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News of the Mines

BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Grand Forks News-Gazette.

The work of ballasting for the newly laid steel on the Brooklyn and Stenwinder spurs has been finally completed.

The latest arrivals in the family of incorporated companies in British Columbia is the King Edward Mines Co., Ltd., Fairview.

During the week Republic mines shipped 21 cars of ore, distributed as follows: Mountain Lion, 7 cars to Boundary Falls and Trail smelters; Quilp, 12 cars to Granby smelter; Knob Hill, 2 cars.

John B. Scafford, formerly superintendent of the B. C. mine in Summit camp, but who lately has been at the Mountain Lion, in Republic camp, is in charge of the work recently started at the Rathmullen group.

On the Roderick Dhu, in Long Lake camp, one of Boundary's high grade properties that has been working steadily for several months in a drift from a new shaft recently started, a ledge of \$125 ore was struck this week. Shipments from this property are expected to be started next week, the ore going to the Greenwood smelter. Tom McDonnell is in charge of the work.

The work on the Golden Eagle, Republic camp, is progressing very satisfactorily, a depth of four feet being obtained daily. The rock encountered is harder, highly mineralized and contains more calcite and spar—strong indications of nearness of the ledge. The shaft is now down 230 feet and general manager Straight is so well pleased with the work done and favorable indications that he contemplates putting on a third shift of eight hours. The financial condition of the company is such as to give every faculty for working the mine.

Phoenix Pioneer.

In the year 1903 the Granby smelter produced 16,032,356 pounds of copper, 356,000 ounces of silver and 47,500 ounces of gold.

Ore is being hauled by teams from the Sally, at Beaverdell, to Midway, a distance of over 50 miles, for shipment by rail to smelters.

It is understood that Morrison and Edwards have made arrangements to resume work on the Blue Jay claim, Skylark camp, next week.

Since double shifts were put on in the No. 4 tunnel of the Granby mines, the bore is growing much faster. Drilling is also going on from the inside from the 200 foot level of the Old Ironsides.

Boundary Ore Shipments

The following table gives the ore shipments of Boundary mines for 1903 and for last week:

	1903	1904	Past Week
Granby Mines, Phoenix	393,718	33,150	11,820
Snowshoe, Phoenix	74,212		
Brooklyn, Phoenix			
Mother Lode, Deadwood	130,492	7,523	1,296
Sunset, Deadwood	15,731		
Morrison, Deadwood	3,339		
B. C. Mine, Summit	19,365		
R. Bell, Summit			
Emma, Summit	22,937	2,802	792
Senator, Summit Camp	363	344	182
Oro Denoro	15,537	2,713	10,23
Winnipeg, Wellington	2,435		
Golden Crown, Wellington			
Athelstan, Wellington	5,646	924	264
King Solomon, W. Copper			
No. 7 Mine, Central			
City of Paris, Central			
Jewel, Long Lake			
Carmi, West Fork			
Providence, Providence	919		
Elkhorn, Greenwood	409		
E. P. U. and Goldfish	167		
Ruby, Boundary Falls			
Miscellaneous			
Total, tons.	684,426	45,889	16,321

EVENTS AND GOSSIP

During the past two or three years musical critics and lovers of music generally have had their attention attracted to a number of compositions which have been played by the leading orchestras of the country, the composer's name invariably being hidden under a nom de plume. The compositions were of such unusual merit, comprising both grace and beauty and showing such an expert technical skill and harmony, that a large measure of curiosity was aroused as to the identity of the composer. It has just transpired that the genius was none other than Mabel McKinley, the favorite niece of the late President McKinley. Miss McKinley appeared as a star of a splendid vaudeville bill at Shea's Theatre, Toronto, this week. Miss McKinley became prominent as a vocalist during President McKinley's first term at the White House. Her superb singing soon attracted the attention of the foremost people in Washington society and the diplomatic circle, including the late Lord Pauncefoot, the British Ambassador, and Count Cassino, the Russian Ambassador.

A friend met Whitelaw Reid, the veteran editor of the New York Tribune, the other day, and said to him: "I see you are on the advisory board of Mr. Pulitzer's new college of journalism at Columbia University. Do you expect to put an end to the typographical error?"

"The most we can hope to do," replied Mr. Reid, "is to abolish its horrors. You can't abolish the typographical error any more than you can original sin. I remember when the Prince of Wales visited this country writing an editorial on the subject. I was young and ambitious, and thought I said some clever things. I began, 'The Prince of Wales is making captivating speeches.' The next morning I picked up the paper to enjoy reading it in print. I turned to the editorial page and this met my gaze: 'The price of nails is making carpenters swear.'"

After which, it is to be presumed, Mr. Reid's profanity was more noteworthy than that of the carpenters.

A recent divorce trial in New York City, brought forth the opinion from the presiding judge, in effect that the absence of love between husband and wife does not constitute ground for divorce. Here is what the judge says:

"The fraud for which the annulment of the marriage is sought, by way of counter-claim, is alleged to arise from the fact that the plaintiff induced the marriage through false assertions of affection for the defendant, concealing her real motive, which was to advertise herself in her profession as an actress by means of this marriage."

"It appears from the matter pleaded, however, that this mental attitude of the wife, while hostile to the ideal domestic state looked for by the husband, has not prevented the parties from living together in some manner described by the defendant as 'nomadic,' and fraud, which finds its expression not in any facts, but solely in the deceiving party's state of mind, cannot suffice as a ground for the annulment of the marriage."

"Marriage for interest may usually be conceived to involve some concealment of the interested party's real motives; for the truth, if boldly proclaimed, would be found offensive as a matter of deportment among enlightened persons. The self-respect of both parties would call for some show of affection."

"If the facts alleged in this case could suffice for an annulment, marriage for love would be the only lawful marriage—a condition favored by the poets, but not as yet adopted in our system of jurisprudence."

The applicant for divorce is a Mrs. Gunther, who is related to Senator Depew.

According to a report from Winnipeg the secret of the disposal of the remains of Thomas Scott, Reil's victim, have been revealed by a rebel lieutenant, after 34 years' silence. This man is a well-known Manitoban, but there are reasons why his name should not be given. He met Mr. McFarlane, who was a Hudson Bay factor at the time of the Reil rebellion, at the funeral of Pierre D'Eschambault on Tuesday. Reil's confederate divulged to Mr. McFarlane that after the murder a grave had been dug within the fort, and a coffin supposed to contain the body lowered in the presence of a battalion of Reil's soldiers. But Scott's remains were not in that coffin, the mock interment being but a ruse on the part of Reil, who did not choose to trust many of his followers with this knowledge. After the mock interment the body was dragged by a few trusty men to the bank of the Red river and at a point near where the Broadway bridge now stands was put through a hole in the ice and sunk by means of a weight tied about the neck. The weight was a Hudson Bay grindstone. Mr. McFarlane believes that an investigation will reveal this grindstone and perhaps the bones of poor Scott. It is likely an investigation will be undertaken.

Rev. Mr. Ferguson, who has accepted the call to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Nelson, has telegraphed Capt. McMorris that he will leave Scotland, the first week in March, so that he may be expected here before April. The new pastor stands very high in church circles in Scotland.

There are very few cities of the size of Nelson in Canada with so many pleasure boats, but next summer the number of these boats will increase greatly. Many citizens are ordering gasoline launches from the east, and it is expected that there will be imported at least a dozen of these delightful boats here before the boating season begins.

A favorite method of suicide in Japan lately has been to leap over certain waterfalls. So frequent have such occurrences become that police are now constantly stationed in their neighborhood, and notice boards, are erected bearing inscriptions in large letters, of which the following is an example: "Do not drown yourself here! Intending suicides are warned that heaven disapproves of the utilization of Kegan waterfall for the purpose. This is certified to on the best priestly authority, and serious consequences in the hereafter are guaranteed. To drown here is also forbidden by the prefectural authorities."

Among the anecdotes of the late Herbert Spencer, the famous philosopher, is one relating to the game of billiards, of which he was fond and which he played with fair skill. Spencer was not a philosophical loser, and one day after being well beaten, he turned on his antagonist with the remark: "Sir, to play a good game of billiards is the mark of a well rounded education; to play too good a game of billiards is the mark of an illspent youth."

Toronto Saturday Night believes an effort must be made to protect the rights of the dead. Intimidation in real life is serious enough, but when it comes to forcing departed spirits to register votes for their political opponents it is time for the Crown Attorney's department to bestir itself. It would appear from disclosures made in Toronto in connection with the recent municipal elections that some peaceful slumberers in the city's cemeteries had been brought back to their old haunts and forced to plump for controllers. It is not to the dead man's right of voting that exception is laid. Quite the contrary. Some dead men have a much better right to vote than many live ones, who slash down their crosses with flourishes of vast self-satisfaction. It is rather to the coercion that seems to have been applied to make this particular group of shades plump for one man. What was the exact nature of this coercion no one knows. That it was illegal is all that is necessary in the present instance. Some scheme must be devised to prevent the repetition of the outrage in the future and to secure for Toronto's shades a free and unmolested exercise of the franchise.

Local and Provincial

The new foundry will be in operation next week.

The wholesale men report business satisfactory for the month.

Medicine Hat hockey team beat Cranbrook two games last Wednesday night.

F. C. Green, of Nelson, was married to Miss Myra Hatt, of Vancouver, at San Francisco, on Thursday of last week.

R. W. Hannington who was elected delegate to the Conservative Convention at Victoria, left last evening for the Coast.

A large number of Rossland people will visit Nelson Monday Night on the occasion of the hockey match between Nelson and Rossland.

A very pleasant party was held at the residence of Mr. J. A. Kelly, Fairview last evening. The evening was spent playing whist, etc.

At a meeting of the Trout Lake Trades Committee last week matters pertaining to the protection of the river bank, school, and appointment of a Government agent for Trout Lake division were taken up and vault for record office.

At the Methodist Church, next Wednesday evening, Rev. Mr. Baer will deliver a lecture on "Psychic-Force and Phenomena, or Some Things About the Mind." Mr. Baer's lectures are always interesting and entertaining, and this one will prove no exception to the rule.

Last Friday, at Victoria, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Mabel Sophia Walkem, the only daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, and A. G. Langley, youngest son of the late A. J. Langley, founder of the old firm of Langley & Co., now Henderson Bros.

Arley Morrison, M. P., is endeavoring to secure the \$50,000 given by the Dominion Government for the holding of the Dominion Industrial Exposition this year at New Westminster. The opinion is expressed that more satisfactory results would be obtained if the amount were divided between New Westminster, Kamloops and Nelson instead of all going to one place.

Poplar Nugget: "Poplar can boast of the nicest little Sweede waiter girls in the world. There is Gussie at the Grand, who smiles on all alike, whether they are 'star' or otherwise; Ole at the Inn, who affects the intellectual, wears glasses and is too bashful to speak; Martie at the Dominion, a new arrival, who will get the grub to the table on time, even if the soup does occasionally go down the customer's back."

They have a new waf of collecting board bills at Grand Forks. According to the Sun, of that place, a man who stopped over night at the Queen's hotel, left that place without settling his bill, denying that he stayed there and refusing point blank to pay. The proprietor followed him to the station, and after a vain attempt to collect his bill before the man got aboard the train, proceeded to take his money's worth in "right hand on jaw" and "left on nose" in regular Fitzsimmons style until the other fellow had had enough. Then they were separated, the hotel proprietor returning to his bostelry with his opponent's hat as a souvenir.

J. D. Taylor, of the New Westminster Columbian, will contest that district in the Conservative interest.

William Marchant is likely to be appointed to the vacant collectorship at the port of Victoria.

Mrs. Frank Young returned last evening from Medicine Hat, where she attended the funeral of her uncle, Robert Scott.

Dr. F. E. King, of Cranbrook was united in marriage last week, to Miss Mary Keith, daughter of Mrs. Benjamin Keith, of Havilock, N. B.

Congratulations are extended to Dr. and Mrs. McLennan, who were united in marriage at Seattle last Tuesday. The bride was Miss Jennie Hammond.

As has been hinted for several days, the men of the fire brigade have resigned in a body, because of the appointment of Geo. Steele as chief. It is understood that the new chief will have men ready when he takes office to fill the places of the men who have left.

L. W. Paisley, the secretary, has issued notices for the annual meeting of the Dairyman's and Live-Stock Association, to be held in the department of agriculture in the Parliament buildings on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 2 p. m., for the election of officers and the general transaction of business.

C. A. DesBrisay, right-of-way agent of the Great Northern railway, when in Grand Forks recently made final arrangements with parties for the purchase of some miles of right-of-way for the Phoenix branch of the Great Northern Railway. Information obtained from a reliable source indicates that work will commence within ninety days.

The Nelson Business College recently opened here by W. E. Bowins is proving to be a great success both by way of the number of pupils in attendance and the thoroughness of instruction given. The Book-keeping that is being taught is the famous Sadler-Rowe Budget system, in which the student handles all papers as in actual business. The Shorthand is the Twentieth Century edition of the Isaac Pitman system. A college of this standard, where the young men and women of our town and country can get such excellent training without going a long distance and incurring considerable expense, should be encouraged.

The fancy dress carnival at the rink last night drew a big crowd and was enjoyable in every way. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Best Lady's Costume—Miss Cummings, "Indian Princess."
Best Girl's Costume—Miss Taylor, "Fairy."
Men's Comic Costume—Mr. Dill, "Coster monger."
Boy's Costume—M. Ulvin, "Living Whist."
Men's Costume—Charles McHardie, "Prospector."
Boy's Comic Costume—John Grant, "Ole Olson."
Best Lady Skater—Miss Benson.
Best Gentlemen Skaters—Messrs. Atkinson and Jackson.
Best Girl Skater—Miss Annable.
The judges for the prizes were Mrs. Frank Fletcher, Mrs. Dr. Hawkey and Alderman J. A. Kirkpatrick.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Whittaker Wright's last hours showed that he felt quite as regardless of his own fate as he had been of the money of the misguided people who had trusted him.

Something unusual is about to happen. Our direction has been directed to the fact that the last issue of the Tribune did not contain mention once of the name of Nelson's greatest patriot, the would-be Hon. John Hous-ton.

It seems now as if the Legislature would be able to finish up its business early next month. No time is being lost in transacting the business of the country, and the brand of legislation supplied appears to be giving satisfaction to everyone excepting certain practical politicians and the Grits who are furnishing for office.

Sydney, C. B., should become famous as a health resort. A recent issue of the Record of that city, contained the announcement of three deaths which had just taken place. One of the number was 83 years of age, another 94, and the third over 100, and the circumstance did not appear to cause any unusual comment.

There seems to be some disposition on the part of Nelson Conservatives to patch up their differences, and unite for the election of Hon. Charles Mackintosh. It is well that this should be so. There can be no gain in denying the fact that it is only in union the Conservatives can hope to win this constituency. Mr. Mackintosh's opponent has a way with him that wins votes, and during the late session in the House has demonstrated that he has ability as well. Besides this, he is known throughout the constituency, having kept in touch with his constituents since his election over three years ago. It will be thus seen that the Conservatives stand very much in need of union at the present time, and it is pleasing to note that so far as Nelson is concerned they seem to fully realize this fact. Mr. Gallher is a favorite in Nelson and we want to keep him here. Moreover, the Conservatives are likely to win in the next election, and it would be well to send a man to Ottawa who will be in sympathy with the new administration.

Next Monday is the day set for the Provincial Conservative Convention to be held at Victoria. The Conservatives in every district in the Province have selected their delegates and no doubt the gathering will be the greatest in the history of the party in the Province. In many respects this meeting is expected to be a very important one. The Conservatives of this Province have in the past made many mistakes, which they discovered when it was too late, but it is believed that profiting by past experience they will in as far as possible make amends for the errors they have committed. If the party at its meeting next Monday confines itself strictly to those matters that will be of universal benefit to the party and avoids anything that will be construed as advancing the interests of a few men, all will be well. The Conservative party is big enough to hold everyone who believes in its well tried principles, but it cannot afford to be made a band wagon on which a few designing men may play discordant music which will only draw attention to themselves.

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Press Comment

Fort Steele Prospector.

The Conservative party in British Columbia has every reason for satisfaction and confidence in the men who have been selected as the standard-bearers, in every constituency in which nominating conventions have been held.

Ottawa Citizen.

Signs multiply that the Liberal party in the Dominion is becoming disrupted by prosperity. There are too many after the spoils as represented by those fat balance sheets labelled revenue and expenditure. In many constituencies there is serious quarrelling over the question of representation, which will have a paralyzing effect when the elections come on.

Trout Lake Topic.

The tunnel on the Lucky Jack is in over 200 feet and the vertical depth attained is now 5 feet for every foot driven. The first 175 feet the tunnel was driven a low slope of the mountain and the depth gained was comparatively light. The faulted ground has been passed through and the tunnel is now in the solid formation. The lead is heavily impregnated with galena and free gold is clearly visible to the naked eye. The vein is getting richer as depth is attained and the values obtained on the surface are holding out. Barclay Crilly, assistant manager, says that at the present time he is more pleased with the prospects of the property than ever before. The test shipment to the Company's mill at Canborne went \$250 to the ton.

Trail Creek News.

It may not be generally known, but it is nevertheless true, that the City of Trail is a pattern in municipal govern-

ment and thrift. The rule seems to be that when cities of the third class are incorporated a loan is negotiated and a debt is hung around the neck of the municipality during the first few years of its life from which it is seldom or never freed. The exception to this rule has been met in the City of Trail. Its expenditure is governed by its revenue, and the business of the municipality conducted as a prosperous private business generally is. Its licenses and taxes are lower than any city in the province, being the same as they were before incorporation, and in no way since incorporation has the burdens of the taxpayers and business men been increased.

Toronto Telegram

When the country attaches \$10,000 annum to the chairmanship, and \$8,000 per annum to membership of the railway commission, the country should get the services of \$10,000 and \$8,000 men in these positions.

It cannot be argued that Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. M. E. Bernier, or Dr. James Mills measures up to the standard of what is required from \$10,000 or \$8,000 men.

If the salaries had been less than the amounts attached to places on the railway commission gentlemen of the caliber of the recent appointees could have been secured.

It is a distinct set-back to the movement for higher salaries when a \$10,000 position goes to a politician whom the government is afraid to leave in private life, one \$8,000 position goes to Mr. Bernier, who is to strengthen the government by leaving it, and another position goes to Dr. James Mills, who appears to have neither special claim to the position nor special fitness for the work.

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He had but one rival in that line: Palgrave, who, compiled the "Golden Treasury." Much interest sprang up among their friends when the two went off on a trip together.

"It's an even chance which will return alive," said one man, solemnly. When they did come back, Palgrave was pale, emaciated, silent; but Stanley seemed unmoved, and more all-knowing than ever.

One night Buckle, the author of "The History of Civilization," was lying down the law on every subject, with a magnificent composure that made the table quake. At last he put forth some statement about the burning of a witch, and set the date a century out of the way. Stanley, who was present, had borne some preceding inaccuracies very well, with only a slight shaking of the head and a reddening of the face.

Suddenly his self-control gave way, and he leaped to his feet. He extended his hand, and piped forth in a vigorous treble:

"I beg your pardon, but the last witch was burned at such-and-such a place, in such-and-such a year, under such-and-such circumstances. And her name was so-and-so, and you will find all about it in a book to which I can easily refer you, and which you evidently don't know."

Torrents of imprisoned knowledge were thereupon poured on Buckle's head, until the historian of civilization sat wrathful, extinguished, mute. But a little later he had his revenge. Some one mentioned a new dictionary as a good one.

"It is," said Buckle, with solemnity, "it is one of the few dictionaries I have read through with pleasure."

The intimation that he had read any dictionary through for pleasure so astonished the guests that they forgot his past discomfiture in new awe.

Cockneyisms.

The following dialogue between a bus-driver and a droopy-looking youth with a well-watered silk hat who was handling the reins on the box of a brougham is a fair sample of the ready wit and the equally-ready animosity of the London Jehu. The youth had evidently inconvenienced the bus-driver in some subtle way—a state of affairs in which each party, according to the other, is to blame.

"Bus Driver—'Ere, you ought to be drivin' caws in the country, you ought!"

"Droopy Youth—Garn! w'e're's the reg'lar man? The company don't know you're takin' 'is job, do they?"

"Bus Driver—You're the man wot washes daht the brougham, ain't yer?"

"Droopy Youth—No wonder you ain't got many passengers; they judges by the lice, yer know."

"Bus Driver—'Fie! Wot d'you call that thing you've got? 'W'y, it only wants a 'andle to be a 'atchet."

"Droopy Youth (whipping up his horse)—

A Business Woman.

Mrs. Dixon—I was so shocked to hear of your husband's death. I came to console with you on your great loss.

Mrs. Woods (absently)—Yes, but it was fully covered by insurance.

Helping Him Along.

Mr. Shye—I would be awfully pleased if you thought enough of me to call me by my first name. Miss Willings—Oh! your last name is good enough for me.

The Family "Champeen."

"Did rouse hear about Chimie makin' de ten base hits in de game las' Sunday?" "Luh! dat wasn't nuttin' ter de base hits wot his nudder made wher she ketcht him playin' on Sunday."

The key to success is not a night key.—Chicago "Record-Herald."

Country Doctor—Wal, Sars, yer wife has pastric fever. Sars, Hawick—Don't see how 'at kin be. 'W'y, she never burned gas—always used lamps.

He—The dressmaker 'sent my new dress home by a boy, but she didn't send the bill. I wonder why she didn't? She—I guess the boy couldn't carry both.

Mrs. Von Blumer—What are you going to do with those awful cigars? Von Blumer—I'm saving them for a friend of mine who has just become a Christian Scientist.—"Life."

Circumstances alter cases:—"The boys are throwing stones at a poor peddler." "Outrageous." "That's what I think." "Whose boys are they?" "Yours." "Oh, well, boys will be boys. Let the children play."—Chicago "Post."

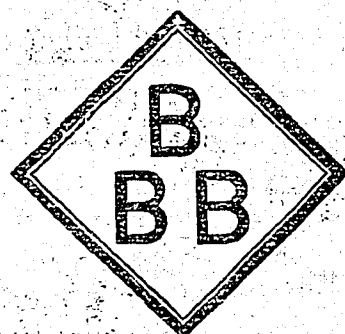
Editor—You wish a position as proof-reader? Applicant—Yes, sir. "Do you understand the requirements of that responsible position?" "Perfectly, sir. Whenever you make any mistakes in the paper, just blame 'em on me, and I'll never say a word."—New York "Weekly."

The Emerson Craze.

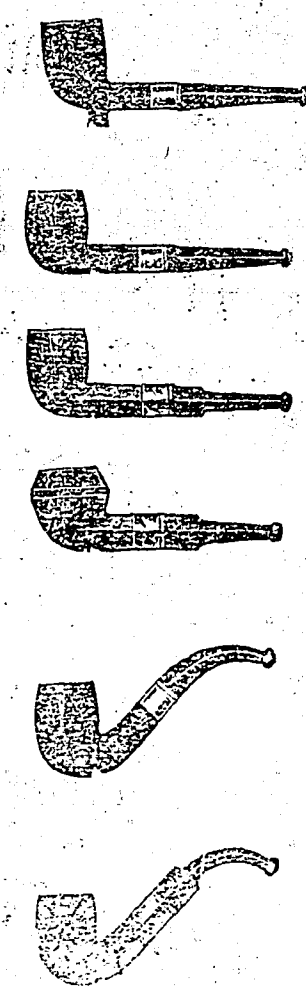
The men and women, says the "Literary Digest," who are writing anniversary articles for the magazines on Emerson as a philosopher, Emerson as a teacher, Emerson as a poet, Emerson as a man, "Emerson as I knew him," etc., display a marked tendency to eulogy rather than criticism. Matthew Arnold once remarked that the whole body of Emerson's verse was not worth Longfellow's little poem, "The Bridge." "Ah," says one of the Emerson eulogists, "this indicated Arnold's limitations, not Emerson's." Even the most trivial words and actions of the Concord philosopher are reverently recorded. Julia Ward Howe recalls fondly how he once said at dinner: "Mrs. Howe, try our snap cake," and William Dean Howells chronicles the fact that when Emerson smoked a cigar, "it was as if one then saw Dante, smoking, and one then saw it with all the reverence due the spectacle."

De Style—Is he a chip of the old block? Gupbusta—No, he's a claw of the old lobster.—New York "Sun."

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The Present State of Literature.

Carlyle once man an "Enquiry into the State of German Literature," and others have investigated the state of letters in other lands. As it is not essential to be bilions, nor prerequisite to be alien, an enquiry into the state of literature in America is in order, writes the humorist, Joseph Smith. That it may be well done, and not half-baked, I do it myself, for, though modest, I am Literary and Authoritative, if not well read; almost shrinking enough for a reviewer.

Literature is in a bad way; it has no friends except mercenary publishers and impecunious writers; even critics, who know literature when it bites them, speak harshly of it. Literature has been going down hill for years; it has been stranded in the department stores, where Shakespeare and Laura Jean Libbey battle for recognition with Indiana poets and Battle Creek breakfast foods. Poetry, which is viewed with alarm by alienists, is a goner. When the twenty-five-cent table d'hôte was strangled by the Beef Trust, the Poets' Union sunk; and to-day poets are not raised except in captivity and suburban Boston. History has been decaying since it became wedded to that robust form of fiction called the New England Family History; genealogy, gossip, gush and gab have ruined it. Ida Tar Ball has dropped Napoleon and Lincoln for Kerosene and Beckwith.

War heroes, whose pens are mightier than their swords, are left to stagger humbly with their memoirs and amaze empires with their exploits.

The historical novel, which is seldom historical and never novel, is the only dangerous rival which Reformed Oats and Jagless Rye encounter in a free press next to pure racing matter. All denials on robustness, invincibility for reputation and sturdy credulity for consumption; but the oats and rye have some value. The Swashbuckler novel—the cousin of the H. N.—has waned since its heroes have been translated to the stage. An imported syndicate hero in red boots, abbreviated blue breeches, green shirt waist, blonde curls, brown Arizona hat, yellow feathers and a secret society sword, is not calculated to make literature respected and popular. The Frohmanized Swashbuckler has added a new horror to the drama, another terror to literature.

Literary translations make countless thousands yawn; they lack even their native attraction. D'Alema's "The Annals" done into English is dullness and dirt; Ibsen suffers from Norse-algia; and the genius of France, Germany and Russia is Englished to congest junk stores and feed furnaces.

Plainly the Literary Outlook is alarming. R. H. Davis has quit; Bangs swings between post-mortem persillage and historical grave robbery; Kipling has taken to golf, politics and epigrams; James is foggy in several languages; Dooley is married; Roosevelt is strenuous in everything but literature; Howells has ceased to Howell; Lochinvar has gone West again; and I am not feeling very well myself. It looks as if the reading public would have to go back to such "Has Beens" as Tennyson, Thackeray, Dickens, Emerson, Cooper, Hawthorne, and such. It is as profitless to seek for a sane, healthy, robust literature in such surroundings as to look for methuehood and domesticity in a divorce court.

The Uncommercial Travelers Trunk.

Once upon a time a trunk was a trunk, and all trunks looked more or less alike to everyone. Now a trunk may be a bureau or a wardrobe or a hat-box, according to its owner's wishes and the amount she pays for it.

The wardrobe-trunk sets on one end and the gowns are hung in it on hangers. This serves a double purpose, for the frocks are kept free from wrinkles by this method, and they are also much easier to get at than they were by the old way, when the "box" had to be unpacked every time another gown was got out.

You see, the hangers are so arranged that they may be pulled out, much as an accordion is, and then pushed back again.

The bureau trunk is better known. It has drawers which may be pulled out, just as those in the bureau are, and so the necessity of lifting heavy trunks is obviated.

But these inventions are not very well known on the other side of the water, and, consequently, they puzzle the customs inspectors not a little.

One of the bureau trunks owned by an American woman, the French authorities at Boulogne insisted upon opening simply because they saw it differed differently from the ordinary trunk. Once opened, they would not permit the owner to pull out the trays or drawers for their inspection, but insisted on lifting them out themselves and searching every hole and crevice for contraband goods. When they were at last convinced that there was nothing of the sort inside, they permitted the owner to replace the drawers, but the moment these were pushed in and the lock snapped, the peculiarity of the thing seemed to overcome them again, and once more they demanded the keys. The second search revealed no more than the first, of course, but it was with the keenest regret, apparently, that the inspectors saw the trunk finally borne away—there was something mysterious about it that they did not understand, and they were sure it meant there was tobacco concealed in a secret compartment or a false bot-

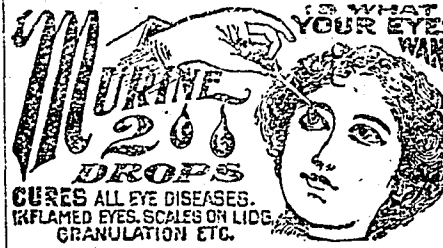
First Farmer—Did they hev fire-escape at the hotel where ye slop, Zeke? Second Farmer—No, but it is the most eckonomical tavern I ever seen. First Farmer—In what way, Zeke? Second Farmer—Why, they had a rope hanging in every room, so that you could commit suicide without wastin' the gas—Thatcher's "Evening Telegraph."

"Mr. Nozzleton," she said, "if you try to hug and kiss me again I shall call papa." "Where is your father?" he asked. "He's in the Yellowstone Park, and will be beyond mail or telegraphic communication for three weeks."—Chicago "Record-Herald."

She (reproachfully)—Before we were married you used to say you couldn't live without me. He—A man never knows what he can do till he tries—"Life."

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M. MCGUIRE.

Creston, Dec. 15th, 1903.

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Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Boundary Creek, about seven miles west of Kootenay River in West Kootenay District, commencing at a post marked T. H. Whiting's N. E. corner, thence west 100 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 100 chains, thence north 40 chains to place of beginning.

T. H. WHITING.

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ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES:

Electric light rates for the month of January are now due and payable at the City of Nelson, on or before the 15th of February, 1904.

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Notice to Creditors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, IN PROBATE.

IN THE GOODS OF FRED TREGONING, DECEASED, INTESTATE.

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

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

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

Administrator of Fred Tregoning, deceased.

"One day recently, says the Rochester 'Post-Express,' a certain justice of the Supreme Court of that district invited a friend of his, a lawyer, to go sailing with him. The wind was brisk at the start, and it soon freshened, and their little craft began to toss and roll in a manner that caused the lawyer much inward uneasiness. The judge, reading his friend's plight in his contortions, laid a kind hand on his shoulder, and said: 'My dear fellow, can I do anything for you?' 'Yes,' replied the lawyer, 'I wish you would overrule this motion.'"

Once, when the late Bishop of Canterbury, who was an almost fanatical advocate of the temperance movement, was Bishop of Exeter, he travelled some distance into the country to attend an agricultural function. On his return, his rest was disturbed by a newsboy shouting, "Remarkable statement by the Bishop of Exeter!" To gratify his curiosity, he despatched a servant to purchase the paper. This was found to contain his morning's address, but over his remark—jocosely made, of course—"I have never been drunk in my life," the sub-editor had placed the bold cross head, "Remarkable Statement by the Bishop of Exeter!"

On one occasion when Mr. John M. Dunlop, now a prominent official of a large banking institution in Montreal, was crossing the Atlantic, a noted punster was exhibiting his skill in the smoker by making puns from the names of his fellow-passengers. A discussion arose, and the punster declared his ability to squeeze a pun from the name of anyone on the ship. "Wait a bit," exclaimed Dunlop, "I'll wager you the smokes that you can't work it on my name." Quick as a flash came the response: "Oh! that's easy; just 'loj' off the last three letters and it's 'dun.' Dunlop bought for the crowd."

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Bonner, Homestead and Utopia Fractional Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Forty-nine Creek, about one mile above the 'May and Jennie' mineral claim.

Take notice that J. John McLatchie, of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for David G. Porter, Free Miner's Certificate No. 180,720, and Jacob C. Porter, Free Miner's Certificate No. 181,142, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements. Dated this 10th day of November, A. D. 1903.

JOHN McLATCHIE, P. L. S.

Certificate of Improvements.

Yukon Fractional Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Bear Creek, 3 miles from Ymir.

Take notice that J. John McLatchie, of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for Patrick Daly, Free Miner's Certificate No. 18,553, William M. Coffey, Free Miner's Certificate No. 58,822, A. J. Hughes, Free Miner's Certificate No. 58,576, and John Ryan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 18,164, 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 Certificates of Improvements. Dated this 22nd day of December, 1903.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

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J. HICKS.

Creston, Dec. 15th, 1903.

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