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Local and Provincial

About 500 new coke ovens are to be built at Morrissey.

The shoot of the Nelson Gun club was held this afternoon.

The Crow's Nest Lacrosse league has been formed and the schedule arranged.

Work has been cammenced on the the boat house of the Nelson Launch club.

Geo. Nunn, of A. Macdonald & Co., has returned from a very successful trip through the Lardeau.

That Victoria is in fact the honeymoon town of the Pacific coast is shown by the fact that in nearly every instance couples getting married in Vancouver spend there the first days of nuptial bliss.

The Star Bakery has added an ice cream parlor to its confectionery, and will during the summer months supply patrons with the best Spokane ice cream. Private rooms have been fitted up for ladies.

The claim of the arbitrators who considered the Government House contract has been reduced from $5,240 to abous $2,650, as a result of the taxation by Registrar Drake. Mr. Thomas Hooper is allowed about $855, and in addition is to be reimbursed for about $40 expenses he paid in connection with the investigation. Mr. A. Maxwell Muir is also allowed about $855. Mr. Dalton, of Vancouver, gets $750 and travelling expenses amounting to about $140.

It is probable that Moyie and Cranbrook will be connected by telephone in the near future.

Robert McLean was married to Miss Nellie Sullivan at the residence of Hugh Ross, last Wednesday evening.

J. A. Wetmore has been transferred from the Imperial bank at Trout Lake to be accountant in the Imperial bank at Nelson.

Mr. Rolands, who resides on the Fernwood road, near Victoria, dug up the other day a very interesting relic, connected undoubtedly with the days preceeding the advent of the white population on the coast. This is a stone pestle such as might have been used by the Indians in grinding corn. It is about three or four inches in diameter. It has been reduced to a convenient size to be grasped in the hand, but unfortunately little of this remains, it being broken off close to the handle.

St. Patrick's Society, of Nelson, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Hon. presidents, Judge J. A. Forin, and W. A. Galliher, M. P.; president, T. J. Scanlan; vice-presidents, W. H. Lee, John Fraser and Thomas Madden; secretary, Jos. Meagher; treasurer, Fred Smith; members of the executive committee, Dr. E. C. Arthur, A. Sullivan, T. Kinehan, D. M. Carley, J. A. Irving, S. P. Shaw, Michael Scully, J. J. Malone, R. J. Clark, W. P. Tierney, J. H. Nolan and D. C. McMorris. The society will in all probability hold monthly meetings during the winter.

News of the Mines

LARDEAU MINING NOTES.

Camborne Miner.

A force of men are busily engaged at building a wing dam at the intake of the Oyster flume, to prevent the obstruction of the flume by floating logs during high water. General repairs are also being made to the flume.

A snowslide on Monday knocked out a portion of the Eva flume. The mill, which derives its motive power from the water conveyed by the flume, has in consequence been idle yesterday and to-day. A force of men are repairing the break, and it is thought that milling operations will be resumed tomorrow.

The Beatrice mine will, it is reported, be actively worked this summer. A small party of men will proceed to the mine in a few days to make preparations for the commencement of work, and later a force of twenty men will be sent up to start actual mining operations. The Beatrice is in a position to ship ore, and it is intended to put the ore mined this summer on the dump, and ship it as soon as rawhiding can be carried on next winter. The Beatrice trail will be completed by that time.

BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Phoenix Pioneer.

The Helen, near Greenwood, is joining the shipping list.

Ore has been struck in the drift in the 300 foot level of the Providence, which is said to be very rich.

One furnace at the Mother Lode smelter was allowed to go cold this week a few days to admit of repairs.

In the month of March a total of 1,096 feet of development work was done, in addition to shipping over 50,000 tons of ore from the Granby mines.

After stopping some of the furnaces for a few days for repairs, etc., the Granby smelter is once more running the full battery of six furnaces.

On account of the spring break-up no work is being done by the steam shovels at the Granby mines, which makes it necessary to ship more ore through the No. 2 tunnel.

It is now confidently expected that the Boundary Falls smelter will be started at work again shortly, which will allow an output for several Boundary mines not just now on the shipping list.

A. J. McMillan, managing director of the Snowshoe and Le Roi companies, who sailed from England about the middle of April, according to advices received by the Pioneer, is expected in these parts shortly.

Orders are expected shortly for the starting of work on the Nellie Cotton group in this camp, which was recently taken over by the Chicago Phoenix Mining Co., of which Hal J. Cole, of Spokane, is the manager.

SLOCAN MINING NOTES.

Slocan Drill.

A couple of mining deals are under way in this camp.

Sandon's ore shipments last week dropped to 45 tons.

Forces at the Sunset and Last Chance have been reduced.

The Ivanhoe is turning out a better grade of zinc than the Payne.

EVENTS AND GOSSIP

Toronto Saturday Night says that at Pembroke a few days ago a boy eight years old was sentenced to sixty days imprisonment in jail for the theft of a watch. The Minister of Justice quite properly ordered the child's immediate release. Such a sentence is a disgrace to the Province. How two magistrates —and there were two in this case—could have sense enough or pull enough to get their appointments as officers of the Crown, and yet be blessed with so little horse sense as to send a baby to jail is almost beyond comprehension. A child eight years old a convict! They might as well start putting nursing infants in the chain gang. There have been a lot of fool sentences lately, but this is the limit. Peports from Ottawa state that a great deal of indignation has been aroused by the extraordinary conduct of the magistrates. No wonder. If those men continue to hold their jobs there is likely to be considerably more indignation. We have shown our ability to grow quite enough criminals without setting to work to train them from infancy in our commom jails. A good spanking by the child's parents would doubtless have done him some good, but the sentence of a matured criminal inflicted npon him could lead to nothing but his hopeless ruin, and if the magistrates in the case had been possessed of the most ordinary degree of intelligence they would have known it.

It is the little acts in life that indicate the true inwardness of a man, or woman, for that matter. The following incident came under my own notice a few months ago, and I give it as merely illustrating how thoughtful some men may be, while so many others let pass the opportunity of doing what they can to make those around them happy. I was standing in a store one day when there entered a man who is now approaching sixty years, and known to almost every citizen of Nelson. He glanced around him and then walked over to where there was some crockery on a table. Finally his eye rested on a particularly handsome and serviceable teapot. He gazed at it a moment and then motioned to the clerk to parcel it up for him. Something aroused my curiosity, and I asked what in the world he was buying the teapot for, and he answered: "Well, it is something like this, do you understand me. Down at my old home there is an old woman over eighty years of age, who when I was a young fellow used to call me her boy. When I was home a few years ogo, she made me a couple of pairs of socks and insisted that I should take them with me back to British Columbia. Many a time when I was a boy she used to make me a cup of tea, and even to this day I think of her kindly. A relative of mine is going east to-morrow, and I have a chance to send my old friend something, so it occurred to me that there is nothing she would like better than a teapot." I am quite sure the old lady appreciated the present, and will treasure this token of esteem of the donor, and I am equally as certain that there must be some place specially reserved above for the man, who after many yeart residence in the west still desired to perpetuate the friendship of his youth by the present of a teapot.

The columns of our weekly contemporary were less offensive last week than they have usually been of late, the reason, it is understood, being that the editor-in-chief, McSwine, was not wallowing in them. That genial gentleman was suffering from a temporary indisposition to which his constitution renders him liable. It is pleasing to note that his style of "journalism" has shocked all elements of the community. The days of toleration for mere stupid impudence masquerading as journalism are gone for ever, as far as Nelson is concerned. We may continue to have our divisions and even our bitterness, but we derive no pleasure from mere coarsenesss. A very bright wit may redeem some measure of coarseness, but the latter can never win favor alone. Men may be pleased to see their opponents severely criticized and denounced, but even children derive no amusement from the calling of names. Even a long experience in newspaper work and frequent study of its history afford no recollection of time or circumstances in which McSwine would have been an acceptable writer for any paper. In the roughest pioneer days of the Western States there may have been editors who used language as coarse, but never any who suffered so from imbecility nnredeemed.

Undoubtedly the best news the citizens of Nelson have received for some time is the announcement that the railroads have determined to accord the Kootenay metropolis the same rate privileges as prevail to Vancouver. This places this city on an equal footing with Vancouver as regards the wholesale trade, and even better as far as Kootenay district is concerned. There is nothing to prevent Nelson becoming an active competitor of the coast cities for the wholesale trade, and indeed the coast houses will have to establish branches here if they hope to meet their upper country competitor on even terms.

R. S. Lennie, barrister, has returned from the coast, where he has been for the past month in attendance on the Full Court. Mr. Lennie was very successful in his appeals before that body.

Liquor is about as dangerous a weapon as a revolver in the hands of a careless man. The other evening, at a public place, a man had "cached" away three bottles of Scotch whiskey for his own use. While he was absent for a moment two boys stole the liquor and in a short time were inebriated. It may be that the parents of the boys have not heard that through the carelessness of an irresponsible character, their boys were enabled to take the first step on the downward grade, but if they do know it, they should at once proceed to horsewhip the man who left the liquor within reach of the boys.

The Nelson Tribuue begins to look like the weekly edition of the Nelson Daily News.

Rev. J. T. Ferguson preached for the first time in Nelson last Sunday. The sermons were able, and fully sustained the good reports that had reached Nelson as to Mr. Ferguson's ability as a pulpit orator.

"Professor" Hepburn announces he will stay in Nelson, no matter what the people say. By all means "Prof.," tarry with us a season, and give us another dramatic performance. How would "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," with Peck McSwine as Joe Morgan, fill the bill? Peck looks the part, and would not require anything in the way of make-up or costume to go on the stage. If A. J. Marks could be prevailed on to take the role of Simon Slade he could be depended upon to give a fine interpretation of the part. As for the "Prof." himself, he would be perfection itself as Morgan's daughter. Indeed he is peculiarly fitted for the part, inasmuch as he would be able to sing that sweet, pathetic ballad, so dear to us all, "Father, Dear Father, Come Home with Me Now."

W. A. Macdonald, K. C., is back from the coast, where he has been for the past two weeks on professional business,

Harry Wright, M. L. A., will leave Tuesday for Victoria, to attend to matters of interest to his constituents.

The terrible disaster by which the town of Fernie has been almost wiped out, should draw the attention of many other towns to the necessity of being prepared for a visitation of the same character. There is not one town in the country that could successfully combat a fire of the proportions of the one that visited Fernie.

Tales of the Town

O, it offends me to the soul, to see a robustious periwig-pated fellow tear a passion to tatters, to very rags, to split the ears of the groundlings; who, for the most part, are capable of nothing but inexplicable dumb shows and noise.—HAMLET'S ADVICE TO THE PLAYERS.

THE ECONOMIST has frequently expressed its disapproval of amateur theatricals, on the ground that they tended to lead the young and unsophisticated into the mistaken belief that they could act. Certainly the performance last night at the Opera House did nothing to change this opinion. By this we do not mean to say that the amateurs were any worse than amateurs usually are; on the contrary many of them showed some signs of real genius. With proper training they might have done well enough; with such training as "Prof." Hepburn was able to give them they were most unacceptable. Evidently "Prof." Hepburn never saw a good performance in his life, else he would have instructed his pupils to avoid the errors that were so repeatedly made, and which can only be perpetrated by youngsters who have never watched closely the conduct of actors on the stage. Nearly half the time they stood with their backs to the audience—an unpardonable offense. Yet they no doubt meant well, and for that reason we have no desire to deal harshly with them; but what can we say of the man who presumes to teach and has never learned himself? Is he to be encouraged in his evident intention to exasperate the public? Hepburn must know by this time, if he has not misconstrued the derisive laughter of his audience, that his acting comes in the nature of an affliction. As the two pieces were presented last night, it was absolutely impossible to gain any conception of the plot of either. "Out in the Streets," may be an acceptable melodrama, providing it is interpreted intelligently; but as it was produced last night, it is simply an incoherent confusion of words. Half the lines were lost, no one gave a cue and the participants seemed to amble on the the stage whenever it suited their purpose. The "Prof." himself, who took the part of a heartless landlord, went around the stage howling about collecting rents from widows, and threatening to turn them out of doors—certainly a very heartless proceeding—for no one likes to be hounded to death about a paltry rent bill—but it was in the play. "I must have me rents, woman," said the professor, and the people in the audience looked dark, not because they had any objection to paying rents, but they didn't think it was just the thing for the professor to turn a poor widow woman out of doors, because she lacked the price. This appeared to be the plot of the play. It certainly was, as far as the audience was taken into the confidence of the players, although there was something mentioned about a forged cheque. For an hour or two "Prof." Hepburn and his pupils seemed to be much upset about this rent matter and the affair of the forged cheque, and those who remained to the end say, that as far as they could see, the forger and the persistent rent collector got the worst of it—and so did the people that went to see the performance. It must not be construed that THE ECONOMIST is animated with a personal animosity towards "Prof." Hepburn or his pupils. On the contrary, this paper has no reason to feel unfriendly towards the dancing-master or his pupils, and the only object of writing thus of the performance is a desire to prevent the public from offering further encouragement to amateur dramatic performances. Occasionally there is such a thing as a really meritorious amateur dramatic entertainment, but Nelson has not the talent. As to "Prof." Hepburn, he has neither the voice nor the temperament for an actor. He has no knowledge of stage business, and, speaking of him only as an aspirant for histronic honors, he might be compared to the American orator, of whom it was said he was "a noise with hair on it." As to the performance itself, the words of that fine old Shakespearean actor, Joseph Downes, fully reflect it, "horribly tortuous." If the young men and women who took part had been better instructed, they would have acted less grotesquely. Particularly might this be said of Messrs. McCandlish, Perrier, Ball, and McAlman, and Miss Brown, and Miss Swartz. There was a pleasing feature of the performance, however, and that was the really enjoyable specialties by Baby Egan, Arthur Gilker and Mildred Irvine. Baby Egan will be a very clever whistler some day and of course Arthur Gilker and Mildred Irvine are always graceful and artistic.

The Clara Mathes company played a successful engagement of two nights at the Nelson Opera House this week. The company has been changed considerably since it was seen here last November, and in the opinion of many the changes are for the better. Particularly in "Tennessee's Partner" were the changes noticeable, and this performance could not very well be improved upon. The specialties were good, perhaps the best seen here this season. The Mathes company has gone east and will return here this autumn.

Included in the improvements now taking place in the Opera House will be a box. This box will be on the left hand side and will seat six persons. This will give the theatre an even more up-to-date appearance than it had formerly, and will be appreciated by private parties, and those who delight in being exclusive at the performances in the Opera House.

The following from the Manitoba Free Press; concerns two young people well-known in Nelson:

The marriage of Mr. Geo Bell, of the staff of the Imperial bank, Winnipeg, and Miss Harriet A. Yates, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Yates, was celebrated in St. Paul's church, Golden, B. C., on the morning of April 11.

The bride's dress was most becoming, being a tailor-made of soft grey cloth over white taffeta. Her Napoleon hat, composed entirely of shaded violets, was pronounced a sweetly pretty confection. Her bridesmaid, Miss Edith Yates, looked very charming in a tailor-made gown of blue flecked cloth and large black picture hat.

The bridegroom was most ably supported by his friend and colleague, Mr. E. R. Van Koughnet, of the Imperial bank, Golden.

The bride's mother, who has been an invalid for nearly a year, was sufficiently recovered to be present in the church, much to the delight of her many friends, and she looked very sweet in black silk, relieved with white chiffon, and a bonnet of shaded violet, black velvet and sequins.

After the ceremony, at which Rev. C. F. Yates officiated, the bride and groom left the church to the strains of Mandelsohn's Wedding March.

A simple wedding breakfast was served at the vicarage, only the immediate friends of the family being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell left on the westbound express for Vancouver and other points on the Pacific, amid showers of good wishes, rice and old shoes thrown after them by a host of friends who had gathered at the depot to say farewell.

Mrs. Yates held an informal reception during the afternoon at the vicarage, assissted by Miss Yates and her friends, Mrs. Monteith and Macdonald.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Conservatives of this district were never in better shape to fight than at the present time. In Mr. Mackintosh they have an exceedingly strong candtdate, and one who can be depended upon to fight to the bitter end.

Last year Germany's great army and navy cost about $170,000,000. That is a great sum of money; but it looks less when we consider that the United States pension list called for $140,000,000 last year, and if the rulings of Commissioner Ware stands it will probably cost $200,000,000 this year. That is a terrible drain on the earning power of the country.

The announcement that Nelson is made a distributing point with the same advantages as Vancouver is hailed with pleasure by the business men of the city. This concession on the part of the railroads means a great deal to Nelson. In order to compete with the local wholesalers, the houses of the coast will have to establish branches here, and this should mean at an early day the establishment of a score of wholesale houses in this city. Nelson can now make good its oft repeated claim of being the distributing centre of the Kootenays.

A job on the New york fire department is worth looking after. After four years' service on the force a fireman gets $14,000 a year, one day out of five to himself, two weeks vacation annually, and a liberal treatment in the the matter of sick time and leaves, and is pensioned in his old age or when he is incapacitated from further duty. Nor is their calling extra hazardous. The New York Sun says the death rate from all causes in the fire department is 6.8 for each thousand annually. The death rate including accidental deaths is 4.8 per thousand. Outside of the fire department the rate among professional men is 7.6 per thousand, among police and millitary men 8.2 per thousand, among servants and laborers 13.9 per thousand.

Leading surgeons and physicians of New York have confirmed the statement made by Dr. Russell Park, of Buffalo, in Berlin recently that cancer is the most prevalent disease in the United States and that the state of New York is well within the cancer belt. They declared that the dreadful malady is rapidly increasing all over the civilized world and that they are still utterly in the dark as to the cause or its cure. In the last 24 years as shown by the statistics it has doubled in prevalence in the United States and is to-day claiming more victims than consumption. The surgeon's knife is the only remedy accepted by the most skilled members of the profession and that the treatment must be applied very early to insure against a return of the disease in a more serious form. Several prominent surgeons said recently that the disease was a much more serious question than the average person realized and was made doubly so because it may attack any person without warning and once developed physicians are powerless to cope with it understandingly.

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Press Comment

Phoenix Pioneer.

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St. John (N. B.) Sun.

The London Times' military expert is of the opinion that the last destruction of Russian ships makes Port Arthur of no importance to Japan. He considers that the Russian navy has been so damaged as to be no longer a matter of interest to the other party, and expects that Japan will now proceed to land troops whenever it is convenient. With all due deference to this authority, we rather expect to hear a little more of Togo around this familiar harbor.

Baltimore Times.

Around the Frank mine of the Canadian-American Coal & Coke Co., all is again actively and bustle. Under the supervision of Manager S. W. Gebo the mine is again in first class shape, and is even in better condition than before the disastrous slide, of a year ago, to produce and maintain a large output of good clean coal. The quality of coal now being mined was never better and the output is only limited by the number of cars for loading obtainable from the C. P. R.

Victoria Colonist.

It is satisfactory to find that, as the real facts are becoming understood, the action that the Government has announced it intends to take in regard to lands upon which the payments are in arrears, is meeting with general approval. When the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works issued a notice that on the 16th instant the records or filings on such lands would be liable to cancellation unless the amounts in arrears were paid by that date, some of the Opposition newspapers thought they saw an opportunity to make a little political capital and prejudice the Government in the minds of the people. They attempted to make out that it was acting in an arbitrary manner; straining the law in fact, if not, indeed, overriding the rights of pre emptors and purchasers of Crown lands. Now, however, that the matter is coming to be understood, the Government is being commended for the course it is taking. It is realized that it is entirely in the interests of the Province and that the results of it will also accrue to the advantage of prospective settlers, while those who fulfil the conditions on which they took up their land are not prejudiced. As a matter of fact the interests of the Province, both as regards its finance, and in respect to the opportunities for intending settlers, have suffered from the delay which has occurred in such action being taken. It would have been much better in every way had the notice given in 1899 been carried out under the provisions of the law in the following year. It is, therefore, a cause for satisfaction that what has come to be nothing less than an abuse of the Land Act is about to be put an end to and the Provincial lands administered in something like a business manner.

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Anecdotal.

It is related that once, when a captain in the army was cornered by the enemy, he addressed his men as follows: "My men, fight like demons until your powder gives out, then run. I'm a little lame, I'll start now."

An English rector on coming into a new parish, asked the clerk if there were any Puseyites (followers of Dr. Pusey, a high churchman) in the community. "No, sir," replied the clerk; "there used to be some, but for the last two years the boys have took all their eggs."

Mark Twain was recently chaffing Sir Wemyss Reid on the vagaries of English pronunciation. "You spell a name B-e-a-u-c-h-a-m-p, and pronounce it Marchbanks," he said. "And you do precisely the same thing," replied Sir Wemyss. "What do you mean?" asked Mark Twain. "Well, you spell your name C-l-e-m-e-n-s, and you pronounce it Twain."

An error of a new clerk in the mailing department of an English publishing house was responsible the other day for the mailing of a prospectus to a world-famous statesman, who had been dead for some years. The letter was returned a few days later, with the following endorsement: "In Heaven, ——, 1901. Gentlemen: As your publications are not permitted to circulate here, I believe it would be useless for me to subscribe for them. Yours respectfully," and here followed the name of the famous statesman.

When asked what he thought of a certain captain who frequented the Essex links, a Scotch caddie said: "Weel, sir, he's a verra nice gentleman an' a good gaufer, but he's awfu' nerra—awfu' nerra." "Narrow! What do you mean, Donald?" "Weel, sir, it wis this way. Efter the game was ower, and I had carried his clubs up tae the house, he says: 'Donald, will ye hae a draw?' and I said: 'I do be verra pleased,' so he gets the bottle, an' he pourin' awa' intae a glass, an' I wantin' tae be genteel, says: 'Stop! stop'—an' he stopped."

What to do with Jefferson Davis should he be captured, was a problem that puzzled Lincoln's Cabinet not a little. In speaking of it to General Grant one day, the President remarked: "There was once an Irishman who had signed the Father Mathew temperance pledge. Going into a saloon to get a glass of lemonade to quench his thirst, he leaned over and whispered to the barkeeper: 'And couldn't you put a little brandy in it unbeknownst to mesilf?' So," continued Mr. Lincoln, "let Davis escape all unbeknown to yourself if you can."

L. R. Stockwell, the popular actor, says that some years ago in San Francisco, when Peter Jackson, the colored pugilist, was a feature in a revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Bill" Nye was to have lectured at the Baldwin Theater, but was greeted by so small an audience that he excused himself and went over to hear Jackson talking of the pearly gates to Little Eva. After the performance Stockwell met Nye in the lobby of the theater, and he exclaimed: "Hello, Nye! What did you think of Peter?" "Well," responded the humorist, dryly, "anatomically he was great, but Uncle Tomically he is the worst I ever saw."

While James McNeill Whistler, the eccentric American painter, was in a London shop one day a customer rushed in, and, mistaking Mr. Whistler for a clerk, exclaimed: "I say, this hat doesn't fit." The artist eyed him for a minute, and then replied, scornfully: "Neither does your coat, and I'll be hanged if I like the color of your trousers."

Dr. Varnadoe, a noted professor of Greek, is very fond of flowers, and some days ago, on returning from his college duties, he found in his front yard a pestiferous calf belonging to a neighbor. The doctor gave chase, and the animal plunged toward the flower-pit, and in another instant crashed through the glass cover and mixed at random with the pots and plants below. When another professor passed a few minutes later, he said, gravely: "I do not understand, Dr. Varnadoe, why you should object so seriously to having a modest cowslip added to your fine collection of plants." The doctor's frowning face relaxed. "Ah, Sanborn," he retorted, "you see, this was only a worthless bulrush."

Not long ago a tourist in New Orleans went to see the statue of Andrew Jackson in that city, on the pedestal of which is inscribed, "United We Stand; Divided We Fall." Seeing an old colored man standing by, he asked, "Uncle, did that inscription stay there all during the Civil War?" "No, sah," responded the old uncle, "hit didn't stay dar endurin' de wah. In de fust place, dem letters was standin' out laik dey was plastered on. Den de wah bust loose, and de Confed'rate gin'ral down yere, he tuk a chisel and cut dem letters off smooth. Den ol' Gin'ral Butler, he come erlong wid his Union sojers, an' he tuk a chisel an' cut dem in deep, laik dey is now. An', Lordy, how de folks down yere did sw'ar when ol' Gin'ral Butler brush de dus' off'n his clothes an' git up frum his wu'k an' say, 'I'se a-gwine to hang de fus' Johnny Reb what cuts dem letters off ag'in.'"

When the late President of the United States and party went west not many months before he was shot, Mrs. McKinley, it will be remembered, went too. While talking one day with Mr. Scott, the man who built the battleship "Oregon," relates a writer in the Boston "Journal," Mrs. McKinley said: "Oh, do you play cribbage, Mr. Scott?" "Yes," was the great shipbuilder's answer. "Well, so do I," said Mrs. McKinley. "I wish you would play a game with me." "I should be delighted to do so," was the reply. Later, as President McKinley and Mr. Scott were looking over the latter's big plant, Mrs. McKinley not being present, the President said: "Oh, by the way, Mr. Scott, didn't I hear you and Mrs. McKinley arranging to play cribbage some time?" "Yes," said Mr. Scott, "we are going to play." "Well, what kind of a player are you?" asked the President. "Oh, pretty fair, I guess; I play a pretty good game." "Well, so do I," said Mr. McKinley. "But, do you know, it may seem strange, but it is a fact, that I have never been able to play well enough to beat Mrs. McKinley." As he said this he looked at Mr. Scott with a significant smile. Their eyes met. It was enough. Mr. Scott understood, and it was safe to say that he did not beat Mrs. McKinley.

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Curious Bits of News.

In London on New Year's Day, a burglar, having carried off five thousand pounds' worth of jewelry, all the silver, and a large sum in ready money, pinned a note on the hearth-rug wishing its rightful owners "Many happy returns of the day."

The London "Chronicle" quotes a naval officer as saying that during the War of 1812 the British Admiralty sent out to Kingston (Ont.), where the British fleet was then stationed, a large number of water-casks, in the belief that Lake Ontario was a salt water lake.

A coal-hod in the window of a New York clothier is filled with bills and coin, in which is thrust a coal shovel. Beside it is a small stove, so arranged with a red incandescent light that it appears to contain a brisk fire. Near them is the legend: "We are just burning money on these $12 suits, but we need the room, and they must be moved by February 1."

In an article on "Life in Labrador" in "Blackwood's Magazine," Mr. W. T. Grenfell vouches for the following: "A friend who had a young live black bear as a pet buried it in November in a barrel under the snow. Twice he dug it up in the winter, but it showed no signs of wishing to move, so he permitted it to sleep on till May."

Odors as an assistance to diagnosis is a new branch of medical science. The "Medical Record" is authority for the statement that the odor of new mown hay is an indication of pyaemia, typhus is indicated by an ammoniac smell, jaundice by a musky one, yellow fever by the odor of a gun-barrel, hysteria by a suggestion of violets or pineapples, intermittent fever by the smell of fresh-baked brown bread, and measles by one like fresh-picked feathers. It seems somewhat incongruous that the smell of the plague resembles honey.

The newest of queer religious sects is the "Association of Christian Brethren," which, according to the New York "Sun," is "sailing down the Mississippi in a modern imitation of the Ark to tell people that the millennium is surely coming in 1941." "Megiddo" is the name of the boat, and nearly one hundred persons, men, women and children, are aboard of her. The president of the sect is L. T. Nichols of Minneapolis, and he launched his craft at the end of November. He holds himself mainly responsible for the support of his followers, who are planning to live on the "Megiddo" until the day of the millennium.

Men sometimes dream of enormous wealth stored deep in the earth, below the reach of miners, but according to the statements of Professor C. R. Van Hise at the Denver meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, there is little or no ground to believe that valuable metallic deposits lie very deep in the earth's crust. Such deposits, he said, are made by underground waters, and owing to the pressure on the rocks at great depths, the waters are confined to a shell near the surface. With few exceptions, ore deposits become too lean to repay working below 3,000 feet. Nine mines in ten, taking the world as a whole, are poorer in the second thousand feet than in the first thousand, and poorer yet in the third thousand than in the second.

An article in "Ainslee's Magazine" contains this passage: "The world has never seen, and in no other part of the world is there now to be seen anything like America's jewel-madness as shown by the conditions of to-day, when more than three hundred New York establishments are engaged solely in the importation of precious stones, when agents of American dealers are searching Europe for the white gem and hopelessly endeavoring to supply American appeals for rubies and emeralds, and when six thousand men in South Africa are toiling to obtain diamonds more than half of which are to add to the beauty and happiness of the American woman. It is she that has caused the United States to become the greatest diamond market in the world. For her we have imported in a single year $20,000,000 worth of precious stones; for her, at one period we smuggled them in at the rate of $7,000,000 a year; for her we annually buy something like $12,000,000 worth of diamonds, and thus for her sake, heartlessly leave, of the world's total output of diamonds, only some $8,000,000 worth to satisfy the vanity of all the rest of the women on earth."

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

6th April, 1904.

Samuel Parker Tuck, of the City of Nelson, Esquire, Sheriff, to be Official Administrator for that portion of the County of Kootenay embraced within the Nelson City and Ymir Electoral Districts, vice Mr. J. F. Armstrong.

NELSON ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax, and all All Assessed Taxes and Income Tax, assessed and levied under the Assessment Act, 1903, for the Nelson Assessment District, are due and payable for the year 1904, at my office, situate at the Court House, Nelson. This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 23rd day of April, 1904.

ROBERT A. RENWICK,
Assessor and Collector Nelson Assessment District.

Corporation of the City of Nelson

ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES

Electric light rates for the month of April are now due and payable at the City offices. If paid on or before the 15th May discount of 10 per cent will be allowed.

Nelson, April 30, 1904.

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	1903	1904	Past Week
Granby Mines, Phoenix	393,718	178,576	9,660
Snowshoe, Phoenix	74,212		
Brooklyn, Phoenix			
Mother Lode, Deadwood	130,492	57,170	4,480
Sunset, Deadwood	15,731		
Morrison, Deadwood	3,339		
B. C. Mine, Summit	19,365		
R. Bell, Summit			
Emma, Summit	22,937	6,811	759
Senator, Summit Camp	363	1,756	
Oro Denoro	15,537	11,385	165
Winnipeg, Wellington	2,435		
Golden Crown, Wellington			
Athelstan, Wellington	5,646	2,968	
King Solomon, W. Copper			
No. 7 Mine, Central			
City of Paris, Central			
Jewel, Long Lake			
Carmi, West Fork			
Providence, Providence	910	272	
Elkhorn, Greenwood	400	245	
E. P. U. and Goldfinch	167	160	
Ruby, Boundary Falls			
Miscellaneous			
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