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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ABOUT FIG LEAVES

Picture to Yourself the Situation.

EVE'S FIRST COSTUME

How Delightful Shopping in Paradise Must Have Been.

"And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons."

I do not know of any other sentence in the language which is as brimful and running over with suggestions as the above, yet I have never heard any sermon upon it, or any discourse at all. It is surely time that the great truths therein stated should be made clear to the mind that reads and runs.

Picture to yourself the situation. Summer was coming on and Eve's housewifely care discovered that her wardrobe needed replenishing. All she had to her back was a bathing-suit and that was made before the flood. Besides, her primeval sense of propriety assured her that such an outfit was very incomplete. Also Adam was, as one might say, almost destitute. Something must be done at once.

It must have been a great strain on Eve to think of becoming and correct styles. There were no fashion papers there. No paper patterns. No collapsible forms to drape on. Adam may have allowed her to drape on him. But the false pride of men in such crises make this appear doubtful. There were no stores to visit there, to enjoy the delights of shopping. Eve had as much command of raw material and the pleasures of free trade as even a Liberal could wish for.

It must have been after much deliberation that she decided on fig leaves. Their peculiar adaptability to dress making is not apparent to modern minds, but Eve was a leader of fashion, if ever there was one; so we bow to her decision even though it does seem to be a figurative expression. One can see her going about getting samples and showing them to Adam and making the momentous choice.

How delightful shopping in Paradise must have been! No supercilious clerks. No damsels afflicted with chewing gum and boiling over with reminiscences of gayety over night. No electric lights to splutter and go out at critical moments. Eve had all hay to match her samples, and any amount of good, clear, fresh-from-the-crucible sunshine to do it in. We may be sure she went home at night triumphant.

Naturally Adam had selected his own fig-leaves. We may imagine, judging from his descendents, that he went to the most convenient fig-tree, regardless of cost or harmony of tint, and returned in self-complacent peace to his dwelling. No bargain-counter for him.

The next thing to do was to toss these materials together and get an effect. There is no doubt Eve invented the needle and thread and first applied her invention in this instance. Thus woman's sphere originated at the period of the Fall.

Here arises another point. The text says distinctly, "They Made Them selves Aprons." Here the natural perversity, the unadulterated old Adam appears. I assure you it was no idea of chivalry which prompted our ancestor to make his own clothes. Some prophetic instinct warned him of the future derision of mankind, and he wasn't going to have it said that a woman made his clothes.

Masons may here trace the origin of their order, Adam being the first man to wear an apron. No doubt his devoted and long-suffering wife was excluded from all knowledge of these mysteries. Is it any wonder that Eve ate the apple? Just think! The first secrets that were ever concocted in this world, and Eve not to know them! It was extremely unkind, because there was no one for her to repeat them to, even if she wanted to. I strongly suspect the Serpent of having had an unrecorded interview with Adam.

Eve, meanwhile, was busy contriving her costume; patiently piercing the leaves together so that no rip might appear; longing many a time, no doubt, for a sewing machine, especially when she came to the button-holes. If we only had a pattern of that ancient garment! It was, we may suppose, very simple. The authorities, in fact, call it an apron. But men cannot be expected to understand the subleties of woman's dress. One thing is evident. It was the great forebear of patchwork, and explains the inherited desire of our immediate grandmothers to secure scraps of dresses for their quilts. But what happiness it would have been to have one fig-leaf of that original garment to hand down from mother to daughter even to the present day!

When the apron was finished, no doubt Eve was filled with pride and joy. She was the only woman in the world who could make her own clothes. It was a tribmphaut moment. Ever since Eve had ceased to be a rib she had longed to assert her independence. Adam was too fond of reminding her of her origin, and it took centuries of oppression to goad her daughters to retort. But here was the first victory of her sex.

She stood forth in her perfectly-fitting and modish costume; in full fig as it were, whilst Adam arrayed himself in his wonderful apron. It is afterward recorded that he was ashamed and hid himself. It is no wonder, considering the fearful and wonderful construction of that garment. Eve, dear, good soul, was too kind to display her success before him, and she, too, womanlike, retired from view.

It is afterward mentioned that suits of skin were given them, probably an improvement on the bareskin, which was their earliest covering, but I am sure Eve always remembered her first effort with complacency, even though Adam had been mean enough to cast all the blame on her and send the first "'taint me, 'twas her," echoing down the back stairs of time.

The Serpent brought evil into Paradise. Dressmakers' bills and milliners' bills, shopping bargains and fashions were all in his trail, which accounts for the historic feud between him and the sons of men. But one good thing he did bring forth which otherwise might still remain dormant, and that is the natural and unalienable superiority of the rib over the other sex.

FLORENCE E. PRATT.

Ald. Kirkpatrick has announced that he will not sit in the council with Dr. Rose as mayor. All right, Ald. Kirkpatrick, the voters will not press a seat at the council upon you.

A great deal has been said in this campaign about a "whisky trust," but it is a matter of comment that the Tribune has not connected one of the Houston ticket with the alleged trust. That paper should be a little careful how it deals with matters of this kind, or it will invite reprisals of a disastrous character. There is John J. Malone, candidate for alderman in the East Ward, on the Houston ticket. No one holds it against Mr. Malone, that he is head of the Tremont Hotel, one of the largest hotels in the city; is President of the Licensed Victuallers' Association (referred to by Houston as "the whisky trust"); and is also president of the Nelson Brewing Co., Ltd. Mr. Malone is regarded a good citizen, even if a man engaged in the liquor business is an abomination in the eyes of the prohibitionist editor of the Tribune.

CAMPAIGN OF VILIFICATION AND ABUSE

John Houston and His Glorifier---The Taming of the Lion ---The "Frenzied Financier."

THE ECONOMIST has perused with interest the communication—written, it is surmised, by the man who claims to hold John Houston in the hollow of his hand,—which appeared as a double-column editorial in the Tribune of Thursday, and the impressions it made are chiefly two. They are as follows:

1. The enormous egotism and self-conceit of John Houston in accepting its glorification of himself by publishing it on the editorial page. The writer palavers Houston to his hearts' content. Comparisons are admittedly odious, but Houston is the only man in Nelson of whom it can truthfully be said that he is "a man of indomitable energy and courage," "a man of exceptional ability," etc., etc., all by way of glorification of his hero, John Houston; and Houston, the glorified, accepts the glorification by printing such palaver in the most conspicuous part of his paper. The two—the glorified and the glorifier—are well met. This is a case of mutual admiration.

2. The writer of the article deprecates the use of personalites in the municipal contest. He very properly regards as "most objectionabe and regrettable the wholesale vilification of opponents," and Houston accepts the characterization as correct by his insertion of the communication in the Tribune, and yet in his conduct of his paper and of this municipal contest, he is perpetually vilifying his opponents, misrepresenting his attitude on the questions raised, and altogether conducting the campaign on lines condemned in this article. That he does this is patent to every one else, if not also to himself. He seems to be unable to conduct a discussion on any question without resorting to misrepresentation and in particular the issue of Thursday—that which contained the communication referred to—shows it clearly.

Dr. Rose says that he is the nominee of no party or clique. The Tribune asserts that he lies in making this statement—that he is the nominee for the mayoralty of William Gosnell, Ed. Ferguson, James Neelands, Gus Erickson and Gus Thomas. "They said they wanted a man who could be depended on to do their bidding." It matters not to Houston that Dr. Rose asserts that there is not a word of truth in this statement—John Houston still persists in his vilification and misrepresentation. Dr. Rose again says that he is independent of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, and is strongly in favor of the city of Nelson owning at the earliest possible date its own electric light and power works, yet it characterizes the course of the Daily News in accepting this assurance of Dr. Rose as that of a "shuffling specious pleader truckling to an element who are working in the interest of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company." In fact in this contest, as in every other one in which the selfish interests of John Houston are at stake, vilification and misrepresentation are always resorted to by the Tribune, notwithstanding the fact that they are condemned in the article which he inserts in that paper. John Houston is the vilifier, and the man who wrote the anonymous communication possesses the qualifications usually attributed to an assassin.

Thou wear a lion's hide! doff it for shame,
And hang a calf-skin on those recreant limbs.
—*King John.*

Ignatius Donnelly attemped to filch from Shakespere the honor of writing the works which bear his name, and now the friends of William Blakemore, who is also a great writer, are scoffing at THE ECONOMIST for its contention that John Houston is a successful tamer of recalcitrant followers. They allege this paper is prejudiced in his favor, and has credited him with honors which should adorn the crown of William Blakemore. Their story, and it is related with an earnestness intended to give "versimilitude to a bald and otherwise uncouvincing statement," is that the "master-mind" of the campaign is concealed under William Blakemore's Christy stiff, and in truth they advance strong arguments in support of their position. According to their narrative, before the meeting of the few faithful followers to select the Houston ticket, Haroun El Raschid Houston had issued a proclamation that at least three of his old, tried and trusty followers should constitute the East Ward ticket. But this did not meet with the approval of the dissidents, whose philosopher and guide is William Blakemore. The latter had an idea (and here let it be remarked William is "a toff as has ideas,") that only two of the three named should roost on the Houston perch, and anyway the time had arrived when he or John had to be ruler. So he sauntered down to the Tribune sanctum, where the editor of that famous journal was engaged in the laborious task of writing an editorial, with the aid of a pair of scissors and a late copy of the San Francisco Examiner. Then William the Brave tripped lightly forward, lilting "The Wild Man of Borneo Has Just Come to Town." John got a focus on him, and laying aside the editorial shears, he proceeded to address the figure before before in a few plain, home-spun sentences. The exact words are not reproduced in these columns, but are left to the imagination of the reader. But William waited in silence, and eventually John cut his parachute loose and came down to terra firma once more. William then informed him of the business which brought him there; he was there to dictate terms, and not to de dictated to; the terms were an unconditional surrender. This, of course, brought forth a few more chaste remarks, but at last the fiery and hitherto untamed autocrat wavered, and became surprisingly docile, and bowed meekly to the terms imposed by the stronger mind. In this connection, it must not be forgotten that William was assisted in the breaking process by one or two other tamers of local repute. But that is neither here nor there. What is more to the point is that when the tamers were through with Houston he was willing to accept anybody or anything—and thereupon took Robert Robertson and James Johnstone to his bosom. But John had a few mental reservations, and one was to stuff the iron-clad pledge down the throttles of William the Brave's nominees. So honors are even on that score; and the friends of the lieutenant who was objectionable to William Blakemore will score several more points when the time comes to mark the ballots.

One of the most surprising features of Houston's campaign policy is his reiterated assertions as to his proposal for financing the power plant. The Tribune, of which classic sheet Mr. Houston is responsible editor, a few weeks ago stated that within ten days after his election work would be begun on the plant whether the debentures were sold or not. More recently in his speech at the Opera House, he let the public into his confidence, explaining how his financial genius had solved the problem of erecting a $150,000 plant without selling the debentures. "He would pledge part of the debentures to electric machinery makers for the necessary plant, and would go to a railway contractor like Dave McBeath, and pledge more to get the necessary excavation done. Electric machinery manufacturers and excavation contractors do not ususlly accept bonds in lieu of money, for the simple reason that they have to pay for wages and material in cash. To show his intense earnestness he further says: "If elected mayor, if I cannot sell the debentures en bloc, I will peddle them out one by one and the power house will be built during the year." The most surprising characteristic is the Bowery gall of this man coming forward with such statements of finance in his mouth and asking the support of the business men of Nelson. What John would do in the event of his election would be go to the Bank of Montreal and pledge the whole of the bonds for 25 or 33 per cent of their value, start the work on this 40,000 or 50,000; then if he found difficulty in disposing of them the city would find itself in the predicament of a corporation with a barely commenced plant, a heavy bearing interest debt, and a reputation for mismanagement that would for years effectually block the sale of the debentures. The voters of Nelson have had ocular demonstrations of Houston's financial ability in his own business ventures and do not purpose letting him run amuck with the city's thousands.

Dr. Rose's letter to the Daily News was a complete answer to the charges that have been made against him during this campaign. Every accusation has been fairly and squarely met, and his opponents have been left without a leg to stand on. Perhaps his most important statement is the one dealing with the early installation of the electric lighting plant. He has been falsely accused of indifference with regard to the sale of the debentures; indeed interested individuals have been secretly circulating malicious reports to the effect that no effort had been made to sell the debentures while the doctor was mayor of this city. This was a false statement and circulated by men who knew it was false. The point was cleared up in the letter, and he is borne out in his statement by documentary evidence. As regards the allegation that Dr. Rose is the nominee of a clique, the letter supplies the most convincing testimony as to its falsity. That the letter has had a good effect is best evidenced by the fact that since its publication many voters who had been indifferent as regards Dr. Rose's candidature before have since become his most enthusiastic supporters.

When Dr. Rose was running for mayor two years ago, the Nelson autocrat was so interested in the election that he published a sheet called "The Campaigner" to advance the doctor's interests at that time. On January 13, 1903, "The Campaigner" urged the election of Dr. W. O. Rose because he was a gold medalist of McGill University. If a gold medalist of McGill was good enough for mayor two years ago, why is he not equally as well qualified for the office now?

CIVIC OWNERSHIP

What It Has Done for Great Britain.

FREE STREET LIGHTS

Public Management of Markets, Slaughter Houses and Baths.

In the United Kingdom of Great Britain in 1875 there was $463,000,000 invested in municipal undertakings, but in 1900 the sum had grown to $1,500,000,000. In 1901 there were 1050 water undertakings owned by public corporations, with a capital of $330,000,000 and a net profit of $10,000,000, which was turned into the public treasuries and used for improvements in the public school systems, the sewer systems, etc. In many towns there is no direct charge for water, but it is included in the general rates. Under public ownership there is a better supply of water, and always at lower rates. Liverpool turns annually into the city treasury $300,000, and Leeds, $215,000. Two hundred and fifty-six gas undertakings, or more than one-third of the authorized gas undertakings in the United Kingdom, were under municipal control in 1902. The capital outlay was $179,000,000 and the net revenue was $10,500,000. In Manchester alone, with a capital of $10,000,000, there is a profit of $666,000. Since that city has owned her gas works, there has been a profit of at least $24 for each of its inhabitants, a sum equal to that which the citizens of Liverpool have been obliged to pay to the stockholders of a private company. Manchester has better gas than Liverpool, and sells it at a rate not more than 75 per cent of the charge in Liverpool. Where the gas is publicly owned, there is more gas sold, there are more public lamps, and there is a smaller charge for gas of a better quality. In a large number of places, the street-lighting is free. Of the electricity plants, we find 251 owned by public authorities, 104 in process of construction, and 23 that have recently been purchased by public corporations. In Leeds, where there is a capital outlay of $3,350,000, there is a net revenue of $200,000, and the other cities find a net profit for the city treasury, also. In the public ownership of tramways, Great Britain also shows herself well advanced. There are 142 systems publicly owned, with 890 miles of track, against 154 privately owned, with 875 miles. The capital outlay of the former is $120,000,000, and the net profit $7,960,000, which is almost twice as large as the net revenue of the private owned companies. On the municipal lines there are nearly twice as many passengers, the fares are lower, the hours, wages and privileges of the employees are a vast improvement on those of the men in private companies. In Glasgow, before municipalization, the employe of the tramways received for a 14-hour day, 19 shillings a week with frequent fines and a deposit of $9.60 as a guarantee of honesty on the part of each conductor. The municipal corporations have a 10-hour day, at from 24 to 27 shillings, and free uniforms. The fares are reduced from 25 to 50 per cent, averaging less than two cents. The net receipts from Glasgow tramways in 1902 was $4,650,000. There are 30 schemes for publicly owned tramways in progress, and 17 such systems have been opened in the past year. London has 3917 public tenements and lodging houses, and 1161 in course of erection, with a net income of $188,000. The cities of Great Britain have done well also in public management of markets, slaughter houses, libraries, baths, and wash-houses.

Public telephone service throughout Europe is increasing, and is more efficient and costs less than that of private companies. In Berlin the telephone rates are from $16 to $45 per year, under municipal ownership, compared with $100 under private ownership in London and $240 in New York, under private ownership. In Paris the rates changed from $120 to $80 when the city took charge of the telephone system.

In America where municipal ownership has been tried, financial profit and good service followed. From authoritative figures, it appears that municipal gas plants are able to produce gas with an investment less than one-half as great per thousand of annual output as the face value of stocks and bonds issued by gas companies. With these investments, the municipal plants are able to make gas at less cost, sell it at a lower price, and earn a profit per thousand feet as great as that of much larger private plants. There are over 600 cities owning their electricity in the United States, and here, too, they profit by it. In a number of cases where the electric plant has been bought from private companies, the city now pays only from 25 to 50 per cent of the former cost of the arc lights. In Detroit the private company charged the city $132 a year, per arc, but under public ownership the price has decreased from $100 to $63.82; in Allegheny, Pa., the cost was $180, but is now $75, and in Jacksonville, Fla., the commercial rates have been reduced to one-half and one-quarter the former ones. In Taunton, Mass., in 1900, the electric plant made a net profit of $20,462 on an investment of $150,000; while the three similar cities of Quincy, Pittsfield and Gloucester with private plants could show profit of only $51,769 on an investment of $500,000. Whenever a city has taken charge of its own water works, there has been a change in the convenience and often in the health of the people, and we cannot overlook here in Los Angeles the great advantages, financial and otherwise, individually and collectively, that have come to us since the city has operated the water supply.—*John Randolph Haynes, in Graphic.*

BARE-FACED PLAGIARISM.

In last week's issue attention was directed to the fact that John Houston in a late number of the Tribune inserted as an editorial of nearly a double column in length, and without crediting it to the San Francisco Examiner, an article which appeared as an editorial in that paper of December 8, aud such action was characterized in fitting terms. Although a week has elapsed since this charge the Tribune has not attempted to justify its offense. Again, this paper desires to point out that, in the issue of the Tribune of the 16th inst. there is a similar act of literary piracy. In the editorial columns there is an article of a double column in length under the heading, "The Aims of General Andre," which appeared in the Victoria Daily Colonist of the 14th inst., credited by the Colonist to a writer on the London Leader. Readers of this paper can satisfy themselves that this charge of literary pilfering preferred against John Houston in his conduct of the Tribune is true and valid by calling at this office and comparing them with those in the papers from which they have been taken without acknowledgment. Plagiarism is regarded among honorable newspaper men as a very heinous offence. Here it is in its most aggravated form on two recent occasions in the Nelson Tribuue. Is it in this way that John Houston builds up his literary reputation, by filching editorials from the metropolitan dailies? He impliedly appears as and claims to be the author of the articles, while in truth he has simply purloined them. His bantling bows to the community in pilfered garments—deliberately pilfered.

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FOR ALDERMEN -

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

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

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The meeting called last Tuesday evening for the "ratification" of Houston and his ticket demonstrated clearly that the "master mind" of Nelson has lost his grip. Time there was when John Houston's voice swayed multitudes; now his most pathetic appeals for recognition fall on deaf ears, and the applause is confined to half-a-dozen or so who pound on the floor with their No. 12 brogans. For one week the faithful had been dragnetting the highways and byways to get a crowd together; circulars were issued to everyone whose name was in the directory, dodgers were spread broadcast throughout the city urging "the supporters" to be present at the Opera House and ratify Houston and his ticket; but the result must have been disappointing to the few remaining followers of their idol. It is estimated that there were present at the meeting 171; of this number there perhaps 121 voters, and of the latter number there were at least 70 voters who are pledged to vote for Dr. Rose and his ticket. It can therefore be readily understood why the meeting was a frost. The candidates for aldermen made short speeches, and John Houston, himself, recited the "editorial" which appeared in the Tribune of Tuesday evening. Some of the aldermanic candidates expressed the great pleasure it gave them to wear the Houston yoke; but James Johnstone, from Virginia, attempted as much of an apology as he could be reasonably expected to make in the presence of the great "He who must be obeyed." Robert Robertson officiated as chaplain, and S. S. Taylor conferred a special favor on the mayoralty candidate by referring to him as "my friend." The whole meeting may be summed up in the terse expression of one present: "John Houston is leading a forlorn hope for the last time, and he knows it."

"In closing, Mr. Houston said he was not appealing to the people of Nelson for votes because of any losses he had suffered through holding the office of mayor in former years."—Tribune report of the "ratification" meeting.

"Losses he had suffered," is good. Here is an accounting of the losses John Houston "has suffered through being mayor of Nelson" and nothing is said of the irreparable losses he has suffered through being the representative of Nelson in the Provincial Legislature:

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		$8098 04

When John Houston decided upon removing to Edmonton he was interviewed by a Vancouver newspaper, and was reported to have said that he had not made enough in Nelson to pay his grocery bills. This coming from a man who has benefited from the public treasury, in salary, printing and advertising, to the extent of $8,000 or so, does not look like gratitude. John is something of a "knocker himself.

If business in Nelson is in such a deplorable condition as the modest individual who guides the "Progressive Peoples' Party" through its various tortuous channels declares it is, why is it that every merchant in the city asserts that the volume of trade this year, compared month by month, exceeds that of any former year. "Knockers" should not be countenanced.

If the "master mind" is desirous of "getting Nelson out of the rut in which she has been running for the past four years," why not begin at the Tribune editorials? Even those clipped from the San Francisco Examiner, without credit, are not altogether guiltless of the rut charge.

What guarantee can John Houston's supporters give that he will not run away in case he is elected? Within the past year he was setting type in a country printing office in a small town down on the coast.

The friends of the six aldermen who sat in the council in 1900 with John Houston will resent the insult hurled at them by the man ho now wants to get the $1200 salary that goes with the office of mayor.

The man who says he will "peddle the debentures" should remember that hawkers are subject to a heavy fine for peddling without a license.

Some one has asked who were the energetic business men who suggested to John Houston that he should be a candidate for mayor.

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 sewe 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 numbered 32 K.

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

"H. F. MACLEOD."
District Registrar.

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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 6306 40 chains, thence East 60 chains, thence South 40 chains, thence West along Columbia & Kootenay Railway to place of commencement and containing 200 acres more or less.

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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.

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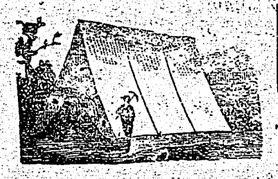

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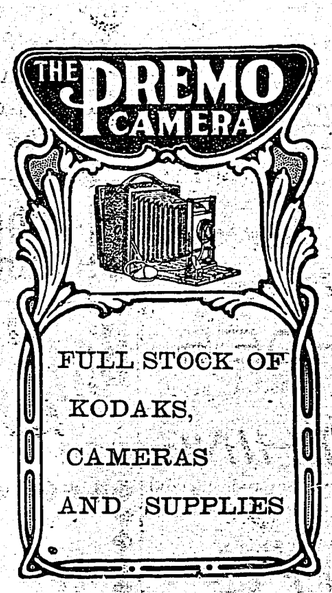

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Dowie's Heir Loses a Wealthy Bride

A tall, slight girl, with lovely fair hair and blue eyes, passed through London recently, en route for the continent, says the Daily Express.

She was Mlle. Hofer, hailed six months ago by Zion City as the chosen bride of the prophet's son, Gladstone Dowie. From among the heiresses of the world, Dr. Dowie had chosen the beautiful Swiss girl for Gladstone, his "unkissed son," as he called him.

In all his thirty years of existence no girl had ever imprinted a kiss on the nicotineless lips of the saintly Gladstone, and his venerable father realized with a pang, if the line of the prophets was to be carried on profitably, Gladstone must submit to be kissed.

To find a suitable bride for his son has been the main object of the prophet's life for the last four years. Not even in Zion, the prophet's own city, was there a maiden fit to mate with the virtuous Gladstone.

He was declined with thanks by the knowing young women of Chicago. To Europe, therefore, three years ago, came the prophet on his quest for a wealthy bride. At Lieburg Castle, in the canton of Thurgovie, he discovered Mlle. Ruth Hofer, the young and beautiful heiress of a wealthy Zurich brandy distiller.

The conversion of the heiress and her mother to the doctrines of Zionism was only a matter of time, and last June, when the prophet descended upon London he was accompanied by Mlle Hofer.

Liverpool street station is believed to have been the scene of Mlle. Hofer's first meeting with her unkissed adorer.

The young lady approved of the black-bearded Gladstone, though her family were furious and declared that if the marriage took place Zion would have a penniless bride.

Mlle. Hofer accompanied the Dowie party to New York, where they arrived on June 27 last. From New York they proceeded straight to Zion City, where Gladstone explained to his prospective bride, the etiquette of courtship in that city of virtue.

Among the rules of courtship to be observed were the following:

1. Kissing should not take place until after the solemnization of the nuptials.

2. Parents' permission must be given before courting commences.

3. All courting should be done in the presence of at least one of the parents. Two are preferable.

4. Lovers must not walk out after dark without the consent of the parents.

Courtship on these lines, it is surmised, soon began to pall, and the romance of the unkissed son of the prophet and the beautiful Swiss girl was thus nipped when it had passed the bud stage, but was still in the blossom.

After bidding farewell to Zion, Mlle. Hofer set sail for England, and is now in her own chateau on the borders of Lake Constance.

The London Zionists sadly admit that Mlle Hofer has no part in any Zionist plans for the future. But they are happy in the thought that Gladstone is still the unkissed.

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If there was ever any doubt in the minds of the citizens of Nelson as to the electton of Dr. Rose and his full ticket, that doubt was dispelled by the meeting in the committee rooms last night. Over one hundred voters gathered there, and that without scarcely any notice. The speeches were made by men who are intensely interested in the future of Nelson and had the right ring about them. There was no attempt to bunco the audience with promises that could not be fulfilled; the audience was treated to substantial facts without shadows. Dr. Rose's speech was a fair statement of the situation at the present time. His position on the electric light question is that of every thinking man of Nelson. His promise that he would not "peddle the debentures," met with applause, as did his statement that he did not want to be elected except by the honest, conscientious voice of bona fide residents of Nelson. George Bartlett, in a short speech, showed that he had studied the wants of the city, and, was sound on the electric lighting plant. W. L. Spry spoke at some length, reviewing his position, and pledging himself if elected, to carry out every promise made in Dr. Rose's platform, but he would not be tied hand and foot. W. G Gillett's speech was just what might be expected from a successful business man. He explained his position fully, and convinced the large audience that he was intensely in earnest. R. M. Macdonald spoke at length, dealing with the issues, one by one, in the present campaign. He endorsed every plank in the platform of the Citizens' ticket. Messrs. Bird and Clements, the other two candidates, were absent, on account of indisposition. Frank Fletcher and W. A. Macdonald, K. C., also addressed the meeting. Mr. Fletcher reviewed the history of the present electric light plant, and wanted to know something about a receipt for $6,500 and only $1,5600 to show for it. Mr. Macdonald made an eloquent appeal to the voters and asked: "What standard of honor and of public morality is placed before boys and young men if such conduct is rewarded with public trust?" He closed with: "We are fighting in a good cause, with good men, against a treacherous foe, who has everything to gain and nothing to lose." Altogether the meeting was a great success, and as one of the speakers remarked, was the greatest gathering of its kind ever held in the city of Nelson during a municipal campaign.

The Watson Stock Company will begin a return engagement at the Nelson Opera House next Monday night, opening with "The Parish Priest." This is the piece that has been made famous by Dan Sully, and is regarded as an exceedingly appropriate selection for the holiday season. During their engagement here the Watson people will present "Michael Strogoff," "Butterflies," "The Runaway Match," "Camille," "The Black Flag" and "The Christain." Special preparations have been made for the production of the last named piece, and no doubt it will be well received in Nelson. The Watson Company is one of the best that has ever visited Nelson, and it should be well patronized throughout its engagement here. Every production is given with due attention to the details necessary to a first-class performance. In future the advance sales will take place at the Opera House.

The Nelson Operatic Society is now rehearsing for the production of "Erminie," under the new director. While there will be many new people in the production, there will also be a majority of the ladies and gentlemen who have done so much towards amateur operatic productions in Nelson in the past. The presentation of "Erminie," will cost in the neighborhood of $900.

A Scotch doctor who was attending a laird had instructed the butler of the house in the art of taking and recording his master's temperature with a thermometer. On repairing to the house one morning, he was met by the butler to whom he said: "Well, John, I hope the laird's temperature is not any higher today." The man looked puzzled for a moment, and then replied: "Weel, I was just wonderin' that mysel'. Ye see, he died at twal o'clock."

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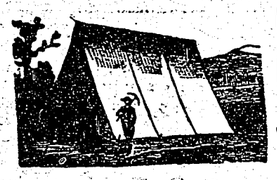

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