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## Local and Provincial

Rossland has organized its lacrosse team.

Thursday J. E. Annable sold 80 acres of land, located on Kootenay Lake six miles west of Nelson, to George Goddard.

Kelowna is to have a new spaqer. It will be edited by Walpole Murdock, until recently editor of the Hartney Star, Hartney, Man.

At the entertainment next Friday evening Baby Egan will whistle and play a violin solo. This little girl is regarded as a marvel by those who have heard her whistling.

It now looks as if Ashcroft and not Kamloops is to be favored with the much talked of sanitarium. While at Victoria recently, Mr. John Shields interviewed the Government with respect to the sanitarium question, and it is understood that Premier McBride and colleagues agree with Mr. Shields that Ashcroft would be a likely place for its establishment and promised to look further into the matter.

William Kirby, of Fire Valley, was brought into the city Wednesday night a perfect wreck from an accident which had occurred to him the previous day. He was out on his ranch in a buggy, when the horse ran away, upsetting the vehicle and throwing Mr. Kirby to the ground. His leg was fractured in two places and his arm severely bruised. He was brought to the city and Dr. Rose has every hope that he will be able to save the leg. Mr. Kirby is 68 years of age.

A. H. Kelly, manager of the Reliance Gold Mining and Milling Company, has returned from Spokane, where he made arrangements for the installment of the Hendryx process for the above company.

Commissioner Jowett has decided the assessment value of the lands held in this province by the Spokane Falls and Northern railway shall be 45 cents per acre, instead of $1.00 per acre as was valued by Assessor Renwick.

Nelson Lacrosse team will play either Revelstoke or Medicine Hat, at Kaslo, on May 24th. The home of the Nelson team is considerably stronger than that of last year and in spite of the loss in the defence she can win with a little good practice.

An effort is being made to revive the tobacco growing industry at Kelowna. Winnipeg capitalists have been investigating the matter. They have had samples of leaf grown there examined by experts, who have advised them the tobacco is prime quality for the manufacture of cigars, but the difficulty has been in curing. With expert aid in this direction there is no doubt the industry can be successfully established. The district could raise millions of pounds of tobacco annually to replace that imported, and is probably the only district in Canada where cigar tobacco can be successfully grown, though tobacco suitable for chewing plugs is abundantly produced in the East. The Winnipeg people propose to establish a large cigar factory at Kelowna or Winnipeg.

## News of the Mines

The Poplar Nugget is extremely anxious that the Government will proceed to construct the wagon road bridge over Poplar creek, so that the people can get goods across the creek without hauling over the railway bridge as they have to do at present. The foot bridge now in use is too old to do much more service, and as there is about $1,600 left out of the appropriation of $2,500 provided for the two bridges, it is hoped that no delay will be permitted to occur in the early commencement, and completion of the very necessary bridge across Poplar creek, for the people are doing their share to build up the camp and make it a revenue-producer for the Government.

The announcement that the St. Eugene will shortly resume operations, will be hailed with delight. The St. Eugene is one of the greatest silver-lead mines in the country and is able to produce 20,000 tons of 65 per cent lead annually.

It is reported from Rossland that mining is picking up in that camp. Several Spokane mining men have been in that camp recently, and are making inquiries as to properties.

### SLOCAN MINING NOTES.

Slocan Drift.

The Ruth has 900 tons of zinc ready to ship.

Work starts next week on the Marbou group, above the Enterprise.

Slides damaged a number of the buildings at the Slocan Star last week.

Last week the Sandon mines shipped 106 tons of ore, or 3638 tons to date.

A slide carried away the powder house and some other buildings at the Rambler last week.

Many of the men in the Sandon mines took refuge in the town last week to avoid the slides.

Fred Carlisle took up a packtrain of supplies on Wednesday to the Baby Royal, to commence the season's development.

The force at the Ottawa was temporarily reduced last week, owing to the filling of all available space with ore. The condition of the road prevents hauling.

### BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

Phoenix Pioneer.

The Senator began shipping again to the Granby smelter this week.

It is announced by George Collins, manager of the Athlestan mine, that operations will be resumed on that property next week.

It is reported that an extensive lead vein, measuring from 12 to 15 feet of very fine galena ore has recently been uncovered on the Blue Jay claims, on the Phoenix wagon road, by Mike Cane, the owner.

The E. P. U. shipped a car of 21 tons of ore last week. The grade of the ore is said to be continually improving. Up to the present time about $1,000 has been expended on the Eureka mineral claims adjoining the Gold Finch, principally in tunnel work.

## EVENTS AND GOSSIP

On Thursday evening at the Board of Trade rooms was completed the work of organization of the new Liberal-Conservative Association. For obvious reasons it was considered advisable to name the new association the Liberal-Conservative Union of Nelson. There was a very satisfactory attendance, and it was reported by the gentleman having charge of the roll that already ninety-five had signed the roll of membership, and reports from various sources induce the belief that within a month the association will have a membership of at least two hundred. It was decided that the officers of the association should consist of two honorary presidents, a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary-treasurer and an executive consisting of sixteen members. The president, vice-presidents, and secretary-treasurer were elected by acclamation, and the executive board by ballot. The officers chosen are as follows:

Hon. president, R. L. Borden, Richard McBride.

President, Dr. W. O. Rose; 1st vice-president, Frank Fletcher; 2nd vice-president, Dr. T. F. Stoddart; secretary-treasurer, E. C. Wragge.

Executive committee—D. M. Carley, W. Gosnell, August Thomas, John Elliot, R. M. Macdonald, W. R. McLean, W. A. Macdonald, Harry Wright, M. P. P., Jas. Neelands, George Steed, T. G. Procter, C. J. Archibald, A. Jeffs, J. F. Weir, F. Seaman and R. W. Hannington.

There is scarcely any need of explanation as to why this new association was formed. There has been a split in the Conservative party in Nelson for some time, arising largely over the fact that in the old association, the offices were held only by men who were avowed followers of Mr. Houston. This was the necessary quallfication, and was strictly adhered to in the selection of every officer. Those who did not acknowledge him as their political mentor were barred from office, and were compelled to sit in the outer chambers while the faithful moulded policies for them. They could pay their dues, or contribute to the funds of the organization, but were not permitted to have anything to say as to the manner in which the affairs of the association was conducted. This was taxation without representation, on a smaller scale than that which has caused one or two perplexing wars. They had to further submit to the abuse of the more foulmouthed of the organization, who paraded up and down the streets, referring to the dissidents in the vilest language of the gutters.

As long as there was any chance to bring about an amicable settlement of the bad feeling, the dissidents refrained from doing anything that could be construed as a disruption of the party, and would probably have continued working for harmony had it not been that the old association grew more bolder and actually went so far as to refuse to adopt a resolution endorsing the McBride Government. As long as the association occupied this position of hostility to Mr. McBride and his Government it was felt that they could not consistently belong to that organization. Therefore, it was decided to form a new association—one that would not only lend its aid to the party in the Dominion, but also the Conservative Government of the Province,

There will be nothing in the constitution and by-laws of the new association to prohibit any Conservative from joining, so long as he acknowledges himself a supporter of the party in both Dominion and Provincial affairs. But so long as the old association adheres to its policy of hostility to the Conservative party in the Province, it is not likely the relations between the two organizations will be harmonious. The fact that a few members of the executive signed a resolution retracting their former position, cannot be held binding on the association as a whole.

In the departure of Rev. R. G. McBeth to Paris, Ont., Vancouver loses a citizen who evinced a strong determination to improve moral conditions in the Terminal City. Mr. McBeth has fought the Prince of Darkness with the same courage and fortitude displayed by his grandfather, who fought for his Sovereign for seven years on the burning sands of India and was immured in the Black Hole of Calcutta, and who survived all to live to the age of 107 years. The rev. gentleman is an able pulpit orator, and has written several interesting works on early life in Manitoba and the Northwest. His many friends in this Province will always be pleased to hear of his success in his new field of labor.

Shipman's Comedians fully justified everything that was promised by the advance notices. No better specialty work was ever seen here than that done by Bert Harvey. He is a clever singer and an actor of considerably more than average merit. Miss Courtney sings and dances well and appeared to great advantage in the sketch which concluded the evening's performance. Altogether the entertainment was one of the most enjoyable ever presented to a Nelson audience, and it is a pity the patronage it received was not commensurate with its merit.

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Ferguson, the new pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, will preach his first sermon in Nelson. No doubt there will be a large congregation, for Mr. Ferguson's fame as a pulpit orator has preceded him.

In his effort to have the privileges of the liquor men curtailed, it is understood that Peck McSwain has the hearty endorsation of that uncompromising old temperance advocate, A. J. Marks.

The Mahara Minstrels, who were delayed by the washouts and snowslides, will fill their engagement at the Nelson Opera Honse next Monday evening. The Maharas are considered equal to any minstrel organization on the road, and undoubtedly they will receive a satisfactory reception at the Opera House Monday evening. The Black Bostonians are a unique feature of the minstrel performance this season.

The Clara Mathes company will return to the Nelson Opera House either next week or the week following. In the company this season are many of the old favorites with the addition of several new people who have been added to the organization since it was seen here last.

The circumstances surrounding the death from exhaustion and exposure of little Alien Coulter were pathetic in the extreme, and it may be said that few incidents in the history of Nelson have so thoroughly aroused the sympathies of the citizens generally. When it became known that the little fellow had strayed away from his home every man who could possibly absent himself from his buisness turned out to assist in the search and many were the prayers that ascended to heaven that the boy would be alive when found. It was a disappointment when the word came that the body had been found but that life must have been extinct for several hours before. There are many things in connection with the boy's death that will be hard to understand. How a child of a little over four years succeeded in climbing the mountain to where he was found is exceedingly difficult to comprehend. It was a task that would tire many a full-grown person, let alone a four-year old boy who had just recovered from a severe attack of the grippe. The seeming impossibility of a child climbing such a hill caused many to regard a search around the point at which he was found as a waste of time, and if it had not been so regarded it is quite probable he would have been found on Thursday evening. If it had not been for the discovery of the footprints in the snow, the body might have remained where it was found for years. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of everyone in this the hour of their great trial.

## Tales of the Town

The recent big fire at Chicago by so many lives were lost in a burning theatre has had the effect of inducing the authorities to demand greater protection against fire in theatres in every city in Canada and the United States. In the Nelson Opera House there have been several changes made recently with the desire of increasing the security of its patrons. The most important change has been the building of a stairs up to the gallery by which an exit is made that will result in emptying the the house in just half the time. The Nelson Opera House is now so arranged that danger from panic is almost impossible. The desire on the part of the management to secure comfort and convenience for their patrons is praiseworthy.

Some of Mr. Blakemore's friends feel a little aggrieved that THE ECONOMIST should have associated that gentleman with human wrecks of the McSwain type. One of these complainants, who is also a stockholder in the Tribune, says it is an outrage to treat a gentleman in this manner. If Mr. Blakemore chooses to mix up with characters of the virulent type referred to, he must not complain if the public takes him at exactly his own estimate. A tree is no more surely known by its fruit than a man is by his associations. If Mr. Blakemore is not a contributor to the publication which each week contains the vile calumnies of the irresponsible McSwain, all he has to do is to say so, and THE ECONOMIST will be the first to place him right with the public. In the meantime, the hoary-headed old mischief-maker who spends all his time on Baker street, whining about Mr. Blakemore's grievances, spreading discord and maligning people who refuse to speak to him, should be removed to some place of safe-keeping.

When this paper last week entered its protest against the laxity of the immigration laws that permitted a class of immigrants of the character of Peck McSwain landing on our shores, it was not expected that the position then taken would arouse so much comment. One paper says that this "objectionable dumping of all kinds of degenerates and perverts upon an inoffensive and too tolerant country still continues," and that "something should be done at once to waken the Canadian people to an appreciation of the real danger of this cull immigration." The last issue of the Tribune affords startling evidence of the great danger that can be done by giving encouragement to immigrants of the McSwain type. There was enough "hogwash" (to appropriate a word from John Houston's somewhat expressive vocabulary) in it to pollute a whole Province, and yet we find people here in our midst, fortunately only a few, who laugh at the filth which the McSwine throws at inoffensive citizens. By all means let us have a law that will prevent further migration from the Scotch slums.

The fire at Ed. McLeod's house the other day showed what can be done by intelligent firemen when called upon to fight flames. Nearly every article of value was removed from the house, and the damage done was slight. It is the belief of nearly every one who witnessed the fire that the work done by the brigade is entitled to the highest commendation.

The City Council has decided to give assistance to the Tourist Association. It has been agreed by the Council to contribute towards the work of carrying on the affairs of the association a sum equal to half the amount raised through private subscriptions. This is a fair arrangement, and will no doubt result in placing the association in a position to do much effective work. The coast cities are pursuing a vigorous campaign in the direction of securing tourists, and the probabilities are that there will be much money spent by the visitors at these points this year. It would be well if the Kootenay association could devise some scheme to work in conjunction with the Vancouver and Victoria associations.

H. E. Croaisdaile has decided upon extending his business and with that end in view has secured the services of Duncan McFarland to assist him. Mr. McFarland is an energetic business man, and Mr. Croaisdaile has been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of so able an assistant.

It is often a matter of wonder to the visitor to Nelson that the citizens have taken such little interest in the city as not to make it less difficult than it now is to discover the names of the streets. Of course every resident of Nelson knows the names of the streets, but the stranger within our gates is often perplexed when he is told that the man for whom he is looking lives on such a street and then spends an hour trying to find the place. Some time ago there may have been a sign-post stating the name of the street, but now the stranger has to ring a doorbell to secure the desired information. If the city is so hard pushed that it cannot have street signboards placed at corners, it might at least ask property owners to do so for it.

This is an era of expansion. The merger is abroad in the land, and even some of the churches seem disposed to unite in order to better carry on their work. This being the case, it appears to many that the time has about arrived when the city should consider seriously the advisability of extending its limits and taking in that populous section known as Fairview. The advantage to both the city of Nelson and the residents of Fairview of such an arrangement must be apparent to all. It would give increased population to Nelson and compensating advantages to the residents of Fairview. It is generally understood that the Fairview people would be pleased to become part of the corporation of Nelson, and the matter could be easily arranged. Now is the time for the City Council to proceed in this matter, lest the Fairview people may take it into their heads to annex Kaslo or some other populous district and become a keen competitor of Nelson for the wholesale trade.

The war being waged by the Nelson Tribune against certain liquor men is unjust from any point of view. The victims of the Tribune's wrath are men who have conducted respectable places of business since the time they first opened in the city. The attempt that has been made to bring them into bad repute and ridicule is not fair play, and the Tribune is not receiving much encouragement in its crusade against them. It is a noteworthy circumstance that the hotels and saloons of Nelson are conducted in a manner that will compare favorably with any city in Canada, and any attempt to readjust the existing condition of affairs can only result in making matters far worse.

Nearly every town in the Kootenays except Nelson has a baseball team.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Perhaps the most interesting book of the year will be "The History of the Northern Interior of British Columbia," by Rev. Father Morice, which is now ready for delivery. This is an historical work of great interest. Some idea of the scope of the book may be had from the following brief reference to the synopsis of chapters. The first chapter deals with "The country andits aborigines," the second, "Earliest historical times," then follows, "Discovery by MacKenzie" and so on throughout the book. The Hudson's Bay Company and the Cariboo gold discoveries are fully dealt with. Father Morice has been permitted to use the documents, hitherto unpublished, in the archives of the Government, and has thrown light on the character and work of such men as Sir James Douglass and chief factor McLaughlin during the Oregon troubles.

The statement of a witness in a jury case in a Chicago court that he had bribed more than a hundred jurymen, and found only two who had refused to do buisness with him as a briber, has called attention afresh to the jury system, and caused some to call for its abolition. The corruptibility of jurors is a sad reality in Canada as well as in the land of the Stars and Stripes. The corrupting influence is not always in the shape of money; it takes the form of appeals to political party fealty, to the secret society bond and to personal friendship. In one way and another there are few verdicts by a jury where the evidence is handled conscientiously and the deliverance is based wholly on justice as the jurors perceive it.

It is now generally believed that the Liberals will make an appeal to the country just as soon as the present session is ended, All the signs point to a Conservative victory. The recent bye-elections in four of the Provinces for the Federal House may be taken as an index of what will ensue in a general electoral contest for the same House. If the Conservatives are not returned with a majority, they will be so near it, as to prevent the Liberal administration from forcing corrupt measures through parliament.

The Minister of Justice should pay no attention to the petitions being presented to him to remit the sentences of the Toronto ballot-box stuffers. It is true the offenders are Conservatives, but for that reason they should be dealt with more harshly. Conservatives should know better; the Grits have been brought up in a school in which ballot-box stuffing has long been regarded as one of the fine arts.

Again we might point out that Nelson is one of the greatest cities in Canada, and as evidence thereof it might be remarked that no city of its size in the Dominion has two Conservative associations as numerically strong as the two in the Kootenay metropolis.

Someone has suggested that Peck McSwain should apply at once to the Legislature to have his name changed to the more appropriate appellation of McSwine.


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New Westminster Columbian.

Sir Wilfrid obtained office by false pretence on every issue before the public in his campaigns; and as the chief director of an era of deceit and general dishonor he has no standing from which effectively to assail the methods of other public men.

Slocan Drill.

No man has a right to stake out a timber limit over previously existing mineral claims. In so doing a cloud may temporarily be placed on the title to a prospector's property, perhaps interfering with a deal. Timber stakers in a mining camp are apt to cause mischief.

Vancouver News-Advertiser.

According to the Montreal Witness and other Liberal newspapers, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's original Cabinet will soon resemble the boy's pocketknife that had another handle and two new blades. When the reported changes are carried out only the Premier and Finance Minister will be left of those who were comprised in the Cabinet in 1896. Sir Richard Cartwright is to retire into the dignified repose of the Senate chamber. The Minister of Agriculture is to accept the unique position of representative of Canada at any exhibition that may be opened in a foreign country and is to bear a new and sonorous title in that capacity. Mr. Sifton is to retire from the hurly-burly of the political world and give to Greater Britain what in the past has been devoted to Brandon, by assuming the position of Canadian representative in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Then Mr. Sutherland is reported to be likely to resign, nominally on the ground of ill health, but really because—to quote an eastern report—"Mr. Prefontaine has grabbed more than half of the patronage and business of his department." Finally the venerable Secretary of State will turn over "the sealing wax and red tape department"—as Sir Richard Cartwright in one of his fairly amiable moods described it—to another of the contingent from Quebec.

It is of course a matter of conjecture what these numerous ministerial changes may indicate. It may, however, be reasonably supposed that the approach of a general election makes it desirable that new men with new ideas should be in the forefront of the battle. Ministers like governments become stale and eight years is a long time for one party to be in possession of power. Perhaps, however, the electors may take it into their heads to supplement Sir Wilfrid Laurier's efforts at Cabinet re-construction and decide that as "it is time for a change," it would be more in the country's interest to construct a brand new Conservative Cabinet.


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The citizen of Vienna who does not wish to be out of pocket must keep early hours, for after ten o'clock he is taxed on entering his own house, or, for the matter of that, any house. The "sperrgeld," or door-opening tax, is peculiar to Vienna, as the London "Express" explains. The entire population of that city, numbering nearly two millions, are practically imprisoned in their houses from ten o'clock in the evening until six the next morning. They can go in or out only by paying at least four cents to the janitor or "house-master," as he is called.

Vienna is built on the "flat" or apartment-house plan. Millionaires and working people alike live in houses of this description. The houses are large, having five or six floors, with four flats on a floor, so that it is not unusual to find a hundred persons living under one roof. There is one common entrance from the street, and after ten o'clock at night this door is bolted and barred. From ten until twelve all who go in or out must pay four cents. After twelve the charge is doubled.

The tax must be paid every time one passes through the doorway, without exception. If a man has occasion to go in and out half a dozen times, he must pay every time. One who has dined with a friend must, if he stay late, pay four cents to get out of his friend's house, and four more to get into his own. A telegram in the night necessitates the payment of the tax before the boy can enter.

The house-master also collects and keeps duplicate copies of the forms on which every individual in the house must report to the police his age, birthplace and religion, his exact occupation, and other personal details which the Austrian authorities insist upon knowing. Nor does the power of this important personage end even here. From the little guard-room which he occupies at the foot of the stairs he sees every one who goes in or out. He ascertains with amazing accuracy the amount of each tenant's income, the events of his family life, and the character of his visitors. His far-reaching power enables him to terrorize every servant in the house into entering his intelligence department, and thus he spies on the innermost life of the subjects in his five-storey kingdom.

In some cases the house-master is more powerful than in others. An English resident was obliged to move from an apartment that he particularly liked because he could not venture to speak with any degree of sharpness to the man at the door, even when the man was remiss in his duties. The flat was owned by a railway belonging to the State. This made the house-master a State official, an insult to whom is a very serious offence in Vienna. A reprimand for delaying letters would be construed into an insult, and the Englishman deemed it wise to move to other quarters.

Thousands of people in Vienna live in such terror of the house-master that, it is said, they never make an apple tart without giving him half.

### Curious L... News.

Mark Hanna's secretary says that since 1896 over five hundred children have been named after the Republican "boss."

At the time when the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall were in Victoria, B.C., there were three families living in Quebec street named respectively "George," "Cornwall," and "York," and the eldest Miss George had the Christian name of "May."

An official decision of the much-discussed question whether there is such a condition of affairs in the Philippines as constitutes a state of war, has been given by the United States War Department in connection with a pending claim. The Department holds that the islands are still in a condition of war.

An important step has been taken toward the abolition of slavery in German East Africa by the publication of an imperial edict which permits every slave to end his condition of servitude by the payment of a sum of money, the amount of which is to be determined by the authorities. Every slave is to be permitted to work for himself two days in the week, or to use for his own purposes the corresponding proceeds of his labor. This will give the slaves an opportunity to accumulate the purchase money. It is further decreed that masters shall not transfer ownership without the consent of the slave.

It is understood that Seth Low, shortly after he was elected mayor of New York, sold a million and a half dollars' worth of securities owned by him in various banks that are doing business with the city, so that he might not in the least embarrass the city. He is determined that the conduct of New York city affairs shall not be liable to the slightest suspicion so far as lies in his power. Many of the stocks sold had been held by him for years, and were gilt-edged securities. His friends say that in disposing of those permanent investments Low made considerable of a sacrifice, as he can not find the equal of some of them as income producers.

The strange story of the elopement of an ordinary milch cow with a bull moose comes from Lake Onawa, a pretty sheet of water in the hills of Piscataquis County, Maine, much frequented by sportsmen from the big cities. The cow was the property of Dr. A. T. Sanden of New York, whose cottage is located on the shore of Onawa, and she was kept in a pasture enclosed by a rail fence. A big moose had been several times seen hanging around the cottage grounds late at night, displaying great boldness. One night he came close up to where the cow was, and the two seemed to be good friends. Late at night a tremendous crash was heard, and next morning the fence was a wreck and the cow gone. Neither she nor the moose has been seen since.

### His Thirteenth Question.

Little Clarence (with a rising inflection)—Pa?

Mr. Callipers (wearily)—Uh?

Little Clarence—Pa, how do angels get their night-gowns on over their wings?—"Judge."


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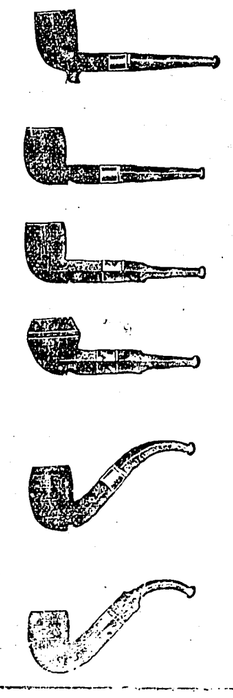

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## Anecdotal.

Shortly after Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" made its appearance, J. T. Trowbridge was walking with Lowell in Cambridge, when the latter pointed out a doorway sign, "Groceries," with the letters set zigzag, to produce a bizarre effect. "That," said he, "is Walt Whitman—with very common goods inside."

A Philadelphia paper declares that Archbishop Ryan was recently about to take a train for Baltimore at the Broad Street Station, when a young man accosted him, saying: "Your face is familiar, where in hell have I seen you?" "I really don't know," replied the archbishop, blandly; "what part of hell do you come from?"

Many years ago, when Senator Ingalls was in the Senate, oleomargarine was a bone of contention. The debate led Ingalls to utter one of those epigrammatic sentences which made him famous. "I have never, to my knowledge, tasted oleomargarine," said Ingalls, "but I have stood in the presence of genuine butter with awe for its strength and reverence for its antiquity."

A lady carrying on mission work in the slums was teaching a little colored girl to spell. She used a pictorial primer, and over each word was its accompanying picture. Polly glibly spelled "o-x, ox," and "b-o-x, box," etc. But the teacher thought that she was making "right rapid progress." So she put her hand over the picture, and said, "Polly, what does 'o-x' spell?" "Ox," answered Polly, nimbly. "How do you know that it spells 'ox,' Polly?" "Seed his tail," replied the apt Polly.

A very popular Oxford dean, crossing the quadrangle of Christ's College one day, was met by a number of undergraduates who passed him without "capping." The reverend gentleman felt annoyed. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No, sir." "Then how long have you been at the college?" "Eight days, sir." "Indeed!" replied the dean, sarcastically. "Well, in that case, you stand excused. I know that puppies do not open their eyes until the ninth day." And then he resumed his walk.

While he was in England, Mark Twain says his head was once taxed as gas works. He wrote Queen Victoria a friendly letter of protest, saying: "I don't know you, but I've met your son. He was at the head of a procession in the Strand, and I was on a 'bus." Years afterward he met the Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., at Homberg. They had a long walk and talk together. When bidding him good-by, the Prince said: "I am glad to have met you again." This remark troubled Twain, who feared that he had been mistaken for someone else. He communicated this suspicion to the Prince, who replied: "Why, don't you remember, when you met me in the Strand and I was at the head of a procession, and you were on a 'bus?"

Slason Thompson says that the late Eugene Field was fond of relating the following story of James Whitcomb Riley: "To beguile the tediousness of the return voyage from Europe, it was proposed to give a concert in the saloon of the ship—an entertainment to which all capable of amusing their fellow-voyagers should contribute. Mr. Riley was asked to recite some of his original poems, and, of course, he cheerfully agreed to do so. Among the number present at this mid-ocean entertainment, over which the Rev. Myron Reed presided, were two Scotchmen, very worthy gentlemen, en route from the land o' cakes to the land of biscuits, upon a tour of investigation. These twain shared the enthusiasm with which the auditors applauded Mr. Riley's charming recitations. They marveled that so versatile a genius could have lived in a land reputed for uncouthness and savagery. "Is it no wonderfu', Donal," remarked one of these Scots, "that a tradesman suld be sic a bonnie poet?" "And is he indeed a tradesman?" asked the one. "Indeed he is," answered the other; "did ye no hear the dominie introduce him as the hoosier poet? Just think of it, mon!—just think of sic a gude poet dividing his time making hoosiery?"

### Back at the Old Home.

IRVING BACHELLER, the author, tells a story of having gone back, after many years' absence, to his old country home in the New England States. On the ruined doorstep of the old house stood the seedy remnant of a once noble race. He wore, amongst other things, one suspender and a seedy pair of trousers. The conversation ran like this:

"Glad to see ye," sez he. "Thanks," says I. "We've heerd about you," sez he, "and they say you done noble." "Well, and how are you?" says I. "Porely," sez he. "How's that?" says I. "Jest makin' a bare livin'," sez he. "Why don't you go away?" says I. "Can't," sez he. "Why not?" says I. "Mortgaged," sez he. "That's too bad," says I. "'Tis," sez he. "You don't seem to have much to live for," says I. "Don't want to live," sez he. "You might die," says I. "Can't," sez he. "Why not?" says I. "Mortgaged," sez he.

At this point they were joined by another old acquaintance of Mr. Bacheller's—a man who for years had held a mortgage on every acre of the country-side. "So you're Paul Bacheller's boy?" he said, after scrutinizing the visitor closely. "The same," said Mr. Bacheller. "Well," said Mr. Wallace, reflectively, "I, your father had kept you on the farm it would not have looked as it does now." Up to this point the unfortunate farmer who was mortgaged had taken no part in the conversation. Now, however, a strange grin came across his face.

"That's right, Mr. Wallace," sez he. "If he had been kept on the farm the farm would hev looked better, but he'd hev looked a damn sight worse."

### Dearth of Genius.

The present seems to be an age of accomplished mediocrity. In every field there is a glut of "able men"—that is to say, men who have brains and know their business, who are industrious and energetic, and are either clever, or have the trick of appearing so. But the kind of intellectual distinction which we call genius was never so rare in every department of life.—"Truth."


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## Boundary Ore Shipments

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

| | 1903 | 1904 | Past Week |
|---|---|---|---|
| Granby Mines, Phoenix | 393,718 | 168,916 | 8,850 |
| Snowshoe, Phoenix | 74,212 | | |
| Brooklyn, Phoenix | | | |
| Mother Lode, Deadwood | 130,492 | 52,690 | 3,930 |
| Sunset, Deadwood | 15,731 | | |
| Morrison, Deadwood | 3,339 | | |
| B. C. Mine, Summit | 19,365 | | |
| Bell, Summit | | | |
| Emma, Summit | 22,937 | 6,811 | 69 |
| Senator, Summit Camp | 363 | 1,756 | |
| Ore Denoro | 15,537 | 11,220 | 33 |
| Winnipeg, Wellington | 2,485 | | |
| Golden Crown, Wellington | | | |
| Athelstan, Wellington | 5,646 | 2,968 | |
| King Solomon, W. Copper | | | |
| No. 7 Mine, Central | | | |
| City of Paris, Central | | | |
| Jewel, Long Lake | | | |
| Carmi, West Fork | | | |
| Providence, Providence | 910 | 272 | |
| Elkhorn, Greenwood | 400 | 245 | |
| E. P. U. and Goldfinch | 167 | 160 | |
| Ruby, Boundary Falls | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Total, tons | 684,426 | 241,584 | 12,882 |

### Hard Luck in the West.

The cowboy sat down on the ground, fingered a roll of bills and looked sadly at his pard.

"Bill," he said, "It's no use. I can't go to town with you to-day."

"Why?" asked Bill.

"I've only got $25 to my name."

"Figger it up ag'in," said Bill.

"No use. I've figgered it up a dozen times, and it always comes out the same. I'll take $20 fer the drunk, dollar an' a half fer bed an' breakfast, three an' a half fer cartridges, an' that won't leave a cussed cent to pay the fine."—Indianapolis "Sun."

### Christmas Unmasked.

In modern London, the Christmas spirit is not, I maintain, a spontaneous spirit from within yourselves, but a spirit which Dickens foisted into you. For Christmas itself you have no real sentiment: but you continue to keep it, cannot help keeping it, for Dickens' sake, in the regulation way. It is a mere literary survival.—Max Beerbohm in "Pall Mall Magazine."


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