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THE POSSIBILITIES OF POPLAR CREEK.

According to the Trout Lake Topic, a gold belt of great width exists along the eastern side of Trout lake that has been known for a long time. Gold float has been picked up time and again on the American hill, and only about four years ago at the head of one of the little creeks running into the upper Lardeau about four miles from Trout Lake David Ferguson picked up a gold nugget...

It is maintained by many who have studied the lie of the country that the gold belt of Fish creek, which is also believed to be the gold belt on which the Poplar creek finds have been made, cuts the Lardeau in the vicinity of Ferguson, crosses Goat creek about half way up and enters Fish creek in the neighborhood of the Beatrice mine. Going south it ought to cross in the vicinity of the Copper Queen mine, and thence continue gradually getting lower down the slope as it approaches the foot of the lake.

Many will scramble to Poplar creek only to find the best, if not all of the desirable ground staked, but this need not discourage them. They can take up the belt there and then have its entire length between Poplar creek and Fish creek to prospect. The fact that no free gold leads have been discovered along this zone is no argument that they do not exist.

A DAY OF RECKONING.

The sins of the members of the present city council have found them out. Their misdeeds, like the chickens in the old proverb, are coming home to roost. Their shortsightedness and crass stupidity are bearing fruit. They have sown a wind of selfish profligacy and are now reaping a whirlwind of public opprobrium.

Two by-laws are before the council. One means a tax of \$30 a year on bill posters. The other is an attempt to mulct the principal property owners by an annual fee of \$3 for sewage connections. Both may be well characterized as extortion—as unnecessary as it is narrow.

This taxation is contemplated because the mayor, each of the aldermen, and the city solicitor draw preposterous salaries. Were it not for the fact that the members of the local council refuse to evince sufficient local patriotism and civic pride to offer their services gratuitously, and that a city solicitor could be found to act for less than one-half the amount now paid to the present incumbent, there would be no need for the raising of the proposed extraordinary revenue.

In another column of this issue will be found an interesting statement of satisfactory progress that is being made in deep-level mining in the Rossland camp. It is an object lesson, and speaks volumes for the richness of the mines and the faith that capital and the best engineers have in them.

THE MARCH OF PROGRESS.

The successful solution of difficult engineering problems, which is so pronounced a feature of modern progress, illustrates, better than anything else, perhaps, the need of a thorough education, without which the young man and youth of today will be put out of the race in the very near future.

While this work was in progress many people did not seem to realize what it really meant for the future of Rossland. By those who take a superficial view of things, the significance of these elaborate undertakings in more than half a dozen big properties was not half appreciated. Because the weekly output did not show a steady and rapid increase, the unthinking became indifferent, if not actually discontented with the way things were going.

A MUCH-NEEDED RAILWAY. The good people of the Lardeau are indignant at the delay of the C. P. R. in availing itself of a charter to extend its system around Trout Lake. The charter was obtained some years ago and mine owners in the district are of the opinion that it is about time the railway company moved in the matter.

It is the opinion of the Lardeau Eagle that the government should step in and compel the railway company to live up to the terms of its charter and endeavor to have the road completed to Trout Lake before next Christmas, otherwise the district may find itself as it was last winter, completely shut off from the outside world and industry caused much retardation and injury.

CAMPUS MORTIBUS. Unless energetic measures be taken to stamp out this pest, camps which are now prosperous will soon present a deserted and death-like appearance. In a newly established camp the presence of Campus Mortibus condemns it to early and inevitable decay.

CANADIAN TRADE, 1903. The unrevised figures of foreign trade for the fiscal year ended June 30th have been made public by the department of customs, and they show an enormous expansion in the trade of the country.

It jumps every vacant claim in the locality, holding them by every quibble, calmly awaiting the purchasers for them which never appear. If it fails to obtain a claim by chicanery from a needy owner, it gives it a black eye forever and a day, says the ledger contains no values, pinches out, never produced any pay ore or that he once offered it for a song and refused to sing.

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THE EXPORTS OF CANADIAN PRODUCTS for last year were \$37 per head. For the year 1902 the exports per capita in the United States were only \$18. Our total trade, estimating our population at five and three-quarter millions, was \$81 per head; that of the United States in 1902 was \$31 per head.

A HINT TO MILLIONAIRES.

ANDREW D. WHITE has set a little task for Andrew Carnegie that may make the canny ironmaster stop and think a minute.

(1) Twenty-five professorships and fellowships in American universities for the study of public affairs. (2) Professorships or fellowships in twenty-five universities for courses in municipal, state and national government.

(3) Professorships of international law on a similarly large scale. (4) Twenty-five professorships and fellowships on the history of civilization.

(5) Chairs in American history in twenty-five American universities. (6) Professorships in twenty-five American universities for the study of music and literature.

EVERY UNIVERSITY of any importance offers opportunities for the study of all these branches except possibly municipal and state government, but that is not saying that their facilities might not be improved and more original and up-to-date investigation pursued.

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BRITAIN AND THE COLONIES. The comparative values of the colonial and foreign markets to Great Britain are shown by a table of the imports and exports of the United Kingdom recently issued by the Imperial government.

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EVER, BRING IN ANY LOWER grades of labor, or any surplus foreigners from the European hinterland, who are in no danger of competing with any class in Canada, having organized political influence.

THE LYNCHING HABIT.

EVERY SANE MAN in the United States condemns the lynching habit and sees danger to the nation in its very rapid growth. The president did something to foster the fashion of condemnation by his letter to Governor Durbin, but evidently something more than letters and lectures will be necessary.

CIVIC AFFAIRS.

THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN draw a fat rake-off from the municipality which amounts to a total of \$2800 for the year.

NEITHER THE MEMBERS OF THE city council nor the city solicitor begin to earn their salaries.

THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN are responsible for this outrageous state of affairs. If one, or any of them, were sufficiently patriotic and imbued with justifiable civic pride to honestly and properly safeguard the welfare of the city, no such preposterous and monstrous condition would obtain.

ANOTHER RAID.

IT IS REPORTED in a Montreal exchange that "the directors of the Trans-Canada Railway company have been advised that the Dominion government would repay them for all outlays that have been made."

IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE anyone very much were the Dominion government to present a wad of the people's money to this company. At the same time such conduct would be outrageous.

THE BLUFF TACTICS pursued in connection with the infamous Yukon railway deal cost the country between a quarter and a half million dollars.

INCREASING TOLERANCE.

THE KEEN INTEREST of the entire world, religious or non-religious, the unfeigned admiration expressed in written and spoken tributes during the illness and death of the late pope go far toward proving that the day of religious bigotry and intolerance is well nigh done with forever.

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EUROPE'S PEACE SERY Although the Me has proclaimed a frequent collisions between the insurgent troops, with varied powers are varied the peace of Europe turbed. The Maced been ordered by the express purpose of ers to intervene to ions of the Berlin institution of reform vices of the Ottom ing on the heels of Russian consul at demand of the czar dress by the Porte, European courts as dent in the recent a succeeded in doing. all the great powers sia's demand for a for the death of her assistance upon intern Balkan states which and tranquility and Turkey will not de Europe. She will de demands of the pow forms and make a ment to Russia, even vicariously. Any ot key's part would be expulsion of the M ropean soil.

One of the chief operating in the peace is that the no serious quarrels themselves. Rarely harmonious as they and England have differences amicably relations exist betw erments today as t cent interchange of of their respective prime minister has parliament that a pe exists between Brita tria, Germany and amity with one ano powers. It is to the all of them that the tinent shall be pre therefore, undoubtedly ere Macedonia, Bu and suppress their be of that kind will beppe's peace may, e garded as assured.

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