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Morganatic Marriages

The announcement is made that the United States Government will deal strictly with army officers who have married Filipino girl and abandoned them. Commenting on this the Kansas City Journal alludes to the similar treatment of Indian girls by white men in the early settlement of the West—a state of affairs that was not confined to Uncle Sam's territory by any means, but applied to the Canadian North-West and British Columbia also, where there are to-day hundreds of halfbreed descendants of white men who made their mark in the commerce and politics of the country. Says the paper referred to:

"There is nothing particularly new in the revelations with respect to the 'morganatic' marriages by American army officers. Before the Civil War it was almost the customary thing for officers stationed in Washington or Oregon Territory to consort with Indian girls. At Tacoma or Seattle the visitor often has pointed out to him halfbreeds who bear the name of some of the most distinguished Civil War generals, and who are known to be sons or daughters of these officers. It is explained that when these officers were young lieutenants they were stationed in the wilds of the North-West, far from the society of women of their own kind; that they needed housekeepers; that it was the custom of the region for white men to consort with Indian maidens; that, according to Indian standards, there was nothing wrong about it, and that from every standpoint it was advantageous to the girl taken for a temporary wife. At the little little town of Puyallup, ten miles from Tacoma, there are two fine-looking men who bear the name of the general who for a long time was at the head of the quartermaster's department of the United States army. These men are the sons of the general. He married their mother, a Puyallup Indian, when he was a lieutenant, and stationed at the Puyallup Indian Agency, long before the Civil War. In latter years he married an American woman in the far East, and reared a family. But he did not abandon his family on the Pacific Coast. His sons were taken east and put through one of the leading colleges. He frequently visited them, and openly acknowledged them. On one occasion, at least, he was accompanied by his wife, who seemed to know the circumstances, and to have accepted them philosophically. His Indian wife lived for some years after he had married his American spouse, though he never visited her. But old-timers about Tacoma will tell the visitor how he made her old age comfortable while caring as a father should for the sons."

Local and Provincial

A safe index to the prospects of a country is the hotel register. If the register shows an increase in arrivals, it is reasonable to assume that interest in the country is growing. Especially is this the case, when the autographs are those of representatives of commercial establishments. The wholesale man is ever on the lookout for new fields for the expansion of his business, and as a general thing can guage to a demonstration the trade future of any locality. This being the case, Nelson is now on the eve of a tremendous revival in business. The hotel registers show the arrivals of a large number of traveling men this week, included in which are the representatives of many of the leading wholesale firms in Canada. These men are unanimous in expressing the opinion that every place in the interior visited gives unmistakable evidence of renewed activity, and that merchants are buying more freely than they have done at any time in the past four years. Not only are the hotels well patronized by the knights of the grip; but the mining industry is also well represented. The recent rich discoveries throughout the district and the disposition on the part of the government to encourage the staple product of the country is again attracting the attention of the men who have money to invest in mining ventures, and within a few months the province will again be enjoying prosperity, this time permanent, it is to be hoped.

Miss Constance Skinner, dramatic and musical critic of the Los Angeles Times, is spending the summer with her parents at Vancouver. She will return to Los Angeles in October. Miss Skinner is a cousin of Mrs. McPhillips, wife of the Attorney-General of British Columbia.

Coast papers comment on Nelson's remarkable maintenance of order, as evidenced by the fact that during the two days' celebration not a sitigle arrest was made of anybody for even the slightest breach of peace or other delinquency. The fact of the matter is Nelson has the best police force of any city of its size in the Dominion.

J. H. Bowes, who formerly carried on a very successful law practice in Nelson, but has recently been practicing his profession in Dawson, arrived at Victoria from the northern metropolis one day last week. He stated that much machinery had been brought in this year, and that more lower grade properties were being worked. Everything was being brought down to a more reasonable basis, so far as living expenses were concerned. There was some diversity of opinion as to whether the output would exceed or be less than that of last year. The exorbitant freight rates were a material detriment to the progress of the country, prices thus being being forced up to a fictitious value and out of all proportion to intrinsic values. As far as he could ascertain, the Federal authorites had not manifested any disposition to remedy the grievance. Great dissatisfaction still existed in respect to the Treadgold concession, and doubt is expressed as to whether the commission sent to investigate the matter will have all objections removed. The mass of the people consider the concession as most unjust in every way. Laborers in the Yukon mines are still getting good wages for a few months in the year. Mr. Bowes will reside in San Francisco in future.

At Anaconda, B. C., on Saturday of last week, Mrs. Mose Chambers died, the cause of her death being a severe hemorrage. The deceased lady was 59 years of age. She was a native of Osprey, Ont., and lived in the United States for some time after the death of her husband. About seven years ago she came to Nelson B. C., to join her family and about a year ago she left here to live at Anaconda with her son, Ben Chambers.

The real patriots are the ones who contribute towards the upbuilding of their country. Additions to the population mean advancement and progress. The mothers who add to the population and rear good children are never spoken of in the sense of patriots, yet they do more in the way of increasing the prosperity and progress of Nelson than the self-styled patriots who palaver about their sacrifices in behalf of their country. In this respect it may be said that the women of Nelson are patriotic in an eminent degree.

In the shuffle caused by the resignation of Mr. Blair, it appears to be generally understood that Senator Templeman will get the department of Marine and Fisheries. The appointment would meet with popular approval in British Columbia.

Mr. D. R. Ker, of the Brackman-Ker Milling Company, who has just returned to the coast from a visit to Edmonton and the Kootenays, is telling the people that he noticed signs of business revival at every point he visited.

Lady Minto, wife of Earl Minto, Governor-General of Canada, is expected to visit Victoria and Vancouver in September.

To-day's issue of the Victoria Times will contain another story of early times in British Columbia, from the pen of Hon. D. W. Higgins. This will deal the reminiscences of early theatrical days in the province.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

The knowledge that the elections will not take place until the last day of October has had a quieting influence on politics. There is a general disposition not to burn all the powder before the time when it can be used to best advantage. Nevertheless, the work is going on, especially in getting names on the voters' lists. But an analysis of the lists, so far as Nelson is concerned, reveals nothing as to the relative strength of the parties. The names turned into the collector of votes show that many Liberals have made their declarations before Conservatives authorized to take them, and the same as regards Conservatives before Liberals. The men wanting their names on the lists did not pay any attention with respect to the politics of those before whom they make their declarations, so there is no information to be gained from this source. No doubt the same method was pursued all over the province. But apart from this the candidates present and prospective are getting their fences in shape. At the coast no new names are mentioned this week, but coming nearer the interior the crop is increasing. In Ymir district, it is understood that Mining Recorder Wright will seek nomination in the Conservative interest. Al. Parr will undoubtedly be his opponent. In Nelson Mr. Taylor is trying to convince the voter that the salvation of the country depends upon sending a Liberal to the Legislature, while Mr. Lennie is equally industrious in persuading the voter that the Conservatives will win everywhere, and that under the circumstances it would be better to send a man to the coast in sympathy with the government. It is needless to say that both men have their champions, but to many it seems as if Mr. Lennie had considerably the best of it.

Hon. R. F. Green has nothing to fear from the Kaslo riding. It would not be surprising if he secured his election by acclamation. An effort is being made to induce John L. Retallick to accept the Liberal nomination, but so far he has declined.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite has been on the Crow's Nest line this week, organizing for a Socialist campaign. He addressed a fairly large crowd at Fernie on Thursday evening.

The political pot is beginning to simmer throughout the Cariboo district. There are eighteen possible aspirants mentioned and no doubt they have all got their little crowd of admirers. Between party lines and crown grant lines it is pretty hard to tell what policy to adopt to get the largest following. According to the Ashcroft Journal the Liberals are sadly demoralized as far as union is concerned.

It is stated that J. D. Prentice will be a candidate in the Lillooet electoral district.

The Kamloops SStandard says: "While the Liberals in this riding have as yet made no choice from among the several candidates offering themselves as a sacrifice in the party interests, the Conservatives have already chosen a standard bearer. Mr. F. J. Fulton will be the unanimous choice of the convention and his election will follow as a matter of course over any candidate chosen as the Liberal nominee, whether that candidate be an outsider or a local man."

J. M. Kellie will contest Revelstoke in the Liberal interest against Tom Taylor or Arthur Johnson.

If a Joseph Martin candidate appears on the scene in Rossland, Smith Curtis will reconsider his determination not to run, and get into the fight.

With two Liberals in the field, Rossland should be easy for the Conservatives.

The Conservatives of Fort Steele held a meeting last Thursday night at the Masonic Hall. There was a good attendance. A. B. Grace, in the absence of President T. T. McVittie, took the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows: T. T. McVitte, president; J. A. Harvey, 1st vice presseent; J. Hislop, 2nd vice president; G. F. Carter, secretary; F. Binmore, treasurer.

Fernie Liberals have decided to call a district convention at an early date.

The Conservatives of Revelstoke have organized with the following officers: Honorary president, Hon. R. McBride; president, F. H. Young; first vice president, R. Gordon; second vice president, W. M. Newman; secretary-treasurer, C. M. Field. The executive will not be concluded till next meeting.

Harry Wright seems to have finally determined to take a flyer at Ymir in the Conservative interest.

The Similkameen Star says: "It appears to be fairly well settled that L. V. Shatford, of Fairview, will be offered the Conservative nomination of this riding, but who the Liberal nominee will be is still doubtful. F. H. Latimer is the latest mentioned candidate for the honor. He is a civil engineer, assayer and provincial land surveyor. He lived at Vernon a number of years, but is now a resident in this constituency."

There is considerable truth in the following from the New Westminster Columbian: "Revelstoke, the gateway of the Kootenay, has given Premier McBride a most enthusiastic reception. The sentiment appears to be the same throughout the Province that at last we have a Government of and for the people."

The Kamloops district voters' list is very gradually approaching a total of 600, which will seemingly not be exceeded by more than a hundred or thereabouts.

In its last issue THE ECONOMIST, in the course of a reply to a base attack from the Tribune, referred incidentally to the methods of the editor of that paper in his desperate efforts to keep himself before the public. The reply was a true reflection of the man, and so faithful was the portrait to the original, the Victoria Times reproduced the greater portion of it last Tuesday. This appears to have aroused the ire of John Houston, and in a long rambling article, which emphasizes the worst that has ever been thought of him, makes an attempt at reply. No serious notice would be taken of John Houston's puerile defense of himself, did he not brazenly presume to speak for a party, the great majority of the members of which openly repudiate any political affiliation with the editor of a paper which only speaks for one man, and that man a political Ishmaelite, who openly avows his envy and hatred of the Conservative leaders. The truth of the matter is, notwithstanding his efforts to make it appear otherwise, Houston could not be elected a pound-keeper in Nelson to-day, no matter how generally it may be conceded that he possesses the peculiar qualification required to faithfully perform the duties of that office. Houston is politically dead, and is only interesting as a subject for the dissecting table. He has no licence to speak for Conservatives, in any event for those members of the party, who are as 10 to 1, whom he has so persistently maligned during the past six years. THE ECONOMIST does not undertake to say in what political party John Houston should be classed, but it has a suspicion that he fulfills in many respects the popular fancy of an anarchist; but in giving publicity to this there is no desire to cast harsh reflections on the exponents of that advanced school of thought.

STILL BEING DISCUSSED

Carlyle-Froude Controversy an Absorbing Topic in London.

Mrs. Carlyle Says the Devil You Know is Preferable to the Devil You Don't Know.

The revived Carlyle-Froude controversy is the absorbing topic of discussion in London literary circles, and speculation is active as to what the final shot to be fired by the Carlyle family this month will be.

Among the literary people who personally knew the inside of the Carlyle menage it is commonly said that the whole truth, including the real motive for Froude's unsparing treatment of Carlyle, has never been told.

It is also asserted that Froude was in love with Mrs. Carlyle and did all in his power to induce her to leave her husband and institute suit to have the marriage annulled, which medical testimony could have easily sustained, and marry him.

At one time Froude had very nearly induced Mrs. Carlyle to follow this course, it is said, and he mentions in his last published papers that she was on the verge of leaving Carlyle.

But it is averred that, with characteristic point, she remarked to her friend Geraldine Jewsbury that, "After all, the devil you know is better than the devil you don't know," and she decided to remain with Carlyle.

Sir James Crichton Browne, who has charge of the Carlyle interests, is a bold conversationalist and will not be restrained by any namby-pamby scruples form utilizing to the best advantage the in formation given him by the Carlyle family.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have employed John Sing Wong and his courteous and obliging relative, Ling Wong, as gardeners for several months, and I have found them in every way worthy of the solemn trust I reposed in them, and I recommend them to any anti-Chinese agitators who may require their services.

I can also bear testimony to the efficiency of Sam Kee as a wood-sawyer, who for several months during the past year divided with me his time in my former favorite occupation of "sawing wood."

ANTI-CHINESE AGITATOR.

It would surprise many to learn the quantity of strawberries that has been shipped to the Territories this year by ranchers in the vicinity of Nelson. This is an industry that has grown to marvellous proportions within the last year or so.

MAN OF SOME STANDING

He is 22 Years Old and 3 feet 3½ Inches High.

Edward Beaupre is in New York Looking for a Job in Some Show to Raise Money.

Edward Beaupre, 22 years old, who is 8 feet 3½ inches high, and weighs 367 pounds, is a patron of a New York hotel and at present occupies a room on the second floor which for years has been reserved for John L. Sullivan. Sullivan's bed is a large one, but when Mr. Beaupre attempted to cuddle in it Tuesday night his toes stuck out of the window. The bed was moved out and the long young man was forced to sleep crosswise on the floor. His presence serves to attract a crowd whenever he appears in the hallways or dining-room. Beaupre is a French-Canadian and was born on a ranch in the North-west Territories, 500 miles west of Winnipeg. His father and mother, he says, are of ordinary stature and he declares that he weighed only 9 pounds when he was born. At the age of 3 he began to grow, and when 10 years of age he measured 6 feet 4 inches. He attended school in a little settlement near his home until he was 13 years of age. He has a brother who is a little more than 7 feet tall. Beaupre says he would like to get a job in some show in order to raise money enough to go to Europe and have an operation performed on his right cheek bone which has been broken. Other than this he a good looking boy.

Celebrated Case

The Hopper-Dunsmuir case, before the courts at Victoria last week, revealed some family history, of which the public had no knowledge. It was a surprise to many that Sir Richard Musgrave, who is married to a sister of James Dunsmuir, had joined hands with Miss Hopper in the litigation, and had important evidence to give in the case.

According to the Vancouver Province, there has been an estrangement for some time between James Dunsmuir on the one hand, and his mother, Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, and his sisters on the other hand. These latter are now seeking to become parties to the action, and are joining hands with Miss Hopper, as they believe they have not received justice from their brother.

Mrs. Calthorp, one of the Dunsmuir sisters, who is the wife of the attache of the British Embassy at St. Petersburg, will likely be sent for to give evidence, as well as one of the other sisters, the wife of Sir Richard Musgrave, before mentioned, who is now in England. This is one of the reasons why the prosecution asked for the adjournment till October. The prosecution promises some more sensational evidence if these witnesses are secured, and threatens to involve other members of the family bosides the ex-Premier.

Apparently an effort is being made to show that the deceased Alexander Dunsmuir was not capable of making a will. To disprove this, President Howard, of the Western Fuel Company, was examined. He testified that in the fall of 1899 he had bought fifty thousand tons of coal from James and Alexander Dunsmuir, and that the latter at that time was perfectly fit to transact business. This was practically all the evidence sought from him.

There is also an element of romance in the case. It is stated on excellent authority that Miss Hopper has not only her own means to rely upon in this suit, but that she has the backing of certain people who are in the suit for sentimental reasons. She is reputed to be engaged to be married to a son of Senator Elkins. Her fiance is head of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of New York. Color is lent to the story by the fact that her attorney, who accompanies her, is Judge Coyne, who is solicitor of the company mentioned, and whose fees, it is said, are being met by Mr. Elkins. Where all parties to the suit are so wealthy, there is no doubt that the prediction of a long and bitter fight is well founded.

News of the Mines

BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Phoenix Pioneer.

Ore shipments from the Lucile Dreyfus mine have been started to the Granby smelter.

The tunnel in the Ruby, near Boundary Falls, is now in about 100 feet, and ore has been reached.

Smith Curtis left Rossland last Sunday on a three weeks' trip to the east, in relation to financing the Oro Denoro.

A cleanup of the mill at the Waterloo mine, Camp McKinney, was made a few days ago, and the gold shipped to Spokane.

The third furnace for the Sunset smelter was shipped from Spokane last Friday, and will be put in place as soon as possible.

This week the Oro Denoro joined the shipping list, the ore going to the Sunset smelter. A side track has been put in at the mine.

Development work has been started on the Betts and Hesperus claims in South Wellington camp, by the Chicago capitalists that recently took hold of the property.

Last Sunday the Sunset smelter blew in its second furnace, and the Granby smelter placed its fourth furnace in operation.

Harry H. Shallenberger has resumed work on his Crescent claim in Skylark camp. This property is in the high grade belt, and the work already performed has made a splendid showing.

Returns for the last car of Providence ores gave $225 per ton. The net weight of ore was 37,832 lbs.; the gross value of which was $4, 256.27. The mineral contents per ton were: gold 1.92 ounces, silver 373.8 ounces, and lead 6.8 per cent.

Wednesday the long expected 150 h. p. boiler for the Snowshoe was received from the makers, the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., and will be installed without delay. This is said to be the largest boiler yet installed at any mine in the Boundary.

Yesterday was the monthly payday at the Granby mines, the amount disbursed for wages being about the same as last month, or a trifle less than $25,000. The Snowshoe's payday is next Wednesday, when the amount paid out is expected to run close to $10,000 for the month.

A contract has been let by the International Coal and Coke Co., operating coal properties at Blairmore, Alberta, for the erection of 100 coke ovens, and the work is now under way. It is expected that the ovens will be ready for use early in the fall, the product being supplied to the Granby and other Boundary smelters.

SLOCAN MINING NOTES.

Slocan Drill.

The Slocan Star will ship its output to Trail.

Slocan ore shipments are in excess of 7000 tons.

Last week the Payne received five cars of machinery for its zinc plant.

Nelson parties are doing some development on the Bank of England.

Malcolm Cameron was packing down more ore this week from the Meteor.

Fifty men find employment on Ten Mile, principally at Koch's sawmill and the Enterprise.

The Wakefield concentrator is being overhauled and put in shape to handle 150 tons of ore per day.

The gold discoveries on Poplar creek continue to attract attention and prospectors ars still going in.

The Lillooet, Fraser river and Cariboo Gold Fields, an English concern, has gone into liquidation.

Notices are posted here this week, soliciting tenders for the driving of a 1600 foot tunnel on the Antoine.

W. Ferguson is opening up a new ledge on the Tailholt, and is using water to strip it off down the hill.

D. A. Ross is applying through Dan Hanlan for a crown grant on the Perle, situated near the Arlington basin.

Since the watchmen were taken off the Chapleau a great deal of stuff has been stolen, including several boxes of powder and candles.

While doing assessment on the A T, on Lemon Creek, Al Teeter uncovered a new and promising ledge. It is three feet wide and with two feet of healthy gold-bearing quartz.

Application has been made to government for $1000 to repair the Oro wagon road, in order to reach the various claims on the Lemon and Springer divides. The is move aimed to benefit Nelson at the expense of Slocan.

Kaslo Kootenaian.

Fourteen men are working at the Cork mine on a 900 foot tunnel.

J. M. M. Benedum has started work on the Hoodoo, near Slocan city.

A strike of nine inches of galena was made on the Lost Tiger, near Sandon.

Work on the Hewitt is confined to development work The last 125 feet was entirely in ore.

The Lorna Doone expects shortly to be on the shipping list. The property adjoins the Wakefield.

All the mines in the Slocan and Ainsworth districts are either starting work or increasing their forces. This is due to the lead bonus.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

With this issue THE NELSON ECONOMIST enters upon its seventh year, and is now the oldest continuous publication in the commercial capital of the Kootenays. When this paper was stated six years ago, there were two weekly papers in Nelson—the Miner and the Tribune. Within a few months the Miner became a daily and shortly afterwards the Tribune started a daily edition. After more or less success in standing off the sheriff for four years, the Miner went under the hammer and passed into the hands of Mr. Deane, who terminated its existence, and in its place gave us the Daily News, a publication which is said to be now making money for its owner. The Tribune had a similar experience to the Miner, and finally petered out in February of last year. Some months later another paper, also called the Tribune, was started, and is still being issued. It will thus be seen that THE ECONOMIST was very fortunate to survive while those other publications went to the wall. It can be claimed for this paper that it has held its own since its inception, and while it has not made a fortune for its publisher, it has never failed to provide him with three square meals per day, and perhaps a little better. It has not changed its politics, and its publisher can turn over the files of his paper without fear of encountering anything that he would not say over again. THE ECONOMIST may not have been right always, but it has never been a "wobbler." There will be a few improvements in the paper this autumn, arrangements now being made for a type-setting machine, which will permit of an increase to three times the present size with scarcely any additional expense.

Not for four years has there been as much enthusiasm over mining prospects in British Columbia as at the present time. No doubt the bounty on lead has much to do with this revival in interest, but the recent rich discoveries in various districts is the primary cause. Particularly is this industrial activity manifest in the Lardeau district, where hundreds are rushing in daily. Nelson merchants are reaping a rich harvest as a result of the discoveries in the Lardeau; one day this week there were sixteen wagons at one time at the wharf loaded with goods for shipment to Trout Lake.

Some papers are developing a tendency to make their editorial columns autobiographies. In the interest of the fraternity we protest against such extravagant generosity. The autobiography of our Kootenay editor, in book form, would be worth the price of the whole paper.

Mr. Joseph Martin has advocated a campaign for principles, not for men. Unfortunately abstract principles cannot be made heads of departments, the men are almost necessary. The Conservative party enters the fight under a leader of whom it is not ashamed. Mr. McBride has been in the Legislature for five years. He has been in the ministry. His record is clean, and his conduct as leader of the opposition for the past two years has shown that as a parliamentary leader he has no superior in the province. He is supported by a cabinet of able and honest men, in whom the party has full confidence. The only Liberals in the province with experience of administration are Mr. Martin, Mr. Wells and Mr. Prentice. Even with the lead bounty we cannot afford another Martin regime. Mr. Wells' "peculiar circumstances" and Mr. Prentice's geniality preclude either of them. Oh, we forgot; there is another—Mr. Willie McInnes, but—well, we knew his father.

Mr. David Bogle recently informed us that tha present member for Nelson has made many sacrifices for the party. As no date was specified we have no idea what party was meant. But if the learned editor would call on some of that gentleman's friends and victims he might learn of sacrifices made for as well as by our member.

Are our friends the Liberals going to conduct the whole campaign without a leader? Will their manifesto be in the nature of a round robin? If they cannot agree on any leader now, what would they do if some unkind freak of fate placed them in power? There is some wisdom in it however; they seem to know that they have no available leader whose name would add any strength to their poor cause.

It is reported from Ottawa that the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench caused by the death of Justice Armour is likely to be offered to Chief Justice Hunter, the best qualified western man for the exalted office. Chief Justice Hunter's departure from this province would be deeply regretted. He has made for himself a name that has never been approached by another judge in British Columbia.

Is your name on the voting list? If not, you cannot vote at the coming election. The Dominion elections will be conducted on the provincial voters' lists, and the Victoria Times, which is supposed to be gifted with the spirit of prophesy, says there will be a federal general election before there shall be another opportunity for a revision of the lists. Thus everyone who dsires to vote at the next Dominion election should see to it at once that his name is on the list.

The fact that at the meeting of the Liberals at Victoria much attention was given to the sleight of hand feats of an imported conjurer, induces the belief that the ballot-box stuffing tricks so prevalent in Ontario are to be repeated in British Columbia. In Ontario the Grits engaged sleight of hand performers from all over, and it is suspected that a dozen or so of those prestigiators may be imported for the forthcoming elections in this province.

B. J. Perry, than whom there is no more versatile politician in British Columbia, is now making speeches for the Liberals at the coast. B. J. is a man of great "influoence" and an assiduous worshipper at the shrine of Joseph Martin.

Chas. Sloan, Liberal organizer, has been telling Coast Liberals that so far as Liberal success in the Kootenays is concerned it is all over but the shouting. We have not the distinguished honor of the acquaintance of Mr. Sloan, but should suspect that he is a gentleman of most vivid imagination. If his salary is commensurate with his powers of distortion, he should have J. Pierpont Morgan working for him about the time the election is over.

Tom Patterson is making speeches already, all of which are reprint editions of the famous oration written for him five years ago by E. V. Bodwell.

J. M. Kellie, once distinguished as the silver-tongued orator of the Kootenays, has degenerated into an ordinary brawler at public meetings.

Verily, the Cranbrook Herald speaks words of wisdom when it says that it is a wise politician who knows his own backers.

It was stated the other day that Mr. Blair had offered Mr. Chas. H. Lugrin the position of chief editorial writer on the St. John Telegraph, and that the offer had been accepted. It may be that Mr. Blair's retirement from the Cabinet will cancel the engagement. Mr. Lugrin has had a chequered career. He was born in New Brunswick, and practiced law in that province for several years. He afterwards moved to the State of Washington, his time being divided between the lecture platform and editorial work on a Seattle paper. After the death of the late Henry Lawson, Mr. Lugrin became editor of the Victoria Colonist, a position which he held until a disagreement arose between the editor and Mr. Dunsmuir as to the conduct of the newspaper. When he retired from the Colonist he transferred his political allegiance to the Liberal party, a shift which meant about as much to Mr. Lugrin as a change of wearing apparel does to the ordinary man. He is the most prolific writer in British Columbia to-day, and his product reads well.

The elevation of Sir Edward Levy Lawson, editor and proprietor of the London Telegraph, to the peerage, gratifies an earnest ambition that has long been cherished by the owner of the newspaper of largest circulation in London. The proprietors and editors of most of the leading London dailies have been created baronets from time to time, and knighthoods have been granted to the editors of the principal provincial dailies. The one conspicuous exception to this custom applies to the editors and owners of the London Times, easily the greatest and most influential paper in Great Britain. No less than three offers of a peerage have been made to them, and the offers have invariably been declined with thanks. This is to be reckoned a rather proud distinction for the Times. It relieves it of the appearance of wearing anybody's collar but its own.

Robert Thoms, who is running as a labor candidate in Winnipeg, in his address to the people, states that the fact that he has so far kept out of gaol, "may be set down either to the inadequacy of the police force or to my good conduct."

Surely the report that Joseph Martin shook his fist in the face of Judge Walkem the other day at Vancouver, has been exaggerated. The honor and dignity of the bench demands something more than an empty apology for such conduct.

"The word 'Nelson' has been dropped from the head of THE NELSON ECONOMIST. That paper is no longer 'a harmless toad with a precious jewel in its head.' It is now merely a zealous toad-eater.'"

The above paragraph "dropoed from the head" of some member of the editorial staff of the Evening Tribune, not Nelson Tribune, by the way. Assuming that this paragraph was intended to convey some meaning, what is it? Was the word "Nelson" the precious jewel in the head of this toad? Then the Tribune also has lost its jewel. Are we accused of cannibalism in first being called a toad and then a toad-eater? But we don't understand, we are not in the habit of eating ourselves; perhaps the Tribune's fountain of wisdom, arguing from the known (himself) to the unknown (everything else), assumes that "swallowing itself" is a universal habit of newspaper workers. However, he might have hit us harder, he might have accused us of eating him. This is a period of depression, to be sure, but even hungry men's appetites draw the line somewhere. But perhaps the writer thought he was making a pun. We dont agree with him, but he deserves encouragement—a pun is something. These are school holidays; why doesn't he get a primary class boy to make his jokes?

"Punch" recently suggested a "mass meeting" of Liberal leaders in England. We might pass the recommendation to our Liberal friends of British Columbia, but we know of no suitable building.

Mr. Tarte severed his connection with the Dominion Cabinet last fall Mr. Blair has followed. Hadn't the Cabinet better be increased? Poor Sir Wilfred will soon be left with a band of apprentices.

The 'differences of opinion' that arise in the Liberal ranks may be serious. It is rumored that there is some lack of harmony among the leaders of the party in this province. We are even informed that the question of the leadership is still unsettled.

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Provincial Press

Kootenay Mail.

The government should take prompt steps to suppress the destruction of the deer on Arrow lakes as referred to by a correspondent in last issue. If Canadian Indians cross the line to the south they are promptly sent back, and the same plan should be adopted with Indians coming north and doing the mischief complained of.

New Westminster Columbian.

The World, which appears to be the sole organ of the opposition factionists at Vancouver, is writing itself down an ass by extolling Mr. Oliver for "continuing his crusade against the locking up of those valuable East Kootenay lands that formed the subject of the Columbia and Western Railway enquiry." The fact is, that Mr. Oliver heartily commends what he believes to be the McBride government's policy of doing nothing with these lands until both ministers and people can find out a great deal more about them than is known at present, and he is the reverse of complimentary to papers following the World's course in this matter.

Grand Forks News-Gazette.

Mining has proved itself the most legitimate of industries. All the money that the world possesses has come from its mines. Hence, as a western writer points out, no work is more honorable or legitimate than mining. The dollar which the miner wrenches from the stubborn rock is a new creation. It belonged to no other man; it does not lessen the value of property that man possesses. It commands recognition everywhere; its value is universally apparent. It sleeps in its matrix of darkness and silence until the miner blasts down the doors that lead to its chamber, and when awakened it begins to assume its share of the white as well as the black man's burden and carries it on forever.

Grand Forks Sun.

Candidates in this riding should not hug the delusion that they can sneak into office by delaying their "debut" till the eleventh hour. If they persist in doing so they may miss the band wagon, as their time-peices may be running slow. Gentlemen, come out into the full light of day and be publicly examined—mentally, morally and physically. If you have no pedigree, there are plenty of your fellow-citizens who stand ready to compile one for you, and before you escape the hands of your friends, upon whose mercies you have reluctantly thrown yourself, you may know more of your antecedents than is consonant with your present good standing in the community from which you hail. Come out and let us tell you all about the crimes and triumphs of your forefathers.

Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The London Canadian Gazette in an article referring to the ensuing general election in this Province, says that it is "heartily glad to hear" that an election is to be held, "for even the most casual student of Provincial events must realize that its politics stand in great need of a clean sweep. There is too much of the tuft-hunter about the British Columbian politician to-day—too much regard for place and office and too little care for the permanent interests of the province."

These views may not be very palatable to British Columbians but it is impossible to deny that they are not far from the actual truth. It is to be hoped, in the permanent interests of the Province, that the electors will also take an accurate view of the situation and bring about a better state of things in the future in British Columbia.

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You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended two hundred dollars in labour and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim in order to hold said mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure together with all costs of advertising your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

CATHERINET DEMAINE.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1903.

Notice To Delinquent Co-Owner

To George Nowell or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Nowell," "Robber King," "Tamarack" and "Annie G." Mineral Claims, situate on White Grouse Mountain, Goat River Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

You are hereby notified that we have expended for assessment work and recording fees on the above named Mineral claims for the past three years the sum of Twelve Hundred and Thirty ($1230) Dollars, in order to hold the said claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures together with the costs of advertising, your interest in said mineral claims will become the property of the subscribers under the provisions of Section four of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900."

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When I got George's letter telling me that all was now ready for our reception and we were to come at once, I was delighted. Within a week we—mother and I—were on our way out and in about three weeks' time found ourselves between the swampy shores of the Essequibo, nearing Georgetown, where on the quay the dear fellow was waiting to take us up to the home he had made for us on his plantation.

George Haden and I had met a year before during his visit to the old country, and the big, quiet, sunburned man and I, who tell this story, had fallen in love with one another almost at first sight.

We were to have been married before he returned to Guiana, but he was recalled suddenly by the death of his only brother at Rio, and it was arranged I should follow later with mother.

You can, or, rather, you can't, imagine how delighted I was to see my sweetheart again. But I was startled and a good deal troubled by his appearance. He looked thin and worried. At first I put it down to his grief at Harry's death, but later, after our quiet wedding, on the way to my future home, I gathered by degrees there was more than that.

His brother Harry had married a Spaniard, a beautiful woman, who had died nearly 18 years before, leaving him with one daughter, Teresa. It was chiefly on this girl's account that George had hurried back, and he had mentioned in writing to me that he had brought her up from Rio to stay with him in Guiana until other arrangements could be made. Since then I had heard little of her and almost indeed, in my own happiness and excitement, forgotten her very existence.

Now my questions elicited from George that she was not a pleasant tempered young woman or easy to get on with, but my worst anticipation did not touch the reality.

We came up the river in a small steamer, which dropped us at my husband's very wharf, and we three walked up a slope through a wonderful tropical garden to where a long, whitewashed, green shuttered house shone clean and bright in the evening sun.

On the veranda stood a tall figure in a pale yellow gown, her black hair crowned with crimson hibiscus—a splendidly handsome woman!

She looked at me in a half disdainful way.

"So you're my new aunt?" she said casually. "And how do you do, Uncle George?"

Her calm assumption of superiority was unbearable. George—big, steady, good tempered man that he was—flushed with anger.

He whispered to me:

"Never mind, my dear. She knows no better, and it won't be for long."

But it was for longer than we reckoned. She was to have been sent to her godmother, who lived in Madrid, but the old lady was ill and begged us to keep the girl awhile longer.

It was trying to a degree and each day got worse and worse. Teresa's temper was something unbearable and her general lack of manners only equaled by her sweetness when there was anything to be gained by it. Still, for my husband's sake, I bore with her.

Toward the end of the cool weather our old English overseer died, and, as a stop gap, George took on a young Spanish-American, Ramon Martinez.

Ramon was a smart looking fellow, but there was something in his black eyes which repelled me. I always felt a shrinking repulsion for the man, and George didn't care much for him. Still it was necessary to have some one who understood the sugar, and men who knew anything were so scarce you couldn't pick and choose.

Teresa, who loved the cheap gayeties of Rio, had been simply bored to death all the winter. Ramon was a godsend to her, and the two used to chat in Spanish every evening over their coffee on the veranda.

Sometimes I blame myself for letting them be so much together, but to tell the truth the relief of getting rid of her even for an hour or two was very great. And how could I know what a scoundrel the man was or what unspeakable wickedness those two were brewing together?

And now I must pass over the events of the next ten months and tell you what happened on that dreadful day which so nearly proved fatal to all my happiness.

Old Juan, a half caste Indian employee on the place, came up that morning, wanting to see my husband. They talked for a time, and then I saw George go out with a gun on his shoulder. He saw me at the window and called out something, but I could not hear what he said.

He was a keen collector, and I supposed it was some rare bird or beast he was after.

The day passed, and the short, tropical twilight was closing over the forest when I saw George returning. He was followed by two negroes, who slowly dragged some long, heavy object up the path to the house. This they pulled along, trailing in the dust, round to the south end of the house, where George's big so called study, really a sort of museum, opened by two French windows on the lawn.

I was dressing for 8 o'clock dinner, so did not go out. Soon I heard George's long stride pass up stairs by my door to his dressing room, which lay beyond my room at the extreme north end of the house.

To make you understand what followed I must partly explain how the house was built. It was from north to south, long and narrow, with a veranda all the way round. A wide hall ran through from east to west and a long narrow one from north to south. The dining room was the front room at the north end, under my room; George's study at the south, under the room Teresa occupied. There were two staircases, one at each end of the house. A couple of hundred yards away, higher up the slope at the back of the house, was the cottage where Martinez lived. He, Martinez, generally dined with us and was to have done so this night.

Now, so far as I know and judging from what we made out afterward from letters we discovered in the cottage and in Teresa's room, this is what brought about the tragedy that followed:

Ramon must long before this have made up his mind to marry Teresa. Her small fortune was an irresistible bait to the indolent southerner. The only thing that troubled him was that she was not of age for another three years and George was her guardian and sole trustee. He knew well enough what George would say or do if he once heard of his pretensions. With a man of Ramon's type—absolutely conscienceless — the next idea was simply to get George out of the way. Once get rid of the uncle, and what was there to hinder his making off with Teresa and her money?

Undoubtedly he instilled these ideas into Teresa's mind, and she, her sullen temper already aflame at the hint of opposition, was soon ripe for any mischief. Whether this precious pair had already concocted any definite plan I don't know, but that they were only waiting a chance what follows will prove:

On this particular evening Teresa had dressed earlier and gone down. For some reason, I don't know what, she went to the study and opened the door. A French window was open, and in the moonlight which had already succeeded the dusk she caught sight of something moving through it, undulating in rustling coils up from the grass beyond.

Terrified, she closed the door and stood an instant panting with fright. What was it?

Suddenly it flashed across her. She had just before seen from her window the men bringing in her uncle's spoil, a great anaconda, or water boa, the largest and most powerful constrictor in the world. This was its mate. Her chance had come. Always, before dinner, her uncle would go to his room to fetch the cigar he lit immediately dinner was over. He would go once more—for the last time.

How can I imagine her stealing quietly away from the door back with stealthy footsteps up the stairs to her room, and sitting there watching the clock, counting every moment till the gong should summon her uncle to his fate behind that closed door.

Closer and closer crept the hands to 8 o'clock, and still she sat and watched.

Suddenly, in the hall below, sounded footsteps across the polished boards. Unnaturally loud they seemed as they passed slowly down the passage below. There was the sound of a turning latch, an instant's pause, and then—one long, horrible sound, half shriek, half yell, which grew shriller, then muffled, and then abruptly ceased.

That shriek I heard with almost equal distinctness away at the other end of the house. Even to this day I can sometimes hear it, and it comes back to me in dreadful dreams at night.

I heard my husband rush from his room and his flying feet down the stairway. Other sounds I heard—cries of terror and alarm, hurrying footsteps and slamming of doors. Then I summoned strength to follow. As I ran through the hall two shots rang out in quick succession. A frightful pounding, like a dozen sledge hammers going at once, ensued, and next I heard a scream of maniacal laughter, and Teresa rushed by me and out into the night.

The next thing I remember is George's voice, in tones of strong command:

"Keep back, Marian!" he called. "It is no fit sight for you."

I stood there in the middle of the passage, while around the open study door stood a little knot of our black servants. Their faces were ashen with terror, and the whites of their eyes goggled horribly. A thin smoke floated out of the room, and the keen smell of gunpowder filled the air. The throbbing beat had almost ceased, and George passed into the room, while I staggered back, and, sinking into a chair in the hall, fainted dead away.

I need hardly explain what had happened. The wretched Ramon had come in earlier than usual to dinner; had, contrary to his usual custom, gone to the study, evidently to leave the passbook for the day, and had walked straight into the trap set for another. Those horrible coils had crushed him to death long before even George could reach the spot, while the great snake, in its terrible death agonies, had rent the wretch's body in a shocking way, leaving it an unrecognizable mass.

That was what Teresa had seen. The shock no doubt had crazed her. When she ran out, she went straight to the river, at least we suppose so, for we never saw anything of her again. There are alligators in those waters.

Since then my husband and I have almost forgotten the tragedy. We are very happy alone together in our sunny tropic home.

G. A. M.

Victoria, B. C.

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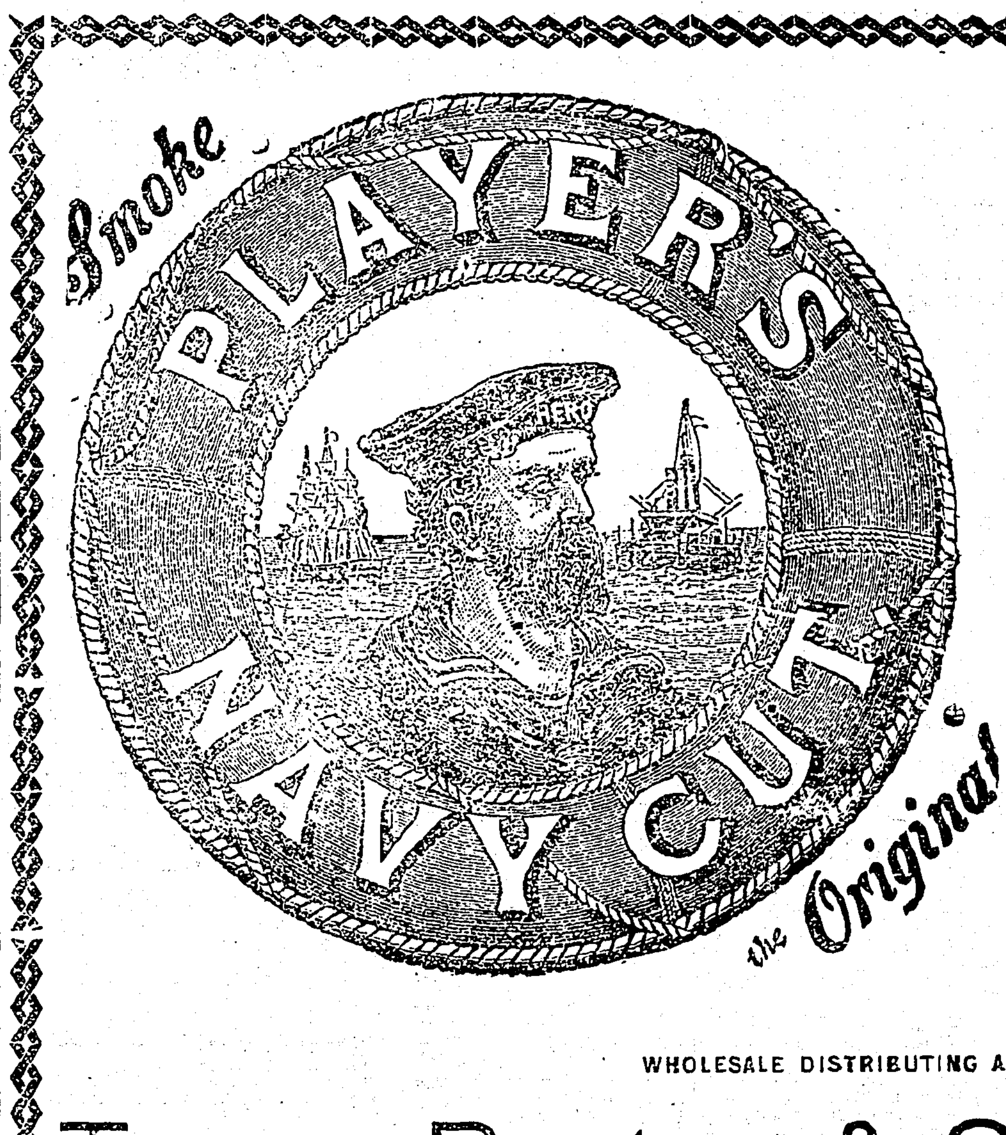
In a recent parliamentary debate over the question of a museum grant for Wales, much of the discussion, says the London Chronicle, turned on the fact that Wales is without a capital. This, however, did not daunt a certain Welsh member who got on his feet and, addressing the ministers on the Treasury bench, said: "If you only give us the money we will find the capital."

Two little children were sitting in a room one evening after dark with their chubby faces pressed to the window and their eyes fixed on the stars. For some time they contemplated the firmament silence, then suddenly one of the little fellows turned to the other and said: "Wasn't God a nice man to give us the stars for a light?" "Oh, Teddy, how can you say such a thing?" said the other boy much shocked. "You shouldn't call God a man. If ever there was a gentleman, He's one!"

A good story is told in Mr. C. E. Black's "Life of Lord Dufferin," which perhaps illustrates the difficulties some servants find in distinguishing between "at home" and "not at home." One day when Lord Dufferin was Governor-General of Canada the Countess was to be "at home" to receive visitors. She and Lady Harriet Fletcher sat in state; but nobody came! At 5 o'clock Lord Dufferin came home, and his wife remarked that not a single soul had called to see them. The servant was duly questioned, and it turned out he had replied "not at home" to every caller. The visitors' book revealed the fact that the callers were 104 in number, so Lady Dufferin promptly sat down and wrote 104 letters of explanation and apology.



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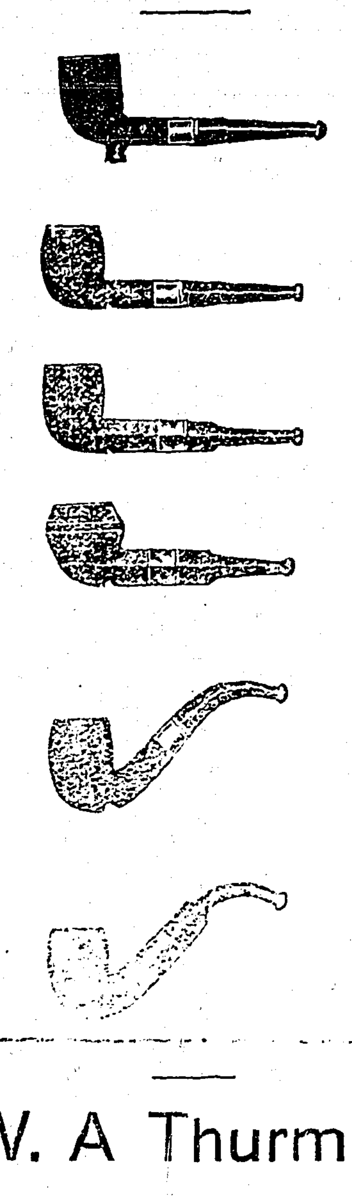

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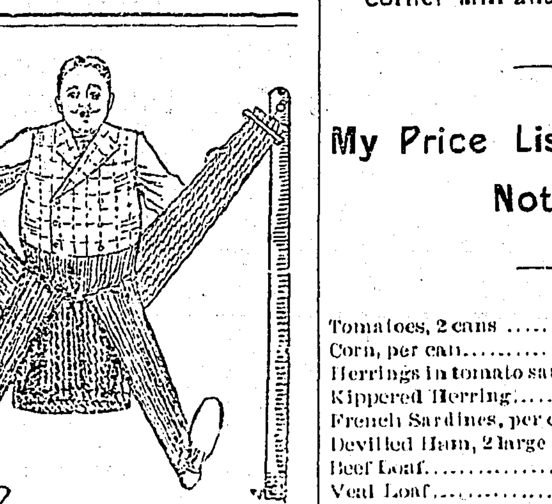

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VENT AND OSSIP

Some idea of the great increase in population in the Northwest Territories can be formed from the fact that at every point of entry from the United States large crowds are arriving daily. Even the other day three carloads of settlers' effects, accompanied by a large party of American farmers, passed through Nelson.

Rev. Mr. Purdy, of Phoenix, has been appointed by the Presbytery of Kootenay to preach in Greenwood.

The many friends of Mr. Jas. Peck McSwaine, of the Greenwood Times, will be pleased to learn that he has recovered from his late serious indisposition. It was the old trouble.

A daughter was born on Tuesday, July 14th, at St. George, Ontario, to the wife of C. F. McHardy, of Nelson.

City Solicitor Wilson is back from his trip to Pincher Creek, where he looked over the coal property in which so many Nelson people are interested.

There are few places in the province where there are more comfortable or better conducted hotels than at Trout Lake. Madden & Levesque are having the Lake View hotel plastered through out and J. Simpson is having the Trout Lake City hotel thoroughly renovated. The Windsor conducted by D. P. McLennan, is one of the best hotels in the country, and the Queen's hotel conducted by Abrahamson Bros., keeps up its reputation of being one of the most popular hotels in the Lardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lamont have returned from a visit to Revelstoke. On their way back they stopped off at Halcyon Hot Springs for a few days.

The proposed Canadian tour of the Irish lacrosse team is already being touted by the press on this as well as the other side of the water. The team, so report says, will be picked from the crack players of Ireland, and they will probably turn out to have about as much speed as the Oxford-Cambridge contingent touring Canada under the nom de plume of lacrosse players.

A daughter was born Thursday to the wife of W. G. Gillett, contractor, Silica street.

Mrs. R. M. Bird, who has been visiting relatives in Alberta for several weeks, has returned home.

Mrs. F. E. Morrison has returned to Nelson after an extended visit to relatives in the east.

A daughter was born to the wife of Rev. F. H. Graham, Silica street, on Friday, July 10th.

John McLatchie, who has been ill at the Home Hospital for some time, has almost recovered and will be around again in a few days.

The excursion under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias last Thursday evening was a great success. The steamer Kaslo conveyed the excursionists to Kokanee Park, where a dance was held in the pavilion.

C. W. Busk entertained the choir of St. Saviour's Church at Kokanee Park last Wednesday. After spending the day in healthful recreation, the members of the choir adjourned to Mr. Busk's residence, where the evening was spent in singing choruses and patriotic songs.

Mrs. F. W. Petitt and her son Douglas will spend a few weeks at Vancouver.

The Methodist Sunday School will hold their annual picnic at Kokanee Park next Wednesday.

A son was born to the wife of William Waldie, Carbonate street, on Sunday.

Among the new musical numbers being given on Thurman's phonograph this week is a selection that has attracted considerable attention, from the fact that the record is one made by a man well known in eastern musical circles. This is a violin solo by Charles DeAlmaine entitled the "Shepherd's Dance." DeAlmaine was born at Irish Creek, Ont., and travelled for years with the Emma Wells company and afterwards with the McMillan family of whom G. B. McMillan, of Nelson, was one. After travelling for several years he became a violin soloist at the New York music halls, and died in that city a few years ago. The selection is one that will remind many from the Ottawa valley of the old time dances, and played with all the fearlessness and tone of the violinists of a quarter of a century ago.

The Jessie Shirley company will be the next dramatic organization at the Nelson Opera House. This company will be here the last week in August.

Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong have been over at Grand Forks this week.

W. A. Macdonald, K. C., left for Manitoba last Sunday morning, and will take a hand in the campaign there. The election takes place Monday.

The Nelson crew for the regatta will leave to-night. On the same train there will be a number who are going to the coast for a holiday. Included in the number are: Mrs. Gilker and son, the Misses McLeod, Miss Stewart, Miss Robertson, and Mr. R. J. Clark.

Mr. John A. Fraser and wife will leave to-night for a three months' visit to Ireland.

There are now some 376 votes registered on the list for Ymir riding, of which 140 are resident in and about Ymir, and about 60 others between Ymir and Waneta. Only three or four have as yet come in from Trail.

Bro. F. J. Deane, of the Sentinel is surprised that the McBride Government will enforce the law excluding Orientals from the coal mines. That gentleman is too busy with his numerous newspapers to call to mind that Mr. McBride, when Minister of Mines, passed the Act providing for the examination of coal miners, fire bosses, shot lighters and overmen.—Revelstoke Herald.

Next Monday Fred Irvine & Co's annual midsummer sale begins. The clearance sales of this firm are always looked forward to with interest. They advertise just what they intend to do and make a point of keeping faith with the public.

The mayors of several western cities have begun a crusade against gambling.

The recent announcement that Lord Roberts will visit the United States in the autumn merely a specifies the approximate date of what has practically been a standing engagement of the commander-in-chief for some time. It is in part a return compliment for the visit which General Miles, the head of the American army paid to England last year. The American officers were particularly gratified with their reception, which included a special invitation to dinner with His Majesty at Buckingham palace. The commander-in chief's visit will, to some extent, synchronize with that of the honorable Artillery company which goes to Boston in the autumn.

Gossip from India grows more feverish about Lord Kitchener. The man of iron from the South Africa veldt has entered with surprising zest into the amusements of Anglo-Indian society. He has attached a ball-room to his headquarters. He has melted down numerous trophies, caskets, cups, and what not, to make a gold and silver dinner service, which is vastly admired. There is even a rumor, which we distrust, that he has joined an amateur dramatic club. As for matrimony, the commander in-chief is already engaged by report to many ladies, and we are forced to remind the public that, under British law, polygamy is forbidden even in India, says the London Daily Chronicle.

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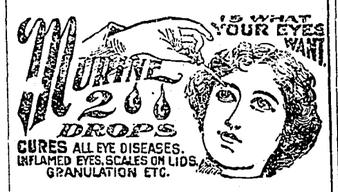

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CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM.

[Adopted at Revelstoke, September 13th, 1902.]

1. That this convention reaffirms the policy of the party in matters of provincial roads and trails; the ownership and control of railways and the development of the agricultural resources of the province as laid down in the platform adopted in October, 1899, which is as follows:

"To actively aid in the construction of trails throughout the undeveloped portions of the province and the building of provincial trunk roads of public necessity.

"To adopt the principles of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the government of the province control of rates over lines bonused, together with the option of purchase.

"To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the province.

2. That in the meantime and until the railway policy above set forth can be accomplished, a general railway act be passed, giving freedom to construct railways under certain approved regulations, analogous to the system that has resulted in such extensive railway construction in the United States, with so much advantage to trade and commerce.

3. That to encourage the mining industry, the taxation of metalliferous mines should be on the basis of a percentage on the net profits.

4. That the government ownership of telephone systems should be brought about as a first step in the acquisition of public utilities.

5. That a portion of every coal area hereafter to be disposed of should be reserved from sale or lease, so that state owned mines may be easily accessible, if their operation becomes necessary or advisable.

6. That in the pulp land leases provision should be made for reforesting and that steps should be taken for the general preservation of forests by guarding against the wasteful destruction of timber.

7. That the legislature and government of the province should persevere in the effort to secure the exclusion of Asiatic labor.

8. That the matter of better terms in the way of subsidy and appropriations for the province should should be vigorously pressed upon the Dominion government.

9. That the silver-lead industries of the province be fostered and encouraged by the imposition of increased customs duties on lead and lead products imported into Canada, and that the Conservative members of the Dominion House be urged to support any motion introduced for such a purpose.

10. That as industrial disputes almost invariably result in great loss and injury both to the parties directly concerned and to the public, legislation should be passed to provide means for an amicable adjustment of such disputes between employers and employees.

11. That it is advisable to foster the manufacture of the raw products of the province within the province as far as practicable by means of taxation on the said raw products, subject to relate of the same in whole or part when manufactured in British Columbia.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTIONS.

At a meeting of the executive of the Provincial Conservative Association, held at Vancouver, the province was divided into five divisions for organization purposes. The Kootenay-Boundary division is made up of the following provincial election districts: Revelstoke,—Columbia,—Fernie,—Cranbrook, Ymir, Kaslo, Slocan, Grand Forks, Greenwood, the City of Rossland and the City of Nelson. At the same meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That conventions for nominating candidates for members of the legislative assembly be made up of delegates chosen as follows:

(a) In city electoral districts, one delegate for every fifty and every fraction of fifty votes polled at the provincial election held in 1900, and if the city is divided into wards, the proportion of delegates for each ward shall be based on the vote polled in each ward at the last municipal election.

(b) In other electoral districts, one delegate for every fifty or fraction of fifty votes polled at the provincial election held in 1900, the delegates to be apportioned to polling places, or as near thereto as will be fair to the voters of the different neighborhoods.

2. The election of delegates shall be at public meetings, held at a designated central place in each polling division, or in each ward in city electoral districts, if the city is divided into wards. At such public meetings only those who pledge themselves to vote for the candidate or candidates selected at the nominating convention shall be entitled to vote for delegates.

3. Two weeks notice shall be given of the public meetings at which delegates are elected, and nominating conventions shall be held in city electoral districts two days after the day on which delegates are elected, and in other electoral districts seven days after. All nominations throughout the province to be made at a designated central place in each electoral district, and on the same day.

4. All notices of the dates of public meetings for the election of delegates to nominating conventions, the apportionment of delegates, and the place and date of nominating conventions in the several electoral districts shall be prepared by the member of the executive of the division in which the electoral districts are situate, and issued over the names of the president and secretary of the Provincial Conservative Association.

A meeting of the provincial executive will be held at Vancouver within a month, and the date for holding district nominating conventions will then be fixed.

JOHN HOUSTON,
President of the Provincial Conservative Association.

Nelson, June 8th, 1903.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Emerald No. 2 Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: At the summit at the head of 49 and Summit Creeks, adjoining the Shandon Mineral claim.

Take notice that I, Reginald M. Macdonald, Free Miner's certificate No. 1558,405, 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.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 187, Section 26, of the Revised Statute of British Columbia, 1897, that the creditors and others having claims against said deceased, who died at Buffalo, in the County of Erie, State of New York, on or about the 15th day of June, 1902, are required on or before the 5th day of August, 1903, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to Messrs. Elliot & Lennie, of the City of Nelson, B. C., solicitors for the administrators, with the Will annexed of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased 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 administrators with the will annexed will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which it shall then have notice, and that the said administrators with the will annexed 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 it at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 20th day of June, A. D. 1903.

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Notice.

In the matter of an application for a duplicate of a Certificate of Title to the several lots of land hereinafter specified situated in the town of Rossland.

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 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14 and 15, Block 1, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 16, 17 and 18, Block 2, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Block 3, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 12 and 15, Block 4 Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 5, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 19 and 20, Block 6, Lots 3, 4, 15, 18, 19 and 20, Block 7, Lots 5, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 8, Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block 9, Lots 1, 4, 11, 15, 19 and 20, Block 10, Lots 2 and 6, Block 11, Lots 1, 2 and 4, Block 12, Lots 21 and 22, Block A, Lots 23 and 24, Block B, in the Railway Addition to the Town of Rossland (Map 618) in the name of Gabriel Lucien Robert Weyl, which certificate is dated the 6th day of March, 1901, and numbered 11 A.

H. F. MACLEOD,
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Land Registry Office,
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