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## News of the Mines

The promoters of the Duncan River electric tram line have been in Victoria completing arrangements preliminary to the commencement of the active work of construction on their line. The promoters say everything is satisfactory and work will be pushed at once. It would be hard to estimate too highly the good this will do to a large and deserving section of the Lardeau, says the Trout Lake Topic. There are dozens of very fine mining properties located on the West Fork of the Duncan and its tributaries to which the construction of this road means a very great deal. They have now reached such a stage of development that the completion of the electric railway means for them the commencement of regular shipments and the payment of dividends to the shareholders who have been very patient under the adverse circumstances which have delayed the complete opening up of what we believe is destined to be the biggest and richest silver-lead camp on the continent. Among properties which will begin shipments once the road is under operation are the Old Gold, Guinea Gold, Primrose, Black Warrior, Bad Shot and Lade Group.

### BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Phœnix Pioneer.

Active development work has been resumed on the Blue Jay, one of the best known claims in Skylark camp, located about two miles below this city.

After ordering the payment of a four per cent dividend at the recent Toronto meeting, the directors of the Cariboo mine in Camp McKinney, decided not to do any more work on the property for an indefinite period, owing to the values of the ore running so low. This makes something over $500,000 that this mine has paid in dividends.

W. Newton, one of the owners of the McKinley claim, in Franklin camp, says development work will be resumed this spring. The McKinley has an enormous surface showing and the values in copper and gold are about $50 per ton across a ledge that has been stripped for 25 feet.

Wednesday was the monthly payday at the Granby mines and smelter, when about 700 employees received their cheques.

Ore is being hauled from the Butcher Boy, at Carmi, one of the best claims on the West Fork. The ore goes 50 miles by team to Midway, whence it is taken by rail to the smelter. The Butcher Boy is owned by James Dale, and the ore is high grade.

Foundations for the electric machinery at the Mother Lode smelter are nearly completed, and the general work of improvement and preparing for the arrival and installation of the two stands of copper convertors is progressing.

### SLOCAN MINING NOTES.

Slocan Drill.

The Reco is shipping a great deal of ore.

A force of 60 men is employed at the Ivanhoe mills.

Slocan ore shipments are in excess of 2100 tons.

An ore sorter has been added to the force at the Bell.

Last week the Sandon mines sent out 261 tons of ore.

Some ore was brought down from the Bell on Wednesday.

The Ottawa shipped a carload of of high grade ore during the week.

The Payne is shipping its iron ore, obtained from the mill, to the Trail smelter.

Both the Ottawa and Black Prince are in promising shape, with an abundance of ore in sight.

O. Hamilton, formerly of this town, has sold his interest in the Lucky Jack group, Poplar creek, to B. Crilly, for $6000.

The Pioneer Mining Co., who are operating the Bank of England claim, brought in three months' supplies last week from Nelson.

N. F. McNaught, of Silverton, has purchased a sixth interest in the Club claim from John Wafer, giving him control of the group.

### LARDEAU MINING NOTES.

Poplar Nugget.

Bed-rock was reached this week in the shaft of the placer claim south of the town. It was rumored that coarse gold had been found in paying quantities at bed-rock, but the owners of the claim say nothing. However, they are building a flume, so it may be taken for granted that they are satisfied.

The tunnel on the Lucky Jack is in 230 feet and an upraise is being made to the surface, a distance of about two hundred feet. At the Swede group the tunnel is being run on the ore body.

The Great Northern Mines Ltd., will increase its milling capacity to 100 stamps this summer.

## Boundary Ore Shipments

The following table gives the ore shipments of Boundary mines for 1902 1904, and for last week:

| | 1903 | 1904 | Past Week |
|---|---|---|---|
| Granby Mines, Phoenix | 393,718 | 67,350 | 10,590 |
| Snowshoe, Phoenix | 74,212 | | |
| Brooklyn, Phoenix | | | |
| Mother Lode, Deadwood | 130,432 | 10,154 | 3,040 |
| Sunset, Deadwood | 15,731 | | |
| Morrison, Deadwood | 3,339 | | |
| B. C. Mine, Summit | 19,365 | | |
| R. Bell, Summit | | | |
| Emma, Summit | 22,937 | 4,495 | 495 |
| Senator, Summit Camp | 323 | 844 | 264 |
| Oro Denoro | 15,537 | 5,299 | 670 |
| Winnipeg, Wellington | 2,455 | | |
| Golden Crown, Wellington | | | |
| Athelstan, Wellington | 5,643 | 2,473 | 625 |
| King Solomon, W. Copper | | | |
| No. 7 Mine, Central | | | |
| City of Paris, Central | | | |
| Jewel, Long Lake | | | |
| Carmi, West Fork | | | |
| Providence, Providence | 910 | 50 | |
| Elkhorn, Greenwood | 400 | 50 | |
| E. P. U. and Goldfinch | 167 | 50 | |
| Ruby, Boundary Falls | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Total, tons | 684,429 | 100,480 | 15,884 |

## EVENTS AND GOSSIP

The question is being asked these days, what is the matter with the Nelson Operatic Society. Shortly after the last performance it was promised that the society would soon take up another opera, but for some reason or another nothing has been done. The productions of popular operas by the local society are the great events in Nelson, and it will be a pity if interest in the work of this really excellent musical organization is permitted to die out. The citizens of Nelson look to Mr. Melville Parry to provide them with local opera, and if that gentleman fails to move in this matter at once, he will be open to the charge of a flagrant breach of faith with the public.

Perhaps George Francis Train was never more aptly described than by George D. Prentiss, the famous poet-editor of Kentucky. Here it is:

"A locomotive run off the track, turned upside down, with the cowcatcher buried in a stump and the wheels making a thousand revolutions a minute. A kite in the air that has lost its tail, a human novel without a hero, a man who climbs a tree for a bird's nest out on a limb and in order to get it saws off the limb between himself and the tree. A ship without a rudder, a clock without hands, an arrow shot into the air, a sermon that is all text, a pantomime of words, the apotheosis of talk, the incarnation of gab; handsome vivacious, muscular, neat as a cat, clean to the marrow, a judge of the effect of clothes, frugal in food, and regular only in habits. A noon-day mystery, a solved conundrum, a cypher hunting for a figure to pass for something, with the brains of twenty men in his head all pulling in different directions. Not bad as to heart, but a man who has shaken hands with reverence. This is George Francis Train."

Those of our theatregoers who some time ago laughed heartily over "What Happened to Jones" are now to be given an oportunity of hearing "Why Smith Left Home," the tale of which as related by the same author, Mr. Broadhurst, is equally humorous. The company returning to us with the "Smith" organization is managed by Mr. C. P. Walker, which gave us the Jones production. Critics of both London and New York have unhesitatingly declared that of all the American farces, "Why Smith Left Home" is the best. That the public seem to agree in this verdict is evidenced by the fact that on both sides of the water, in the chief theatres, it enjoyed an almost unprecedented run. The company comes to us on the evening of Thursday, March 3.

The series of moving pictures now being produced at the Nelson Opera House by the Living Canada Company are the best of the kind ever seen in this city. The life-like appearance of the different subjects presented almost convinces one that the picture before him is really animate. Perhaps the best picture of all is the trip through the Rocky Mountains on the Imperial Limited. All the scenes to be witnessed on the line appear just as they would if one was riding on the train. The entertainment is well worth patronizing. Indeed to miss it may be accounted a loss.

Not often are the guests at a Toronto banquet served with a dish that is such a spicy mixture of satire and common sense as the speech which Captain A. T. Hunter delivered before the Empire Club last week. He discoursed to the exceedingly patriotic members of an excessively new organization on "the fatuous insolence of the Canadian," and is said to have closed his remarks in the following devout fashion: "I thank the members of the club for the patience with which they have listened to the words which I hope to the Lord they would allow none but a native Canadian to utter. The concluding hope has sure foundation, for if any blooming 'me lud' or bumptious Yankee had broken out in such timely warning, Colonel Sam Hughes would have been summoned in haste from the Capital while the jump-quick press of the Maple-Leaf Forever town would have denounced the rashness of the orator. But a 'native Canadian' may utter certain home truths in the bosom of the Empire Cub with a degree of impunity, so long as his hearers feel assured that he would be up and doing if any tyrant's heel were on the tail of the ermine garment worn by our Lady of the Snows. Captain Hunter pointed out with forceful definiteness that we have been strenuously insisting on our vast and undeveloped resources, while we have also been manifesting a readiness to fight any country on earth without a moment's notice. Because our Canadian boys bore themselves bravely at Paardeberg, because our fathers repulsed a few beggarly Fenians, we fancy ourselves a military power, when we haven't guns enough to go around our public school population. When Alverstone the Well-Beloved plays a losing game with our island homes we at once fall to talking largely about making our own treaties, when we have hardly learned to make our own shoe-laces. We import our accent from Vermont, our cheap magazines from New York, accept United States currency in our shops, and then thank the Lord for the inestimable privileges of British connection and pray that foreign capital may be sent into our country for the benefit of the said "resources."

We just love to get up and yarn away about how our real estate extends all the way from the dashing waves of the Atlantic to the sunny smiles of the Pacific and that we have unoccupied prairies and mountains to burn. What is the sense of telling the world how rich we are, how warlike we have ever been, and then remarking that there are very few watchmen to guard the strong-box? If we do not reasonably keep the peace we may be called upon to save the pieces. We are somewhat in the absurd position of an Irishmen who would set off for a Donybrook Fair leaving his shillalah in the chimney corner. The reason why we have been allowed to work our farms in safety since the unpleasantness of 1812 was aptly pointed out by Captain Hunter. No one thought we had anything worth coming after. Canada to most people, meant snow-drifts and desolation. Of course, they were mightily mistaken in thinking that we ever have a spell of cold weather, and we do well to inform the rank outsider that our thermometers never lower themselves to acquaintanceship with zero, that our politics are white as Artic snows, that our mines have never been in possession of Ananias and our sales are nothing that a political bargain hunter might desire. Our present policy of brag and indolence is about as wise as that of the man who would leave the stable-doors wipe open and hang above them the placard, "Lou Dillon is inside."

If Russia does not move more rapidly than she is now doing, Japan will gobble up her whole navy.

It is quite evident the Rossland hockey team has no desire to meet Nelson. The manager of the latter team telegraphed Rossland last Tuesday to the effect that Nelson would get up an excursion to Rossland and play the latter for half the gate receipts, or accept a similar arrangement from Rossland. The Rossland team refused to play in Nelson under any conditions, but offered very disadvantageous terms to Nelson to go over to Rossland. And there the matter stands.

W. A. Macdonald, K. C., who has been suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia, has so far recovered as to be able to attend to his professional duties.

Mrs. W. G. Little and son have returned from an extended visit to the Territories.

Rev. Mr. Ferguson will take charge of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on April 12.

## Local and Provincial

Harry Wright, M. P. P., returned from Victoria this week.

A Christian Endeavor Society has been formed at Ymir.

A Rod and Gun Club is being organized at Rossland.

J. L. Parker, manager of the North Star mine, was in the city this week.

Peter Reimer, Fort Steele, was killed this week by a snowslide while surveying.

Herbert D. Curtis, of the Arlington mine, Slocan, was in the city this week.

The heavy snow in the mountains has helped out mining operations very considerably.

The regular monthly meeting of the school board was held last evening in Dr. Arthur's office.

The Porto Rico Lumber Co. has disposed of its retail business here to A. G. Lambert & Co.

The St. Valentine's leap-year dance at the Success club last Tuesday evening was a great success.

Next Monday, at the Success club, the debate on the Railway Bill by the mock parliament will be resumed.

D. C. Johnson, of the Northport smelter, passed through Nelson this week, returning from a visit to Fernie.

The annual general meeting of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital Society will be held in the Board of Trade rooms on March 8.

Leslie Hill, M. E., left this week for New York, from which place he will embark in the steamer Cedric for London, on February 24.

Mayor Barnard, of Victoria, who resigned his seat because of his position being rendered illegal by means of a contract with the city, which his firm had filled, has been re-elected by acclamation.

What Cranbrook needs now according to the Herald is a live, pulsating, material board of Trade, one that is a board in fact as well as in name. There is work for such an organization, but it must be one that includes in its membership, not only the business men of the town, but professional men and all property holders as well. Much can do done for the advancement of Cranbrook during the next twelve months if proper action is taken. The town is all right, but from now on, everything depends upon the people.

Victoria Japanese residents have decided to contribute a certain sum of money each month to the war fund. Every subject of the Mikado in Victoria is anxious to do something for his country. The reservists have not yet received any intimation from the Japanese Consul regarding their recall to duty, although those in San Francisco have gone back. Word, however, is expected any time. A number of the reservists have communicated with the Consul at Vancouver. There are, according to the last census, 4,515 Japanese in British Columbia, most of whom are in the neighborhood of Vancouver.

Pat Burns, the meat king, is in the city.

It is announced that W. B. Pool, the mining man, will open an office in Nelson.

If one may judge by the amount of lumber and shingles being shipped to Poplar, building operations must be brisk in the new camp.

The mining case now occupying the attention of Chief Justice Hunter, is said to be the most important case of the kind ever tried in a a British Columbia court.

Two Chinamen were sentenced at Vancouver this week for false swearing to eight and ten years in the penitentiary. They had accused a Japanese falsely of the murder of Charlie Sing at Steveston.

At no time in the history of British Columbia has there been as much interest taken in mining as now. New mines are being opened up everywhere, operations in existing mines are being extended, and at least four smelters are likely to be erected before the year is out.

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give an oyster supper in the vacant shop on the corner of Baker and Josephine streets on the evening of Friday, February 26. There will be oysters, stewed and scalloped, home bread and cake, tea and coffee, and the price of supper will be 50 cents.

Much regret was felt yesterday when it was stated that Mr. W. P. Tierney, the well-known railroad contractor, had fallen from a bridge at Granite crossing and was seriously injured. He was on the bridge when a train came in sight and in stepping to one side while the train passed, he fell a distance of 40 feet, injuring himself considerably, but fortunately not fatally. Dr. Hall announces that Mr. Tierney will be all right in a week or so, which is consoling to his many friends.

The third bold robbery at Victoria last week took place Saturday, a Chinaman once more being the offender. Miss Welsh, daughter of Mr. Welsh, one of the city dray men, was on her way home and just about reaching the corner of Douglas and Discovery streets, when a Chinaman jumped out, snatched her purse and started off. Miss Welsh very pluckily gave chase, but being too excited to call help John Chinaman got away. The young lady mourns the loss of a $75 gold watch besides a small sum of money.

One of the most pleasing and interesting features of the past session took place in the Cedar Committee room one night last week at a caucus of the Conservative members, in which Mr. Taylor, M. P. P., the popular Whip of the party, figured very prominently. Mr. Carter-Cotton opened the proceedings with a few remarks on Mr. Taylor's actions as the Whip of the party, and was ably seconded by the Hon. Mr. McBride. Mr. Bowser then, in a few well-chosen remarks, said that they had gathered together to express their satisfaction in the good way Mr. Taylor had carried out his work, and on behalf of the Conservative members handed him a purse, with the heartiest wishes of all present, and hoping he would long be spared to officiate in that capacity and help on the good work of the Conservative party.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Daily News inquires if anything is being done to extend the usefulness of the Kootenay Tourist Association. An aggressive campaign from this quarter might prove beneficial to Nelson during the summer months.

Capt. Roberts, of the death ship Clallam, has been suspended for one year. There are any number of people who believe that Capt. Roberts, or some one else, should have been condemned to perform an aerial suspension act, with Mr. Radcliffe as master of ceremonies.

Vancouver is now wrestling with the social evil problem. When the moral reform people get through with their campaign, they will probably find, as has been found in other cities, the second condition is worse than the first. What other cities have not been able to accomplish successfully, it is not to be expected can be done in Vancouver.

A complaint has been made to THE ECONOMIST that during the Chinese New Year festivities boys and girls of tender years were supplied with intoxicating drinks by the hospitable heathen Chinee. If there is any foundation for this complaint, the police should turn their attention to the Chinamen who supplied the liquor, although the parents who permit their children to frequent Chinese joints cannot be held altogether blameless.

The opening of hostilities between Japan and Russia reminds the Vancouver Province of what Rudyard Kipling said on his visit to Vancouver eight or nine years ago—remarks that were afterwards published in his book From Sea to Sea: "All that Vancouver wants is a fat earthwork upon a hill—there are plenty of hills to choose from—a selection of big guns, a couple of regiments of infantry, and later on a big arsenel. The raw self-consciousness of the United States would be sure to make her think these arrangements intended for her benefit, but she could be enlightened. It is not seemly to leave unprotected the head end of a big railway; for though Victoria and Esquimalt our naval station on Vancouver Island, are very near, so also is a place called Vladivostock, and though Vancouver Narrows are strait they allow room enough for a man-of-war."

The London Chronicle says the beautiful Duchess of Portsmouth is always said to have sat for the Britannia on our copper coins—on the authority of Evelyn's Dairy, by the way, for Pepys seems unaccountably to have missed this piece of gossip—but we do not know what Roman lady sat for the Britannia on the brass coin struck by Hadrian to commemorate his victories in Britain, which was the original of the design chosen by Charles II. when he issued the first English copper coinage, with the variation of a palm branch in the lady's hand, and, in the farthing issue, of one leg undraped. In George III.'s reign Britannia first ruled the waves with a trident, and a ship in full sail was added to the background. The ship was gone in the George IV. farthing, where the lady appears for the first time helmeted; but in 1860, when the copper coinage became a bronze one, the ship was reinstated with the addition of a lighthouse, copied from the one at Eddystone.


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# Press Comment

Ottawa Citizen.

There has been another school fire in Toronto. The smoke filled the building in blinding clouds, but the twenty-one teachers marshalled out the 858 scholars without the occurrence of the slightest casualty.

Moyie Leader.

It is said that the man who wrote Home Sweet Home never owned a home. All his pretty sentiments about home he learned to feel and to express while living in garrets, inns and boarding houses in England, France and America. He was a widower, divorced man, a reveler and a roamer, but wherever he went he carried with him his longings for a home, but whenever he assumed the domestic relation he was a pitiable failure.

Grand Forks News-Gazette.

As to the interests that are becoming identified with the mining industry, there is a tendency to carry on mining operations on a larger scale than ever before. Syndicates and companies with larger capital at their disposal are entering the field. Capital is beginning to recognize the fact that the mining industry is now being prosecuted on a more scientific basis than at any time in the history of its development. Its attractiveness as an investment is seriously considered, and it is not now regarded as a gamble or speculation as formerly. There is no doubt that mining engineers and mining investors have more regard for the commercial aspects of mining to-day than formerly. They do not purchase properties without determining the value of their investment. Formerly the most conservative business men failed to take into account the degree of certainty of obtaining the return of the purchase price of the property and the time in which the invested capital would be paid back. The indefinite promise of enormous returns usually was the attraction—a promise which would immediately have aroused their suspicions in any other class of investments.

Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The session of the Provincial Legislature which was brought to a close on Wednesday last was distinctly a business one. Although the House only met on thirty-five days, it accomplished as much legislation as some of its predecessors did in nearly three times as long. Evening sessions were held at an early period, and there were but one or two days throughout the session when the Order Paper was got through by six o'clock. The contrast in the proceedings between this session and the last two of the preceeding parliament was most marked. The session will of course, be chiefly remembered on account of the measures passed to place the provincial finances on a sound basis and this legislation was the most important of any that was introduced by the Government. It acted wisely in not attempting to deal with other provincial questions of general concern but which did not require such immediate attention as those connected with the financial situation. With measures adopted to secure an equilibrium between the revenue and expenditure, the Government will be free to take up other matters at succeeding sessions. As already announced, it has stated that it will give immediate consideration to the various railway schemes for which financial aid is asked, and, having reached a conclusion upon them, will call the House together for a special session in May or June next.


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"What is the difference between a misfortune and a calamity?" somebody once asked Disraeli. "Well, if Gladstone fell into the Thames," was the reply, "that would be a misfortune; and if anybody pulled him out, that, I suppose, would be a calamity."

The other day, an Irishman bought a copy of "Irish Melodies" at a second-hand London book store for a shilling. The bookseller was surprised, a few moments later, when the excited purchaser returned and, shaking his fist at him, cried: "I could kill ye for selling these immortal gems so cheap!"

"I have one wish I fear will never be fulfilled," said Senator Hanna as he sat in the Senate restaurant at Washington one day last session and ate a very simple luncheon. "What is it?" asked Senator Kean of New Jersey. "I should like to eat everything and then have the work of digestion devolve on some Democrat."

At the Hamilton Club banquet in Chicago recently Speaker Cannon said: "I never wrote a speech in my life, and never but once used one that another man had written. I envy the man who can sit down in cold blood and achieve a thought, then dress it—put clothes on it, pants, coat, vest, shoes and collar, and turn it out in full attire, as Minerva sprouted from the brain of Jupiter."

Two little girls were engaged in an animated discussion as to the merits of their respective homes. "Well, anyway," said one little maiden in a triumphant tone, "you may have more bedrooms than we have, but we have more cream than you do. We have enough for our cereal every single morning." "Pooh!" said the other, "that's nothing. We own a Jersey cow, and we get a whole cowful of cream twice every day."

At a dinner in Boston the other evening the guests insisted upon George Ade, of "slang fable" fame making a speech. Finally, in sheer desperation, after all the others present had sung songs or told stories, he rose and said: "I will tell you of an excellent trick in parlor magic. You take a tumbler and fill it two-thirds full of filtered water. Then you insert in the water a lump of sugar and a spoon, and you begin to stir. In a few minutes the sugar will become invisible."

A medley of young literary men were once gathered to meet Robert Browning. The most aggressively literary of the group was first introduced, and at once began to pour out his personal delight and admiration with so unceasing a flow that the other introductions were being held in abeyance, and the other literary young men starved. Browning endured it with great good humor for some time. At last he put his hand almost affectionately on the egotist's shoulder and said: "But I am monopolizing you."

Dr. Gillespie, the present moderator of the Church of Scotland, tells how he was nonplussed, the other day, by a ragged urchin who declared he was alone in the world, his father and mother having died some years ago. "Have you not a sister, then?" asked Dr. Gillespie. "I niver had yin." "But surely you have a brother?" "Yes, but he's at Glasga College." "Well, cannot he spare some time from his studies to look after you a bit?" "Na, sir," replied the urchin, mournfully, "for he was born wi' two heids, and they keep him in a bottle."

The story of how Chopin composed his famous "Funeral March" is related by M. Ziem, the celebrated painter, who still lives in Paris. Ziem was the friend and comrade of Chopin, and it was in the former's studio that a Bohemian repast was given, with Ludre, De Poligmae (the musician), Richard (the painter), Chevandier de Valdrome and Chopin, as gay and festive spirits around the table. There was an old rickety piano in the corner, all the panels having been taken out for pictures, as Ziem was poor, and had to economize. Behind a curtain was a skeleton, and this gave an idea to Ziem, who brought the skeleton out, covered it with drapery, and began to agitate it with realistic effect. De Poligmae then took the skeleton to the piano, and sat with it as though to make it play. It was at this moment that Chopin, who had been rather quiet, was seized with sudden inspiration. Uttering an ejaculation, he rushed forward to the piano, pushed aside De Poligmae, and to the stupefaction and awe of his friends improvised the world-famous "Funeral March."

Sir Edmund Burne-Jones, who shared with Dante Gabriel Rossetti the honor of founding the pre-Raphaelite school of English painters, as a young man exhibited his works at the Old Water-color Society. In 1869 his principal exhibit at the Summer Exhibition was a very poetical drawing called "Phyllis and Demophoon," in which both the figures were nude, but without conveying the faintest suggestion of indelicacy. Unfortunately, however, an important patron of the society, one Mr. Leaf, a prosperous silk merchant, chose to regard the picture as an outrage on propriety, and brought such pressure to bear on the council that they requested Mr. Burne-Jones to import into the picture a certain amount of raiment. This the painter indignantly refused to do, and the result was that before the public admission day he withdrew himself and his drawing from the society. It was a deplorable incident by which all concerned were the losers, except the puritanical silk-dealer, who, as might have been expected, immediately gained the soubriquet of "Fig-Leaf."

### Inexcusable Stupidity.

"I noticed," said the druggist to his assistant, "that a gentleman came in with a prescription, and that you took it and gave him the stuff in about three minutes. What do you mean by that? When a prescription for salt and water or peppermint and cough syrup is handed to you, you must look at it doubtfully, as if it were very hard to make up. Then you must bring it to me, and we will both read it and shake our heads. After that you go back to the customer and ask him if he wants it to-day. When he says he does, you answer that you'll make a special effort. A patient appreciates a prescription that there has been so much trouble over, and when he takes it he derives some benefit from it. But don't you do any more of that three-minute prescription business, my boy, if you want to become a first-class druggist."


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## Individualities.

Sir Frederick Treves, the famous English surgeon, who has just retired, established a record in performing one thousand consecutive operations for appendicitis without a death.

Great interest has been aroused in London by the announcement that the Marchese Karlo di Rudini, son of the former Italian Premier, is to marry Dora Labouchere, daughter of Henry Labouchere, the noted editor of "Truth."

During his lifetime Gordon McKay, the wealthy inventor of the machine that revolutionized shoemaking, who died at Newport lately, deeded all his property, valued at four millions of dollars, to Harvard University, retaining an income for life.

Mark Twain and his wife have leased the Villa Papiniano, which belonged originally to the sculptor Baccio Bandinelli, a contemporary and rival of Michael Angelo. The villa is pleasantly located about halfway between Florence and Tiesole, and connected with the modern town and the old Etruscan stronghold by a line of electric cars.

That much-quoted superstition, "three times a bridesmaid never a bride," seems to have no terrors for Alice Roosevelt, who has accepted an invitation to serve in this capacity at the approaching marriage of Miss Lilia McCauley and Mr. Wolcott Tuckerman, which will take place in Washington, D.C., November 25. Miss Roosevelt was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Miss Ruth Pruyn and Mr. David M. Goodrich, in Albany, last June and also at the marriage of Miss Madeline Jackson to Mr. George C. Lee, jr., in Boston, several years ago.

Pope Pius has appointed Mgr. Merry del Val to be Papal secretary of state. It is reported that the nomination, however, will not be made officially until the next consistory, when the monsignor will also be made a cardinal. Mgr. Del Val is under forty years of age, and is descended from one of Spain's noblest families. His mother was an Englishwoman, and he was born in England, receiving his early education from the Jesuit fathers in Stonyhurst College. His higher education was received in the Academy of Nobles, in Rome, the institution of which he is president.

New York clubmen are going in for politics with a vengeance. It is evidently the intention of both Democratic and Republican parties to have representative men as aldermen. Eddie Crowninshield, who is a member of the Knickerbocker Club, one of the Rough Riders, and a leading spirit in a great many social and other enterprises, is to run on the Tammany ticket for alderman in the "kid-glove" district. In the Republican camp, there is Beverley R. Robinson, son of Dr. Beverley Robinson, who is to be the candidate in the twenty-ninth aldermanic district, which comprises the territory on Fifth avenue, between Fifty-second and Fifty-fourth streets.

Helen Keller has just begun her senior year at Radcliffe. Her studies this year will consist of Professor Kittredge's Shakespearian course, Dr. Neilson's English literature, Professor Moore's course in Plautus, Cicero and Lucretius, and Professor Morgan and Dr. Rand's course in Latin, which covers the annals of Tacitus, the satires and epistles of Horace, and selections from Catullus. Up to the present time Miss Keller has passed with credit all her college examinations. When she has completed this year's work, as outlined, she will have accomplished more in the way of scholarship than any other person who has been handicapped with the loss of sight, hearing and speech.

When Eleanor Calhoun, the California actress, was married, a few months ago, to Laczarovitch, the Servian leader, she announced to her friends that she might some day return to the stage. She has now, however, abandoned all such ambitions, and has thrown herself enthusiastically into assisting her husband with his political writings and into looking after his three children. It will be remembered that Laczarovitch, according to his own statement, was approached by certain Servians prior to the massacre of King Alexander and Queen Draga, and asked to accept the throne as next in line of succession should the plot prosper. Laczarovitch, however, having no desire to rule the kingdom, not only refused to be a candidate, but left the country. It was then he came to London, met the California actress, and married her.

When the Duke of Devonshire and the present Duke of Manchester's grandfather were young they loved Louisa, daughter of the Count d'Alten of Hanover. Devonshire, then known as Lord Hartington, was a laggard in his love affairs, as he has been in everything else, and so the lady became Duchess of Manchester in 1852, and duchess she remained for forty years. But, though she married the other man, her devotion to Lord Hartington and his devotion to her were famous. She counseled him in all the important affairs of his public life, spurred him on, and was his nearest friend. Nobody thought of inviting one without the other. At last Manchester died. Hartington himself shortly afterward succeeded to a dukedom, and in 1892 the widow, still one of the beautiful women of England, became a bride and a duchess again.

## He Received His Sight.

A story of a man blind from birth and who can now see, is told by a London "Daily Mail" correspondent. It was on April 24 that John Carruth left his home at Croft Head, Bridge of Weir, for the Glasgow Ophthalmic Hospital, where the operation which gave him his sight was performed. "The first face he saw was that of Dr. Stewart. He did not know what it was at first, but when the doctor spoke he knew that what he was looking at must be a face. It was like a dream. 'I was bewildered,' said Carruth; 'all was so beautiful.' Then the day after the operation. That was the day the bandages were removed. Then Carruth be held the first woman he had ever seen She was Nurse Mellor. 'I knew she was a woman because her face was pale and smooth. I was too long in seeing Dr Ramsay. I should like to have seen his face first.'

"No words were too good for 'Nurse,' or for all the nurses. And his mother! With what emotion he spoke of the first time he saw her. 'I kind of surprised her,' he said, proudly. 'She came to the ward and said, "How are you getting on?" Well, I had a peep at her side ways and asked her how many wrinkles she had on her brow. Then she said, joyfully, "You can see. How can you tell? Can you count them?" I could not see aye enough for that, but I could see her dear face.'

"Then, what does he think of women now that he first beholds them? They are very beautiful, he says. 'They all seem so good. I think the world and the people in it are fine. I have always (this with a touch of pride) thought a good deal of the ladies, and now it is so good to see their faces, to look at them in their fine dresses. They always told me women were my best friends, and I always knew they were, but now I know it more than ever. They are so kind and gentle, beautiful and graceful.'

"What did he think of the earth? 'Oh, it is lovely! So much lovelier and greater than I had ever thought or imagined. I am surprised and overjoyed. I had never thought there was such difference and variety in the appearance of things. Coming home I was really overwhelmed as we rushed past the green fields and trees.'"

Carruth learns every moment. He says that he often dreamed that he would see the world, but he never imagined it as it is. He had no idea there were so many people on earth. Carruth is in a curious fix with his neighbors. He knows them all by the sound of their voice. In his blindness they called to him and he replied, but now when he sees them he is unable to recognize them until they speak.

## Items of Interest.

Gladys Deacon, "the American beauty," met with an extraordinary accident at Mrs. Adair's fancy dress ball the other night in London. A lady who was walking in front of her tripped, threw up her heels, and one shoe flew off, striking Miss Deacon sharply on the chin, causing a bad cut. At His Majesty's Theater, a few nights later, when Claude Lowther's play, "The Gordian Knot," was produced, Miss Deacon still had a plaster on her chin.

The French have found a reason for the popularity of the cake walk in Paris. The thing is French! One of the negroes at the Nouveau Cirque, interviewed by a Paris paper, says that the origin of the dance was French. According to this latest account, some of the French refugees from the court of Marie Antoinette introduced the minuet into New Orleans about the time of the Revolution, and it was the native imitation of the most fashionable dance in Europe that was afterward developed into the cake walk.

The Declaration of Independence is to be seen no more by the public, an order having been issued that henceforth the historic manuscript shall be kept under lock and key in a great fire and light-proof safe. This decision has been reached as the result of an examination of the document by a committee of the American Academy of Sciences, recently in session in New York, who acted at the instance of Secretary Hay, whose attention had been called to the sad state of the famous document. Most of the text of the Declaration is still legible, but only one or two of the signatures can be made out. There is only a trace of the autograph of John Hancock, the first to sign. The document from time to time will be photographed in order to measure as nearly as possible the result of the protective steps.

Chicago had to get along for over three weeks with soiled linen on account of the strike of thousands of laundry girls and men. Every union laundry in Chicago was closed. John Chinaman and a few scattered non-union laundries kept at work, but they could not begin to keep the city's clothes and household linen in order. Untidy collars and cuffs, soiled shirts and shirt-waists, spotted tablecloths and napkins were the rule in hotels and private homes. The old mammy of slavery days reaped a harvest. Some laundrymen, who thought to be shrewder than their fellows, fixed up great bundles of linen and shipped them to neighboring towns, thereby hoping to promote the neatness of their customers, but the union was on the alert. Wagons were followed to stations, the place of shipment ascertained, and the laundry-workers there notified that "scab" work was coming to them. In most cases these laundry employees refused to do the work, and the bundles were shipped back to Chicago.

The London World has the temerity to advance the following opinion:—"When do women find time to read aught save the novel which others of the set find amusing, and the organ of the special sport to which they are devoted? Never was there a time when books were more plentiful and reading made more tempting; but the dames and damsels who read nowadays are regarded with positive awe, as persons either singularly gifted or just a trifle eccentric."

That must have been written by a man who talked geology to a woman when she was thinking of something more personally interesting.

George Meredith recently said of a late brilliant and beautiful leader of English society: "She did not merely shuffle the cards; she was one of the pack." An earlier leader, Lady Holland was not one of the pack, to borrow the phrase, and she was inclined to shuffle her cards—which included princes, peers, politicians and poets—with more or less flourish. She exacted homage; it pleased her to see distinguished men fetch and carry in her drawing-room. It was one of her little habits to drop her handkerchief for someone to pick up and return to her on bended knees. One evening at a dinner at Holland House, when she had dropped her handkerchief three times in close succession, Count D'Orsay returned it to her the third time, saying "Pray, my lady, had I not better take my seat under the table?"

A curious factor in a recent divorce suit is the modern "Breakfast Food" found upon so many tables. Mrs. Seccombe has brought suit against her husband, A. H. Seccombe, in San Bernardino Cal., for divorce. She alleges that for five years past he has forced her and his children to maintain life largely upon "health foods." She gives the following as the Seccombe bill of fare: Breakfast—Boiled rolled oats with milk, or granose flakes (wheat); an occasional soft-boiled egg; Zweiback and nut butter; occasionally carmel "cereal" (wheat coffee). Dinner—Zwieback and nut butter; bean boiled in salt water and baked; potatoes boiled with jacket; vegetables, in season boiled in salt and water; green fruit, in season; pudding, plain. Supper—Zwieback and nut butter; rice, boiled with milk; green fruit, in season. All meat prohibited; also coffee and tea. She alleges that this diet has been "scarcely sufficient to maintain life, and not sufficiently nutritious to maintain the family in health." She says that her husband persisted in discussing these foods and their merits at table, and in declaring repeatedly that "meat is poisonous."

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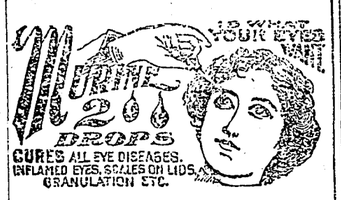


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At the office of the Provincial Assessor & Collector, Nelson, on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

At the office of the Provincial Constable, at Ymir, on Monday, the 14th day of March, 1904, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Notice is hereby given that the creditors and others having claims against said deceased, who died at Phoenix, Arizona, on or about the 6th day of October, A. D. 1902, are required on or before the 15th day of March, 1904, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver, to the undersigned, Administrator of the personal estate and effects of the said deceased in the Province of British Columbia, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice, that after said last mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

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

JOHN ELLIOT,
Administrator of Fred Tregoning, deceased.

### Certificate of Improvements.

Yukon Fractional Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

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

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1903.

JOHN MCLATCHIE.

## Corporation of the City of Nelson

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