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News of the Mines

Says the Camborne Miner: "The first clean-up at the Oyster stampmill, owned by the Great Northern Mines, Ltd,, took place on Tuesday, and was marked by a large attendance of directors and shareholders, who witnessed the different phases of the clean-up and expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the first month's run of their mill. In addition to the ore from their properties here, a sample treatment of 15 tons of quartz from the Lucky Jack and Swede claims at Poplar, were put through with rich returns. This ore is very rich in gold, and coarse nuggets can be seen sticking out of nearly every piece of ore exam ined. In this respect it differs somewh at from the quartz in this camp, as the gold in the ore obtained here is freely disseminated through the quartz, and can be discerned with the naked eye, while in Poplar ore the gold is in large nuggets, and sticks out from the quartz in fantastic shapes. The Poplar creek consignment, coupled with the Oyster's output of ore, made a very satisfactory clean-up, and though we are unable to obtain the authentic amount, we are in a position to state that the first clean-up at the Oyster mill has fulfilled the management's expectations."

BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Phoenix Pioneer.

A small dividend will shortly be paid by the Waterloo, Camp McKinney.

This month, payday falling on Sunday at the Granby mines, the men will be paid next Monday.

A gang of sons of sunny Italy are still ballasting on the Brooklyn and Stemwinder spurs.

Last Saturday the second of the two Davenport locomotives, was placed in active service at the Granby mines. It is working in the No. 2 mine.

W. H. Fischer has completed his contract of hauling Grey Eagle ore to the head of the gravity tramway, on the Knob Hill claim. Several thousand tons were delivered in this way.

Work was resumed at the Rathmullen this week, near Summit camp, with a small force of men. Hon. G. E. Foster is said to be a large shareholder in this property, which has been idle for a long time.

Work on the Senator group in Summit camp, is progressing steadily, and so far about 300 tons of ore have been shipped to the Granby smelter, which concern has a bond on the property. The ore has a large percentage of iron, making it quite desirable for smelting operations.

Phil McDonald and James Southerland; owners of the Elkhorn mine, in Providence camp, this week made a rich strike on the property. The large sized specimen's are said to carry gold and silver values at about $4 per pound making it one of the most remarkable finds yet recorded in the Boundary.

YMIR MINING NOTES.

Ymir Mirror.

G. H. Barnhardt, who resumes duty as general manager of the Ymir mine, arrived in town this morning, accompanied by Wm. Hudson, who is the newly appointed foreman of the mine. Mr. R. M. Atwater has resigned as general manager.

An important strike is reported at the Fern mine, in the new workings. It is said to be the richest yet made on the property. The mine is under lease to E. Rammelmeyer.

J. Ryan and F. Donnelly went to Nelson last night to receive the second payment ($3,500) on the Gold Cup, sold by them under a bond to Con Wolfle and G. F. Devault, of Spokane, who are now pushing development on this promising property.

W. A. Connelly, one of the leesees of the Canadian King mine adjoining the Arlington property at Erie, went up to Nelson on Tuesday with a carload of ore, or about 20 tons, consigned to the Hall mines smelter. This is the sevanth lot shipped by the lossees, some five cars going to the Trail smelter, and the rest to Nelson. The ore has chiefly gold values with a little silver, and goes from $50 to $75 to the ton.

SLOCAN MINING NOTES.

Slocan Drill.

Work has been suspended on the Antoine.

Sandon mines last week shipped 131 tons of ore.

The Marion, at New Denver, is making a trial shipment.

Slocan mines have shipped to date 363 tons of ore.

The American Boy will construct a new bunkhouse.

The crosscut on the Myrtle is in 160 feet. It has to go 430 to catch the lead.

A carload of ore from the Comstock, on Four Mile, passed through this week.

The concentrator at the Slocan Star is to be remodelled, in order to save the zinc values.

George Hughes has taken a working bond on the Lucky Jim group, in the McGuigan basin.

Several more big lawsuits are threatened between leading properties in the Sandon camp.

Mill tests on ore from the Lucky Jack, on Poplar creek, run $250 in gold to the ton. The Swede group gives $37.

The Rambler will drive a new tunnel, over 4000 feet long and 9 feet in the clear. It will take two years to construct.

The Ottawa has commenced a raise connecting No. 4 and No. 3 drifts. It will be about 175 feet in length and will take two months to construct.

On Wednesday M. Cameron commenced rawhiding down ore from the Bell, one of the Republic group, which is being worked under lease. There will be a full carload to come down, and it will be ready to go to the smelter next week. The ore is all coming from the new shaft and is expected to yield $80 per ton.

The Ottawa sent out another carload of ore on Tuesday, being the second for the winter and the first this year. It will be followed at regular intervals by other shipments, as it is the intention to make the mine pay for its own development. Stoping has commenced and considerable ore is being broken down. The new raise is expected to carry ore all the way through.

The owners of the Neepawa, on Ten Mile, who made a shipment at the first of the month to the Nelson smelter, have received satisfactory returns. There was 16 tons of ore in the shipment, for which a cheque was received amounting to $1204. The values in the ore were 154 oz silver, 11 per cent zinc, and 4 per cent lead, and, as the owners have more of it in sight they should be able to make money.

EVENTS AND GOSSIP

The municipal elections last Thursday can be scarcely said to have surprised anyone. It was in the air that Houston's day of "machine rule" was over, and the counting of the ballots only emphasized the almost universal belief. Since Nelson was incorporated seven years ago John Houston has been more or less a factor in the affairs of the city—sometimes the controlling force, and always with enough influence through his paper or by some other method to shape affairs to pretty nearly suit himself—to-day he is without honor or power. His commands in future will fall on deaf ears. No one will say that he was always wrong, for such is not the case; but he was arrogant and domineering to a degree that was exasperating to everyone, excepting his meek and servile slaves. But yesterday his word might have stood against the world, and now there is "none so poor to him reverence." Sic semper tyrannis.

The election itself may have been said to have been devoid of incident. It seemed to be a foregone conclusion that Mr. Hamilton would defeat Mr. Irving, although no one believed that the majority would have been so large. In the east ward, the result was what was anticipated. The ticket had been canvassing strenuously for some days, and Mr. Lennie came into the field at the last hour, without hope of success. He did not have time to make a personal canvass, and the largs vote he polled is all the more surprising. If he had been in the field a day lenger, he would have been elected. In the west ward it was believed Mr. Annable stood a good chance for election, Mr. Clements having been away from the city so many years. Mr. Annable did not think he would be elected, and feels highly flattered at the number of votes he polled. It was the best run that has been made in years against the "solid three" from that ward. Mr. Annable feels that he would have stood a better chance had he refused the endorsement of what is known as "the Progressive Peoples' Party." Dr. Arthur headed the list for school trustees, and was congratulated upon the spendid fight he made.

It is to the credit of the victorious mayor and aldermen that they indulged in no cheap boasting over the result. They and their friends felt that a good battle had been fought and won, and the occasion was one rather for silent rejoicing than outward demonstration. Generally speaking the new council is thoroughly representative of the progressive city of Nelson, and the majority is not likely to be in any way influenced by party boss or clique.

The recent action of two members of the late board of license commissioners has roused universal indignation among the citizens. On Wednesday last a meeting of the board was held to consider two applications for hotel licenses. A petition signed by a large number of business men was presented against the granting of either application. The signers of the petition were called down by two members of the board in most vigorous language, who held that it was an impertinence for any citizen to petition the board in such a matter. Mr. R. M. Macdonald, who was present for the purpose of opposing the applications, then addressed an argument to the board pointing out that as neither applicant had complied with the law in regard to the prelimihary steps necesary to obtain a license, the commissioners had no power to grant one even if they wished to do so. Mayor Rose and Commissioner Starkey seemed to be convinced on this point, but, on motion of Ald. Kirkpatrick the matter was stood over till the following evening at 6 o'clock, when the city solicitor was required to be present. On Thursday evening accordingly the commissioners again sat, and commenced proceedings by refusing to renew the licenses for the Lakeview Hotel and the Office and Athabasca saloons. Mayor Rose very plainly pointed out that such action taken without notice to the parties interested, and without any cause alleged, was most improper. The city solicitor was appealed to as to whether it was necessary to state reasons for such a step, and he advised that while the commissioners could not be compelled to state their reasons, it was very unusual to act in such a matter without stating reasons. Commissioner Starkey thereupon stated his reason was because certain signers to the petition which had been before them the previous evening had spoken irreverently of Alderman Kirkpatrick, and it was time they had a lesson. Alderman Kirkpatrick magnanimously stated that he did not put his action on that ground, but he omitted to make it clear what his reason was. This matter having been thus disposed of, the applications for new licenses again came up. The city solicitor listened to Mr. Macdonald's argument in regard to this, and advised the board that the matter was quite clear, and that as the law had not been complied with, neither application could be granted. In the face of this, it was moved by Ald. Kirkpatrick and seconded by Commissioner Starkey that a license be granted to one of the applicants. Mayor Rose reluctantly put this motion, which of course was carried.

For a piece of solemn farce, it is hard to find the equal of this in history or fiction. The carrying of this motion could not override the law, and no license will be issued under it; but it seemed to give profound satisfaction to the two gentlemen who thus stultified themselves.

The new council elected on Thursday evening have since then busied themselves in rectifying the absurd and outrageous condition which had arisen in consequence of the late board's action; so, no very serious complications are likely to result; but it is an object lesson to the citizens on the necessity of having the best men placed in responsible offices in our municipal government.

The following curious story comes from an Irish newspaper: "In September, 1900, when the Mounted company of the 2nd Royal Irish rifles arrived at General Philip Botha's farm in the Doornberg, they found there a very fine bulldog, of which they promptly took charge. From that time until the end of the war the animal treked with the Rifles' Mounted company from Griqualand in the west to Basutoland in the east, and he still bears the scar of a wound received in action. Later he was with General French's column in Cape Colony. For his service the bulldog now wears the Queen's South African medal with three clasps, and the King's South African medal with two clasps. A few days ago the dog made his appearance in the Dublin police court, dressed in a coat with green facings, and wearing his medals, and was accomodated with a seat in the witness box, while a charge against a canteen manager of ill-treating the animal was heard. It was stated that the defendant was seen thrashing the dog with a stick outside the canteen, and that when the stick broke he kicked the animal in the throat. The canteen manager, however, declared that the bulldog attacked a small Irish terrier in the canteen, and in order to separate them he had to use his stick. The dog, he asserted, had been twice sentenced to be shot for worrying other dogs. Mr. Drury, the magistrate, remarked that this was the most distinguished dog in the country, for it wore its medals. The defendant was fined a pound and costs, and all dog lovers will agree with the decision of the bench, for they well know that it is very rarely that a bulldog will attack a smaller animal unless it has been provoked beyond canine endurance, and it would be indeed a pity if an animal with such a record were destroyed for taking its own part.

Scanning the columns of the Mining Journal, of London, one better comprehends where so large a proportion of the wealth of the people comes from. In its issue of December 19, 1903, that journal prints a list of thirty-eight mining companies announcing dividends. These range from 3d. (6 cents) a share up to 10s. ($2.50) a share. In some cases the amount of the dividends are represented by percentage on the capital, running as high as 30 per cent. The list further shows that the properties of these companies are all over the world, in Asia, Africa, the two Americas, Europe and Australia. They are all British companies, that is to say, are operated under British incorporations, in accordance with British methods, and the stocks in them are mainly held by British people. Britions are not gamblers, not, at least, in the sense of rashly risking in any enterpeise their capital. Their investments are chiefly from their incomes; if the venture proves a losing one their capital remains unimpaired, continuing to provide them with an income.

Local and Provincial

While we are not in a position to offer our congratulations to Mr. Annable on his recent candidature for municipal honors, it is with great pleasure that we can congratulate him on the very excellent productions he has been offering us for the past week at the Opera House. The Olympia Opera Co., which has held the boards here for the last six days, has been of *unusual excellence, and has well* merited the large attendance at each performance. The cost of bringing a company of this kind to Nelson has so far prevented organizations like the Olympia company coming here, but Manager Seamans undertook it, and it is sincerely hoped that his venture will not be a losing one. If the other towns in the Kootenays to be visited will turn out as well as Nelson has, it is quite likely that Mr. Seamans will be encouraged to pay us a return visit some time in October with the same company. To do justice to the company the name of everyone connected with it should be mentioned, for all contributed towards the general excellence of the productions. The chorus work could not be excelled, showing careful drilling in the vocal work as well as what is termed the business of the opera. The principals are very painstaking in their efforts to make the most of their parts. Lottie Kendall has not only a sweet voice, but also a very pleasing stage presence. Miss Kendall, if she at any time decided to leave the operatic stage, could go into dramatic work with every assurance of success. John Young is an operatic comedian who makes people laugh, which is not a common thing with operatic comedians. Mr. Major has a magnificent voice, and his work during the week has been repeatedly encored. Miss Jenkins sings well and acts well, and very many pleasant things could be said of Miss Barker did space permit. Leo Adde supplied a good deal of the fun in the various productions, and was well received. Mr. Seamans is an old timer on the operatic stage, and was greeted with much applause on his various appearances. Of the other members of the Olympia company many meritorious things could be said, particularly of Mr. Haydn, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Matson, and Miss Seamans. Suffice it to say, the Olympia Opera company is *the best musical organization ever seen* in this part of the country. Manager Seamans and his company can depend upon it that they will always receive a warm welcome in Nelson. The engagement concludes to-night with "The Pearl of Pekin."

Bob Lennie had the greatest number of plumpers of any candidate who has ever run for office in the city of Nelson. Bob Lennie's friends believe in him and him only.

This was the time when the "old man's" figures were 'way off.

The message Mr. Houston will take with him this time to the coast will be somewhat different to former ones.

W. A. Galliher, M. P., is now moving in a mysterious way throughout his constituency.

The skating and curling seems to be off for this season.

Now that the battle is over it is surprising the number of men who knew all along that Mr. Irving was a weak man. It is said that even Mr. Houston claims that he knew his candidate could not be elected.

The investigation at Victoria into the loss of the Clallam reveals a dreadful state of negligence.

Short Stories

In his "Outre Mer," Paul Bourget declared that "life can never get entirely dull to the American, because whenever he cannot strike any other way to put in his time, he can always get away with a few years trying to find out who his grandfather was." To which Mark Twain replied: "I reckon the Frenchman's got his little stand-by for a dull time, too, because when all other interests fail he can turn in and see if he can't find out who his father was."

A delightful literary find must be credited to the authority of a recent book, "Sidelights on Charles Lamb." Dining one day with a friend and being pressed to take some rhubarb pie, Lamb declined because it was physic. "That may be," said his host, "but it is pleasant and innocent." "So is a daisy," rejoined Lamb, "but I don't therefore like daisy pie." "Daisy pie! Who ever heard of daisy pies?" said someone at the table. "My authority is Shakespeare," Lamb replied. "He expressly mentions daisies pied." The phrase occurs in the song at the end of "Love's Labor's Lost."

Andrew Lang tells this story illustrating the rigorous and ascetic life of the Scots. "It seems that a laird, in the year 1765, set out to join the Pretender, taking with him his son, a youth of sixteen or so. One night this laird and his little troop were compelled to sleep in the open, though it was snowing, and snow lay deep upon the ground. Father and son kept together, and together they prepared to turn in for the night. The son, having wrapped his plaid about him, made himself a pillow of snow, and was about to lay his head on it when his father kicked the little cold white mound away. 'This is too soon, truly,' he growled, 'for you to indulge in luxuries.'"

A well-known theatrical manager, who is distinguished rather for his business ability than for his knowledge of literature, was visited not long ago by an aspiring playwright. He had with him, he explained to the manager, the manuscript of a play based on one of Edgar Allen Poe's stories, which he was sure was destined to make a sensational hit on the stage. The manager consented to hear the play, and listened with increasing interest as the playwright read from his manuscript. He was enthusiastic when the end was reached. "That's fine!" he exclaimed—"fine! Now, I'll tell you what I'll do: You and Mr. Poe come in to-morrow and we'll talk this thing over."

Count Tolstoi does not bear a very kindly attitude toward the many curious admirers who besiege his Russian home in the hope of getting a glimpse of the great novelist. A party of visiting American tourists who called not long ago to pay their respects were not, therefore, very cordially received. Tolstoi refused to meet them; but he reluctantly consented to stand on his doorstep and let himself be seen. One of the visitors, however, could not resist the temptation to speak to the great man. "Oh, Count Tolstoi," she exclaimed effusively, approaching the author with outstretched hand, "I enjoyed your last book so much!" "You refer, I suppose," replied Tolstoi, "to 'Dead Souls'?" The lady assented joyfully. "Um," remarked the novelist, "Gogol wrote that."

A Southern clergyman had married a pair of negroes. After the ceremony the groom asked, "How much yo' chahge fo' dis?" "Well," said the minister, "I usually leave that to the groom. Sometimes I am paid five dollars, sometimes ten, sometimes less." "Dat's a lot ob money, pahson. Tell yo' what Ah'll do. Ah'll gib yo' two dollars, an' den ef I fin' I ain't got cheated, I'll gib yo' mo' in a mont." A month later the groom returned. "Ah's yere, lak Ah promised, pahson." "Yes," said the minister, expectantly. "Ah tol' yo' dat ef it was all right, Ah'd gib yo' mo' money, didn't Ah?" "You did." "Well, pahson, as dis yere am a sort of speculation, Ah reckon yo' owe me about a dollah an' eighty-five cents, an' Ah come ter git it."

That Sir Henry Irving is quite capable of maintaining his dignity under somewhat trying circumstances is shown by the following anecdote which is told of the tragedian by Mr. C. R. Kennedy of the "Everyman" company. On one occasion Irving's company, having been called to the theater for rehearsal, found upon their arrival that they were considerably ahead of time. As Sir Henry had not yet arrived, one of the actors in the company, who was noted for his accomplishments as a mimic, proceeded to give a lively and elaborate imitation of Sir Henry's highly characteristic acting. As he finished his demonstration, a well-known voice came from the depths of the darkened auditorium: "Very good," it said. "Very good indeed! So good, in fact, that there is no need for both of us in this company."

Lincoln's greatest legal triumph was the acquittal of an old neighbor named Duff Armstrong, who was charged with murder. Several witnesses testified that they saw the accused commit the deed one night about eleven o'clock. Lincoln attempted no cross-examination, except to persuade them to reiterate their statements and to explain that they were able to see the act distinctly because of the bright moonlight. By several of the prosecuting witnesses he proved the exact position and size of the moon at the time of the murder. The prosecution there rested, and Lincoln, addressing the court and the jury, announced that he had no defence to submit except an almanac, which would show that there was no moon on that night. The state's attorney was paralyzed, but the court admitted the almanac as competent testimony, and every witness was completely impeached and convicted of perjury. The verdict was not guilty.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Duncan Ross, editor of the Boundary Creek Times, has been nominated in the Liberal interest for Yale-Cariboo. Duncan can converse equally as well in Gaelic as English, which his friends contend, will give him a great advantage in the canvass in Scotch settlements.

The new council is composed of men whose whole interests are in Nelson. Everything that benefits the city will benefit each and every man at the council board, so, even if taking a selfish view of the matter, the new council may be expected to do their duty. Nelson is now at the turning point, and Mayor Hamilton and his councillors must not overlook anything that will tend to the advancement of the city.

The terrible accident by which 53 lives were lost on the ill fated Challam, seems to demand a searching investigation. The general opinion is that the Challam was unseaworthy and should never have been permitted to engage in passenger and freight traffic. It is also alleged that ordinary precautions to guard against such an accident had not been taken by the owners of the wrecked boat.

The *Liberals of Kootenay* held their convention last Tuesday in Nelson, and as was generally expected nominated William A. Galliher. From a Liberal point of view, Mr Galliher is certainly entitled to the nomination. We know of no other man in the Liberal ranks who could poll the full strength of his party vote, but of course this is not admitting that he can beat the Conservative candidate, Hon. Charles Mackintosh. Both men are fair representatives of their respective parties, and without a third candidate, there will be a good chance of testing the relative strength of the two parties in the Kootenays.

A correspondent asks the Scientific American:

Would you kindly give us information on the following problem: Suppose I have in my hand a military rifle which shoots 30,000 feet per second. I stand on a flat car going at the same rate, viz., 30,000 feet per second, and shoot at a target in the front end of the car. Would the ball strike the target? If so, explain; or if not, explain.

To this the Scientific American answers:

Your inquiry is constantly reappearing with slight change of form. The answer depends upon the three fundamental laws of motion first stated by Sir Isaac Newton in the seventeenth century and known by his name to the present time. The first law states that "a force produces the same effect whether the body on which it acts is at rest or in motion." For this reason the powder sends the bullet in the bullet in the case you propose just as if the car and gun were at rest. The ball has two motions, one with the car caused by the car, the other caused by the powder which causes it to go along the car and hit the target at the front of the car exactly as if the car stood still. You could stand in a car and throw a ball from the rear to the front, could you not? Why not be able to shoot a bullet in the same manner?

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Press Comment

Phoenix Pioneer.

The outlook for a good year in Phoenix was never brighter in the history of the camp.

Boundary Creek Times.

The city of Greenwood should own and operate an electric light plant. It would be a paying investment for the city.

Fernie Free Press.

The coal output for the year 1903 was considerably in excess of the estimates formed early in December, as the average for the latter month ran exceptionally high.

Hamilton Spectator.

The saving of one school full of children—as was done in Toronto the other day—is worth more than all the time given to fire drill in all the schools in Canada, during a whole century.

Vernon News.

The first step in the construction of the Vernon-Midway railway has been taken at last, and although it is pretty well understood that this is merely the legal commencement, and that the actual builders of the line have not yet taken hold of the scheme, there seems to be no reason, now that the Dominion and Provincial subsidies have been granted and preliminary obstacles removed, for fearing any difficulty in financing the line. The promoters are now negotiating with capitalists to arrange for transfer of their charter, and it seems altogether likely that arrangements will soon be completed.

Ottawa Citizen.

The proposal is already before the school board to reduce the taxation half-a-mill. That indicates commendable promptitude and if the board adopts the resolution there is absolutely no reason why the city council should reduce the rate to 19 mills. It may be pointed out that while the Citizen, previous to the election was pointing out that the per capita cost to the public school supporters was $17.47 as against $15.67 in Hamilton, a city of practically the same size, a campaign was being conducted against the Hamilton board of education on the ground that it was guilty of extravagance. Yet in that city the cost is nearly $2 per pupil less than Ottawa.

Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The Estimates for the next fiscal year will be the most important matter in the remainder of the session. While the Government will strive to provide for efficiency in all branches of the Provincial administration, the financial position will demand strict economy and members must make up their minds to that fact in regard to approbations. One measure of importance and of great interest to the mining industry, will be the bill that the Government has announced it will introduce to amend the present law for the taxation of mines. Three or four other Government measures and a few private bills are likely to constitute the business of the session and unless the Opposition displays an undue desire to talk and move impossible motions, the labors of the legislators should be ended by an early date in February.

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Anecdotal.

It is related that Sainte-Beuve detested rain. On one occasion, when he had to fight a duel, he appeared with a pistol in one hand and an umbrella in the other. "I am willing to be shot," he exclaimed, "but not to get wet."

George Meredith, the eminent novelist, is as alert and witty in his casual talk as he is in his fiction. Not long ago, in conversation with a friend, Mr. Meredith was asked his opinion of a certain obnoxious person who had lately settled in the neighborhood. "He seems to me," replied the author of "Diana of the Crossways," "to be one of the least of God's mercies."

A characteristic story of the late Sir Hector Macdonald has just reached us. Always a man of few words, when sending his only son to a public school for the first time, he addressed the following brief note to the headmaster: "Herewith boy Hector, to be made a man of"—a sentence worthy of being handed down to posterity as a remarkable example of brevity and sterling common sense.

An Englishman of somewhat questionable reputation, who was criticizing the American way of spelling, once turned to Maurice Barrymore, the actor, and said: "I'll leave it to Mr. Barrymore. Is it right to leave out the 'u' in such words as harbor, neighbor, honor, candor, etc?" "Well, about harbor and neighbor I am not sure," replied Barrymore, "but when it comes to honor and candor I leave you out."

The story is told of a Scotch preacher who gave his people long, strong sermons, and delivered them in a remarkably deliberate manner. One Sunday he asked a friend who was visiting him to occupy his pulpit in the morning. "An' were you satisfied wi' my preaching?" asked his friend, as they walked home from the kirk. "Weel," said his host, slowly, "it was a fair discoorse, Will'm, a fair discoorse; but it pained me at the last to see the folk looking sae fresh and wide awake. I mistrust 'twasna sae long nor sae sound as it should hae been."

When Booker T. Washington was asked by a Southerner recently to prove to a Northern audience that that section was really responsible for the introduction of slavery into the American colonies, Mr. Washington said he was reminded of the story of an old colored man who had a pig, which he sold one morning to a white man for three dollars. The white man drove off with his purchase, but on the road the pig escaped and found its way back to Uncle Zeke's cabin. A little later, another white man came along, and Uncle Zeke sold him the same pig for another three dollars. On his way home with the pig the second purchaser encountered the first returning in search of the escaped animal. After some wrangling they decided to go back and refer the question to the old darkey. "Uncle Zeke" said number one, "didn't you sell me this pig at nine o'clock this morning?" "Sho' I did, massa." "But, Uncle Zeke," said number two, "didn't I pay you three dollars for this pig at twelve o'clock?" "Sho' you did, massa." "Well, then, who does the pig belong to?" "Sakes alive," said Uncle Zeke, "can't you white folks settle dat question between yo'selves?"

Where Waves are Highest.

In his bok of sailing experiences, "Deep Sea Vagabonds," Albert Sonnischen, who threatens to outrival Frank T. Bullen as a describer of the life of the man before the mast, gives a vivid and awful account of his first trip around Cape Horn, the roughest sea passage in the world. He writes:

"For two solid weeks it blew a roaring gale with a few rare half-hour intermissions. With top-sails, foresail, mainsail and sometimes reefed top-gallant sails we scudded before the wind at a twelve knot rate. Such waves I had never seen. I did not actually measure the distance between their tops; it seemed two miles but I will swear by one, anyhow. I have read somewhere that waves never reach over fifty feet in height. Our rigging was over a hundred, and still when we sat on our royal yards and the ship was down in the trough of a sea, we could not see beyond the waves before and astern of us. Nor is this to be wondered at so much, for in this belt, and only here, wind and waves have the sweep of the globe's circumference. On would come those mighty green foam-capped mountains, heaving the big ship skyward, until it seemed our masts must pierce the clouds. It was a horrible sensation, even to me, who had never suffered seasickness, and that sickening fear as the ship topped over the crest, never leaving one weighing in one's bowels like a weight of lead. Fear is located somewhere below the stomach, I know that, because I here had the sensation long enough to analyze it thoroughly.

"For a moment the vessel balances on the crest, in a smother of foam, then that awful moment the stern falls, that sickening slant, a momentary pause, and then—down—down—down, into a great dark green abyss, so deep that the sun does not reach, and as we sink, the bellying sails drop listless, for even the wind is cut off by the wall coming up astern. A short pause, then a heave, and up again—up—up—up, until with a rush the wind catches the sails again, and that heart-sickening roar from aft, growing—growing, until it strikes the stern with a smash, washing over the bulwarks on both sides as it shoots forward. And then it begins all over again—the same experience.

"At such times only the most experienced seamen were sent to the wheel, and two at once, for when those caps strike the stern it takes muscle to hold the helm. A canvas screen was raised abaft the wheel, so that the helmsmen could not glance astern, for even experienced seamen have been known to leave their post in a panic at sight of those gigantic combers tearing up from astern, as though to swallow all, and to leave the wheel at such a time would mean instant disaster—loss of masts at least for the ship must be kept directly before the seas. The least inattention might cause her to broach, and should she be caught by a comber abeam, then would come her finish. This was an experience we had off and on for almost two months, and men and officers were worn under the constant strain on body and nerves alike. But the owners wanted a quick passage, and then—the vessel was well insured."

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Josephine found me stretched full length in a hammock in the garden.

"Why aren't you at work?" she asked; "not feeling seedy, I hope?"

"Never better," said I. "But I've been making myself too cheap."

"We couldn't possibly help going to the Joneses last night, dear."

"Tash," said I. "I mean there is too much of me."

"I don't quite understand," she said; "but there certainly will be if you spend your mornings lolling in that hammock."

The distortive wantonness of this remark left me cold.

"I have made up my mind," I continued, quite seriously, "to do no more work for a considerable time."

"But, my dear boy, just think——"

"I am going to make myself scarce," I insisted.

"Geoffrey!" she exclaimed, "I knew you weren't well!"

I released myself.

"Josephine," I said solemnly, "those estimable persons who collect my pictures will think nothing of them if they become too common."

"How do you know there are such persons?" she queried.

"I must decline to answer that question," I replied; "but if there are none it is because my work is not yet sufficiently rare and precious. I propose to work no more—say for six or seven years. By that time my reputation will be made, and there will be the fiercest competition for the smallest canvas I condescend to sign."

She kissed me.

"I came out for the housekeeping money," she remarked simply.

I went into the house to fetch the required sum, and, by some means I cannot explain, got to work again upon the latest potboiler.—"Punch."

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His pocket phonograph will ask
  If she will be his bride—
Her phonograph will breathe the "Yes"
  Which waits in its inside.

When mother goes to call on friends,
  Or to her club, she won't
Be anxious for the children; she
  Will start the auto-"Don't!"
To going in the nursery
  And hasten on serene,
And knowing that she may rely
  Upon the spank machine.

When father comes in much too late
  He'll stumble on the stair,
And hear a terse "How came you so?"
  Come megaphoning there.
And after while this life will be
  Without a thing to do—
Some one will make a grand machine
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M. McGUIRE.

Creston, Dec. 15th, 1903.

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T. H. WHITING.

Creston, Dec. 15th, 1903.

Already Provided.

A certain small village, far removed from the noise and bustle of commerce boasts a female preacher, and the lady's duties are many. One day she may visit the sick, another attend a funeral, and the next baptize a baby. One afternoon she was preparing the sermon for the following Sabbath when she heard a timid knock at the parsonage door. Answering the summons she found a bashful young German standing on the step and twirling his straw hat in his hands.

"Good afternoon!" the preacheress remarked. "What do you wish?"

"Dey say der minister lifed in dis house, hey?"

"Yes, sir."

"Yes? Vell, I vant me to kit mer riet."

"All right; I can marry you," she said. The lady's hair is beginning to silver, and the German glanced at it. Then he jammed his hat on his head and hurried down the path. "What's the matter?" she called after him.

"You gits no chance mit me," he called back. "I don't vant you; I haf got me girl alreaty."—"Modern Society."

A Lesson in Tact.

A few weeks ago, says James MacArthur in "Harper's Weekly," I quoted some passages in these columns from a correspondence between the Browning in the days of their early acquaintance on Carlyle's strong dislike of poetry. I have just heard of a new story on the same theme which is told by Professor Goldwin Smith. It appears that Professor Smith was once a visitor with Carlyle at Lady Ashburton's house when Tennyson was one of the circle at "The Grange." Tennyson was asked to read one of his own poems aloud, but, to the surprise and disappointment of his gentle hostess and her company, he refused—a thing he was never apt to do. Looking across the room, Professor Smith saw the cause of the difficulty. Close to Tennyson sat Carlyle, who was wont to make a universal sweep of poetry in its relation to common sense when aroused by the proximity of the Muse. Professor Smith, devoting himself to the public good, and, we may add, in courteous consideration of his hostess, crossed the room, and invited Carlyle to take a stroll in the grounds. The Sage accepted the invitation, and, during the stroll, the poet brought off his reading.

Good Listening.

Good talking is largely dependent on "good hearing." The fact that a man is able to do his mental powers the justice of brilliant expression may be due to the presence of some receptive mind, ready to invite and appreciate. Wits may clash to the point of deafening themselves. The sympathetic and silent listener is the buffer between.

Ruskin is said to have been excellent company. He spoke in a tone of "gentle and playful earnestness." He had floods of thought and knowledge to pour forth, if only he could get the right hearers. But there were the barren occasions when listeners were absent.

One day a friend gave a little dinner for him. Doctor Jowett and Dean Stanley. But no sooner had the dinner begun than the host realized his mistake. He had provided no setting for his jewels, no junior men as hearers. "They wanted to meet one another," he said. "It should have gone off brilliantly, but the soup came, and the fish followed, and they simply would not talk. At last I said some stupid thing to Stanley about the architecture of Westminster Abbey, and that drew Ruskin and started us all off. Then all went well. But I shall never make the same mistake again."

Deduction.

Miss Cutting—Then you are an agnostic? Chelly Smallhed—I never said so. Miss Cutting—No; but you said you only believed what you could understand.—"Judge."

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

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Where located: On Forty-nine Creek, about one mile above the "May and Jennie" mineral claim.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for David G. Porter, Free Miner's Certificate No. B80,760, and Jacob C. Porter, Free Miner's Certificate No. B81 148, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 16th day of November, A. D. 1903.

JOHN McLATCHIE, P. L. S.

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Where located: On Bear Creek, 3 miles from Ymir.

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