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WM. R. HEARST: "I have seen the most beautiful lakes in Italy and Switzerland, and all those lovely spots, but I have never seen anything finer than the Kootenay lake and the Arrow lakes. We had a delightful time there. This was my first trip through there."

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PROF. MILLS has never seen anything finer than the fruit of Nelson district. He added: "I didn't see the cherries or raspberries or gooseberries, but if they compare with the apples, pears and plums, you have here a fruit country unsurpassed by anything in the Dominion."

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HOW EUROPEAN RULERS GET PAID.

The manner in which monarchs are paid their salaries varies considerably.

The Emperor of Russia, for instance, says Pearson's Weekly, is the only European sovereign who is entitled to draw on the revenues of the country over which he rules whenever he pleases and to almost an unlimited extent.

All the vast sums accruing from various forms of taxation in Russia are banked to the credit of two officials named the Imperial Treasurers, who discharge all the liabilities of the Russian Government.

The Czar, however, has the first call upon the money paid into the imperial treasury and draws upon it whenever he wishes by simply directing the treasury officials to lodge so much money to his private account, giving them a voucher for the amount.

Under the Russian constitution the Czar is entitled to receive a seventh share of the revenue of the country, and though he, as a matter of fact, never draws upon the treasury to this extent, the Emperor of Russia is yet by far the best paid and wealthiest of European monarchs.

The Emporer of Germany is in receipt of a salary of £100,000 per annum from the state, but His Imperial Majesty has, of course, many other ways of supplementing this pay, which would be a very poor one for the sovereign of a great Power.

The salary is paid into the Emperor's private banking account twice a year, the check for it being signed by no fewer than seven officials, and is finally endorsed by the Kaiser himself.

The Emporer also receives a "military and naval" allowance which amounts to a big sum, and the expenses in connection with the maintenance of the royal household at Potsdam are paid quarterly by the State treasury.

King Edward receives a quarterly check from the Paymaster-General for his salary as monarch; the check is what is known as a negotiable receipt, and is sent to the keeper of the privy purse, by whom it is signed on behalf of the King, and then lodged to the credit of His Majesty's private banking account.

The Emporer of Austria is put to some personal inconvenience before he can obtain his salary, owing to the love of maintaining ancient customs and ceremonies that prevail in the Austrian court.

On the 1st of June and 1st of December the Austrian monarch pays a visit to the office of the State treasury, where he is received by three important officials.

One of these officials then reads out a document to the monarch, reminding him of the many duties he owes to the State, and exhorting him to the faithful performance of the same.

The document concludes with a mention of the amount of money that the Emperor is entitled to receive from the State to maintain him in a position of such great dignity becomingly.

The Emperor is then asked if the amount is sufficient, and on his replying to the question in the affirmative, is given a receipt to sign for the money, which is in due course, lodged to the credit of the imperial account.

The King of Portugal's salary is never paid to him direct, but is vested in the care of three officials, upon whom the King can draw whenever he requires money.

This is an arrangement to which the King of Portugal has a distinct objection, but as it is a very old established custom His Majesty would probably have some difficulty in having it altered.

Each of the three purse-keepers, as these officials are called, receives £500 per annum, which the King of Portugal has to pay out of his own pocket, so that the arrangement costs the King £1,500 a year, which would be very easily saved by the dismissal of such entirely needless officials as the purse-keepers.

The Sultan of Turkey has no allowance or salary; he simply informs the Grand Vizier when he wants money, and that official has to see that the amount required is forthcoming promptly, otherwise it is more than likely he might lose his head.

OF INTEREST TO LOVERS OF MUSIC.

The performance of the "Rose Maiden" by the Nelson Choral Society on the 10th of next month promises to be an event of very exceptional interest, and all Nelson will doubtless turn out to listen te this the first effort of the latest of the city's musical organizations. The society is a large one for a town of this size and comprises most of the musical talent of Nelson. The chorus of over seventy voices have worked diligently and enthusiastically for months past and promise to give an artistic rendering of their part in the work. The soloists are Mrs. Briggs, soprano; Miss Cowley, of Rossland, contralto; Mr. Brown, tenor, and Mr. Broadwood, baritone. All of these, with the exception of Miss Crowley, have been heard here before, and with the chorus and an efficient orchestra, which is also hard at work, will combine to furnish an evening of delight to music lovers.

The work selected is the composition of Frederick H. Cowen, and is remarkable for the beauty and sweetness of the melodies. The libretto is adapted from a German legend, the story of which is thus outlined:

The Queen of the Flower Fairies, weary of a life of unbroken calm, prays of the newly returned Spring that he will bestow upon her also the gift of love that he bestows upon man. He warns her of the risk she runs, but finally yields to her entreaties by changing her, while she sleeps, into the form of a beautiful girl. Under the name of Roseblossom, she wanders through the world to find the love that she seeks, and meets with a girl who, having been betrayed and deserted by her lover, loses her senses and dies broken-hearted. But, undeterred from her search, Roseblossom becomes the wife of a forester, with whom she lives for a time in such perfect happiness that she cannot survive his death. The elves bewail the death of their Queen, and curse love as fatal to peace and happiness.

The committee of the society displayed good judgment in selecting for the first performance a work which, while possessing originality and technical difficulty sufficient to render it interesting to the members as a study, is notably of a kind to fascinate an audience by its simple beauty.

The classic song recital at the Opera House last Tuesday evening by Madame Freed-Griselda, assisted by local talent, was an artistic treat. Madame Freed-Griselda fully justified the claims of the advance notices. She has a magnificent voice, and has it in perfect training. Mr. Arundel is a recent addition to local musical talent, and an important one. He sang several solos most acceptably. Mr. Harriss' violin solos were, as usual, highly appreciated. The accompaniments were played by Mr. Bodmer, and added much to the pleasure of the evening's entertainment. The audience was small, but very select.

THINGS TALKED OF DURING THE WEEK IN NELSON.

That British Columbia is now earnestly engaged in developing a great fruit industry is borne out by the information from nearly every point in the Province. A Victoria paper estimates the number of fruit trees brought into the Province this year at 500,000. In this every district is represented. On the island there has been a large number of trees imported, and throughout the Okanagan, the ranchers have turned their attention almost exclusively to fruit production. These importations do not include the production of the British Columbia nurseries. Reports from Grand Forks, are to the effect that there will be far more fruit trees set out this year than ever before. We all know what is being done in the vicinity of Nelson. Thousands of trees have been set out, and the work seems to be only now in its infancy. The veteran nurseryman, J. A. Kelley, informs us that this year will surpass all former ones in the matter of fruit-growing. He has brought in about 18,000 young trees, and there is a demand for more. What fruit-growing will develop into in the future, it is not difficult to prophecy.

Poultry-raising will be another of the great industries of this Province. There is a steady demand for thoroughbred poultry, and it will be only a few years until the poultry production of British Columbia will be an important factor in settling our balance of trade.

There should be a good attendance at the Success Club this evening, when Major Sheppard and Thomas G. Earl will deliver practical addresses on horticulture.

Ald. Gillett is back again in Nelson, after a visit to his former home in Newfoundland. Mr. Gillett met with all sorts of trouble on his way to his old home, having encountered blizzard after blizzard, and being storm-bound at many points along the Atlantic seaboard. As a result he had to take a route, which was a great deal longer and entailed a greater expenditure of time. In Newfoundland he found conditions had greatly improved since he left there 15 years ago, the colony having also undergone many changes. The great question agitating the minds of the people there is the one of confederation with Canada. He believes that if the matter was placed in its true light before the people the outcome would be confederation. There are a whole lot of interested politicians who have wilfully misrepresented the question to the electorate, and as a result there is hesitancy on the part of the people to take a decided stand. But that Confederation will come in due time, Mr. Gillett has not the slightest doubt. He believes the beneficial results would not be altogether one-sided, for Newfoundland is fabulously wealthy in natural resources. Like all the rest of the wanderers from Nelson, Ald. Gillett is pleased to get back again to his Western Canadian home.

THE ECONOMIST has received a letter from Wm. Cranston, of the British Columbia and Alberta Theatrical Circuit. Mr. Cranston is now in New York City and has a show already on the road, which will reach Nelson in a month or so. It is "The Hottest Coon in Town." Mr. Cranston is now engaging people for an opera company, which will be here two or three weeks in June. He has engaged all New York people, with the exception of Frank Walters who was here with the Wade company. The repertoire will include several royalty pieces, such as El Capitan, Girl from Paris and When Ruben Comes to Town, besides Boccacio, Erminie, Bohemian Girl, Paul Jones and The Princess of Trebizonde. There are 28 people in the company, and several months will be given to Nelson and neighboring towns.

MANY BRIGHT THINGS SAID BY MAURICE RARRYMORE

While at the apogee of his ability and fame as a leading man, the late Maurice Barrymore was the chief support in a highly romantic play of an actress noted in the profession for her explosive outbursts of violent language upon small occasion. In the progress of the play it was part of Barrymore's business to bestow a protracted osculation upon the lips of the actress.

On the opening night Barrymore, inspired by a sense of mischief, far overstepped the limit in his bestowal of this kiss. He not only deprived it of the remotest semblance of the conventional stage kiss, but kept his lips glued to the actress's for an unconscionably long time, until the first night audience rocked with laughter, the actress's eyes blazing with anger while he held her in his relentless grasp.

The critics touched up the incident abundantly, generally with humorous comment.

"Barry," remarked Abe Hummell, who met the actor on Broadway on the following afternoon, "you clung to that caress last night for a douced long time. What was the idea?"

"I was seeking reputation at the cannon's mouth," replied Barrymore amiably. "Instead, I lost it. You should have heard her when the curtain fell."

A dozen or more years ago, when Mme. Sarah Bernhardt was returning to France by way of New York from her Australian tour, she was present at a gay little Sunday night dinner party of well known theatrical folk in a private dining room of a New York hotel.

Along before the wind up of the evening the divine Sarah, who was more subject to such caprices than she has been in later years, began to direct the somewhat cutting shafts of her Gallic wit at Barrymore, who received the barbs with the greatest good nature. He made it a point not to tilt with women unless absolutely driven to it, and, moreover, he used to declare that he had never been able in the least degree to understand women.

So Barrymore allowed himself to be the butt of the French woman, and made no effort to get back until she sent him some sort of dart bearing upon her belief in his overappreciation of his personal pulchritude, a thing of which Barrymore was certainly never guilty.

This brought the flush to Barrymore's cheek, but he waited his moment. Finally he overheard her saying to the actress seated on her left:

"You know, my son is of the same name as your distinguished and so very beautiful Monsieur Barrymore—my son Maurice."

"Yes," put in Barrymore solemnly, addressing the actress to whom the French woman had made the remark, "we are of an age, and were playmates at Harrow when he was getting his boy schooling in England. He is well, madam, I venture to hope?" turning with a smile to the French actress.

Everybody at the table knew that Barrymore was well past 45 then, quite as well as they were aware of Mme. Bernhardt's extreme sensitiveness as to her age. As a matter of truth, Barrymore was a good twenty years older than young Maurice Bernhardt at the time.

Mme. Bernhardt was excessively amiable toward Barrymore not only for the remainder of the evening, but always when she met him afterward.

Barrymore had a dislike for puns, which was altogether unusual for an Englishman.

A well known leading actor—now in vaudeville—who was always more or less on his muscle when in drink, dropped into the Morton House cafe while Barrymore was there with some friends. He no sooner saw Barrymore than he began to rail at him for wholly imaginary injuries, and to threaten to macerate Barrymore to unrecognizable pulp.

Barrymore, noting his fellow actor's condition, took it all in good part. At length his taunter, who was really an accomplished man with his fists, as he had shown on several occasions when infuriated, strolled over to Barrymore and remarked that he had a great mind to knock his, Barrymore's, head off, then and there.

"Robby," blandly remarked Barrymore, "behave. You appear to be burying a lot of dead to-night."

"That's all right," replied the pugnacious actor, his face curving into a foolish grin, "I'll Barrymore."

Barrymore gazed at the man with an expression of the most hopeless disgust for a full half minute and then he said:

"Even the excuse of drunkenness is no condonation for such an unspeakable lingual profanation."

Whereupon he suddenly darted in, caught the other man around the waist, lifted him into the air as if he had been a paper bag of flour, tossed him face down on a table and spanked him in the old fashioned way, but with modern enthusiasm for five minutes, the prone actor making frantic but ineffectual efforts to regain his feet.

When the conquered and chagrined actor was at length permitted to get up he gazed weakly at Barrymore for a bit and then said:

"Maurice Barrymore, I wouldn't have your disposition for the world."

Which was the origin dating back nearly two decades, of a phrase which has recently been revived and converted into one of slangful meaning.

Barrymore's carelessness as to his apparel was so pronounced that it was a genuine grief to his family and friends. His contempt for the matinee idol—which he never admitted himself to have been for as much as a minute—was so acute that he took actual pleasure off the stage in showing by the carelessness of his attire that he had no mind to be catalogued with that lot.

He was walking along Broadway one afternoon with a couple of companions, when, from the opposite direction, approached an actor of note in classical roles who was conspicuous at all times for his nobby exterior.

"Ah, Barry," hum-hawed this actor, coming into speaking distance, "here you are, in a disgraceful suit of clothes, as usual. This one, however, is even more shocking than its predecessors. Wearing it on a bet, old man?"

"Yes," replied Barrymore.

"You must have given the other man long odds, Barry," said the other actor.

"I did," replied Barrymore. "I wagered him that you were not the most mediocre reader of blank verse now alive on the globe, and he proved me wrong and won."

A WARNING TO FRUIT GROWERS.

Speaking broadly, British Columbia is wonderfully free from the common forms of insect pests which affect the orchard, writes Martin Burrill in the Grand Forks Gazette. The two worst insects, San Jose scale and codlin moth have not made their appearance in the Province, and long may they they keep out of it. The apple aphis, however, is worse here than it is in the East, and does considerable damage to trees when not looked after.

Entomology is not only a particularly interesting study, but to the man who cultivates an orchard or even a garden with a few fruit trees, some knowledge of insect life is indispensable if he wishes to get either pleasure or profit out of his fruit trees. We have known people spend both money and time fighting insects with absolutely useless weapons from want of knowing the differences of structure between insects which are as unlike in their their methods of feeding as a sucking pig and an elephant. Without going exhaustively into the various orders, with their structural differences of wing and body, it is useful to point out that all insects may be divided into two classes as far as their feeding habits are concerned. The one class bite their food, whether leaf or bark, passing it into the stomach, and can therefore readily be fought with a stomach poison, such as parisgreen or hellebore. To this class belong all caterpillars, beetles, and so on. The other class, which includes all the lice and scale insects, take their food in a liquid form, piercing the bark of the tree or skin of the leaf, and with their slender proboscis extracting the juices of the plant; in short are "suckers" in every sense of the term. It is clear then that a stomach poison would not be effective on insects of this type, and as a matter of fact a leaf might be coated with paris green, and it would not phase the apple aphis.

To counteract the work of these little beggars a different method must be adopted. Every insect breathes, not through the mouth, but through a series of holes down the side of its body. Anything therefore which can clog up these breathing orifices will do the business by plain everyday suffocation. For this purpose oily and soapy washes are generally used and should be put on in a fine spray to be readily effective.

Briefly, the history of the apple louse is as follows: It winters over in the egg stage. From this egg there is hatched in the warm days of the early spring what is known as the "stem-mother." In about 15 days she is fully developed and begins to reproduce. Nine or ten days afterwards her progeny, wingless like their mother, are reproducing, and part of this brood are winged, ready to fly to other trees, and start a new colony to work. This sort of thing is going on merrily all the summer, and towards the end of October eggs are laid, which carry the species through the following winter. From a single female batched in the spring uncountable millions can be produced by the fall. A stitch in time, therefore, saves nine, and a good many more.

The fight against this pest should be begun before the winged forms begin to hatch. The injury done is often serious, though not fatal except to young and sickly trees. But it can readily be imagined that 40 or 50 of these minute lice sucking away diligently into the juices or the swelling bud, or tiny leaf, must weaken the tree, and will certainly prevent development of the new shoots. The ordinary remedies are coal oil emulsions, strong tobacco water, and whale oil soap and quassia chips. The latter remedy is one that has been largely recommended in British Columbia. The proportion used is four pounds quassia chips, four pounds of soap to fifty gallons of water. Both soap and chips should be boiled thoroughly, then strained and diluted with the right proportion of water, and applied in spray form. A second going over may be necessary, as it is difficult to reach all specimens, and none but those actually hit with the mixture are affected. But the necessary thing is to do it in time.

TIMELY HINTS AS TO CARE OF LAWNS.

The coming of spring brings with it a good deal of necessary work on the lawn and in the flower garden. In exposed situations the dead leaves have all been blown away, and, aside from the little branches which are always thrown off from deciduous trees, the lawn is comparatively clean and ready for the lawn mower whenever the grass shall have grown so large as to need cutting. When there is plenty of trees and shrubbery, there will be a good many dead leaves scattered over the lawn and most persons choose to have them raked away and thrown on the compost heap, or burned. If they are to be burned, it is a good plan to carry them into the garden and burn them. The little remaining after burning is an excellent fertilizer, but there is very little of it. The small dead brush raked up with the leaves adds somewhat to the value of the fertilizer, since they furnish a little more potash than do the leaves. In fact, all the trimmings from trees, bushes and berry plants shou'd always be burned in the garden, and never in the street.

The lack of greensward is the bane of lawns and parks everywhere. Even here, in temperature latitudes, summer drouths are frequent, and give the lawn a brown color unless there is a copious supply of water to be had whenever needed, and even then grass never looks quite as well as it does when warm rains are frequent. A deep, well drained mellow soil holds moisture by capillary attraction, and when rains are few and far between the roots of the grass can run deep and find moist soil even when the surface of uncultivated soil is baked hard. A thoroughly well drained soil is drier in a wet time and wetter in a dry time than soil not drained, and an even and ample supply of water at the roots of the grass is conducive to the highest beauty of a lawn in this climate. Grass must have moist feeding ground, and this means a deep and fertile soil. Deep trenching is too costly for most owners, and so at the outset the ground must be plowed as deeply as possible and then thoroughly worked up mellow by the use of the harrow before the grass seeds are sown. If the soil is naturally rich, the seed will grow freely and soon make a rich, velvety turf. If not very rich, plenty of well rotted stable manure must be mixed thoroughly all through the soil while working it with plow and harrow before the seed is sown. If some good commercial fertilizer is brushed in with the grass seed the first growth will be very strong, and the turf will be firmer. The fertilizer should be sowed at the rate of ten pounds on each square rod of surface, or three-fourths of a ton per acre. This is heavy fertilizing, but it will pay the cost twice over in the increased strength and rapidity of growth.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The attention of Andrew Carnegie is directed to the fact that the citizens of Fernie are yearning for a public library.

Premier Bond of Newfoundland apparently wants the retaliation bill merely as a weapon in the hands of his government to be used in case the Americans do not come to time.

The Grand Forks Sun remarks that fruit growing has long since passed the experimental stage in that valley, and this spring thousands of fruit trees, sets and plants are being set out by the ranchers.

If King Edward has really presumed to settle with Pope Pius X the western Canadian school question, as Archbishop Langevin intimates, His Majesty's honorable title of Edward the Peacemaker will be in danger.

Particulars of a new and painless anæsthetic are published by the Petit Journal. The drug, which is obtained from a plant found in Japan, has been named "scopolamine." It is administered by hypodermic injection, and has the effect of inducing deep sleep for eight or nine hours. Scopolamine, it is claimed, is far superior as an anæsthetic to any of the drugs at present in use for the purposes of operation, and has absolutely no after effects.

The sporting editor of a Tacoma newspaper has, it is said, succeeded in matching John L. Sullivan, former champion pugilist of the the world, and Charlie Mitchell, champion boxer of England, for a twenty-round bout, the contest to take place in May. Time there was when a meeting of this kind would have attracted thousands to the ringside, but it is not likely that the proposed event, if it ever takes place, will have enough gate receipts to pay for advertising it.

The attempt of the Tribune to ridicule the member for Ymir riding comes with very bad grace from a paper whose editor so flagrantly neglected his legislative duties throughout the session just closed. Mr. Wright may not attempt to pass himself for a genius, as does the editor of the Tribune, but he certainly cannot be accused of neglecting the interests of his constituents, and we believe the voters of Ymir riding place a high estimate on the services rendered by their representative. During the recent session of the Legislature, Nelson was practically without a representative in the House. A favorite expression of the Tribune used to be that West Kootenay riding had a wooden man for its representative; for all the benefit Nelson now receives through its representative, this city might as well send a jack-in-the-box to the Legislature.

PRESS COMMENT.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reminded by these presents, to wit, the Chinese proverb which says that men do not stumble over mountains but mole hills.—Ottawa Citizen.

After Frank Oliver's accession to the ministry it was remarked that the swearing in before His Excellency was not a circumstance to the language that was used by Mr. Oliver's colleagues in the privacy of the cabinet chamber.—Toronto Telegram.

The B. C. Government has prorogued with the McBride party still in power in spite of the predictions handed out by the soreheads. A large amount of useful legislation was transacted and the standing finances of B. C. are in better shape than for years.—Blairmore Times.

John Houston arrived in Victoria in a hurry on Sunday to support—so he says—government railway proposals. Nelson is unfortunate in having a representative who does not attend to his legislative business. That long resolution about raising money on land which stood on the order paper for days in Mr. Houston's name was never moved.—The Week, Victoria.

It is to be regretted that the conditions were such that the Government could not bring down any railway legislation at the session just ended. There were worthy projects, entitled to some sort of aid, but as it turned out, there were so many axes to be ground by individual members, that no substantial agreement could be arrived at as to which were the few that could be assisted.—Phoenix Pioneer.

Much dissatisfaction is felt among local stockholders in the Providence at the manner in which the business of the company is being conducted. In the two years previous to the time—five months ago—when the present management took charge, the mine paid regular dividends. Since that time no dividends have been paid, although the old management, it is said, left large reserves of ore in sight. Full details will be given in a future issue.—Boundary Creek Times.

This is an age of advertising. Individuals, districts, cities and countries advertise, and the individual, district, city or country that advertises with greatest persistence and discretion reaps the greatest reward. One of the best examples of what can be done by judicious advertising is the influx of farmers and others, with more or less means, into the Okanagan district. Lands that were a few years ago looked upon as mere cattle ranches, absolutely unfittted for any other purpose but grazing, are being converted into fruit farms, comfortable homes are springing up on the formerly parched ranges, and men, women and children, with their needs creating increased business for the merchants, are replacing the scattered herds of cattle owned by half a dozen ranchers.—Inland Sentinel.

Mr. Oliver, M. P. P., is beginning his campaign for the next session betimes and started it by a speech last evening to the good people of North Vancouver. It is true he was accompanied by his estimable leader, Mr. J. A. Macdonald. But that was only as a foil. The meeting was "John's"; the speech was "John's"; even the resolution that was carried was drawn up by "John." It had the usual contradictory assertions that always make the drafting of the honorable member for Delta a matter of so much complexity. In this particular case it started out with denouncing the Government for not lavishing Provincial resources on railway promoters and concluded with a denunciation of the same Government because it had been compelled to raise taxation to replenish a treasury depleted by just such a policy as the former part of the resolution demanded. Stranger still, the Estimates went through the House with scarcely a murmur from the Opposition, save Mr. Henderson, who thought too many postage stamps had been used.—News-Advertiser.

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"But what actually is the extent of the evil? We can hardly measure the effects aright without knowing the extent; how greatly are we afflicted by it? The children of the imagination were long in bondage to science. Now they wander, let us hope not a full forty years, in the wilderness of purely scientific expression, the arid, sterile waste of statistics. What function of public life has not been unduly brought under this dread domain? Understanding quantity by instinct and quality not at all, the appeal is made at once to arithmetic. Would we convince the average American? Experience has taught that it can best be done by figures. The Zerah Colburn in him is most alert. Do not the newspapers rely upon this trait continually? Latterly, our editorial pages are digests of tables prepared by various commissions. Does the pulpit scorn this means of arousing interest? How do we raise funds for starving India? The chief instrument for rousing compassion is famine statistics; the bulk of the misfortune readily appeals. We group disaster as our merchants corner markets. Do we plead the cause of temperance? Here statistics revel, and they may be had patiently plotted out even to the number of drunkards to the square rod in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, or the arrests for inebriety in Kokomo, Indiana, for 1900. What seems to be the crux in literature? How appraise the success of a book save by the number of copies sold in a given time? How ascertain the merit of a play save by the number of nights it "ran" in the dramatic centers? Thus is our American mark set on what is what. We go about reforming and purifying the world, with a committee report at elbow and a statistical compilation in each hand."

The Color Cure.

Now it is the color cure, and medicine men are recommending that their depressed and nervous patients should wear nothing but garments of red. Mr. Ruskin went so far as to say that all the people he had known who were morally and physically sound loved bright color; that the yellow hues of a canary were enlivening to behold, and that it was enough merely to see a huntsman in his "pink" to give you courage to take a ditch yourself."—"Ladies' Field."

Caught in a Stampede.

TWO years ago, when the cowboys of north-eastern Arizona came together to find out who was the "best man" in various ways, James Evans won the steer-tying championship by roping, throwing and tying a vicious steer in twenty-four seconds. But in a recent round-up the champion did a more remarkable thing, by which, says the Kansas City "Star," he saved his own and another man's life.

While he and some companions were camping for the night on a high tableland, which ended a few miles away in an abrupt drop of two hundred feet, a storm swept through the mountains. Made nervous by the lightning, the herd of fifteen hundred cattle stampeded in the direction of the precipice. Evans and his men mounted hurriedly and, circling to the front of the maddened cattle, tried with whoops and revolver-shots to turn them back.

In the dense blackness of the night Evans's horse missed his footing and went down in a heap, one leg in a gopher-hole. The horse of a cowboy named Davis, running close behind, stumbled over Evans's horse, and Davis, too, came to earth and lay still, unconscious.

Fifty yards away came the herd, and a short flash of lightning showed Evans the situation. The swiftly moving sea of cattle reached one hundred yards each way. Unable to arouse Davis, and never thinking of leaving his disabled comrade, Evans took the only chance of saving both. He emptied his own revolver and his companion's into the center of the herd, cutting a breach in the front of the mass. Then, throwing the inanimate form of Davis over his shoulder, he awaited his opportunity.

As one of the leaders brushed by, Evans, with one movement, put the body of Davis across the shoulders of the steer, and mounted, also. Vainly the animal leaped, bucked and sidejumped. With his legs wrapped tightly around the body of his mount, Evans drove his spurs deep in, and held himself and Davis in place.

The steer, wild with rage, agony and fright, rapidly left the herd in the rear, and, veering to the right in a furious gallop, carried his riders out of danger. Then Evans rolled off the back of his strange rescuer, and a half-hour later, when his cowboys turned the herd at the rim of the canyon, and rode back to look for the foreman and Davis, they found them, both unconscious. The weary steer, with his sides covered with blood, lay exhausted a short distance away.

The outfit ordered a medal for Evans, and the steer has been pensioned for life on the best alfalfa in the valley.

Philip II. sent a young nobleman to Rome to congratulate Sixtus V. on his exaltation. Sixtus was dissatisfied at so young an ambassador being sent, and, with his usual frankness, said, "Does your master want men, that he sends to me a beardless ambassador?" "Had my sovereign thought," replied the haughty Spaniard, "that merit consisted in a beard, he would have sent you a goat."

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GENERAL NEWS.

The Nelson Launch Club will take part in the water sports at Kaslo on May 24th.

Harry Porteous, who figured in the line-up of the Nelson football team in past seasons, is in the city from Trout Lake.

It is the intention of the Ottawa to increase its force to about 50 men when their main ore chute is encountered.

The spring assizes for this judicial district will be held on May 9. There is only one criminal case, that of Roberts, charged with shooting at M. S. Davys.

The Kaslo Kootenaian is anxious to see John A. Gibson appointed resident post-office inspector for the Kootenays. Many people will agree with the Kootenaian when it says Mr. Gibson is well qualified to fill the position.

Fred. G. T. Lucas, son of Mining Recorder Lucas, of Kaslo, who recently passed his final examination for barrister and solicitor, will open an office in Vancouver. Mr. Lucas has resided in Vancouver for a number of years.

Yesterday forenoon the Junior Amateur lacrosse team defeated the Hungry Eleven by a score of 5 to 3. It is likely that another game will be arranged for shortly when the Hungry Eleven have little doubt but that the score will be reversed.

The Kaslo Kootenaian does not expect ore shipments to amount to much for some time to come, but intimates that something will soon transpire to give the mining industry the greatest stimulus to operate it has ever experienced.

F. M. Black, of P. Burns & Co., has returned from a three months' visit to his old home in Scotland. Mr. Black enjoyed his visit very much, but prefers the Kootenays as a place of residence. It was 15 or 16 years since he left Scotland, and he found many changes.

The Slocan Drill reports: "Two lots of ore were shipped out this week, and both by lessees. Nine tons were sent out by the Tamarac and 20 tons by the Neepawa. The former has apparently reached the end of its string under present conditions, while the lease on the latter is about out. At the Ottawa are three carloads to come down, but the roads are not yet in shape for handling the ore. Output for week 29 tons; for the year 762 tons."

A. H. Clements and D. McArthur returned to this city this week from a prolonged visit to California. Mr. Clements was at San Diego, where he was under the medical care of Dr. Geo. Murphy, the well-known physician, and returned much improved in health. He will return to California in the autumn. Mr. McArthur spent most of his time in Los Angeles, and has also benefitted by the California climate. He will also take up his residence in California. Both these gentlemen report business flourishing throughout California.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in West Kootenay district:

1. Commencing at a post planted 1½ miles from Goat River on the South side of Sullivan Creek, and marked C. A. Paulson, S. W. corner; thence East 40 chains; thence North 160 chains; thence West 40 chains; thence South 160 chains to place of commencement.

2. Commencing at a post planted 1 mile from Goat River on the South side of Sullivan Creek, and marked C. A. Paulson, S. W. corner; thence East 40 chains; thence North 160 chains; thence West 40 chains; thence South 160 chains to place of beginning.

Dated at Kitchener, B. C., this 13th day of March, 1905.

C. A. Paulson, Locator.
J. D. Elbridge, Agent.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that sixty (60) days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, on the North shore of Kootenay Lake in the District of West Kootenay.

Commencing at a stake placed twenty (20) chains East of the North-east corner post of Lot 1313, Group 1; thence East along the Northern boundary of said Lot 1313, a distance of eighty (80) chains; thence North forty (40) chains; thence West eighty (80) chains; thence South forty (40) chains to place of beginning.

Dated 25th of April, 1905.

Gordon Hallett.

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Notice To Delinquent Co-Owner.

To Archie M. Johnson, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the "Ophir" mineral claim, situate on the west side of Bird creek, about one and a half miles up from the old Government trail in the Nelson Mining Division, West Kootenay:

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents in labour and improvements on the above mentioned claim in order to hold said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, the said labour being done for the year ending April 12, 1904, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure together with all costs of advertising your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900."

Dated this 17th day of February, 1905.

J. B. Baxter.

Notice To Delinquent Co-Owner

To Nels Petersen, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the "Summit" mineral claim, situate on Coon creek, in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay:

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended two hundred dollars in labour and improvements on the above mentioned claim in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, the said labour being done for the year ending 1904, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said mineral claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900."

Dated this 6th day of March, 1905.

Godfrey Birtsch.

Examination for Assayers for License to Practice in British Columbia.

In accordance with section 12 of the Bureau of Mines Act, examinations for efficiency in the practice of assaying will be held at Nelson, B. C., on the 1st May, 1905, and on the following days as may be found necessary.

Entrance for Examination.

Entrance for Examination must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, at least ten days before the date set for beginning of examination, and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee ($15).

Any additional information desired may be obtained from H. Carmichael, Secretary, Board Examiners, Victoria, or Alex McKillop and Hy. Harris, Examiners, Nelson.

Richard McBride,
Minister of Mines.

Department of Mines,
Victoria, B. C., 6th March, 1905.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by C. A. Waterman & Co., at their offices in the K.-W.-C. Block, Baker street, Nelson, B. C., on

Monday, the First day of May, 1905,

at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, the following property: All and singular Lots numbered Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), and West one-half of Lot Twenty-Two (22), in Block numbered Thirty (30), in the Town (now city) of Nelson, Province of British Columbia, according to the official plan or survey of the Town of Nelson.

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Dated this 8th day of May, 1905.

LANDS AND WORKS.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

Notice is hereby given that the reservation established in pursuance of the provisions of the "Columbia and Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," notices of which were published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 7th May, 1896, and 5th June, 1896, respectively, are hereby cancelled.

Crown Lands situated within the area embraced by the said reservation will be open to sale, settlement, lease and other disposition, under the provisions of the "Land Act," three months after the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette: provided, however, that in all cases where lands are so sold, pre-empted, leased or otherwise alienated by the Government and are subsequently found, upon the survey of the Columbia and Western Railway Company's blocks, to lie wholly or in part within such blocks, then the persons so acquiring such lands shall acquire their title thereto from the Railway Company, who have agreed to deal with such purchasers, pre-emptors, lessees, etc., on the same terms and conditions as the Government would under the provisions of the "Land Act," except in respect to timber lands on the Company's blocks, which shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Company relative to the cutting of timber on the Columbia and Western Railway Land Grant.

W. S. Gore,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd February, 1905.

Notice.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase a tract of land in West Kootenay district, of the following description:—Beginning at a post marked J. J. Campbell S. W. Corner, which is placed adjacent to the N. W. corner of lot 6300, running therefrom twenty chains North, thence approximately forty chains East, thence twenty chains South, thence forty chains West to the point of commencement, containing approximately eighty acres.

(Sgd.) J. J. Campbell.

Nelson, B. C., April 4th, 1905.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situate in West Kootenay District, about 4½ miles West of Slocan River, on Robertson Creek:—Commencing at a post planted at the centre of William E. Koch's East Boundary line marked "A. M. J.'s N. W. Corner Post," thence South 40 chains; thence East 80 chains; thence North 40 chains; thence West 80 chains to the point of commencement.

Dated February 14th, 1905.

A. M. Johnson.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 10 acres of land in West Kootenay District: Commencing at a post marked "P. E's. N. W. Corner Post" planted 1 mile East of Bonnington Falls Station on the South side of the Right of Way of the Columbia & Kootenay Railway, thence East following said Right of way 440 yards, thence South to Kootenay River, thence following the sinuousities of said Kootenay River to the point of commencement.

Dated 21st February, 1905.

Fred Elwell.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 3 acres of land situated in West Kootenay District:—Commencing at a post marked "L. A. C's. N. W. Corner Post" planted 1100 yards East of Bonnington Falls Station on the South side of the Right of Way of the Columbia & Kootenay Railway, thence East following said Right of Way to Fred Elwell's North-West Corner Post, thence South to Kootenay River, thence following the sinuousities of said Kootenay River to the point of commencement.

Dated 21st February, 1905.

L. A. Campbell.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 480 acres of land situate in West Kootenay District, about 4½ miles West of Slocan River, on Robertson Creek:—Commencing at a post planted 40 chains North of William E. Koch's N. W. Corner Post, marked "M. E. K. N. E. Corner Post," thence West 80 chains; thence South 40 chains; thence East 40 chains; thence South 40 chains; thence East 40 chains; thence North 80 chains to the point of commencement.

Dated February 14th, 1905.

M. E. Koch.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land situate in West Kootenay District, about 4½ miles West of Slocan River, on Robertson Creek:—Commencing at a post planted 40 chains East of the North-East corner of Larcher's pre-emption, marked "W. E. K. N. W. Corner Post," thence South 80 chains; thence East 80 chains; thence North 80 chains; thence West 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated February 14th, 1905.

William E. Koch.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of Harley A. Bishop, Deceased Intestate, late of Nelson, B. C.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" to all creditors of the estate of the said Harley A. Bishop to send or deliver to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of May, A. D. 1905, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and will not be liable for such assets to any person or persons of whose claims he shall not have received notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 15th day of April, A. D. 1905.

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