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."

THE ECONOMIST.

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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WAS IT STOLEN?

Story of a Diamond Ring.

A GRAVE QUESTION

That Has Puzzled People Three-Quarters of a Century.

"I don't think it would ever be possible for me to become a grave robber," said an elderly gentleman to a reporter of the New York Sun the other day, "but there is one grave that I have had a strong desire all my life to break and peer into.

"I have had this desire since I was a very small boy at home in my native place, a little town in England. My grandmother told me a story once which I have never forgotten and which inspired the desire.

"There was in the town a rich old lady who, upon her deathbed, in 1820 or thereabouts, directed that she should be buried with her diamond ring. She also stipulated that her remains should be inclosed in a metal casket.

"My grandmother knew all about it, because she worked for the old lady and because she remembered that after the old lady's death the whole household was sadly put to it to carry out the deceased's instructions. After the body was placed in the casket with the big diamond ring on the lifeless finger one of the serving women was instructed to stand beside the casket while the men sealed it up.

"The servant was told never for an instant to take her eyes off the men as they did the sealing, and so she stood there while the men were busy with their hot irons and solder. The men worked a long time in silence, but they had plenty of glimpses at the gleaming diamond, and after a time one of them turned suddenly to the woman on guard and said:

"'Go get us a candle.'

"The woman went before it entered her head that it might be a ruse, and when she got back with the candle the sealing up was finished. Now, what bothers me is, did the men take the ring, or is it still in that casket?

"Of course the men insisted and persisted that they did not touch the body during the woman's absence, and as there was no way of proving their assertions without unsealing the casket no one knew whether they robbed the dead or not, except the men themselves, and they died long ago.

"Three or four times when I have been in England and have visited the old town I have sat and chatted with the present minister of the church in which the old lady's remains were placed. I know the minister well and I have often joked with him about the diamond ring in the crypt beneath the chancel of the church.

"I have told him that I would get the tools and that he and I would go in the church some dark night and unseal the old casket and satisfy ourselves whether the men did steal the ring or not. Of course he won't listen to such a thing. You see if anybody found us two old duffers prowling about the crypt all by ourselves they would never believe but that we were after the diamond and were not seeking simply to gratify our curiosity.

"I suppose I have half a dozen diamonds quite as valuable as that the old [illegible]ished to be buried with. The [illegible] right, however, for he [illegible]ndal that would [illegible]ld never a question that I have been asking myself for, yes, fully fifty-five years.

"There have been times when it has almost preyed on my mind, times when I was convalescent after a severe illness and, having nothing to do but think, I got thinking about the old dame and her diamond. It is something on the order of the lady or the tiger, you know, only this thing has a direct personal and family interest to me.

"Our family has argued the question as to whether the ring was stolen or not for the last fifty years. I have had brothers of mine whom I had not heard from in a dozen years send me letters from some far off point like India or South Africa writing about nothing but some new theory they had evolved concerning the ring episode of our grandmother's time.

"I suppose I would give the worth of the diamond three or four times over to unseal that old leaden box, just to settle the business. Now I find my own children, pretty well grown up, too, have begun to debate the question, but I am pretty well resigned to its never being solved in my day.

"I have a lingering suspicion, however, that one of those sons of mine will, with his American resourcefulness, find a way some day to get down in that crypt with a first-class mechanic or two and with a camera and a flashlight apparatus. I am quietly watching the old family spirit develop in my boys, and I can see them working themselves up to the same pitch that I was in over the business twenty odd years ago.

"Then they wont have the same sentiment about not offending traditions and that sort of thing that was bred in me, having been born over there. Besides, many of the old people who would be mortally offended if the crypt were opened now will be dead and gone in a few years, and it won't so much matter to the next generation."

THE WATSON STOCK CO.

It is not to the credit of the theatre-loving people of Nelson that the patronage bestowed upon the Watson Stock Company has not been at all commensurate with the merit of the performances given by that organization. Not one of the productions during the week has received due appreciation in the way of attendance, and several of the pieces were of a higher order of merit than the productions given by the average stock company visiting Nelson. Particular mention might be made of "The Parish Priest." In this piece there was not one weak spot, and there were three or four parts exceedingly well taken. Mr. Watson as the Parish Priest did a piece of work that has scarcely ever been excelled in Nelson, and much could be said on behalf of the other members of the company in the same piece. Yet the attendance was small, and indeed throughout the week there has been very little encouragement for the actors to do their best. Mr. Hayden Stevenson was particularly good in everything he undertook, and is entitled to special mention as "Michael Strogoff." To-night the company will give "The Black Flag," and on Monday night there will be a grand production of "The Christian." It is to be hoped our citizens will make amends for past neglect by generously patronizing the Watson people during the rest of their engagement. It is only in this way we can hope to secure meritorious dramatic performances.

"When the devil was ill the devil a monk would be." John Houston is now a very sick man, and he runs around after people he never spoke to before, extending his hand to anyone he believes would appreciate the honor of shaking it.

DR. ROSE'S TICKET SURE TO WIN

An Enthusiastic Meeting of Voters at Dr. Rose's Rooms Last Evening---Houston Stock Going Down.

If meetings are a safe indication of the pulse of the electorate, Dr. Rose and his ticket should be elected by an overwhelming majority. The meeting in the committee rooms last night was perhaps the largest ever held on a similar occasion in the city of Nelson, and the enthusiasm was most pronounced in favor of the Citizens' ticket and in antagonism to one-man rule. Every available seat was occupied, and many were compelled to stand up, which they did uncomplainingly. Mayor Hamilton occupied the chair. The speakers were applauded to the echo as they scored point after point against their opponents. Dr. Rose in a lengthy address, reviewed the platform of the Citizens' ticket, and promised that it would be carried out to the letter. R. W. Hannington remarked on the circumstance that the meeting was so largely attended, and regarded this as an indication of a large majority for Dr. Rose and his ticket on January 12th. R. M. Macdonald made a splendid address, in which he reviewed the whole municipal situation. W. L. Spry reviewed in a business way the platform of his ticket, and was heartily applauded. At this juncture Mayor Hamilton made a few remarks in behalf of Ald. Bird and Ald. Clements, testifying to their fitness as representatives of the West Ward at the Council board. G. W. Bartlett in a brief speech showed where he stood with regard to the issues before the people, and took his seat amidst loud applause. There were several other short speeches, H. E. Croasdaile outlining a plan by which the debentures can be sold. Altogether the meeting was a most gratifying success.

Business men complain bitterly of the length of the municipal campaign. They contend, and with reason, that the present discussion might well have been deferred until after the holidays, which would have given nearly two weeks for the consideration of the questions involved. Indeed something should be done to prevent these long-drawn out contests, and the man who is responsible for the turmoil and trouble into which the citizens have been plunged at this time, should be given to understand that his methods are distasteful to the public generally. The work of carrying on the business of the city should not resolve itself into perpetual struggle for the gratification of one man. Surely something can be done to prevent a repetition of the present condition of affairs. Contests cannot always be avoided. There are times when the community is almost certain to be divided on questions of civic policy. But ordinarily there would appear to be little or no necessity for difference of opinion on the selection of a mayor or aldermen. There ought to be some well defined rule as to the length of term or rather number of terms a citizen may occupy the mayor's or an aldermen's seat. For instance if it were a well understood thing that after a second term the mayor should not be expected to offer for re-election the routine would be greatly simplified. There is a rule in the city of Toronto that no man shall occupy a third term. Again if we were to adopt it, as has been suggested in an eastern paper, at a sort of convention that the mayor's successor should always be the senior alderman at the council board it would obviate the annual mayorality contest. Thus the selection of a chief magistrate would become almost automatic, the management of the civic business would go on smoothly and there would be a certain continuity in our civic administration. The objection may be made that not every alderman is eligible for the office of mayor. The obvious answer to this is that if every alderman is not qualified for mayor he ought to be and it is the duty of the electors to see that he is. Every alderman elected should be regarded as a future mayor. In this way there would be no difficulty about the choice of a head for the civic administration. There would of course be exceptional cases at times when special questions deeply effect the community would be under consideration. There would also come occasions when the citizens would for one reason or another demand an extra term for a particular man. But under ordinary circumstances the rule which has been outlined would be found to work well and it would appear, moreover, to be practicable. It would also have the advantage of giving in due turn to each part of the city and every creed and section of the community a representative in the chief magistrate's chair. One man would not be able to hog the whole works simply to get the salary.

From a condition of positive lethargy before the holiday, the faithful followers of Houston developed unusual activity after Christmas. The reason for this sudden movement is attributed to the circumstance that the worshippers at the shrine of the immortal John discovered that they were dropping away behind in the race, and something had to be done to keep up their bluff. It was apparent to all that Houston's chances for securing the $1200 salary were diminishing, and someone suggested that he should be pulled off and a stronger man, like William Blakemore, be placed at the head of the ticket. Indeed, there are reasons for suspecting that Mr. Blakemore himself believed that something of this kind should be done. However, the majority opinion that there was no use swapping horses crossing the stream prevailed, and Houston is still the candidate. Some of his friends profess the belief that if he ever had any chance of being elected, that chance has been scorificed by the conduct of that newspaper atrocity, the Nelson Tribune. That paper has not been guilty of one truthful statement since the hour when Houston first made up his mind to be a candidate. It has ranted and raved about the electric light question until it is black in the face, always misrepresenting the facts; it has maligned Dr. Rose, the man who subscribed stock to keep the paper alive, and the candidates of the Citizens' ticket have been misrepresented in every issue of the Tribune. It is well that Houston's methods are so well known in Nelson, no one believes one statement that now appears in the Tribune.

John Houston's brag is nauseating to all right-thinking men. He publicly declares that "I have more brains than all the members of the aldermanic board of 1900 put together." The following named gentlemen constituted the council board of that year: Dr. Hall, Dr. Arthur, William Irvine, A. L. McKillop, Blake Wilson and Chris. Morrison. Are these gentlemen going to support a man who unblushingly made such a public utterance? There is not one of them who is not better qualified for the office of mayor than John Houston, although not blowing much about it. But the Tribune is daily giving utterance to just such sentiments as were voiced by its editor at the meeting at the Hume Hotel. Houston may, of course, apologize for remarks made by the responsible editor in the Tribune, and occasionally he does publish his abject apologies as a matter of court etiquette, but he never apologizes for his persistent boasting about the massive intellect of the Tribune editor. The fulsome praise of the editor by the "contributor" in the issue of the Tribune of the 22nd inst. induced some old-timers to exclaim: Who is this man Houston anyway? Is he the gentleman who attempted to put down gambling by breaking Maggie Duffy's nickel-in-the-slot machine, and throwing it into the street? Is this the man who said he would shake the dust of Nelson off his sandals because he could not make enough here to pay his grocery bills? Is this the man who occasionally runs away and telegraphs his friends for the wherewithal to get back home?

A correspondent writes: "I'm from Missouri, and you must show me where John Honston ever got a cent out of the city of Nelson." The attention of the gentleman from Missouri is directed to the following statement taken from the books at the city Hall. It seems as if Mr. Houston, the patriot, had succeeded in getting a very large amount of compensation from the city of Nelson, when the services rendered are taken into consideration:

Tribune, Cr. for Printing.

1897	$ 386 38	
1898	436 87	
1899	547 15	
1900	710 01	
1901	1195 35	$3275 76

John Houston, Cr., Salary.

1897, 6 mos at $166.66	$1322 28	
1898	2000 00	
1900	1200 00	$4522 28
1903, Securing power site (not itemized)		300 00
Total		$8008 04

Robert Robertson claims to be the prop of the moral and religious end of Houston's ticket. Does Robert Robertson approve of the election methods of the man he has vowed to love, honor and obey? Does he uphold as a running mate a man who boldly declares that he he is not a Christian, and who by his actions gives the impression that his religion is like unto that of the Mad Mullah? Does Robert Robertson like his position as a cog in the wheel in which he has been fastened by his own consent and wich Houston at the crank handle? Does he still think from his present position the cog can control the crank handle? Does Robert Robertson believe in "machine" rule, such as Houston is trying to force on the city? These are a few questions Robert Robertson might answer at his earliest convenience.

Electric light has never been John Houstons specialty, and, by the way, he unloaded upon the city its present lighting plant.

The Chicago Mining World of December 24th contained an excellent editorial dealing with the affairs of the Lake Superior corporation, the new company controlling the Clergue enterprises. The article was an interesting one, and it is quite evident that the editor of the Nelson Tribune so regarded it, for he transferred it from the editorial colums of the Mining World to the editorial columns of the Tribune, without giving any credit.

A GREAT ADDRESS

Goldwin Smith's Fight for Free Unions.

THE GREAT WRITER

Speaks Words of Wisdom to the Sons of Toil.

The following is the full revised text of Mr. Goldwin Smith's address at the opening of the Labor Temple at Toronto, one night last week:

It is well that in this Temple of Labor which we are opening, pleasure should be combined with labor and business. Pleasure we must all have. It is almost as necessary to us as food. Without an ingredient of pleasure not only would life be dull and dark, but character would sour. The antidote to vicious pleasure is innocent pleasure. If a young man is living in a great city without a home, exposed to temptation, the way to save him is to give him a good club.

The questions of business concerning industrial relations to be treated here will, we trust, be always handled in a wise and liberal spirit, with due regard to the general interests of the community, of which those of labor are so vast a part. We are not a herd of animals jostling each other; but a co-operative community of men. I am a relic of the struggle in England against the lingering spirit of the combination laws, and my reputation bears honorable scars received in that war. We who stood up for the unions were accused of defending violence and even murder. We were weighted, it is fair to say, by the Sheffield outrages. Those days are long past.

The liberties of the union are assured. Let us now, if we can, have peace. Peace with justice of course it must be; but if we can have justice let us have peace. I have always wished to see labor directly represented in the Legislature, not for the purpose of accentuating class divisions, but with the very opposite view. "That," said Pym, "is the best form of government which doth actuate and inspire every part and member of a state to a common good." Those words since I read them, have been the sum of my political philosophy.

Competition is harsh, sometimes repulsive.

But in our present state it is unavoidable, whatever golden hopes some of us may cherish for society in the future. But there is less of competition and more of co-operation in the industrial world even as it is than we suppose. Take any composite article—this little eye-glass, with its metal rim and its silken chain, for instance. You will find that it implies the co-operation, though unconscious, of a multitude of workers in different parts of the world. Let us bear in mind, too, when we discuss questions between employer and workman that the real employer, after all, is the purchaser and consumer rather than the capitalist.

The capitalist is rather the organizer and paymaster, though he may be apt to take for himself a rather large fee. The purchaser and consumer in determining the price which he will give for the article, in effect determines and limits the wages of the producer. We are all purchasers or consumers, therefore we are all determining and limiting each other's wages. In England the experiment of co-operative production failed for want of capitalist guidance and of capital to wait on the market. Co-operative distribution was a grand success. But it was a success because the managers bought and hired in the cheapest market, thereby necessarily limiting the wages of producers and employes.

Business and social pleasures join hands in the opening of this Temple. May the business be ever wisely conducted, and the social pleasure be ever fresh and keen.

MINING NEWS.

N. F. McNaught, of Silverton, has been in the city for several days this week. He and his brother James, formerly general counsel for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, are largely interested in Slocan mining properties, such as the Kilo, the Hampton, and the Club, near Slocan City, the Capello, near New Denver, and the Alpha, near Silverton. He anticipates that if the present prices of silver and lead will be maintained, there will be a great revival in the Slocan lead industry with the coming spring. Not a few properties that have been closed down for years will again be in operation, among them the Alpha and the Galena Farm. The Alpha was at one time, some eight years ago, one of the big producers of the Slocan, and will resume its old time activity. With the maintenance of present prices of silver and lead, the Slocan will again become a very large producer of these commodities.

BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Phoenix Pioneer.

Shipments from the Sally mine, on the West Fork, are expected to be started shortly.

Preparations are being made to send out another car of second class ore from the Skylark.

By the first of the year the new air compressor is expected to be in working order at the Brooklyn mine.

Returns of 296 ounces in silver and $20.25 in gold were received from a recent car load shipment of Elkhorn ore.

Manager T. H. Rae, of the Betts and Hesperus group, on Hardy mountain, is getting the new compressor plant installed.

A well known Phoenician recently wired to New York to secure some of the Montreal & Boston Stock that was said to be selling so cheap.

Never in its history has the C. P. R. sent more cars of ore from Phoenix, than it is now, the present daily average being about 70 cars.

It will probably be the first of February before ore shipments are started from the Granby mines over the V., V. & E. extension of the Great Northern.

Ten blast furnaces in three Boundary smelters are now in operation—six at the Granby, two at the B. C. Copper Co. and two at the Montreal & Boston.

An underground telephone system was installed in the Granby mines this week. The Brooklyn and Rawhide mines are also connected with the local system.

J. Graham is said to have found a good body of ore giving from 10 to 30 per cent copper in his Sudbury claim, near the Montreal & Boston's Sunset, in Deadwood camp.

A big lot of electrical machinery arrived this week for the tramway equipment for the No. 3 tunnel of the Granby mines. In the shipment is the electrical locomotive, etc.

The owners of the Skylark are better pleased than ever as development progresses. As practical mining men they seem to realize that they have one of the best propositions in the high grade belt.

The new ore body in the Mother Lode mine, recently opened up, referred to in the last issue of the Pioneer, has been proved so far to be 200 feet long and 130 feet wide, with most satisfactory values.

The Tribune is printing Charlie Waterman's picture on its front page, presumably to give tone to that otherwise disreputable sheet.

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CITIZENS' TICKET

FOR MAYOR—
DR. W. O. ROSE.

FOR ALDERMEN -
EAST WARD— WM. SPRY, W. G. GILLETT, GEORGE W. BARTLETT.

WEST WARD—H. BIRD, R. M. MACDONALD, A. H. CLEMENTS.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Whatever can be said for or against the author of the contributed articles to the Tribune, it can never be laid at his door that he is guilty of originality. John Houston, whose vocabulary is indeed impoverished, chose to christen his opponents the "Depression" party, and of course all the parrots in the Houston aviary who were able to get their tongues around a three-syllable word, took up the expression, innocent of the fact the meaning of the word depression as applied to the men who have revolted against Houston's arrogance and tyranny, has little significance. Houston's command of words is limited, and it is only accidental if he ever uses them in their proper connection. It is, therefore, unpardonable that a man who claims and boasts that he is a university graduate should so openly acknowledge himself indebted to a common clothopper for words by which to express himself. But it is not in appropriating for his own use invective that the "contributor" borrows freely from Houston. He raves about selling debentures piecemeal, and what can be done in a progressive city like Nelson. As a matter of fact, there would be no more chance to sell the debentures in the way proposed by John Houston, than there would be for the contributor to secure a ton of coal or a pound of butter on credit. So far as Dr. Rose and the Citizens' ticket are concerned, they will sell the debentures and build the electric light plant, and the work will be done in a business way and the credit of Nelson will not suffer thereby. Friends will not be singled out for favors, nor is Dr. Rose's election handicapped with promises of political preferment to adventurers of the stamp of the Tribune's contributor.

The year 1904 has been the most prosperous one in the history of the Kootenays. The mining industry, while perhaps not all that could be desired, has made marked progress; fruit culture has engaged more attention than formerly; the lumber industry, while it has been handicapped by unfair competition, affords grounds for the belief that it will improve before long, and in fact every branch of industry has shown signs of advancement. Business generally has been good, and merchants feel satisfied with the volume of trade for the year, which far exceeds that of any former year. And, best of all, the prospects for the incoming year could not be brighter. It is no hollow compliment to wish your neighbor at this time a prosperous and happy New Year,

With the salary he gets as a member of the Legislature, and the $1200 he would receive from the city as mayor together with the advertising, etc., John Houston sincerely trusts that he will be able to accumulate enough to liquidate those grocery bills about which he is reported to have declaimed so pathetically to the Vancouver newspaper interviewer.

We observe with some degree of pleasure and approbation that the Tribune has abandoned its former method of copying from its exchanges without giving the proper credit. It is a little late in the year to turn over a new leaf, but better late than never.

"The Runaways," produced by the Watson company, is not intended to be a burlesque on the member of the British Columbia Legislature who ran away from Victoria last summer, and was discovered setting type in a country printing office down on the Coast.

If this paper had ever suspected that the pilfered editorials in the Tribune would have given way for the rubbish of the "contributed" articles, the circumstances surrounding their appropriation would never have been referred to.

Houston believes in "machine" rule, and he must be the whole machine himself. The reward of strict obedience to the head of the machine is to put money in his pocket.

As yet not one of the "Knockers" has had the moral courage to express sorrow for signing the pledge, although a few of them are said to apologize to their intimate friends in private.

Simply because a man worked two days in a lumber yard, is no reason why he should claim to be sawing wood in the present municipal campaign.

"The Knockers" are a little down in the mouth these days, notwithstanding the heroic efforts of William Blakemore to keep up their courage.

John the Peddler, carries a stock with him to suit all customers. If you don't buy, John will indulge in a little harmless "knocking."

The Everett lumber mills are advertising for men. We know of one man who will need a job after the 12th prox.

To the Electors of Nelson

At the request of a large number of ratepayers of our City, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for the Mayoralty for the forthcoming year. If elected I will give my best efforts to carry out the following:

1. An energetic administration of the City's business and carrying out of its projects.

2. Sell debentures and erect at once a Power Plant on site acquired by City on Kootenay River, and to borrow more money if necessary to complete the plant.

3. Operate efficiently and economically the Electric Railway system, and advocate the opening of negotiations to purchase for the City such system with the ultimate view of lawfully extending a belt line through the East ward, and thence through the Park, into Fairview.

4. Improve main city thoroughfares and where necessary to macadamize the streets and for that purpose utilize facilities owned by the City.

5. Extension of City limits to include suburbs.

6. Improvement of City Park.

7. The necessary extension of sewer and water systems.

8. Provide suitable and commodious school accommodation with a view of inaugurating a system best adapted to the present and future needs of our growing population.

If elected I promise to use my utmost endeavor to further the interests of the City.

WILLIAM O. ROSE.

NOTICE.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a certificate of Title to Lot 11, Block 3, Town of Nelson.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned Lot 11, Block 3, in the Town of Nelson, in the name of William Perdue, which Certificate is dated the 16th day of May, 1898, and number 8K.

Land Registry Office, Nelson, B. C., 28th October, 1904.

"H. F. MACLEOD."
District Registrar.

Notice.

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, for the purchase of the following lands. Commencing at the South-East corner of lot 6300, Group (1) one, West Kootenay, at a post marked J. E. A. South-West corner and running North along East line of lot 6300 40 chains, thence East 60 chains, thence South 40 chains, thence West along Columbia & Kootenay Railway to place of commencement and containing 240 acres more or less.

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Certificate of Improvements.

Little Johnnie Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Rover Creek, about three miles from Kootenay River. Take notice that I, Frank Fletcher, of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for myself, Free Miner's Certificate No. B82,023, and A. C. Flummerfelt, Free Miner's Certificate No. B80,024, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 26th day of May, A. D 1904.

FRANK FLETCHER.

Certificate of Improvements.

The Vancouver and Kootenay mineral claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On east side of Kootenay Lake, about three miles east of the town of Sanca.

Take notice that I, J. L. G. Abbott, Free Miner's Certificate No. B84,484 for myself and as agent for H. Abbott, Free Miner's Certificate No. B84,483, and E. L. Heatley, Free Miner's Certificate No. B65,245, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under Section 37, must be commenced before issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 20th day of June, 1904.

J. L. G. ABBOTT.

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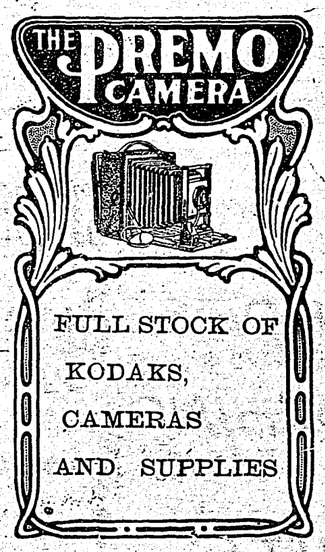

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Anecdotal.

United States Senator Hoar received word the other day that a friend, who had been supposed to have appendicitis, was suffering not from that ailment, but from acute indigestion. "That is good news," said the Senator. "I rejoice that the trouble lies in the table of contents rather than in the appendix."

Samuel Rogers, the poet, told of an Englishman and a Frenchman who had to fight a duel. That they might have a better chance of missing one another, they were to fight in a dark room. The Englishman fired up the chimney and brought down the Frenchman! "When I tell this story in Paris," added Rogers, "I put the Englishman up the chimney."

James G. Blaine used to tell this story: Once in Dublin, toward the end of the opera, Satan was conducting Faust through a trap-door which represented the gates of Hades. His Majesty got through all right—he was used to going below—but Faust, who was quite stout, got only about half-way in, and no squeezing would get him any farther. Suddenly an Irishman in the gallery exclaimed, devoutly, "Thank God, hell is full."

When Moses Coit Tyler, the celebrated professsor of history at Cornell, was an instructor at the University of Michigan, he had charge of a class in English that assembled at 8 o'clock a.m. One raw February morning at roll-call, he read the name of "Mr. Robbins," a member of the class, without getting an answer. "Mr. Robbins," he repeated in a slightly louder voice. Still no reply. "Ah," said the instructor, with a quiet smile, "come to think of it, it is rather early for robins."

It is said that it is coming to be the fashion again to use the word "lady," and that the word "party" is also in better favor. For some years modish persons have called ladies "women," and parties "functions." There was some excuse for the former substitution because "lady" was worked to death, and so misused as to make it ridiculous. But vague as its meaning is, it has a meaning (or meanings), to the conveyance of which it is indispensable, and the folks who have dismissed it from their vocabularies have not been persons of much philological discernment.

The use of "function" for "party" has been a mere fad that must have started as a pleasantry and gradually became a habit. It makes it possible to speak of a row at a ball as a "functional disorder"; but even that doesn't warrant its vogue. It is a poor, borrowed, anglicised word, which the British-American language doesn't need.

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

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

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

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VENTS AND GOSSIP

Some of the pledged candidates are beginning to gall under the yoke, and it was promised yesterday by their friends that a meeting with the master would be arranged, and an effort would be made to secure release from the degrading iron-clad conditions of the pledge. The candidates have discovered that many, even among the voters who formerly professed admiration of the "master mind," are not disposed to vote for men who would willingly and without conditions, sacrifice their freedom on Houston's altar of tyranny and egotism. If they succeed in getting release from the obnoxious bond, they think that they may be able to secure the election of one man.

The revised edition of "Jack and the Beanstalk," which is now appearing in the editorial columns of the Nelson Tribune, can scarcely be regarded as an improvement on the fairy tale of the nursery book.

Ever considerate of the comfort of his patrons, Manager Cranston has placed heavy cotton curtains over the entrances to the Opera House to prevent drafts.

Last evening the fire brigade turned out for a practice run to Thorpe's factory, on Vernon street. Very good time was made.

A very pleasant dance was given at at Fraternity Hall last evening, at which all the guests appeared in farm costumes.

Hades is paved with good intentions, and so will Nelson if John Houston should be by any chance elected mayor.

A rehearsal for "Erminie" is being held this afternoon at St. Saviour's church school-room.

There will be watch night services to-night at St. Saviours' Church, beginning at 11.30.

The Salvation Army is preparing for a social at the Hall.

Mrs. Walter Riblet left for Spokane yesterday.

R. J. Steel is a candidate for school trustee.

"Your magazine is a good dea like the Literary Digest, isn't it?" asked a young woman who was dining with W. G. Bowdoin, one of the editors of the Independent. Mr. Bowdoin drew himself up proudly. "Not in the least," said he. Then he explained, "The Literary Digest quotes what people say, but we say what people quote."

George Meredith, the advocate of ten-year marriages, lives in a chalet in one of the most beautiful parts of England, and here, in profound quietude and seclusion, he writes his brilliant novels with slow care. Mr. Meredith, like many other men of talent, is absent-minded. In London, one day, he spoke of a stream near his house, describing with minuteness the beauty of its banks, bridges and overhanging foliage. "Which way," someone asked, "does that stream run, Mr. Meredith—towards so-and-so, or towards so-and-so?" "Really, I don't know; I never noticed," said the novelist calmly.

NOTICE.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a Certificate of Title to Lots 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 15, Lots 3 and 4, Block 25 and Lot 12, Block 50, Nelson City, (Map 266).

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned Lots in the name of Henry Jacoby, which Certificate is dated the 26th day of April, 1.o.2, and numbered 13873A.

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