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DURING the past week the Nelson *Miner* made several untruthful charges against THE ECONOMIST. As we are now in the midst of a political campaign, the successful result of which to the Conservative party can only be brought about by harmony, this paper prefers to postpone its answers to these charges to a more convenient season. On the Wednesday following the election THE ECONOMIST will not only deal with the charges seriatim but with the author of them. As the writer reverted to personalities, we have no doubt he will see the justice of a strictly "personal" reply.

SOUTH AFRICA still continues to be a source of much trouble. The recurrence of Boer activity is causing great uneasiness in military circles, where it is now feared that the presence of a large force will be necessary in that country for some time to come. Raiding and armed resistance continue at various points, and under these circumstances it is not considered safe to let at liberty the 16,000 Boer prisoners now under guard. There is no guarantee that they would not reinforce the raiders and have access to secret stores of arms and ammunition. The critics profess to believe that Kitchener is a better man to do the work now to be done than Roberts. They say the latter is not stern enough to handle the scattered remnant of Kruger's army—that he is too conciliatory. It is clear that the sooner peace is proclaimed the better will it be for all concerned. Lord Roberts has been recalled, and if Kitchener can expedite matters he will doubtless be given a free hand.

THE Nome mail just to hand gives particulars of a very destructive storm which visited the great boom town on the 14th inst. The damage done to property is estimated at $500,000, and several lives were lost. For miles along the beach tents had been in position and frame buildings erected in which business was carried on. On the afternoon of the day in question a storm arose, and within a few hours the seas were raging over River Street, the billows carrying all before them. The shipping at the port suffered very severely, the big barge Skoocum being among the wrecks. A couple of months ago the Skoocum reached Nome from Puget Sound with 1,500,000 feet of lumber, 500 tons of general merchandize, and several hundred head of cattle. A few of the steamers in port managed to steam out in safety, but fears are entertained for some of the sailing craft that put out in the gale to avoid being driven ashore. Such a calamity has long been predicted for Nome. The piles of driftwood and watermarks found along the bleak shores of the Bhering sea miles inland tell of past storms of even greater violence than that of the 13th inst. Yet in face of these warning signs the over-eager gold-hunters and traders of Nome will persist in building on storm-washed ground. What effect the storm will have on beach gold-diggings remains to be seen. From the Nome papers (and they have two dailies there) we learn that since the opening of navigation last spring between 17,000 and 18,000 people arrived. Of this number 8,000 or 10,000 have left. The present population is estimated at 10,000.

WHEN the great strike of the Pennsylvanian miners was inaugurated, a rise in the price of coal was looked for as a natural consequence. It came, and no one was surprised. The look-out lasted a little over a month, during which time the price of coal went up from 75 cents to $1 per ton. Some people expected that as soon as the labor troubles would be settled the price would go down to the former figure. Not so, good friends. The coal barons were forced to advance the rate of wages paid their men 10 per cent, and you will have to make good the reluctantly conceded increase. Advices from New York state that coal will remain at least 50 to 75 cents per ton higher than before the strike, no matter how much is mined. The strike will really prove a financial gain to the mine-owners.

AN interesting case has been set down for hearing in the English courts, which promises to give our Yankee cousins great scope for comment on the misfortunes their millionaire daughters are subject to when they marry, or buy, titles. Lady William Beresford, formerly Lillian, Duchess of Marlborough, has brought action against the young Duke of Marlborough to recover the money which she spent on Blenheim Palace during the lifetime of the late duke. The matter came up originally when the present duke succeeded to the title, but owing to the pleasant relations existing between him and his stepmother it was temporarily arranged. Since the Duke's marriage with Consuelo Vanderbilt, however, it is said that an estrangement has grown up between Lady Beresford and her stepson. The young American duchess has snubbed Lady Beresford, her fellow country woman (formerly Mrs.

Hammersly, of New York) on several occasions, and hence the civil action It is said that an immense sum was spent on the restoration of Blenheim Castle while Lady Beresford was Duchess of Marlborough.

THE work of the Conservative campaign committee is being done in a thorough manner. The last reports of the canvassing committees will be handed in to-night and if we may be permittsd to indulge in prophesy we believe it will be shown that Mr. MacNeill will get a large majority in Nelson.

THE Hall Mines smelter have paid to the lessees of the Bondholder group, $2,200.00 for a carload containing 17¾ tons of ore. This is not after deducting freight and treatment. The values per ton in silver were over 218 ounces per ton, and over 7 per cent lead, and only 1 per cent zinc. This high average keeps up the credit of the granite belt of the Slocan.

THE local Liberals are now endeavoring to arrange for a meeting in the Opera House Friday night, at which Mr. L. P. Duff, the Victoria barrister, will be the principal speaker. In defending the Government, Mr. Duff will have a knotty brief, but no doubt he will accomplish the task with the marked ability he displays in the practice of his profession.

WHAT Nelson wants is light that is the best and at the same time at the least possible cost. In the words of a youthful philosopher, "now, most excellent gentlemen, here is your opportunity."

WE feel quite sure British subjects appreciate very highly the honor "A Breezy Time" company bestowed upon the British flag by associating it with the Stars and Stripes, but we mildly protest against the flag of the neighboring Republic being placed above the old Union Jack, and more particularly against its being placed over the portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

HON. T MAYNE DALY has left Rossland for Brandon, Manitoba, where he will take part in the contest between Hon. Hugh John Macdonald and Hon Clifford Sifton. Mr. Daly speaks at Brandon to-night.

MR. MACNEIL and Mayor Goodeve of Rossland will address a meeting at Moyie Friday night and another at Cranbrook Saturday night.

IN the battle of the ballots next Wednesday, all eyes will be turned towards Ontario and Quebec. Those two provinces will tell the tale.

THE plague which has made its appearance in Glasgow is declared by medical authorities to be the same disease which was prevalent all over England and caused such havoc in London in 1665. Previous to that date it was an occasional visitor to Europe, and in the fourteenth century put a stop to a war between France and England, having been introduced from Asia, where it was constantly epidemic about that time It has never been present in epidemic form in the British Isles since the plague in London, which was followed by the great fire. But Europe has not been quite so fortunate. The South of France was devastated in 1720 by what was styled the plague of Marseilles, and Poland, Sicily and Russia suffered in 1771. Since then there have been a few small outbreaks confined to the Eastern Mediterranean and Russia, the last being as late as 1878-9. For years past it has been generally known that plague is epidemic in China and India, and from time to time it has spread along the channels of commerce in spite of sanitary precautions to Australia and Europe It is unfortunately to be feared that the next year or two will witness an even greater spread of the plague, as the great number of soldiers from all the countries of Europe which have poured into China of late are scarcely likely to return home without bringing the disease with them, in spite of the precautions which will be enforced. The risks are, of course, greatest in seaport towns, but communication is so free that no district will be safe unless the utmost precaution be exercised.

THIRTY speeches in one day is a record-breaker. William Jennings Bryan, the Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States, is the man who breaks all past records. And the thirty speeches were delivered at as many different places. Our Canadian politicians would put those thirty speeches, or at least fifteen of them, into one.

MAUD GONNE, who calls herself the Joan of Arc of Ireland, is reported to have organized a children's society in the Emerald Isle, with the object of training the rising generation to insubordination, discontent and hatred of British institutions Maud claims to have 20,000 youngsters on her list, and proposes to hold evening classes, at which she will teach them the Irish language, Irish history, and Irish subjects generally, including drill. What sort of a school ma'am will this fanatical old maid make? Irish history taught by Maud Gonne!—the cool-headed, impartial, modest Maud. Of course the dear creature wants funds to carry on her enterprise, and in her appeal for these she says: "It is owing to the neglect of these subjects by the present system of English education in Ireland that over 20,000 of Ireland's sons are to-day wearing the uniform of her oppressor and incurring the moral guilt and the contempt of the civilized world by fighting England's wars against liberty and right." Maud is becoming a public nuisance, and ought to be dealt with as other dangerous nuisances are.

NEXT Tuesday McKinley will be re-elected President of the United States by a large majority.

Two hundred starving Indians! Such is the condition of affairs reported from Agassiz. At the Indian settlement 150 miles north of that place all is desola-

tion. The salmon catch for the season has been almost nil, the potato crop has failed, and the cattle and horses have been drowned in the floods. Heavy rains have caused the Harrison River to overflow its banks covering the settlement with water to a depth of over six feet in many places, and destroying everything the poor Indians had. As soon as the sad tidings were reported at Vancouver and Victoria, immediate steps were taken to forward relief, and the Indian Department was put in motion, so that by this time all the wants of the sufferers have been attended to. The Indians of British Columbia are practically self-supporting, and when misfortune overtakes them, as in the present instance, there is ever a liberal hand outstretched to help them tide over difficulties. And the present instance is no exception to the rule. The Indians know this and show their appreciation as loyal, law-abiding subjects. In contradistinction to this policy, the treatment the aborigines receive from our cousins at the other side of the boundary line is interesting. Some days ago a telegram from Cheboygan, Mich., announced that the Indians in the village at Burnt Lake are homeless. The land on which they lived was sold for taxes two or three years ago, and they promised to leave the following spring. Some of them did leave, but those who remained were forcibly evicted the other day and their homes burned down. "The men, women and children remained with their goods out in the rain all night," reads the dispatch, and "some of the squaws are over 80 years of age."

THE great strike in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania has been brought to a close much sooner than was anticipated. President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, has declared the strike off, and on Monday last the vast majority of the men resumed work. The mine owners in most instances have decided to meet the demand of the men for a 10 per cent. increase in wages and the abolition of the sliding scale. The agreement, however, only holds good until the 1st of April next, at which date other troubles are likely to arise. The companies agree to take up with their employes all grievances complained of. There is a long list of these, which in individual cases may lead to a renewal of hostilities at any of the mines. It is only at those collieries where the 10 per cent advance has been granted that work has been resumed.

CAREFUL weighing, we are assured by an authority on the subject, shows that an ordinary bee, not loaded, weighs the five-thousandth part of a pound. Parties who have been stung dispute this statement, unless unloaded means minus the sting.

THERE is a too prevalent custom among prospectors and claim holders of exaggerating the richness of their properties when offering them for sale. They invariably select the richest piece of rock they can lay their hands on, and produce it as an average sample. In like manner, when they get an assay, the specimens are too carefully picked, and as a result the returns are suspiciously high in the eyes of a would-be purchaser. Hence he will take nothing for granted, and when at last he is induced to visit the property, he finds that it is not at all as represented. If a man on the look-out for a good thing is thus deceived a few times, the deception is likely to give the district a black-eye. The bad habit to which we have alluded is happily being forced out, as now-a-days a man will seldom go to inspect one of these suspiciously rich propositions unless upon the distinct understanding that his expenses will be paid if the property does not prove to be as represented. Such an arrangement is calculated to minimize that tendency to exaggeration and misrepresentation unfortunately so prevalent.

Mr. H. H. COOK is figuring very prominently in Dominion politics ot present. He has been liberal in his denunciation of his erstwhile leader and colleagues, whom he charges with all sorts and conditions of crooked work. Among the specific charges made by Mr. Cook (and they are many) is one that an offer was made to him of a senatorship on payment of $10-000. That any such offer was made was denied by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Toronto meeting the other night, but despite this denial Mr. Cook adheres to his statement, and claims to be in a position to substantiate it in every detail. Some very interesting revelations may be looked for. A lot of dirt will come out in the washing. An Associated Press dispatch reads: "In connection with the question of trafficing in senatorships, a pretty straight story comes from a friend of a prominent Toronto capitalist, who stated personally that he actually subscribed the necessary $10,000 for a seot in the senate and was bounced out of the position."

THE Transvaal in future will probably be treated as a Crown Colony, with an administration similar to that of Ceylon or the West Indies. Sir Alfred Milner has left for Pretoria to initiate civil service examinations. The result of the British elections have simplified his mission, confirming as it does the policy of Mr. Chamberlain as to the future government of the home of the Boers. Sir Alfred is anti-military, and he will doubtless relieve the present irritating incompetence of junior officers holding magisterial positions. Cecil Rhodes is not likely to have any advisory voice in the settlement, and under the new regime the Transvaal is bound to become a prosperous country.

THE annual report of United States Commissioner of Pensions Evans shows a grand total of 993,528 persons on the rolls. During the year 40,565 original pensions were granted and 4,699 names were restored to the rolls. To offset these, 33,344 names were dropped from the list, including 5,809 by reason of death, 909 by reason of remarriages of pensioners and 6,616 for other causes. This is an increase of 21,121 pensioners for the year. The claims pending were 437,104 against 477,233 last year. These figures go to show that the United States has a big lot of pensioners on her hands.

MINING NEWS

ROSSLAND.

There was an increase last week in the ore shipments of over 400 tons the total amounting to 6633 tons as against 6203 tons for the previous week The War Eagle sent a sample lot of 60 tons and the Le Roi No. 2 shipped 53 tons. The Iron Mask shipments were decidedly smaller than for the previous week but the Centre Star has kept up to its record and shows an increase of 30 tons.

Mine.	Week's Tonnage	Tonnage Year to Date
Le Roi	4470	130,152
War Eagle	60	10,663
Centre Star	1980	23,130
Iron Mask	70	1734
Evening Star	.....	391
Monte Christo	....	273
I. X. L.		420
Spitzee	.....	20
Le Roi No 2	53	2210
Iron Colt	.....	70
Giant		339
Total	6633	169,402

SLOCAN.

From the Drill.

The Arlington has about 100 men on the payroll.

About 50 men are employed at the Chapleau mill-site and mine.

The Vancouver group, on Four Mile, is again sending down ore for shipment.

London capitalists are after the Mountain Con group, situated in the granite belt above Sandon.

Martin Isaacson and Henry Boie are working steadily on the Standard group and getting out some fine ore

The whole breast of the No. 1 drift on the Speculator is full of mineral, and all the muckings are being sorted over.

British experts have been examining the Wakefield, on Four Mile, during the week, with a view to re-opening the property.

P. W. George intends to run another hundred feet on the Creole, on Lemon Creek. The ore assays as high as $150 in gold.

D. Graham and J. Saulter are working on the Erin group. They have exposed a promising showing of six inches of steel galena.

The Iron Horse group, on Ten Mile Creek, situated immediately below and adjoining the Enterprise, has been bonded to W. S. Rogers and W. D. Wrighter, of Spokane, and Geo. B. Smith, jr., o Ogden, Utah. The deal was effected in Spokane and the papers in connection therewith have been forwarded to that city The bond runs six months for $19,000, of which a substantial portion was paid down.

W. H. Sandiford, manager of the Bosun at New Denver, says that his people have successfully floated in England another company, to be known as the Condor Claims, Limited, the capital of which was subscribed in one hour after the books were opened. The company owns 17 claims, situated on Four Mile Creek, and it is their intention to prove them at once, there being ample money available for the purpose.

The feature of this week's shipments is the addition of the Bondholder to the already respectable list of shippers from this division. Twenty tons was sent to the Nelson smelter, and it is the intention of the lessees to ship a carload each month From the Arlington 40 tons was exported, the ore going to Nelson also. It is being handled in bulk So soon as the bunkers are completed the tonnage will be greatly increased. Nothing came from the Enterprise, as one team can hardly handle a car per week over the soft roads. The total for the year for the division is upwards of 1800 tons.

LARDEAU.

From the Eagle.

Ed. Ward and Jos. C. Kirkpatrick have secured a working lease of the Free Coinage mineral claim from the owners, Messrs Dunn and Farrell, of Vancouver. Considerable work has already been done on the property, but no regular ore shipments made.

S Daney is busy getting the Triune ore from Ten Mile to the Landing. The entire lot, except that which is sacked and left in the tunnel at the mine, will be taken to the Trail smelter in one shipment.

Contracts are now being let which will keep both the Old Gold and Primrose working all winter Supplies have been taken over from here and further development will be pushed continuously.

The large number of ore sacks taken up to the Cup last week would indicate that at least 300 tons of ore will be shipped out this winter.

Most encouraging reports are received concerning the deal, now in progress in the old country, on the True Fissure, situated just back of Ferguson on the Great Northern hill. The constant rise in the silver market makes this one of the biggest things in the district and consummation of a deal to a company prepared to build at aerial tramway and erect a concentrator, etc., would mean a great deal to this town.

The Nettie L., as the Great Western Mines, Limited, have just about closed a contract with Messrs. Craig & Hillman for the transportation of 1100 tons of ore to the Landing. Manager Pool has been up at the property for the past two weeks continuously, and if at the bottom of the 60 ft shaft they are now sinking on the crosscut in the east drift, the ore holds out as above, this tonnage output is assured.

The Imperial Development Syndicate, of Nelson, have bonded a group of claims at the junction of Pool and Fish Creeks in the Lardeau district. The property consists of four claims, the ore being free milling. The names are Highland, Mary, Eva, Iron Dollar and Last Chance. The papers were executed last week in Nelson.

BOUNDARY.

J. P. Harlan, ore purchaser for the Standard Pyritic Smelting Company, informs the Greenwood *Miner* that the complete smelter plant is on its way to Greenwood and will be installed immediately upon its arrival. It will be blown in about the first of the year. Only one furnace of 300 tons capacity will be at first started, but the construction of the works is such that it can be duplicated at short notice. Mr Harlan says the company will experience no difficulty in getting ore, as there are several properties in Wellington, Deadwood and Summit Camps ready to begin shipping as soon as the plant is completed.

That the Granby smelter is proving an enormous success is ample evidenced by some facts and figures given a reporter of the Grand Forks *Gazette* by one of the smelter officials. These figures would seem to indicate that the plant is far exceeding the expectations of anyone who is interested in it. On the 21st day of last August the first furnace was blown in and since that time the works have sent out 22 cars of matte of 30 tons each,—that is 660 tons. Each ton of this matte nets the Granby syndicate $160 in New York. This is at the rate of $4,800 per car or $105,600 to date. And this practically from one furnace with a supposed capacity of only 250 tons per day. With the second furnace running the shipments will be doubled, or at the rate of $211,200 every sixty days. This would give the smelter a production of $1,267,200 per year.

VOTE FOR A. H. MacNEILL

OF ROSSLAND

Candidate of the Liberal-Conservative Party for Member of the House of Commons for Yale-Cariboo

PLATFORM

Adopted by the Liberal-Conservative Party in Convention at Revelstoke, September 15th, 1900

We, the delegates of the Liberal-Conservative party of Yale-Cariboo constituency, in convention assembled, reaffirm the principles of the party, and more particularly that cardinal principle, protection to home industries, and that that principle be carried out so that all sections of the country shall share its benefits.

The one industry on which the prosperity of this constituency is almost wholly dependent is mining; and we believe that our mining industries are as fairly entitled to protection as the manufacturing industries of Eastern Canada; therefore, we advocate that the duties on lead and lead products be increased, so that they shall be as high as those now imposed by the United States on the same articles.

That the output of the precious metal mines is largely increasing, therefore we favor the establishment of a mint, so that the specie in circulation shall be that of our own instead of that of a foreign country.

We advocate the restriction of the immigration of the the Chinese and Japanese, and all classes who cannot become good citizens of the Dominion of Canada, and suggest the adoption of the principles of the Natal Act.

British Columbia has not now the representation in the Federal Parliament that she is entitled to; therefore we advocate that when the redistribution is made that this constituency shall be given representation according to its population.

That it augurs well for the success of the party that Hugh John Macdonald has decided to leave the field of Provincial politics to take part in the larger one that affects the people of the whole of Canada.

Campaign Committee Rooms in Nelson: Houston Block, Cor. Baker and Josephine Sts.

VENTS AND OSSIP

HYPNOTISM is more generally practised than most of us suspect, and not always with the object of applying it to some of the good purposes to which it can unquestionably be applied. Several of my young friends in Nelson aspire to become hypotnists, and have become possessed of some advertised pamphlets which are supposed to tell them all about it. "A little learning is a dangerous thing," is an axiom which just fits the case. Most of our local students have just arrived at the dangerous stage in the application of hypotism. They practice it for amusement, and the more ridiculous they can make their subject or victim the better they like it. I know of two instances in which one of our amateur hypnotisers have done their subjects harm. In one case a young man of a very nervous temperament was duly put to sleep in the presence of a number of friends one evening recently. While in this state the variety of impressions he received were not removed from his mind, and the result was, as he assured me, that for days after he could not concentrate his thought on any particular subject, and was troubled with a sense of drowsiness. Another instance of the harmful effects of amateur hypnotism came under my notice last week. The case is that of a reallo jolly and obliging fellow who, to help entertain a party of friends who were guests at his house, consented to be hypnotised by one of the number, who professed to have acquired the art. He was a willing and easy subject. The operator soon had him under control. A sensation of pain was imparted, and that same pain proved intermittent for fully a fortnight afterwards. These are only a couple of instances in many that have come under my notice within the past few weeks. Now that winter is nigh and that social evenings will be the order, I would advise my young friends to keep hypnotism off their programme. It is a dangerous pastime for amateurs.

The good people of Father Ferland's flock are enjoying the benefits of the special blessing sent by the Pope to the faithful of Canada, whose devotion his holiness appreciates. The blessing was dispensed by Mgr. Falconio, the apostolic delegate to this country, who visited Nelson last week.

Since our own sea-serpent or lake serpent, has only been seen under extenuating circumstances by a few, it may interest those on the look-out for the monster to know what they may be expected to behold. The following account of the latest sea-serpent is from the Sidney *Sunday Times*, and may be of assistance in dentifying that terrible fellow who is said to be desturbing the waters of Kootenay Lake: The captain of the s. s. Perth, which lately arrived at Geraldton, states that when about 30 miles from Fremantle, a huge sea serpent was seen The weather was quite clear, and as the vessel passed within a hundred yards of the monster all on boa had a perfectly clear view of it. No definite estima could be formed of the length of the animal, as it wa not all seen, but the captain stated that fully 20f of the animal stood straight up out of the water. Th head and the portion of the body resembled a serpen but when a side view of the body was obtained appeared to be somewhat flat and about 6ft. wid It had a black back and a white belly. The creatur was attacking a small whale. Neither remaine long at the surface of the water, but were visible fo fully an hour, travelling in a southerly direction.

I should imagine that anti-typhoid inoculatio will become to be recognized as is vaccination. Th new form of inoculation was tested in India las year, and statistics issued on the subject show tha out of 25,851 non-inoculated, and 4,502 inoculate British soldiers, less than 1 per cent, of the inoculate were attacked, while 2. 5 per cent, of the non-in oculated contracted the disease. The mortality also, is slightly, but not very markedly, in favor o the inoculated, there having been nine deaths out o 34 cases of inoculated patients who suffered from en teric, compared with 146 deaths out of 575 case among the non-inoculated It is noticeable tha whereas the general admission rate for enteric in th European Army in India in 1898 was 36 per mille of strength, in 1899 it was only 20 per mille.

Labor troubles are now the order of the day, s that we are always expecting some fresh strike an nounced when we take up our morning paper. Here in Nelson the strikes we are accustomed to are those which occur with pleasing regularity at our local mines—rich strikes of ore. Long may they con tinue. However, a new feature in the way of strikes is that now threatened by the artists' models of Paris A syndicate made up of brawny subjects of the "Roman soldier" pattern and fresh-faced peasant women, holds its meetings near the Pigalle fountain. The alleged grievance is the superior pay given to the feminine models with intrinsic personal charms. The sculptors and painters of Montmartre retort that professional models are mostly foreigners with out civic status or cohesion, and that their syndicate will end in smoke

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An undertaker's business is advertised for sale in an English paper in terms which are hardly such as to encourage a permanent residence in the locality. After stating that he is retiring from business alto gether, the advertiser praises the town thus:—"Sani tary arrangements much neglected; mortality from fevers excessively high; total death-rate 10 7 higher than any town within radius of 50 miles; one trade competitor (carpenter) only. Excellent opening for energetic man willing to put his heart in the busi ness."

A long-lost heir to the estate of Sir Francis Drake has at length turned up in the person of Mr. John A

Daniels, a lawyer of the city of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. For the last ten years he has been hunting up records, and now all his papers are ready. Sir Francis left a large fortune at the time of his death in 1549, which has remained in the hands of the Chancery Court ever since, awaiting his claiment. How far the American will succeed in establishing his claim nobody knows, but his friends, knowing his abilities, are confident that he will make a good fight for it. Most of the fortune is the proceeds of loot captured from the Spaniards, and is now lying at interest.

The following little sketch of the life of Lord Wolseley, who is to be succeeded by another good Irishman as commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's forces, may be interesting: Viscount Wolseley, Field-Marshal, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.C.L., LL.D., the retiring Commander-in-Chief of the Army, Colonel Royal Horse Guards, Goldstick-in-Waiting, is the son of Major G. J. Wolseley, of the 25th Regiment of Foot, and was born at Golden Bridge House, near Dublin, June 4, 1833. He entered the Army as ensign in 1852, and after successive intermediate promotions, became colonel in 1865. He was wounded during service in the Burmese and Crimean wars, and was also at the siege of Lucknow. In 1860 he served through the Chinese campaign. On September 12, 1873, he and staff embarked at Liverpool for the West Coast of Africa, where he commanded the troops during the Ashanti war. Returning victorious, he received the thanks of Parliament, a grant of £25,000, and other gifts and honors. In 1875, he went out to administer the affairs of Natal; in 1878 he did similar work in the island of Cyprus, and during the following year acted as Governor and High Commissioner of Natal and the Transvaal. He was commander-in-chief of the expeditionary force sent out to Egypt in 1882, received the thanks of Parliament, and was gazetted Baron Wolseley of Cairo, and of Wolseley, in the county of Stafford. In 1885 he conducted the operations for the relief of Khartoum, for which he was raised to the dignity of viscount. Having been commander of the forces in Ireland, he received in 1894 the field-marshal's baton from the hands of her Majesty the Queen. In 1895 he succeeded his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge as Commander-in-Chief of the British forces. He is the author of several works on military affairs. He married, in 1867, Miss Louisa Erskine.

Among the visitors to Nelson this week is Mr. L. P. Duff, of the legal firm of Bodwell & Duff, barristers, Victoria. Mr. Duff in addition to being one of the brightest ornaments to the British Columbia bar, enjoys the distinction of being a platform orator of unusual merit.

"The Breezy Time" company this year is in many respects inferior to the organization of last year. However, there are many attractive features—not the least being the dancing of several members of the company.

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"NOW, sir; this way, please; jump in!" And the energetic French railway official, opening the carriage door, hustled me in, shut it with a bang, the whistle blew, and we steamed out of the station *en route* for Marseilles, whither I was bound.

Settling myself comfortably in a corner and lighting up a good cigar, I found the carriage had but one occupant besides myself. I had only to glance at his face to determine at once, by his military appearance and bearing, that he had served his country in the army. On venturing to offer him my cigar case, he accepted a Havannah with the politeness inherent in a Frenchman. Thinking to draw him into conversation, I made some remarks upon MacMahon and the incidents of Metz, hoping, if he became talkative, to while away one of the hours we should be forced, otherwise, to pass in silence during our journey southwards.

"Marshal MacMahon!" The very name seemed to instil a new life into him; the further invitation to help himself from a flask of brandy, which I produced had the desired effect Remarking on its good flavor, and giving his moustache a twirl, he told me the following tale:

"Two years before the declaration of war from St. Cloud, Jean and Henri Gascot, twin brothers, obtained commissions in the —— he Regiment of French Cavalry. Poor, but of noble birth, they both had the firm belief that the marshal's baton hung within their reach. During the two years that intervened, and before France became too jealous of Prussia, all that study and hard training could do to perfect and develop their knowledge of the science of war Jean and Henri took advantage of. At last war was declared, and their regiment was ordered to Forbach. There reverse, followed reverse until they were gradually driven towards Metz.

"One night, the General sent for Jean, and, handing him a packet of papers, told him to try to reach Benzieres, and deliver them to General M——. Night fell, and with the darkness Jean set forth on his dangerous mission. He got but a few kilometres from the French camp when a squad of the ubiquitous Uhlans appeared, gave chase, and Jean was captured. His papers (which were in cypher, the key to which he was acquainted with) were taken from him, and he himself was taken before the German Commandant.

"Jean professed to be entirely ignorant of the key to the papers, but, on being pressed, and promised a large sum in gold and a safe passport through the German lines, providing he would disclose the necessary information, his avarice at length got the better part of his feelings, and he disclosed the whole contents of the papers to the Germans. Jean was allowed to go on his way, after being given an order signed by the German Commandant which would ensure him a safe conduct through the German lines.

"He reached Benzieres safely, and delivered the packet to General M——, and received another to take back in its place, the key to which he also carried. This information, for a further reward, he betrayed to the enemy, and Jean reached his own camp just when dawn was breaking. His Colonel complimented him highly on his successful and expeditious mission, and promotion and decorations were assured him in the event of our being victorious.

"At daybreak the following morning we started to outflank the German right by making a detour of the woods of Venaillcourt, hoping to effect a junction with General M——. All seemed well with us when we were suddenly shelled by some German batteries of Horse Artillery, whose presence there we were at a loss to account for, none being known to be in the neighborhood. I heard Henri remark to Jean about winning their batons. The brother first smiled, and then turned gastly pale; but in the confusion and excitement of the moment I paid little heed to it then. The German fire was well directed, and judge of our further surprise and dismay on finding that they were supported both by Cavalry and Infantry! Well, we charged, and with what disastrous results you doubtless know Nearly the whole of our two regiments were either shot or cut down. Jean was one of the first to fall, badly wounded.

"After the carnage (for you could not call it a fight), Jean was carried to the hospital-tents, and the Colonel of his regiment, standing by, was speaking to the surgeon who was undoing Jean's tunic, to better get at the wound, when from one of the pockets a white piece of paper fluttered to the ground.

The Colonel glanced at it, then, picking it up from the ground, read it through, and found it was a German passport for a French officer! White with passion, he confronted Jean with this evidence of his treachery, and the officer, racked with pain and with feelings of remorse, confessed his duplicity. He was placed under arrest and closely guarded, and after his wound had healed, was tried by court-martial and sentenced to be shot on the following morning.

"During his brother's illness and subsequent trial by court-martial, Henri was nearly heart-broken with sorrow and shame, and, on learning the impending fate of Jean, he hit upon a desperate project for saving his brother's life, trusting to the remarkable likeness which existed between them to enable him to successfully carry out his daring enterprise

"His plan was to secure his brother a disguise, and, trusting to kind fate for the rest, to take Jean's place on the morning of the execution. Fortunately for his plan, the Germans advanced so rapidly that night that the French camp had to fall back hastily upon Laon. In the bustle and excitement Henri managed to give his brother a peasant's suit, telling him hastily to don it and escape at once to Belgium. Throwing the large coat around him, Jean managed at length to make good his escape from camp.

"We reached Laon, and the following morning a firing-party of twelve men were detailed for the execution,

ution of Jean. With his great-coat collar turned ell up round his eyes, the brave Henri looked in the arly morning hours sufficiently like his brother to scape detection, and he was led out to die.

"Outside the camp, with loaded chassepots, the ring-party stood to attention, waiting the word to re, and looking with undisguised contempt and dis-uised contempt and disgust on the form of the man acing them, and yet, doubtless, wondering in their earts how one so treacherous and debased could face eath so bravely. Suddenly the order came short, harp and incisive :

"Firing-party, attention ! Present arms ! Fire !'

"As the smoke cleared away, the figure before hem swayed and fell forward—dead One more ero of France had willingly met an ignominious eath—to save the brother he loved !

"When too late, they discovered who it was they ad shot, and the men of the regiment wept bitterly ver the fate of their brave young officer, as with everent hands they laid him to rest."

There were tears in the man's eyes as he finished is recital, but he brushed them roughly away as I aid to him, "And what eventually became of the eal culprit, Jean ? Did you ever learn the sequel of is escape from the French camp ?"

"I never saw him again until the fall of Paris. Desperate men were required then — men who ared not death—to try to break through Prussian nes, to communicate with the Army of the South. One tall man, with a look of set sadness and despair in his face, volunteered to perform an extra dangerous mission. He was entrusted with the task, and next morning his body was found scarred with sword-marks and riddled with bullets. Around him lay seven dead Germans, whom he had killed in his last desperate fight for liberty and life. In his stiff cold hands were clutched his sword and revolver, whilst in his pocket they found a piece of paper dated the day he left camp, bearing the inscription— In expiation of my treachery to La Belle France, and in atonement for my beloved brother Henri's life, which he so nobly gave me at Laon.'"

"And how came you so conversant with this history ?" I asked my travelling companion.

"I was Henri Gascot's valet, sir," he replied.

A LITERARY CUROISITY.

Mrs. H. A. Deming, of San Francisco, is said to have occupied a year in searching for and fitting together the following 38 lines from 38 English and American poets. The author's names are appended

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Why all this toil for triumphs of an hour ?.....*Young.*
Life's a short summer—man a flower ;....*Dr. Johnson.*
By turns we catch the vital breath and die—.....*Pope.*
The cradle and the tomb, alas ! so nigh. .....*Prior.*
To be is better far than not to be, ...*Sewell.*
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Nature to each allots his proper sphere,.....*Collgrave.*
Fortune makes folly her peculiar care.....*Churchill.*
Custom does not often reason overrule.....*Rochester.*
And throw a cruel sunshine on a fool. .....*Armstrong.*
Live well—how long or short permit to Heaven; *Milton.*
They who forgive most shall be most forgiven. ..*Baily*
Sin may be clapped so close we cannot see its face— *Trench.*
Vile intercourse where virtue has not place....*Somerville*
Then keep each passion down, however dear,.*Thomson*
Thou pendulum betwixt a smile and tear.....*Byron.*
Her sensual snares let faithless pleasure lay...*Smollett.*
With craft and skill, to ruin and betray. .....*Crabbe.*
Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise,.. *Massinger*
We masters grow of all that we dispise.....*Cowley.*
Oh, then renounce that impious self-esteem.....*Beattie.*

Riches have winds, and grandeur is a dream ..*Cowp*
Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave...*Daven*
The paths of glory lead but to the grave. .....*Gr*
What is ambition? 'Tis a glorious cheat.....*Willi*
Only destructive to the brave and great.....*Addison*
What's all the gaudy glitter of a crown?.....*Dryden*
The way to bliss lies not on beds of down.....*Franc*
Quarle
How long we live, not years, but actions tell;...*Wakef*
That man lives twice who lives the first life well
Herrick
Make then, while yet you may, your God your friend,
Marv
Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend..*H*
The trust that's given guard, and to yourself be just,
Ben
For, live as how we may, ye die we must ...*Shakespeare*

A short time ago, during some digging operations in Chester, Eng. an interesting relic of the Roman occupation of Great Britain was unearthed. This was a section of lead piping, supposed to have be

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l about the year 79 A. D., and was utilized for purpose of carrying water to the Roman camp. out twelve months ago a similar piece of piping was earthed near this same spot, but its origin was dis- ed. This new discovery, however, sets all such troversies at rest, since upon the piping are inly inscribed the words "Cnoeus Julius Agricola." is relic is additionally interesting since it is said to the only inscription extant bearing the Roman vernor's name.

The dark blot that divorce makes in society are easily seen and too sad to write much about, says Braddin Hamilton in *Smart Set*, so I will give y a few incidents of the absurd and humiliating sitions in which people may be placed. I once upied a seat on the grand stand at the Newport sino during a tennis match. After I had been in seat a short time, a man I knew, once divorced remarried, came in with his new wife and oc pied the two seats on my left, and a few moments er the woman from whom he had been divorced, d who had also remarried, came in with her new band, and sat directly on my right. Whether ticket agent arranged this for a joke I am not pared to say, but all went well until I grew tired the game and got up, leaving the four in a straight row, which made an interesting picture for a few moments. The four soon realized, however, what people were staring, and smiling at, and looking daggers at one another, immediately rose and disappeared in the crowd. The incident amused the lads and misses very much. A lady I know very well in New York, who was giving a dinner party, told me she always dreaded the arranging of guests at her tables, lest she put people together whom the "law had set apart," as she put it. "It would be perfectly dreadful to seat a gentleman beside a lady to whom he is paying alimony."

GOLOVIN BAY.

Late arrivals from Nome report that one of the most successful operators of the Golovin Bay district is D. B. Libby, who enjoys the distinction of having visited the scene of his present labors as early as 1866. He was then a member of a Western Union Telegraph Company's party, engaged in an attempt to build a telegraph line through Russian America across Behring Strait to Asia, which enterprise was abandoned when the completion by Cyrus Field of the first trans-atlantic cable rendered the plan useless. The work was intrusted to Charles Buckley as chief engineer and the party of which Libby was a member

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South Africa will not be treated as was Hungary after 1849, Lithuanina after 1863, nor like North-Schleswig after 1864, Alsace after 1870, or Finla after 1899 This policy of oppression, says a Stoc holom paper, British statesman can well afford leave to their continental contemporaries, who ju now profess such fine feelings for other people liberties. Of one thing we are quite sure, the sta of seige proclaimed by Lord Roberts would welcomed by many a Russian Liberal, and even many a German as an agreeable change in the ca iron rigidity of their existing regime.

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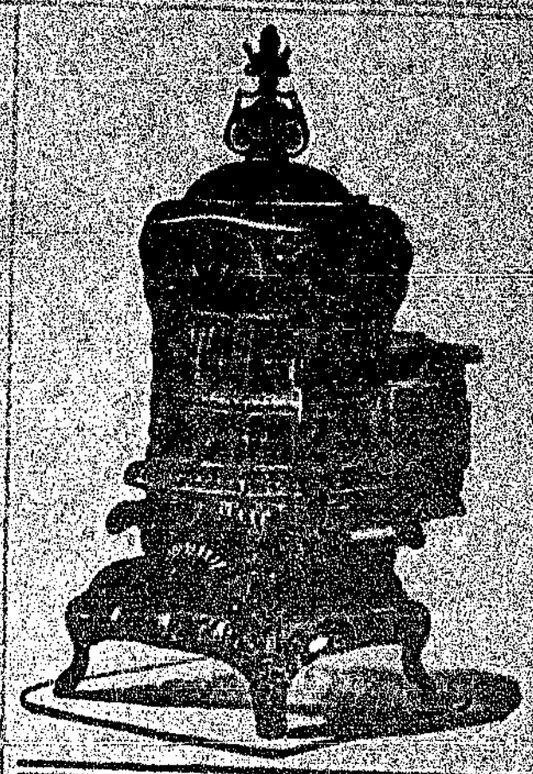

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