manslaughter, assaults, and such higher crimes, showed an increase in four Provinces, but a decrease in Manitoba. Offences against property, with violence, which includes burglary, house and shop-breaking, were particularly rife in British Columbia. Under the head of other offences, the number of convictions increased by 105 during the year, the increase being mainly in New Brunswick, Ontario and British Columbia. Of the fines imposed, 47.04 per cent. were for offences against the liquor licenses acts, and 14.01 per cent. were for drunkenness. Each of these was less, however, than the corresponding percentages of the previous year.

THE *Colonist* last Wednesday had the following: There was a motion up in chambers yesterday in Warren vs. Boscowitz, before Mr. Justice Irving. Mr. Bodwell, who was one of the counsel, was speaking on behalf of the defendant, when Hon. Joseph Martin came in. The Attorney-General was for Warren, but through some misunderstanding did not get on the spot in time. He wanted an adjournment, but Mr. Bodwell objected, and the court upheld Mr. Bodwell's position. The Attorney-General seemed somewhat annoyed, and remarked: "Well, I'll get even with my learned friend some way."

POSSIBLY Hon. Clifford hopes to allay criticism of the immigration policy of his government by inundating this country with a race of men whose natiionality no one seems disposed to take chances in giving the correct pronounciation.

THE *Spokesman-Review* believes Spokane will out class Denver in time. The reason for this suspicion is that Spokane has a rich mining country tributary to it. It must be pleasing to British Columbians to read in American newspapers that the resources of their own Province will be utilized to build up a foreign city.

THE *Colonist* urges Conservatives to organize. The Vancouver *World* announces that Mr. James Sutherland, the Liberal whip, will arrive in British Columbia within a few days, which in itself is a significant circumstance.

MR. MARTIN has succeeded in finding a lawyer in British Columbia qualified to fill the police magistracy of Victoria—without sending to Manitoba. The fortunate genius is Mr. Hezekiah G. Hall, the eminent barrister of Victoria, B. C.

THE Vancouver *Province* believes Mr. Jowett's retirement from the Nelson *Miner* "will be a sad loss to British Columbia journalism." This merely emphasizes the oft-repeated assertion of THE ECONOMIST that Mr. Jowett was an ornament to the journalistic profession. We shall not look upon his like again.

THE people of this Province have had a taste of Martin rule, and in justice to the afflicted be it said they are not enthralled with the vision of four years of official serfdom

like that they have been scourged with during the past few months. Mr. Martin's policy of economy is working positive injury to the government service. Disorganization prevails in every branch of the service, and the end is not yet. Good men are not disposed to wear the livery of Joe Martin and submit to the snubs and jeers of that autocrat for a paltry salary. The policy of the former government was to provide an efficient government service—one that was commensurate with the growing needs of the Province. In doing this, they believed that well-paid public servants were the cheapest in the long run. As a logical sequence, whatever sins were laid at the door of the late government, inefficiency of public service was not included in the number. The new government, or rather Joseph Martin, who is the present government, seems determined to flood the country with a horde of cheap, hungry office-seekers. Cheap men are given the places of tried and faithful servants of the public, with the result, as we before pointed out, what was once a thoroughly efficient organization, is now reduced to a staff of incapable clerks.

THE announcement that D. R. Young, the sweet singer of the Slocan, was about to issue a volume of poems, bound in calf with brass clasps, is denied. In the meantime, lovers of poetry will have to content themselves with the melodies of Moore, etc, etc.

THE Kamloops *Standard* has this to say of the Joe Martin brand of economy: "Economy should undoubtly be practised by all governments, but economy at the expense of efficiency is absolute extravagance, and when the needs of the country are neglected rather than borrow the money necessary to carry them out, the results are bound to be detrimental to the true interests of the country. The cheeseparing policy pursued by the present Government of British Columbia is a clog on the wheels of progress, and the panky manner in which it attempts to effect a saving is worthy of a Chinese coolie. The salaries of the officials in the Government employ and monies due to persons for work or material contracted for, is now not paid when it is due, consequently a paltry saving of interest is effected at the expense of those who have given their services in good faith. Another little economy is to lengthen the hours of employment and then dismiss efficient men in order to save their salaries. This might be right were the men underworked and if the civil service appointments were likely to be permanent, with chances of promotion for good service; but according to the actions of Mr. Joe Martin's government, the appointments appear to terminate with the lives of the ministry that appointed them, and the only stimulus an officeholder has is to serve his party, at the expense of the public. This may be Mr. Joe Martin's idea of economy but it most certainly is not that of the bulk of the electors. The country is new, it is developing rapidly, in consequence of which expenditure must increase if the country is to move along at all. Experience shows us that the expenditure is warranted by the income. The duty of a government is not to hoard money, but to regulate the expenditure so that the country is neither overtaxed nor its resources allowed to stagnate for want of proper encouragement."

LORD MINTO's eldest daughter, Lady Tileen Elliott, is a native of Canada. She was born at Rideau Hall 14 years ago, when her father was military secretary to Lord Lansdowne.

CANADA, as the *Mail and Empire* says, need not import "spirit wrestlers" from Russia when an election trial has proved the Nippissing Grits to be eminently competent wrestlers with all the spirits in sight.

LIBEL suits are in the air these days. Mr. Race, of the Rossland *Miner*, has caused the arrest of Mr. Smith, of the Rossland *Record*, on a charge of criminal libel. It appears, from Mr. Race's statement, that Mr. Smith attempted to ruin the former's character. Down at Victoria, Mr. W. H. Ellis and Mr. Charles Lugrin, of the *Colonist*, have been summoned for contempt of court, at the instance of counsel for Prentice, in the Lillooet election case. Messrs. Ellis and Lugrin are still at large, but they will no doubt make an interesting fight for liberty and the freedom of the press.

THE Vancouver *World* of last Saturday says: "It is now given out on reliable authority that the Government civil servant guillotine has been tied up until after the Legislature meets. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, it is understood, has given orders to that effect, so that those who are trembling in their cells awaiting execution at the hands of a political bloodthirsty Ministry, egged on by their party heelers, may calm their feelings until February at least. When the House convenes, and if the Government is fortunate enough to command a majority—which is, to say the least, very doubtful—the guillotine is then to be unloosed and little mercy will be shown. On the plea of economy, wholesale dismissals will be the order of the day, and after each one, the Finance Minister, in an editorial in his organ, sufficiently heavy to stop a linotype machine, will defend the Government, while the Victoria *Times*, in a spirit of vengeance, stands around and in a spirit of vengeance thanks heaven every time a head falls into a basket. The Government organs in the Kootenay and interior will take up and re-echo the cry, and the whole party in its semi-fiendish glee will exclaim, Long live the King! We could name a number of prominent civil servants who, if the Government is sustained, will lose their positions, but as it is not likely that Premier Selmin can hold the reins of power for more than a few days, it will be well to await the outcome. This suspense hanging over the head of civil servants has a most baneful effect, and unless greater security is afforded those who are employed, it cannot be expected that they will give their work that faithful attention the country has a just right to expect."

THE Victoria *Colonist* is publishing lists of the "Fifty Greatest Britishers." In all the lists sent in by subscribers not once does the name of Mr. Hewitt Bostock appear. Truly "a prophet is not without honour save in his own country."

THE curtain at the skating rink will be donated to the Nelson Art Society as the nucleus of an art gallery.

THE Earl of Elgin, who is now returning to Great Britain after having successfully governed the great empire of India, as its Viceroy, for five years, is a Canadian, he having been born, during his father's tenure of office as Canada's Governor General, at Monklands, near Montreal, on May 16th, 1849. He was educated at Oxford, and succeeded his father, who had been successively Governor-General of Canada and Viceroy of India, to the exalted office of which latter place he was appointed on November 20th, 1863. The present Earl had previously held office as treasurer of Her Majesty's household and First Commissioner of Works. Scotsmen of Toronto remember with pride that the Earl of Elgin is one of themselves, for when only two years of age he was made an honorary member of the St. Andrew's Society, a position he still retains. On the occasion of his appointment to India a letter of congratulation was sent to him by his brother Scots of Toronto.

IN forty years, New South Wales has spent $13,000,000 for harbors, exclusive of the cost of the port of Sydney, and will spend $1,500,000 for the same purpose next year.

REPORTS from Mexico are to the effect that the cotton crop in that country is greater than ever was known before. In the the Laguna district alone the value of the crop is estimated at $8,000,000.

IF Canadian workmen are equal if not superior to any why does Mr. Blair go to the United States to buy $200,000 worth of railway cars, asks the Hamilton *Spectator*.

SOME profess the belief that an effort is being made in certain quarters to muzzle the Press of British Columbia. An unbridled Press is very often a positive menace to the well being of a community, and where any attempt is made to interfere with the proper administration of justice we believe the person guilty of such offense should be made to suffer. On the other hand, if for the aggrandizement of a political clique, newspaper publishers and writers are to be cast into dungeons, it is time the public should be made aware of the fact. A free Press is synonymous with a free people, and it has been truly said that tyranny

begins where free discussion and free criticism ends. We are not endorsing the position of the editor who practices genteel blackmail for a livelihood, nor do we uphold the blackguard scribbler whose conception of ecstacy is the begriming with mud his better-conditioned neighbor; such creatures are beneath contempt; but we do contend, without prejudice, that editors who are actuated only with a desire to supply clean news and indulge in honest criticism, must not be interfered with in the performance of their lawful duty and in keeping credit with the public. In its battle against tyranny the Press will sooner or later prevail, for an editor more or less in gaol does not stop a printing press, and there are no self-respecting newspaper writers who would not rather enjoy such hospitality as Her Majesty's prisons afford than be deprived of their inalienable right of free discussion and honest criticism.

THE home of the drama in Nelson will be this week transformed into a skating rink—and now the manager and patrons are actually praying for a "frost."

THE suggestion of his enemies that Mayor Houston lacked sand was completely dispelled last week, when His Worship with a bucket in hand went forth and sprinkled the tobaggan slides with that commodity.

THE other day a young Canadian girl was engaged by a Buffalo firm to take a position on its staff. She crossed over and went to work, but the matter came under the notice of the United States officer who looks after alien labor and the Canadian girl was ordered back home. She lost her job in Buffalo as well as her time and expenses. The city from which she was driven is the same where Mr. Blair is having $200,000 worth of cars built for the Government of Canada.

ONE of the most successful monopolies in the world, points out the St. John, N. B., *Sun*, exists in Great Britain, and provides an article of common use. J. and P. Coates, Limited, is the name of a combination of thread manufacturers. The capital is said to be $37,000,000. The dividends paid last year amounted to thirty per cent., while profits of more than a million and a quarter were carried forward or added to the reserve. The stock now sells for more than four times its face value. The stockholder has in eight years more than quadrupled the selling value of his property, besides receiving dividends of one to three per cent. per month on his investment.

IN a report to the State Department, Washington, United States Consul Goodnow at Shanghai says the Chinese have set up a mint at Chengtu, and in doing so they exhibited in a marked degree Chinese methods. The machinery came from an American manufactory at Bridgeport, N. J., and was duly delivered at the head of navigation on the Yangtse River. The Chinese authorities allowed the boxes to lie in the water for a month, and then, without cleaning, took them to Chengtu, a two months' journey. When the boxes were opened, they were found to be filled with mud, except where rats had made nests. The machinery was finally gotten together, but the dies were so badly rusted that they would have been condemned in America. The Chinese, however, made no objection to the imperfect places in the coin, apparently thinking them additional safeguards against counterfeiting.

WITH the first day of the new century the ancient Austrian coin, the kreutzer, drops officially out of circulation, after a currency of something like four hundred years. It is retired in accordance with the convention establishing a copper currency of equal value for all parts of the empire. It used to be circulated freely in North as well as South Germany, but for the past quarter of a century has not gone beyond the Austrian frontier.

THE Toronto *Telegram* thus tells why Canadians should be thankful: "Canadians have perhaps more reason to observe Thankgiving Day than any similar number of people on earth. Never were people blessed with a better land or a land with a better people. Canada's past is satisfactory, and her future is glowing bright with promises of greatness, which are likely to be cashed in some few years this side of the millennium. Canada suffers from no evils which her own people cannot cure, and Thanksgiving Day should be honoured in a spirit of gratitude to the Giver of All Good, and with a determination to make the country worthy of her opportunities."

THE *News-Advertiser* denies that it has any knowledge of how the Lieutenant-Governor will act in the event of a Government defeat. There could be no great harm in asking Joseph Martin if he could throw any light on the subject.

JERRY SIMPSON, of sockless fame, has a ranch near Medicine Lodge, Kas., which consists of 15,000 acres and is stocked with 500 head of cattle. He is rated at $25,000 and doesn't owe a dollar. This being the case, there seems to be no longer any reason why Jerry should not provide himself with hose.

The details of the distress prevalent in Cuba are harrowing. While the island is in a transition stage and putting on a new life, grim death in the form of starvation and disease stalks through the land. The conditions in and about Havana are reported to be beyond comprehension. There are not even the ordinary means of support for the masses; and the once richer classes, now reduced to dire property, cannot bear the humiliation of begging. One correspondent says that families too proud to seek alms, fight the grim spectre of hunger until that other spectre enters the door, and then the neighbors are to poor to bury them. Our good friends across the line started out with the laudable intention of freeing Cuba from Spanish rule and the Montreal *Star* says they should now rescue it from the greater evil, or, at all events, lead the way for the rest of the sympathetic world to follow, in quickly relieving the unfortunate Cubans from their pitiable plight. The call of Humanity should be as loud as the shriek of Freedom.

OTTAWA *Citizen*: "The *Journal* propounds the curious theory that the abolition of the ward system would not be a good thing for Ottawa, 'because it is a growing city.' If it was a stagnant city, or a city that was retrograding it would apparently be all right. As all the cities in Canada are growing cities we presume that for the same obscure reason none of them should abolish the ward system."

A WRITER in the Victoria *Colonist* says: "American invasions of Canada have hitherto been repulsed; let the people say if this one shall be wafted to success by favoring winds from high places. Popular agitation, the forerunner of all reforms—is necessary. Questions should be asked of the local government in the house and prompt answers insisted on with a view to legislation; no doubt the Press—always a friend of the people—will do well its part to reform this manifest wrong. Coming now as single spies, later as whole battalions, having no sympathy with our institutions—as they show by remaining aliens—these foreigners, if not immediately checked, will ultimately imperil, if not wholly efface, the Canadian as a part of the great colonial family of the mother land."

THE reports of discoveries of rich mineral deposits are singularly numerous at the present time, says the East Kootenay *Miner*. They are received from various parts of the Province at points far distant from one another. Some are from districts already well known as mining regions or in which prospecting has in the past shown that there are extensive mineral deposits. Some, on the other hand, are from districts in which hitherto nothing had been ascertained to lead to the belief that mineral existed. These reports are such as to give renewed confidence in the future of British Columbia, as one of the leading mining countries in the world, and both the Government and the people should plan and act on such a belief.

WHAT seems to be a well-authenticated report reached the city last night from the coast to the effect that a change in the Cabinet was imminent whereby an obnexious Minister was to be removed and his place filled by a gentleman qualified to fill the position, and who was elected last July by a vote so large as to demonstrate his popularity. Any change resulting in the removal of unpopular Ministers is always a matter for congratulation.

"SNAG NASTY" JIM.

It was late in the seventies, in fact I remember distinctly—it was June, 1877. They were belligerent days too, the days of the uprising of the hostile Sioux Indians. We were a small band or detatchment rather of the U. S. 5th infantry plying the mad rushing current of the mighty muddy Missouri in two government transportation stern wheelers on and on up past Fort Benton, where the Yellowstone collides with the muddy old Missouri. Our destination lay to what is now on the map as Fort Keough, 'twas then only known as the Miles canto: ment. Gen. Nelson A. Miles was skirmishing all through Montana and Wyoming; had been with his troops since late in the fall of '76. "Sitting Bull" had been driven over the line and was lying low in ambush in the wilds of the Canadian northwest, but Miles' big prey now was Chief Joseph and his tribe of Nez Perce. We traveled *ad libitum*, always lying up over night as the red foe still lurked along the shores of the river, building impromptu villages in the coolies peculiar to the "bad-lands" of the rolling prairies of the then territories. We had reached so far the town of Omaha, and as was our custom staid over a day, as the officers' wives and all Q. M. families made various little purchases and the children beguiled the all too short stay over by indulging in the traditional pea nut bar, pop corn and striped candy cane.

These trips of the river boats, and especially ours being an almost inaugural trip were hailed with delight by the tramps or roustabouts that hung in swarms about the levees. After leaving any of our ports we were nearly always the richer by the addition of two or three of these outcasts, and as they kept up a series of embarking and disembarking we were never overcrowded. Just at twilight on this particular night as the captain gave orders to "haul in," a slight altercation arose amongst some of the deck hands and a creature on the gang plank; the unkempt individual was craving an audience with the mate.

"Alright come ahead," ordered the officer in general, "where did you want to go?"

"As far as Bismark. I don't want no money. just feed me is all I ask and I'll work my way you won't be nothin' out".

"Very well" replied the mate, "give him his supper boys and a smoke." No scrapping mind; but, by the way, what's your name?

"Jim Sir, Nasty Jim," with a ring of pride, born of defiance in his deep melodious voice

A burst of jeers broke out from the throats of his new found friends but the mate silenced them by a signal of his hand and an admonishing rebuke by his keen dark eyes. "Nasty Jim" marched through the gang down to the boat's stern where appetizing odors oozed forth betaking the preparation of the evening meal.

"Get him to wash up, boys, and introduce him to a comb and brush. Don't let the women and children see him till he's tidied up a bit, he'll scare them to death", said the kind hearted mate.

"We might run a pair of shears over that buffalo robe on his face," added one of the hands inspiring a coarse laugh from their lusty throats; but the suggestion established good humor, so all departed to their various duties, some though in the wake of "Nasty Jim."

Little occurences are large events to travelers, and in this case the women and children were crowded on the outer deck taking in all the points of the situation, while the small company of soldiers lounged over the railing taking notes.

"Nasty Jim" proved a merry one with the children; he carved such wonderful spoons, canes, puzzles, etc. for us, and one night I remember so plainly when our teacher, Miss Millie Baldwin, was indisposed and thereby prevented from accompanying us in our Sunday school hymns, he volunteered to do the the needful. One precocious Miss led him up the companion way into the cabin with all the formality of an impressario leading his prima donna down to the foot lights; equal to the occasion he bowed to the astonished group of ladies and soldiers, while the little ones fairly squeeled in their delight. Seating himself at the piano, he surveyed the key board, then launched out into a prelude or symphony that even Chopin or Mozart might have enjoyed with closed eyes. Nothing abashed, he looked around for our song books and as we gathered about in semi-circle, each one took confidence and the then childish voices arose in their usual "*Te Deum*" as his marked time and gentle touch seemed to inspire new impulse.

Our voyage proceeded some days without event of any importance until the stern wheeler in our wake struck a rock, or a snag, as it afterwards proved to be, by the expertness of a bell driver who came to our aid from Chicago, and the ugly snag that had wrecked thirteen boats, thereby earning for that bend in the Missouri the name of "The steam boat's grave," was hauled up on our hurricane deck and a portion, resembling an old arm chair, was placed in position behind the pilot house and was almost instantly appropriated by "Nasty Jim" as undisputably his own. Some active waggish brain then tacked on "Snag" to the already unpoetic cognomen, and "Snag Nasty Jim" he was known as from there on.

Another few days of slow travel, when an incident occurred to cast a gloom over our little band, and has haunted me oft times during this double decade of years. Our garrison doctor, an effeminate fop, started a serious flirtation with two very fascinating wives of captains.

"Snag Nasty Jim", when on night duty pacing the darkened hurricane deck, had seen through the state room transoms the pampering and petting these unwise matrons lavished on the equally silly youth and thinking to admonish a rebuke in the form of emptying a bucket of water on the indiscreet trio, was just in the act of carrying it out, when whiz! and a crash, then a sound of a heavy weight falling into the water, then a rush of infantry, a stampede of deck hands and shrieks of terror from the women and children. In an instant it rang from bow to stern, the cry: "The Indians are on us." Every man sprang to his post of duty; every one but poor "Snag Nasty Jim;" he was being what? churned up in the seething whirlpools, or may be captured and being subjected to a worse fate in the hands of the merciless red skin? The silent fatal bullett that sent him reeling into the swift current was found lodged in the stout timbers of the deck floor, his old greasy sombrero, the only clue to his having been on duty, was picked up near where he must have fallen overboard. But "man overboard" was not th cry in that awful moment. It was: "stand to your guns," "mind the women and children." It was a short fight, as deep darkness was fast setting and the pilot and army men were scanning the shores for a beacon light disclosing to us "Old Brule Agency," where reinforcement awaited us. The red devils deserted the water but kept good pace on shore—a random shot and a series of "ki-ye's" told us. The terror and anxiety on board that little craft was awful. At last a light, and with great caution we headed for it. But the old captain in charge was more cautious and very doubtful of the light's glare and position, and ere allowing the pilot to tack, lifted his night glass to inspect, but it fell to the deck as he staggered back almost insensible with a horror-stricken cry. A young soldier standing near picked it up and gazed through it on a grewsome ghastly sight. It was not the longed for beacon of the agency, but a decoy light a mile back on the open prairie, leaping high in the darkness, while hundreds of naked hostiles were roasting the corpse of the once outcast, "Snag Nasty Jim." The relentless demons had fished his dead body from the kind waters and had forgotten to pursue us in their hellish glee. It was providential the river was wide and we anchored hard by on the opposite side for the remainder of the night. The first light of dawn showed us to be within three quarters of a mile of an encampment of soldiers reconoiterating for our detachment, and we landed three days later in Old Brule Agency, with our flags half mast, and downright regret in every heart for poor "Snag Nasty Jim."

ESSIE MARIE MACUAUGHTON.

Vancouver, November 26, 1898.

The reply of a famous artist to a fashionable woman who wore high-heeled shoes and asked him how she could acquire a graceful carriage is worth recording. "Take off your high-heeled shoes," he answered, "and place them on top of your head. When you can walk with those shoes perfectly balanced, you will have the gait of a goddess, and for the first time since French-heeled shoes were invented, they will really have served to help and not to disfigure a woman."

To save trouble: She (on ocean liner)—"Isn't Fred going to luncheon?" "He—"No; he told the steward to prepare it and throw it overboard."

MINES AND INVESTORS.

The market during the past week has been quiet all round. In Republic stocks there has been a slight general decline, and the number of newly stocked properties in the camp which are being offered to the investing public, is such, that the investor may well hesitate before taking his pick out of such a multitude of promising bonanzas. A rather amusing incident in Republic news, was the published correspondence between the president of the Spokane Stock Exchange and his Rossland brethren. The latter complained, and probably with reason, that the margin between buying and selling prices quoted by the Spokane board was a little too great to allow an outside broker to make a profit. As the margins, according to the Rossland brokers, varied from 25 to 35 per cent., it was probably rather difficult for the outside broker to persuade his client that he was getting anything like a show for his money, and uuless the Spokane board makes a very sudden and radical change in this mode of listing, they are very liable to cripple the goose that is laying the golden eggs. The goose at present is the investing public, and if he is not crippled he will become so disgusted as to rofuse to play the little game laid out for him by the board.

Athabasca is very firm on the market. At present the only stock of the company freely offered, is that of those whe obtained it cheap and are anxious to realize. From all accounts it is a good investment. Not a speculation, but an investment pure and simple; it should with time turn out an exceedingly profitable property. How are the mighty fallen! Golden Cache, once up to 1.80, now offered at 10 cents and no bidders. The history of this mine has been an extraordinary one, and the unloading of 200,000 shares of this stock on an English investor at a price about eighteen times as great as that at which it is now quoted, will doubtless do much to induce other English capital to seek annihilation in British Columbia mines. Still, the old maxim, "*caveat emptor*," applies to all such transactions, and at the time the sale was made, those who sold, did so in good faith that they were giving good value for the money. It is only tho results that are unfortunate—and the purchaser. In Slocan stocks, Dardanelles is well worth buying as a speculation. At present it is quoted very cheaply—about 6½cents—and the showing in the shaft would warrant a big advance.

Mining Notes.

It is stated in connection with the Le Roi complications that the expenses of the receivership and the litigation in the case will not be less than $35,000.

The King Solomon, D. C. Corbin's property, near Anaconda, B. C., has ordered a new hoisting plant, with a 24-horse power boiler. Development work will be continued till the mine is placed on a shipping basis.

The British America Corporation on its various properties has done 6,500 feet of work in the six months that it has actually been developing. During the month of October 13 machines were in use and 2570 feet of work of all kinds was occomplished.

The Cranbrook *Herald* reports that the bond on the Moyie and Queen of the Hills mine, which was held by the Fort Steele Development Syndicate of London, was not taken up. The last payment of $125,000, was to have have been made on the first of the month.

The Moyie *Leader* says: The preliminary survey for the St. Eugene tramway for the mine to the concentrator site is being made. The 100 ton ore bin at the mine is finished and the building of a 200-ton bin at this concentrator site will be started within a week or 10 days. Between 2,000 and 3,000 tons of ore will be shipped from the mine this winter.

Good progress is now being made with development work on the 11 claims constituting the Leviathan Gold Mining & Milling company, limited, opposite Kaslo. This proposition promises to become a very valuable property, the iron cropping (in places 50 feet wide) which can be traced for over 3 miles, all within the company's property, is in the light of experience at Rossland, and a Republic, a sufficiently good indication that pay or can be easily reached. Economical working s assured from the fact that the property is only 3 miles from Kootenay Lake by easily constructed wagon road. An inquiry for a block of a million shares from London, England, has been received and indications point to considerable interest in the company being manifested, owing largely to its exceptional acreage in addition to general possibilities.

There has been an unusual amount of activity displayed in the Cariboo district the past season principally around the old mining camps, Williams and Lightning creeks, whose former richness and present favorable conditions combined for acquiring suitable locations for developing has induced conservative mining men to visit Cariboo, and who have enlisted capital in their interprise for opening up many of the old claims that were abandoned in the early sixties for the want of proper machinery to meet the difficulties common to deep mining. On Williams creek the Cariboo Geld Fields Co. possess one of the most valuable properties in the Cariboo district, says the B. C. *Mining Journal*. It embraces many of the old locations noted for their marvelous richness, such as the Raby, Watty Tinker and Cameron claims, and it is to be hoped that next season this company will be rewarded for their enterprise in establishing such a complete and costly plant by duplicating the output of either of the above mentioned claims. Senator Campbell, of California, under whose direction the plant was put in operation late in the season, is a practical mining man whose experience in alluvial deposits qualifies him to express his views on such matters, is of opinion that this is one of the most promising properties in the Cariboo district.

YMIR.

Special Correspondence to THE ECONOMIST.

A literary society is in the course of formation here. It is receiving and well deserves the hearty support and co-operation of the citizens of Ymir. There are many young men who do not wish to sit in a bar-room to spend their evenings. Now it will not be necessary as they will have a comfortable place to sit and read in. The society is cosmopolitan and all will be welcome.

Ymirites are agitating for a Sunday mail service. This is much needed, and would be a great convenience to all. We trust that the proper authorities will take this matter up.

Tom Woods, a very popular man here, met with a serious and distressing accident last Wednesday, while working with a machine drill at the Porto Rico mine. In some manner it toppled over on him, and crushed his side, driving his ribs into his lungs. Dr. Kellar made a midnight trip to the mine. At one time it was thought that the injured man would not survive, but hopes are now held out for his recovery. We sincerely hope that Mr. Woods will soon be restored to health.

Mr. J. C. Garvin has taken charge of the Porto Rico mill.

Dan Beaton, late owner of the Jenny Lind and Golden Gate, left for a well earned holiday, on Thursday, to Point Mulguane, U. S. He will spend Christmas with his relatives, whom he has not seen for 14 years.

Dr. Kellar is wearing a broad smile, the reason being that he is jubilant over the arrival of a son.

Board of Trade

A special meeting of the South Kootenay Board of Trade was held in the board rooms Monday night, the president, J. Roderick Robertson, in the chair. The first business was the discussion of a petition from the merchants of the city requesting the different railways in the Kootenay to grant an all round single fare rate between Nelson, Rossland, Kaslo, Sandon, New Denver, Slocan City and other points, between December 10 and 20, in order to give people in outlying districts an opportunity of visiting the commercial centers to purchase their supplies for the holiday season. It was pointed out that the increased freight and passenger traffic would more than make up for the reduction in rates. The invitation from the officials of the C. P. R. to the members of the Board to accompany the excursion on the new steamer Moyie and over the Crow's Nest Pass railway, was received and acceptsd. A letter was received from Hewitt Bostock M. P, acknowledging the receipt of a petition from the board in regard to improvements on the Lardo river, and promising to bring the matter before the department of public works. Letters were received from Supt. H, E. Beasley of the C. P. R. and F. D. Gibbs of the N. P. R., regarding the distribution of car load shipments of goods between points in the Kootenay. The letters stated that the request of the board would receive consideration by the different companies interested. Mr. Geo. Gurd was elected a member of the board.

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Canadian Pacific Railway, Crow's Nest Pass branch, British Columbia Southern Railway, Plan, Profile and Book of Reference, starting at Nelson to a point 21.74 miles east, deposited 5th October, 1898, No, 565 E.

Canadian Pacific Railway, Crow's Nest Pass line, plan of said line from Station 596 x 93 to Station 995 x 24.8, also Profile from Dunmore westerly, Station 610 to Station 995 x 24.8, deposited 5th November, 1898, No. 565 F.

Canadian Pacific Railway, Crow's Nest Pass line, Plan and Profile from Dunmore Westerly from Station 995 x 24.8 to Station 1608 x 88.9, deposited 5th November, 1898, No. 565 G.

Canadian Pacific Railway, Crow's Nest Pass branch, British Columbia Southern Railway, Plan and Book of Reference of extra land for Station ground 179½ miles west of Eastern bouudary, of British Columbia on north-east ¼ of Section 25, Township 10, Kootenay District deposited 17th November, 1898, No. 565 H.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Mr. F. W. Peters of the C. P. R. has returned from the East.

Mr. Fred Irvine is around again after an illness of several weeks.

G. M. Leishman of the Ogilvie Milling Co. is in the city.

Sheriff Robinson is receiving congratulations on his appointment as Sheriff for the Nelson and Slocan districts.

J. G. Morgan, Winnipeg, western manager for the New York Life, and R. E. Brett, Victoria, B. C. agent for the same company, have been in the city for the past week.

Mr. Walter Askew, after 5½ years in the Provincial Government service, has resigned his position in the mining recorder's office here, and accepted a position with Messrs. C. W. West & Co. He will also act as agent of the New York Life, a company that needs no introduction to British Columbians.

Mickey Burns, who for the past couple of years has been street commissioner in Nelson, wandered into Cascade this week. Mickey gives a very descriptive account of the picturesque scenery along the line of the Spokane Falls & Northern, the only objectionable feature is his trip being, he asserts, that he had to get off the track when the train came along. He is making his way through to Greenwood.—*Cascade Record.*

The Ainsworth Swamped.

The steamer Ainsworth owned by Braden Bros, of Pilot Bay, encountered a squall at 7:30 o'clock last evening, and was swamped. She left here yesterday with 31 passengers and crew—9 of whom were drowned. W. J. Kane engineer of the Ainsworth, tells the story of the accident as follows :

"We left Pilot Bay at 6.45 p. m., and at 7:30 we encountered a squall off Crawford Bay. The boat was pretty well loaded down at the bow with wood. She started pitching and took in some water at the bow. The wood was jettisoned to lighten the bow, and that let the water run aft. The steamer lurched to the right, then to the left and once more to port, and swamped. When she first started to roll one of the crew, named Pariseau, launched a life-boat and four went with him. The boat only got away from the steamer when she went down—four drowning, the one saved swimming to the wreck. I climbed up to the deck and launched the big lifeboat, but she was also upset by the Italian passengers in their scramble to get into her. Finally she was righted and with two boards for paddles, we reached shore two and a-half miles away. After lighting a bonfire we returned to the steamer and rescued those who were still clinging to the wreck. The pilot boat from Kaslo took those who were saved to that place. Included in the number who perished are Charles Campbell, merchant, Pilot Bay ; John Gurn, steward, and James McNeill, fireman. The names of the other six could not be learned."

The Ainsworth drifted to the beach, where she now lies.

City Council.

At the regular weekly meeting of the city council, Monday afternoon, Mayor Houston presiding, the board of works committee presented their report. The committee recommended the opening up and grading of Josephine street, from the railway track to Vernon street ; also to repair the roadway of Front street, between Hall and Cedar streets. The report was referred to the finance committee.

James Coyle, C. E., sent in a report as to the feasibility of Cottonwood Smith Creek, at or near Summit lake. from streams on the watershed south of the lake, and giving approximate flow of streams and length of required flumes. The report was referred to the board of public works.

It was decided to call for tenders for the right of removing ice from the reservoir.

Other minor business was transacted and the council adjourned.

The San Francisco *Music and Drama*, of a late date, concludes an article containing a reprint of a large portion of Manager Jamieson's letter to the Victoria and Vancouver papers regarding amateur performances, as follows : "There are managers in other towns who have the same complaint to make, but they dare not face the alternative of losing patronage by refusing their houses to amateur performances. There are a lot of professionals who make a fine profit by getting up entertainments with the assistance of amateurs in small cities, and it is these speculators who will lose by shutting out local entertainmdnts."

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For the wind came whispering gently
Over the meadow sweet,
It gathered the Rose's petals
And threw them at my feet.

Then this is the story children,
The South Wind told me,
As it merrily danced through the yellow corn,
And scattered the leaves on the tree.

High up on the lonely hillside
Beside a shady road
Where the flowers blossom fairest
A little cottage stood.

And in that little cottage
A mother fair, one day,
Bent lovingly over a little bed,
Where her cradled darlings lay.

Her little "Twin Roses" she called them,
And close to the garden wall,
They planted a primrose, fresh from the glen,
And a red rose bush, tall.

Now Primrose was like her own name flower,
Modest, and gentle, and fair,
While Rose filled the house with laughter and glee,
A spirit that was everywhere.

Now chasing the butterflies through the corn,
Now picking the berries red,
Or "helping mamma" to cook and clean,
Or putting her dollies to bed.

Her eyes were bright as the morning star,
Her cheeks like the roses red,
And golden brown was the curly hair,
That crowned the pretty head.

And the birds sang sweet, that summer,
High up in the forest trees,
But the children's songs were just as sweet
As innocent and free.

When the summer time had ended,
And the birds away had flown,
I left them awhile, the South Wind said,
In a fairer land to roam.

But I came again in the spring time,
When the roses were in bloom,
And the birds were singing their sweetest songs,
Around the cottage home.

I heard no children's voices,
In their merry careless play;
But only a sound of weeping,
I heard that sweet spring day.

I peeped in the open doorway,
And there on the cradle bed,
The sweet "Twin Roses" were lying,
All still, and pale, and dead.

And the Mother's heart was breaking,
With bitter yearning pain,
As she kissed once more the pale cold, lips,
That would never smile again.

So they buried them there on the hillside,
Where the flowers were in bloom,
And planted the roses that grew by the door,
Above their quiet tomb.

Then the South Wind with sad, low moaning,
Stirred up the leaves as they lay
At my feet, on that Summer evening,
And quickly whirled them away.

And that is the story, children,
The South Wind told to me,
As it danced through the fields of yellow corn,
And scattered the leaves on the tree.

VIOLET ST. CLAIRE.

Vancouver, Nov. 16, 1898.

To The Sirdar.

I have the voice, the words, the phrases,
I have the air (a tuneful thing),
Great Kitchener, to sing thy praises,
And yet, alack! I cannot sing.
Poor dervishes, how didst thou trounce them?
A theme for every poet's tongue;
Yet till I know how to pronounce them,
My song must stay unmade, unsung.

How could I bring forth thus—"Hurrah!
Turns all the Madhists' plans awry
And routs the hordes of Abdullah!"
When I should say "Abdulla-hi?"
Wouldst thou not utter in thy grief a
Remorseful and expressive "Ah!"
To hear me cry, "Poor doomed Khalifa!"
When thou didst call him "Khalifa?"

Thou'dst preach at me a wrathful sermon,
Should I sing how thy skilful plan
Has brought thee safely to Omdurman,
When really 'tis to Omdurman,
And 'tis an irksome task and dreary,
More dreary than this sad song tells,
To find how to accent Karerri,
Jabel, and various Waddels.

Hence, though no strain could well be sweeter
Than mine will be, when mine is made,
The all exacting laws of metre,
And also rhyme, must be obeyed;
But cease thy bitter lamentation,
I'll sing a song that's worthy thee
When Soudanese accentuation
Is not a mystery to me!

—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

Substantial buildings are being constructed on the properties of the Old Ironsides in Greenwood camp.

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SHORT STORIES.

An English minister was once visiting the Bishop of Derry when there were two or three other clericals in the house. One morning, one of the parsons being late for breakfast, the bishop sent another brother of the cloth to go and see what detained him. In a few minutes he returned with the information that the delinquent had cut himself in shaving, and was then audibly damming his blood.

A Tioga youth started to take his best girl to the city one evening last week (says the Philadelphia *Record*). The couple boarded a street-car, and when the conductor came in for the fare, the young man dived down in his pocket. To his horror, he discovered that his pocket was absolutely empty. Looking up at the conductor, he blurted out: "I've changed my pants and left my money at home." Then he looked questioningly at the girl. She shook her head, and murmured: "So have I." The conductor grinned, the maiden blushed and the young man signalled to stop.

Her Majesty's Judges sometimes find their match in old ladies. Lately one old lady sympathized with the Lord Chief Justice as he sat in court, on being bored to death by counsel saying the same thing over and over again, and then thrust all her papers into his lordship's astonished hands exclaiming: "Oh, you good, dear man! You have been fooled and I have been fooled. Oh! you dear, dear man,' and as she turned to go, kissing her hand to the majesty of the law, she exclaimed, "Oh! you lovely man!" What was a poor judge to do? No one could call it contempt of court.

One of the stories that the late James Payn liked to tell was about what he called an American duel, wherein two duelists, with one second, met within doors and drew lots to decide which should shoot himself. A was lucky man, and without a word he retired into the next apartment to carry out the purpose of self-destruction. B and the second, both very much moved by the tragedy of the situation, remained in listening attitudes. At last the pistol was heard, and they were shuddering with emotion and remorse, when suddenly in rushed the supposed dead man, triumphantly exclaiming: "Missed, by heaven!"

Not many years ago at the Queen's theater, Dublin, during one of the late T. C. King's engagements, "Hamlet" was being played to a densely crowded house. The actor portraying the part of the Ghost solaced himself during his long wait from the first to the third act by perusing the evening paper, using his spectacles in so doing. Being interested in some article (probably the "weights" for an important handicap), he delayed leaving the greenroom until the moment of hearing his cue, when, hastily snatching up his truncheon, he rushed upon the stage without his beard of "sable silvered" or removing his spectacles.

A titter greeted his appearance, but still the solemnity of the darkened stage and the fine acting of King as Hamlet prevented any great outburst until the Queen, replying to Hamlet's questions, "Do you see nothing there?" answered, "Nothing at all. Yet all this I see," when a voice from aloft exclaimed, "Lend her your specs, old boy," followed by another: "Hould your row. Sure he's put them on to see to shave himself."

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Sensible Arrangement.

What Sir Daniel Lysons believes to have been the first case of a settlement of an "affair of honor" on the Duke of Wellington's plan is described by him in his "Early Reminicences." It occurred in Halifax about the middle of the present century:

One day Captain Evans came to me boiling over with wrath and indignation. He said he had been grossly insulted by Captain Harvey, the governor's son, and begged me to act as his friend. I agreed, provided he promised to do exactly as I told him. He consented.

I called on Captain Harvey's friend, Captain Bourke, and we agreed to abide by the Duke of Wellington's order about dueling, which had just then been promulgated at Halifax.

We carried out our intention as follows: We made each of our principals write out his own version of what had occurred. We then chose an umpire. We selected Colonel Horn of the Twentieth regiment, a clear headed and much respected officer. With his approval we sent him the two statements, and he directed us to come to his house the following morning with our principals.

At the appointed time we arrived and were shown into the dining room. We bowed formally to each other across the table and awaited the appearance of our referee. Colonel Horn soon entered, and, addressing our principals, said:

"Gentlemen, in the first place, I must thank you for having made my duty so light. Nothing could be more open, generous or gentlemanlike than your statements. The best advice I can give you is that you shake hands and forget that the occurrence has ever happened."

They at once walked up to each other and shook hands cordially. They were the best of friends ever after.

Control of Palsied Hands.

The control men get over their hands by constant practice was being discussed. One cited the case of an artist who is afflicted with palsy so badly that he cannot convey his food or drink to his mouth unaided. And yet this man with pallet and brush in hand can paint as well as ever he could. Before his brush touches the canvas his hand trembles violently, but the moment he feels the brush touch his picture his stroke becomes firm and strong and just what he desires it to be.

Almost a parallel case is that of a veteran soldier well known in Kansas City, "Peg Leg" Smith. Smith is now in the Soldiers' home in Leavenworth. When in Kansas City, he used to run a cigar wheel at the city hall square.

Smith comes to Kansas City frequently, and when here likes to go to a shooting gallery on Walnut street and shoot at the targets. He is a good shot and enjoys looking along a rifle barrel. Smith has the palsy in an alarming degree. When he raises the rifle and aims it at the target, it jerks around in such a lively manner that one would wager he could not hit the side of a house, but just as he is about to pull the trigger his hand steadies and the next instant the bell rings. The palsied man has hit the bullseye

The Story the Cub Reporter Didn't Get.

One day a cub reporter was sent to cover a meeting of an east side literary club, which was to debate about arbitration and its effect upon international peace, but he came back to the office within an hour looking disappointed.

"Where's your story?" asked the city editor.

"There wasn't any story to write," replied the new reporter, picking up a newspaper. "They couldn't agree upon the wording of the subject, and they got to arguing and calling names, and by the meeting broke up in a free fight. So I came back, sir."

The city editor came down from his desk and gazed pitifully upon the cub. "They were to have debated on peace," he said sorrowfully "and the meeting broke up in a fight, and there was nothing to write! You may go." That is a story they tell along the row, and it is an old one.—Scribner's.

Yellow Attractive to Insects.

If we watch the beautiful golden marsh marigold, we shall find it rarely receives a visit from the bumblebee. It is said that those bright, golden bodied flies of the family Syrphidæ are the chief disseminators of its pollen. However this may be, one thing is perfectly plain, the marsh marigold is a striking and showy yellow flower, which cannot escape the notice of a multitude of spring insects. It is consequently visited by bees, flies, butterflies and beetles. Yellow is a most common color among flowers, and one which is peculiarly conspicuous and flashy in sunlight, when it is varnished with a gloss like that which we see on the buttercup and the marsh marigold.—Chautauquan.

Extravagance.

"Here's a case," she exclaimed indignantly, looking up from her paper, "of a man who actually had the nerve to put his wife on an allowance of 10 cents a day."

"What did she do with it all?" he asked absentmindedly.

It was several hours before she felt that she was calm enough to discuss matters with him dispassionately.

The Hindoo Dead.

The Hindoos consider their dead as sacred and do not allow them to be handled by alien hands, the nearest male relative—son, father or brother—preparing the body for burial, and if there be none of these relatives a son is adopted by the family for the purpose.

Something Smaller.

Professor—If you are at all interested in geological specimens, madam, will you not accept some of these beautiful specimens of quartz?

Mrs. Mushroom—They are almost too large for me to carry. Have you any pints?—Pearson's Weekly

Chamberlain and the "Puritan Maid."

A Baltimore woman, in The Sun of that city, tells this story of Joseph Chamberlain when he was in Washington in 1887:

"He was a big, burly man, caring so little for his appearance that at one of the most fashionable dinners of the season his cravat got turned to almost under his ear and his shirt stud became unfastened, and he sat calmly oblivious to either incident. His brains and charm in conversation won him friends wherever he went. One day he called on a lady who happened to be giving a girls' luncheon. She went out at once to see him, and laughingly said if he did not mind being the only man present she would be delighted if he would come in the dining room and take the vacant place of one of her young friends who had not come.

"He was not afraid to face a lot of 'American beauties,' so he accepted gayly, and the vacant place happened to be next that of Miss Endicott, daughter of Secretary of War William C. Endicott of Massachusetts, a dovelike, slender girl, one of the greatest belles of the day. The outcome of this was the marriage of the English statesman and the 'Puritan maid,' as she was often called, his neighbor at an entertainment to which he had only been bidden by that 'fate which shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will.'"

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At one of the iron works in the north of England a good story is told at the expense of one of the foremen at the blast furnaces.

The men known as the barrow men have a certain number of rounds or barrows of ore to wheel to the furnace during their eight hours of labor.

One stormy night the foreman, who was suffering from a severe headache, retired to his cabin; but, being of a suspicious nature, he left the door open that he might hear if anything unusual took place.

The men had worked steadily on for some time, passing the cabin with each barrow of ore on their way to the lift. At last one man in passing the door remarked loudly to another, "One more round, Pat, and then"— But the foreman, overhearing the remark and knowing it was a long way of "knocking off" time, rushed to the door, exclaiming:

"And then what, my man?"

"And then another," coolly replied the barrow man, and the foreman retired.—Liverpool Mercury.

The Man That Knows.

"There are some men," said Mr. Staybolt, "that always know about things They have a power of judgment that amounts to genius They discern the truth unerringly They know what is right and what is wrong in a question, and they know it at the outset without waiting for the event. They range themselves not with confidence, but with knowledge, and however the clouds may lower they are not disturbed Indeed they rather like the storm, for they know when the end will be.

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"Hillside" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located:—On the east side of Giveout creek, and is the eastern extension of the "Bottle" claim, on Toad Mountain.

Take notice that I, A. G. Gamble, Free Miner's Certificate No. 13592 A, agent for Edmund James Palmer, Free Miner's Certificate No. 20639 A, intend, sixty days after date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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

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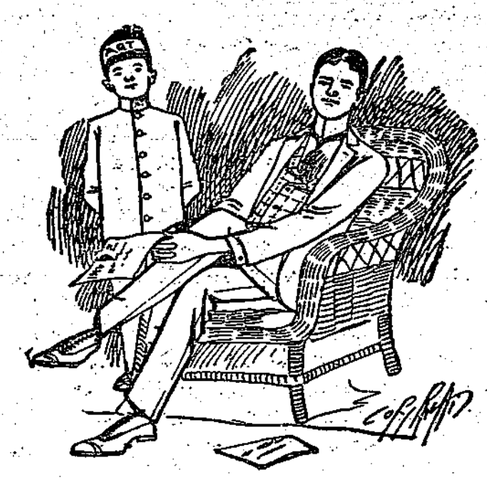
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Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described unsurveyed and unreserved land, viz.: Beginning at a post set on the south bank of Kootenay River about 2½ miles west of Nelson, and marked "E. C. Arthur's Northeast Corner," thence south forty chains, thence west forty chains, thence north forty chains more or less to the Kootenay river, thence east, following the meanderings of the Kootenay river, to the point of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less.

July 30, 1898. E. C. ARTHUR.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Second Relief" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for J. A. Finch, Free Miner's Certificate No. 1674A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 9th day of August, 1898.

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"Grand Union" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

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Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for R. K. Neill, Free Miner's Certificate No. 4948A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 9th day of August 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

Certificate of Improvements.

"Princess Ida" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Morning Mountain, near the head waters of Sandy Creek.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, acting as agent for B. R. C. Walbey, Free Miner's Certificate No, 2657 A, William H Bambury, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2751 A, and Michael Egan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2584 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this first day of October, 1898.

JOHN MCLATCHIE, P. L. S.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Canadian Queen" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: North Fork of Salmon River, about two miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for W. F. Mitchell, Free Miner's Certificate No. 33578 A, E. M. Ingram, Free Miner's Certificate No. No. 5292 A, and A. B. Ingram, Free Miner's Certificate No. 8838 A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 5th day of September, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Relief Fraction" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for R. K. Neill, Free Miner's Crrtificate No. 4948A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 9th day of August, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"Star Shine" mineral claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: North fork of Salmon River, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for R. K. Neill, free miner's certificate No. 4948A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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Where located: Salmon River, North Fork, about twelve miles from Erie.

Take notice that I, John A. Coryell, as agent for the Big Bump Gold Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 13081A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 9th day of August, 1898.

JOHN A. CORYELL, agent.

Certificate of Improvements.

"Gold Island" mineral claim: situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Mootenay District.

Where located:—Two miles east of Ymir.

Take notice that I, Walter Askew, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2,630 A, for myself, and acting as agent for W. C. Forrester, Free Miner's Certificate No. 98,363, and Charles W. Arnould, Free Miner's Certificate No. 2,629 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim

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He—"She asked me what color of hair I liked." She "That's just like Maud; she's always so anxious to please."

"I do not believe that I have a true friend in the world." "So you have been trying to borrow money, too, have you?"

"I don't quite see why you call Mr. Biggs lantern-jawed?" "Why, because his face lights up so when he talks."

Student—"Last year I had six new suits made up for me." Friend—"I didn't suppose that there were so many tailors in town."

He (playfully)—"How old are you, Miss Brown?" She—"I can not tell a lie. I——" He—"Oh, if that is the case, I will not take a mean advantage of you. I withdraw the question."

He (telling a hair-breadth adventure)—"And in the bright moonlight we could see the dark muzzles of the wolves." She (breathlessly)—"Oh, how glad you must have been that they had the muzzles on!"

Aged husband—"You are going to ruin me with your extravagence You don't need that cape any more than a cat needs two tails. How often have I told you never to buy anything because it is cheap?" Young wife (with the air of one who has got the better of the argument)—"But it was not cheap. It cost fifty dollars."

Ethel—"And what did George say when he proposed?" Maud—"He said nothing; he started to say something, gasped, turned deathly pale, and then fainted quite away. Of course I knew what that meant—so when he came to, I told him he might ask papa," Ethel—"And then?" Maud—"Then poor George fainted again."

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