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... finer than the fruit of ... 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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THE PLOT THAT FAILED

Promises to Pair Were Broken.

HOW THE OPPOSITION

Sought to Defeat the McBride Government, and the Result.

There was a little old plot hatched in the local House last Monday by the Opposition party, to which very scant reference has been made by either of our contemporaries—the Colonist because it is, as always, afraid to stand up for its friends; the Times because the said plot was so badly mangled in its execution, and so nefarious in some of its details, that it was utterly useless even for Liberal political capital.

The bed-plates of the plot were laid by the immaculate Opposition at the end of last week. Mr. Macgowan (Vancouver) had business in the Terminal City which would necessitate his staying there over Monday. He accordingly arranged a pair with a well known up-country Liberal member, who, for the sake of whatever little remnants of credit are left to the party, shall be nameless here.

Mr. Gifford (New Westminster) was suffering badly from la grippe, and he likewise was assured of a pair in the event of his staying at home to nurse the fell disease.

Then some honorable—very honorable—members of the Opposition made certain further arrangements, which resulted in something happening about 6 o'clock on Sunday morning.

When, therefore, the House met on Monday afternoon, there were no less than four of the Government supporters absent from their places—Messrs. Macgowan and Gifford, and two other members who were even more sick than Mr. Gifford.

Then Mr. R. Hall (Victoria) rose to resume the debate on the Education Bill, and concluded his speech by moving that the Education Bill do receive the six months' hoist.

The Government retaliated by promptly moving the adjournment of the debate; but the Opposition said "No," and a division was in order accordingly.

The bell rang thrice and, chuckling in their sleeves, the Opposition members hurried to their seats to take part in what they deemed would be an easy victory.

Just what miscalculations had occurred in the plans of the conspirators will probably never be publicly known; but the fact remains that when the Speaker counted hands the best showing the Opposition could make was sixteen votes, while the poor, weak McBride Government, deprived by methods little short of felony of four of its supporters, was still able to put up nineteen votes and thus defeat the conspiracy.

The extremely honorable up-country member who had promised to pair with Macgowan broke his plighted word without a blush; Mr. Gifford was also disappointed of his promised pair, and the absence of the other two members could be explained best by some members of the Opposition.

The desperate straits to which the "hungry, mercenary, despoiling, office-seeking Opposition,"—as the Victoria Times of last Wednesday, with refreshing candor, calls them—are now driven, can well be judged by their employment of such disgraceful tactics as have been faintly—for full particulars belong rather to the police court docket than the journalistic page—outlined here. It is possible to be a gentleman in spite of being a politician—but some at least of the Opposition party do not appear to be either one or the other, judging from the calf-like clumsiness with which this unclean little bit of attempted jobbery was bungled through, to fail at the last, and leave its perpetrators shorn alike of the honest name which softens defeat or the meritricious success which gilds disgrace.

That is the bitter part of it to the Opposition—they have achieved nothing, they have forfeited respect by unparliamentary tactics, and, worst of all, they have with their own hands laid bare to the gloating gaze of the public their own pitiful weakness. Everything was in their favor, the Government about whose weakness they have been shouting for a year past was still further weakened by the loss of four of its members, and yet—even yet—the great Liberal party could not use their advantage, but had to meet ignominious and disgraceful defeat on the very field and on the very terms they themselves had chosen.

As remarked above, the full details of this affair are not set down here—they are not fit for publication. But it may be well to point out to the Opposition that, while in Yukon and in Ontario it was, up to a few months ago, permissible for a hungry politician to cast aside every shred of self-respect so long as he gained his political ends, yet a repetition of such tactics in British Columbia will only serve to bury the party even deeper in this Province than it is buried in the east and north.—The Week, March 11.

THREW AT A FOX, HIT A MINE

Two young Canadians, David Dunlap and Noah Timmins, both of Mattawa, Ont., registered at a New York hotel this week, says the New York Herald. They brought little personal baggage, but did bring two freight cars which they had side-tracked in Jersey City.

Forty tons of rock were in these cars. It had been mined by Dunlap and Timmins in Northern Ontario, between lakes Temiscomingue and Temagamie.

When the two Canadians left for home yesterday they had sold the rock for $75,000. They had struck a silver and nickel mine which promises to be one of the richest in the world. They have obtained complete ownership of the property, and declare they would not sell for $5,000,000 each.

The territory in which the mine is located is little known except to hunters. Almost a year ago the Canadian Pacific Railway projected a line through that section, and last spring a blacksmith's shop was built alongside of the newly laid tracks.

One Sunday afternoon as a blacksmith, hammer in hand, was strolling around a fox started up in front of him. He hurled the hammer, missed the fox, but the hammer struck a projecting bowlder, making a sharp metallic sound.

The blacksmith became interested. He struck the bowlder and became convinced that it was largely impregnated with metal. He clipped some chips off the rock, and taking them to Mattawa, he showed them to Timmins and Dunlap. The latter saw the specimens were largely silver.

Carefully guarding the secret, the two men went to the place and discovered more than a dozen other specimens of rock. All were of silver, with about 12 per cent of nickel and a trace of cobalt and arsenic.

They also found a well defined ore vein running along the surface of the ground for nearly a thousand feet. Claims were filed, and Noah Timmins, his brother Henry and David Dunlap became the owners of the property. The three men, with a gang of twenty-five miners, then took possession and began operations.

EVENTS AND GOSSIP

The indignation of the virtuous gentlemen who supported the "progressive party" at the last municipal election is to say the least of it, highly amusing. The sympathy of the same gentlemen for Joseph Harwood, who lost his home and everything contained therein, may be regarded as the climax of hypocrisy. Every one of them knew that the "progressive party" bound their candidates hand and foot to abide by the will of their leader, and equally as well did they know that it was the will of the leader to disorganize every department in the city, in order to reduce the officials to a proper sense of respect for the "master mind." It was no ordinary compact in which the signers were equal—it was a complete surrender of liberty to the leader. The men who entered into the compact did so with their eyes open, and the men who supported them at the polls cannot shirk their reponsibility for the deplorable condition of affairs now existing. They are equally responsible with the representatives of the "progressive party" for the disorganized state of the fire department, and no amount of hypocritical protestations to the contrary will in any way relieve them from a full share of this responsibility. In refusing to do accept it, they only add cowardice to their other shortcomings. It may seem an exaggerated view of the situation to assert that these men do not care if the whole city was reduced to ashes, yet did they not vote for the men who by their acts have shown that protection to property is only a secondary consideration—the first being the perpetuation of the spoils system. If it should happen now and again that luck should be with their appointees well and good, but above all the friends of the boss must be provided for. And the friends of the boss must not be interfered with; they are the force in politics, and their reward must be freedom to come and go at their own sweet will, in opposition to all discipline. What does it matter if the ratepayers pay dearly for protection to their property? Has not the boss of the whole works decreed that the money of the ratepayers is to be used in unnecessary advertising in the Nelson Tribune, and otherwise contributing to the support of a man who has been more or less of a charge on the community since the first day he arrived in Nelson. Has not a majority of the voters declared for the perpetuation of this policy, and now why should some of them try to squirm out of their degrading position? No one can reasonably find fault with the individual members of the fire brigade. They did everything that could be expected of them without a chief to direct their operations, but serious fault is to be found with the authorities who interfered with the department with the result that the man who drove the wagon did know where to locate the fire, and the acting chief either refused to sacrifice a good breakfast to direct his men or did not know anything about the fire. The argument of one of the newly-appointed officials that the building destroyed was not a very valuable one, is the climax of folly. That house was just as much to the man who lost it as a more expensive building would be to a richer man, and there was nothing to show that more intelligence would have been displayed in fighting a more extensive conflagration. The fact remains that if the fire chief had reached the ground in reasonable time the furniture would have been saved. Just what would have happened had the fire taken place on a day when there was a high wind, such as prevailed last week, no one cares to suggest. The brigade was manifestly unable to cope with a fire of small dimensions; what would they have done in the case of a larger fire? And who would have been held responsible? Undoubtedly the men who disorganized the fire brigade in the first place, and the voters for electing an irresponsible municipal machine in the second place. And no amount of snivelling and dodging can alter the situation. They knew what they had to expect. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?

The smoker given last night under the auspices of St. Patrick's Society was a gratifying success. About one hundred were present, and the fact that nearly everyone remained until the last, is the best guarantee that the entertainment provided was of an attractive character. A cold dinner was served by Choquette Bros., and it was a credit to the caterers. Music was supplied by Fred Irwin's orchestra and was specially suitable for the occasion. President Scanlan proposed the usual toasts, and the responses were appropriate. Indeed the speeches were more than usually bright and eloquent, particularly those delivered by Messrs. Arthur, Ebbs, O'Driscoll, Sullivan, Fraser and Clark. Others spoke briefly, and all were well received. The songs by Messrs. Sullivan, Meagher, Forin, Devlin and others added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Altogether the Irishmen of Nelson have reason to congratulate themselves on the success attending their celebration.

The many friends of Geo. B. McMillan are pleased to see him back in their midst, after his providential escape from the Yaquis Indians. Indeed, "Mac's" bosom friends made his return to his old quarters the occasion of a re-union in which the narration of his adventures was punctuated with prayers of thanksgiving. The more thrilling the escape recounted, the more fervent were the prayers pronounced. George McMillan is an observing man and an interesting conversationalist, and the occasion of his recent visit to Mexico is dealt with in a manner which never fails to draw a large audience. The listener can learn more about Mexico in one hour's conversation with him than can be gathered out of half a dozen books on the same subject. He will return to Mexico in September.

At the Coast the lacrosse players are already beginning to practice. It is more than likely that the New Westminster club will re-enter the B. C. A. L. A. The lacrosse officials of that city realize that there is no necessity for the inter-city friction and will do all that they can to heal the breach. However, a condition of joining the league would be that each team in the league will post $100 as a guarantee that it will fill each and every game of the schedule.

Dr. Hamilton, who has been physician at the Kootenay Lake General Hospital for the past year or so, has resigned, and will move to Arrowhead. He will take charge of the new hospital at that place, and also engage in general practice. The doctor has many friends in Nelson who will watch his future course with interest. He will leave for his new home within the next two weeks.

In advocating a surrender to the municipality of the powers now held by the Government in the appointment of license commisioners John Houston told the House committee that he had no personal ends to serve. His friends in Nelson do not believe this, and it will be difficult to make anyone else believe it. Mr. Houston is desirous of putting some of his political enemies out of business, and this he would do if the city council had the power to cut off hotel licenses. The fact of the matter is, the member for Nelson has an object in everything he does, and that object is nearly always something either to advance the interests of his political friends, or to harrass his political enemies.

British Columbia has contributed to the stage many famous actors in the past. Indeed, one of the leading playwrights, David Belasco, was brought up on Vancouver Island. It is now reported that one of Lillooet's fairest daughters has found fame on the stage. Miss Kathryn Spelman, of that place, has signed an engagement for two years and a-half with an American theatrical troupe which will tour the cities of the Coast and visit Honolulu, Australia and the Orient. She has been at a dramatic school in San Jose.

Harold Nelson returns to the Opera House two nights the week after next. The first night he will produce "Richelieu," perhaps his strongest piece, and on the following night he will repeat "Paul Kauvar."

Clarence Goepel has left for San Francisco, and will make California his home, for at least some time. Clarence was popular here, and previous to his departure his friends gave him a fitting send off.

The Noah Timmins referred to in another column as one of the owners of the big silver mine at Mattawa, Ont., is a brother-in-law of A. Ferland, formerly of Nelson. It is understood that Mr. Ferland is heavily interested in the mine.

Next Monday the Nelson Tourist Association will hold a meeting at the Hume Hotel for organization purposes. This is a matter which should interest every citizen of Nelson. Other cities cities have found the tourist trade profitable, and situated as Nelson is, with scenery unsurpassed in any place in the world, it should become the greatest tourist resort on the continent. There is more money in tourists than some mines.

Since her return to England Lady Minto has been doing good missionary work on behalf of Canada. She has lately been urging her friends in England to learn the meaning of Empire by spending their holidays in Canada. There is considerable merit in Lady Minto's advice, and it would be beneficial in many ways, if her friends will act upon the suggestion.

The Nelson Conservative Union will hold its annual meeting next Friday night when officers will be elected. The Union has a large membership roll, many new names being recently added to the list.

Rev. J. H. White, who has charge of the missionary work of the Methodist Church in British Columbia, was a visitor to Nelson this week.

The death took place suddenly at Vancouver, Wednesday morning, of Mrs Senkler, relict of Hon. Edmund John Senkler. Mrs. Senkler lived with her son at Vancouver, since the death of her husband four years ago. She was mother of Edward C. Senkler, formerly of Nelson, but now Gold Commissioner at Dawson. In company with her husband she visited Nelson seven years ago.

PUNCHES WORK BOTH WAYS

Revive Fighters Besides Knocking Them Out.

JIMMY RYAN'S BELIEF

Almost Defeated by a Stiff Blow, then Restored by a Second Hit.

Can a pugilist who has been dazed and sent groggy with a punch be brought back to his normal condition with another blow in a fight? Australian Jimmy Ryan says yes, and has his own experience to prove it. Ryan, a few years ago, was regarded as one of the best middleweights in the business. He fought Joe Walcott, Tommy West, Joe Choynski and some of the fastest men in the ring, and if he failed to win the worst he received in the majority of the contests was a draw.

About seven years ago, when Ryan was in excellent form, he met Joe Choynski in Butte. Owing to the reputation of the men a large crowd turned out to see the combat, and the receipts of that affair, according to Ryan, exceeded over $11,000.

"That fight is indelibly impressed on my mind," said Ryan the other night to a party of friends, the conversation having drifted to some old time ring battles. "Everybody knows that Choynski can punch. In my opinion, he is one of the swiftest hitters in the game. When I took Choynski on I knew that I was up against it, but as I was in the business for all there was in it I took a chance. It was in the eighth round of the mill, I remember. We were fighting pretty even up to then, and although I was in poor condition I was getting along very well. After a clinch, Choynski aimed a right hand swing at me. I saw it coming and danced out of the way. But before I could get set Choynski was after me like a bull after a red flag and before I knew it I was backing toward the ropes. Before I could get up my guard Joe landed a heavy right hand blow, and it fell on my jaw. I was sent spinning on the ropes and my head began to rattle. I was dazed and consciousness was fast leaving me. I felt my legs sink beneath me, my hands give way and my mind become a total blank. The crowd I could see slowly rising to the ceiling. The lights changed places and glimmered from below. I imagined I could hear the referee start to count me out and the crowd cheer the winner.

"All of a sudden things began to change, but only after Choynski had sent over a left hand blow to the other jaw. My vision was slowly but surely being restored. I had that sensation of passing into the light, the same as a person feels when he awakes from a pleasant dream. The lights rose slowly to the ceiling. The spectators took their positions in the auditorium, the use of my limbs returned and I was myself again. Mind you, all this consumed the space of a few seconds. But it seemed like hours to me. I got to my feet and intuitively rushed at my opponent. I waded in as I never did before. I seemed to be endowed with unnatural strength, and my friends say that I fought harder after those two blows than I did at any time during the combat.

"I really cannot account for this phenomenon except that perhaps the nerves of the brain after being jarred by being punched on one side of the jaw were quieted by the smash on the other side. I have asked many pugilists if they had had such an experience and they frankly admitted that they had not.

"I remember on another occasion, when I fought Tommy West, that one blow came in the first round made me do things just the reverse of the regular principle in life. I realized what was going on but for the love of me I could not do things in the proper way. After the mill I boarded what I thought was a car going up town. Instead I went the wrong way. I began to walk backward, put my hat on backward and do every thing in the opposite direction. I was in this condition for several hours. I suppose that my brain got so jarred that it was sut of gear for a while."

NURSERYMEN WANT CHANGES

As a result of representations made by the B. C. Nurserymen's association, it is said that the agricultural committee of the Local Legislature will recommend a number of amendments to the horticultural board act when it reports to the house.

On Monday the committee was waited upon by Mr. D. M. Robertson and Mr. Ohlson, president and secretary respectively of the nurserymen's organization, who complained that the officials of the horticultural board were incompetent. They also represented that the cost of the inspection of fruit trees was excessive; that trees were injured by careless handling; that provincial inspection should not be necessary after fumigation by the Dominion authorities; that the power of the horticultural board to close nurseries should be limited to a prevention of the sale of varieties actually infected; that the damage for which nurseries may be held responsible through the sale of infected stock be limited to the bond required in this connection, etc. Some of these suggestions it is said will be embodied in the committee's report to the House.

Discussion of these matters was continued at a meeting of the committee Tuesday morning, when Mr. Thomas Cunningham, provincial inspector of fruit trees; Mr. R. M. Palmer, and Mr. J. R. Anderson, government officials, were present, as well as the representatives of the Nurserymen's Association.

For a time the proceedings were decidedly lively, owing to conflict of views in regard to the question of competency raised by the nurserymen's deputation. The chairman had occasion several times to call the meeting to order, such words as "sucker," "grafter," and other words synonymous with the tree growing business being transplanted into the discussion amid roars of merriment. At one stage the chairmen threatened to close the session entirely on the ground that it had degenerated into a farce, but the humor of the thing was too much even for his dignity, and he laughed with the rest.

That no hard feelings were engendered by the meeting was evident by the fact that the whole company adjourned subsequently to the restaurant to smoke a friendly cigar.

It is said that as a result of the meeting the committee has practically decided to recommend the appointment of nurserymen to the horticultural board.

The Sandon mines last week shipped 53 tons of ore, 31 of which was zinc.

The Slocan Drill reports that a blank in ore shipments was saved this week by the sending out of a one ton lot by the Combination to Nelson. It is the first ore that claim has shipped and is for a test, having been taken from the drift during development this winter. corrected figures from the Black Prince raises that property's output to 315 tons. For a week or two no more ore will go from the camp until the roads get in she for wagons. Output to date 633 tons.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Seth Bullock, who led the cowboy brigade at the president's inauguration, is an old Sandwich, Ont., boy, who went west and became sheriff of Deadwood, S. D., and chief of the Black Hills Forest Rangers.

"Where will this thing end?" exclaimed a citizen at the fire which destroyed Joseph Harwood's little home. That gentleman should have asked himself that question when he marked his ballot on the 12th day of last January.

A Spokane expert should be requested to express an opinion of the Nelson fire brigade as it appeared at the fire Wednesday morning. It is doubtful, however, if the report would be acted upon as readily as the council swallowed the last one.

A movement to raise a memorial fund of $25,000 for the benefit of the widow and family of the late E. F. Clarke, M. P., has been started, and E. B. Osler, M. P., has headed the list with a subscription of $2,500. Five well-known gentlemen have subscribed $500 each, while several others have given $200 each, making the total so far reached upwards of $6,000.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in regard to Sunday legislation practically is that the Sunday laws—so far as they are restrictive or proscriptive, punishment accompanying their violation—are within the power and authority of the Dominion parliament. In other words, that as parliament controls criminal legislation, it controls all legislation which punishes offences.

The citizens of Nelson must feel themselves under a debt of gratitude to Messrs. McInnes, Cameron and Oliver for their able defence of the member for this city. The fact that these gentleman are Liberals does not detract from the obligation, although it may hurt our civic pride a little that Nelson's member was not able to defend himself. Incidentally it might be mentioned that the Tribune gracefully acknowledges the services rendered by Messrs. McInnes, Cameron and Oliver.

The battle which raged for days in and around Mukden resulted in "victory" after thousands of men on both sides, had been slain. The Russian forces retreated, with the Japanese in hot pursuit, toward Tie Pass. The Czar, we are told, shed tears, and the Mikado was elated, when notified of the result. Each gave thought only to the effect upon himself; neither gave thought to the men who killed each other for they knew not what—to the fact that the dead upon the blood-stained battle-fields meant desolation worse than death for more than as many living wives and children, fathers and mothers.

PRESS COMMENT.

The oldest inhabitant is at a loss to remember a spring like the present in the Boundary. The orange belt will be moved up here in the course of this sort of thing continues.—Phoenix Pioneer.

Though good faith should be banished from the rest of the earth, said John II., yet she ought still to be found in the mouth of kings. So also ought it to be found in the mouth of governments and railway magnates. When British Columbia was led to rely upon the word of those in whom it had a right to trust that the Grand Trunk Pacific railway would be built forthwith, from this end, and without a cost of one dollar to the Province, the duty of those responsible for these promises is evident. Perhaps to-day the greatest objection to bonusing the Grand Trunk Pacific is the absolute bad faith being observed. Whatever objections existed in the first instance to a land bonus as a matter of public policy, they have become insuperably strong as the result of the deception that has been practiced on the people.—Victoria Colonist.

The Government is being asked by the Associated Boards of Trade to assist in the construction of electric lines throughout the Province. The movement is worthy of praise, and should receive due consideration. In mining districts, the proposition, if carried into effect, would do much towards the opening up of districts which are now partially dormant owing to the lack of transportation. The needs of the Trout Lake and Lardeau divisions require some cheap method of transportation. Electric lines are cheaper and can tap portions of the district where it would be impossible for the standard guage roads to reach. In the Lardeau division a road of this kind could be operated from Goat Mountain to deep water on the Arm, which would be of lasting benefit to numerous properties. In the Trout Lake division a road could be operated from 10-Mile to Trout Lake, which would tap several producing properties and allowing numerous others to produce which are at present closed down. —Lardeau Mining Review.

While there are doubtless directions in which amendments of the mining laws of the Province could be made with advantage, there is not a little to be urged in support of the view that the mining industry will be best served by abstaining from making any changes in the law for the present. On but few of the proposed changes is there anything like general agreement among those interested in the industry, while in regard to some of them the strongest opposition is expressed by men whose opinion is entitled to respect and consideration. The present outlook for the mining industry in British Columbia is brighter than it has been for some time and we consider that, for the sake of problematical improvement in the laws regulating mining, it would be unwise to have legislation introduced that might arouse suspicion and cause alarm as to the extent or the direction in which it might be carried. "Leave well alone" is the advice that may be advantageously followed at the present time in respect to this matter.—News-Advertiser.

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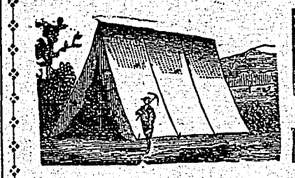

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Buried by a Cougar.

A hunter who was trailing after bear meat in British Columbia reports to the "Western Sportsman" an experience which he calls a "narrow graze." If the incident happened as the hunter tells it, it was indeed a narrow graze; but one cannot help suspecting that some of the invigorating ozone of the North-West has got into the story. Nevertheless, it is worth hearing.

"It was warm and dry, and along in the middle of the afternoon I began to pine for rest and a pipe. It was all quiet and no traces of game, and so when I'd had a comfortable smoke I stretched out for a nap.

"It must have been an hour later that I woke up and found myself covered with two feet of leaves snug as the babes in the wood. I was all tucked in that cosy that nobody else could have done it but a cougar, and most likely a female cougar at that. It occurred to me with some force that I'd been filed away for future reference, and that I hadn't waked up any too soon. It didn't soothe me to figure on that cougar stowing me away as a dog hides a bone.

"It seemed that the best thing for me to do was to countermine that cougar's mine, as it were. So I hunted up a log about my size and covered it with the leaves—a nice fat hump on the ground. Then I shinned a tree close by, assuring myself beyond any doubts or peradventures that nobody had meddled with the working of my repeater.

"The cougar came in such a short time as to show how fortunate it was that I had waked up when I did, and with her, as I had calculated, were a choice lot of young ones. She had left a dinner located and had been off to get her family.

"Well, that cougar circled around the pile of leaves for a matter of minutes, crouching and picking a nice select place to spring from. When she got satisfied and made the leap she went through the air tremendous, throwing the leaves in a whirlwind and scratching and snarling. It was some of a shock when she found the log, but she didn't display any disappointment. She just took the scent and came to the foot of my tree and looked up, real venomous.

"It seemed to her an awkward job to handle, I having my gun ready so, and the cougar had an inspiration. She went to a tree about ten feet away and started to go up. She was after that meal and not to be discouraged by any trifles. It was her idea to climb up above me on the other tree and then bring me down with a flying leap.

"I didn't lose any more time with experiments or speculations, but let her have it the first time she came round the tree. The ball went through her jaw and breast, and the varmint went to the ground. The young ones were running around, and I knocked them over, too, with the gun.

"Since then I haven't gone to sleep in the woods so careless and casual like."

What He Came For.

A learned judge who was one of the guests at a dinner was unexpectedly called upon to reply to a toast. Recovering somewhat from his surprise, he said that his situation reminded him of the story of a man who fell into the water while he was fishing.

With no little difficulty he was rescued, and after he had regained his breath and was in a fairly comfortable condition, his rescuer asked him how he came to fall into the water.

"I did not come to fall into the water," replied the unfortunate fisherman. "I came to fish."

There Was One.

"Is there a man in all this audience," fiercely exclaimed a female lecturer, "that has ever done anything to lighten the burden resting on his wife's shoulders? What do you know of woman's work?"

"Is there a man here," she continued, folding her arms and looking over her audience with superb scorn, "that has ever got up in the morning, leaving his tired, worn-out wife to enjoy her slumbers, gone quietly downstairs, made the fire, cooked his own breakfast, sewed the missing buttons on the children's clothes, darned the family stockings, scoured the pots and kettles, cleaned and filled the lamps, swept the kitchen, and done all this, if necessary, day after day, uncomplainingly? If there is such a man in this audience, let him rise up! I should like to see him!"

And in the rear of the hall a mild-looking man in spectacles, in obedience to the summons, timidly arose. He was the husband of the eloquent speaker. It was the first time he had ever had a chance to assert himself.

Rest.

Oh thought of infinite pity—
To sleep an aeon or two,
With never a care or sorrow,
And with never aught to do
But to rest, to rest, forgetting
We ever have sobbed or cried;
Forgetting that those who love us
And those whom we love have died.
—GRACE HIBBARD.

A Practical View.

Struggling pastor—The collections have fallen off terribly. Practical wife—It's that new vestryman who passes the plate; he never watches what people put in.—"New York Weekly."

Not Guilty.

"Who made the world?" snapped out a rather testy inspector years ago to a class of very small boys. No answer. Several times he repeated the question, getting louder and more incensed each time. At last a poor little fellow, kneading his eyes vigorously with his knuckles, blubbered out, "Please, sir, it waddn' me."

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GENERAL NEWS.

The Czar wont go to the front. It's coming to him.

Robert C. Muir, of Burford, Ont., is dead, aged 98 years.

Fred Starkey has been in the Boundary on business and will return this evening.

A smoker for the Eagles will be held in the Opera House next Tuesday evening.

The details of the new $250,000 G. T. R. station at London are being planned.

This morning J. E. Annable sold the Allen property, on Robson street, to J. R. Hunter.

Wm. Jackson has gone over to Marysville to install the machinery in smelter at that place.

The Bank of Toronto has purchased a block on Main street, Winnipeg, and will open its first Manitoba branch.

E. E. Leng, of this city, has purchased 50 acres of land at Slocan Junction, and will engage in fruit-growing.

A Nelson Football team will in all probability play a Slocan team at Kaslo on Victoria Day and practice is to be started shortly.

Within two years time Cranbrook will have a fine Dominion building and new Provincial buildings that will be a credit to the town.

An eujoyable feature of the smoker last night was a clog dance by John Devlin and Tom Bennett. It revived old memories to witness again an old time clog.

An engine is being installed at the ship yards to draw boats and barges on the skids for repairs. Before this a great deal of time was lost by the use of horses for the work.

It is reported that work will be commenced within the next month at the mill of the Kootenay River Lumber Co., in Nelson. This mill, which was closed down during the winter, will employ about 50 men.

At the meeting of the board of school trustees yesterday, it was decided not to make an organized effort to carry the school loan by-law, but the case will be presented to the property-owners on its merits.

An enterprising sneak thief was before Police Magistrate Crease, this morning charged with stealing two overcoats from the Hume Hotel, yesterday morning. He pleaded guilty to stealing one overcoat, and will be sentenced Monday. The other overcoat was sold to Silver King Mike, and stolen from him again.

One of the most satisfactory strikes that has been reported by the Kootenaian for some time was made a few days ago on the Cork mine, on the South Fork of Kaslo creek. A second parallel ledge of high grade galena was struck this week. The South Fork will yet demonstrate that the confidence of the investing public has not been misplaced.

Speaking of the discussion in the municipal committee with regard to proposed changes the Colonist says: "Mr Bowser, of Vancouver, vigorously opposed the change, and intimated that it, like all other political actions of the proposer, was dictated by personal interest in the premises. And it was this line of comment which was taken by Mr. Houston for his cue. He said several things about the Government, the Premier and the member for Ymir which would not look well as transcribed for Hansard, and which in old Kentuck would go far toward increasing the mortuary returns."

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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.

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"Henry," said Uncle Amos from Upcreek, who was visiting his city nephew, "who's that man in the house on the other side of the street? Every morning he stands in front of a window an' shaves himself. He's done it now for three days hand-running."

"I suppose he has done it every morning for the last ten years, uncle," replied Henry.

"Has he lived there all that time?"

"Yes, and longer than that, for all I know. I've been here only ten years myself."

"Who is he?"

"I don't know."

"What does he foller?"

"I haven't the slightest idea, uncle." Uncle Amos put on his hat and went out. In an hour or two he returned.

"Henry," he said, "that chap's name is Horton. He runs an insurance office down town. He's wuth about twenty-seven thousand dollars, owns that house an' lot, belongs to the Presbyterian church, has three boys an' one girl, an' he's forty-six years old. I've found out more about him in an hour than you have in ten years. Blamed if I don't believe livin' in the city makes people stupid."

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Dated February 14th, 1905.

WILLIAM E. KOCH.

Notice.

Take notice that I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the land hereinafter mentioned and that such application will be made sixty days from the date hereof. The land mentioned is as follows: Situated on the North shore of Kootenay River. Description of boundaries of land: Commencing at the South West corner post of Lot 605, thence in a Northerly direction 20 chains, thence in a Westerly direction 20 chains, thence in a Southerly direction to North bank of Kootenay River, thence along water front to point of commencement.

Nelson, B. C., January 7th, 1905.

ALEX. ALLAN.

The Molly Gibson Mining Company, Ltd., Non-Personal Liability, in Liquidation.

In the Matter of the "Companies Winding Up Act, 1899."

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 10th day of April, A. D. 1905, to send their claims and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to Bruce White, of Nelson, British Columbia, Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1905.

ELLIOT & LENNIE,

Solicitors to the above named Liquidator.

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.

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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 10 acres of land in West Kootenay District: Commencing at a post marked "F. 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 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 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; theuce North 40 chains; thence West 80 chains to the point of commencement.

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