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AS TO THE FUTURE. Taking as conservative a view of the situation as it is possible to do under existing circumstances, we think it may be safely said that Victoria and the other coast cities are on the eve of a period of remarkable business activity.

THE NORTH POLE. A dispatch the other day said that a carrier pigeon had been found in Norway with a ring bearing the legend, "North Pole, longitude 114," and there was some speculation as to whether Andree the balloonist had sent it.

THE CANADIAN PRESS. AN ECONOMIC TRUTH. The price of land is not determined by what it costs to clear but by the price at which the products from the outside can be laid down here.—Comox News.

THE SMOELER QUESTION. There is one feature of the smelter question that has never been dwelt on. F. Aug. Heinze built a smelter and a railroad in the province when conditions were not nearly so favorable for cheap smelting as they are at present.

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shooting the son. The two men should vary a little from the true north and cross each other, so that the man from Vancouver Island would find at the Pole where the Japan man should have landed, and vice versa, it is obvious that the Y. I. man, though leaving on Thursday, and making the journey in an appreciable time, would not get there until Friday, while the man from Japan, though not starting until Friday, would get there on Thursday, that is, the day before he started. It is very clear from the foregoing that it would not be very difficult at the North Pole to "knock a man into the middle of next week."

THE BIBLE. It is a matter of surprise how much has been read into the Bible that is not in it. The book is unmeasurably the best guide to human conduct that the world has ever seen. No one knows the antiquity of some portions of it. Take for example those wonderful chapters in Job, beginning at the xxxviii. "The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: Take up your Bible to-day and read from those words to the end of the book. It will not occupy ten minutes if done hastily; but it will be a rich intellectual treat if you devote an hour to it, by weighing the more remarkable verses. There is nothing else in all literature equal to the majestic tread of these chapters. The writer of them sought to place words in the mouth of the Almighty, and it must be granted that he chose a theme and language worthy of the lofty conception. There are some verses that you will not understand very well and no one can very satisfactorily explain them, but it is not surprising that in the centuries through which it has been preserved a little of it may have become unintelligible.

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immense amount of practical common sense in them. The eager young man, with the world at his feet and with a desire to acquire and enjoy everything will heartily endorse Solomon's advice: "Be not righteous over much"; but if he looks a little further on he will find something directed to his particular case. Solomon did not think much of goody-goody people, whose righteousness shrank from contact with the world. He loved the man who took out of life the best there is in it, who rejoiced in the strength of his youth and the sight of his eyes; but for those he had also a word of caution, namely, that "for all these things God will bring thee into judgment," meaning thereby not that if a man had a good time here he would have to suffer a it by-and-by, but that every man must face the consequences of his good times and his bad times. If his idea were inculcated into the youthful mind, there would be fewer ruined lives. Hundreds of young men, brought up amid religious surroundings, have come to miserable ends simply because they believed that to take the best out of life was to incur forever the wrath of God. This is the result of reading into Solomon's words something he never meant.

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NO ONE HAS STARVED.

Neil McArthur Corrects a Few Mis-statements in Regard to the Klondyke Country. A Hundred Thousand Dollars in a Forty Yard Square—Good Order Prevails.

Now that all the population have become miners and the discoveries on the Klondyke and its tributaries furnish an inexhaustible topic of conversation, an abrupt change of time and again sheltered himself behind the observation, "It's all very well telling about these fortunes that have been made, but we don't hear about the unlucky ones—those that have lost their all and reaped only disappointment. How many of them have starved or frozen to death?"

It was this formidable interrogation that Neil McArthur undertook to answer yesterday. He has been in the Yukon country as long as anyone. He is an observant man, and his opinion on the matter may therefore be relied upon. "Of the 600 men on the Klondyke and its tributaries," he said, speaking with the caution and slowness of the conscientious pioneer, "I have never yet heard of one man being 'broke' at any time. And I've been in that country eighty years now. As to the people starving or freezing to death, no one has during the years I have been in the district, what we have heard of. Miners don't let people starve as long as there is a crumb in the cabin. No matter how scarce food may have become or how hard to procure, no one has gone to a miner's house hungry. These stories of starvation are all imaginary. On the other hand everybody is well and everybody is in the district and has seen with his own eyes as high as \$225 to the pan taken out. Why, on Alec McDonald's claim, probably the richest on the Bonanza from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the bucket of dirt was taken out."

CHARLES MYERS AND CASH SAMSHIRE, both of whom I knew intimately, had not done as well as they might on a claim they took up, so they abandoned it, and started to drift on shore for McArthur. They were late in commencing their shaft, but they got it down fourteen feet and got pay on it. The first shovel of dirt they took out had a yellow band of gold through it, like a streak of lean in a piece of bacon. Myers was talking to me in my cabin just before I came away, and he told me he and his partner had \$100,000 in a piece of ground forty feet square. I saw the ground myself, too, and I know he was telling nothing more than the sober truth. "And what truth is there in the published stories of the rude justice meted out by the miners' committee—men who are busy eating and drinking and the river to their death?" was asked the returned pioneer.

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Young Man, Stop!



Don't make a machine of your brain. Don't use the gifts of nature as you would a grindstone. Your body won't stand the wear and tear. It will lose its "grit." Your nerves are sensitive, and every act of excess is bearing down your general vitality. It may not show now, but it will later on. Then it will be too late for regrets. You will be weak, nervous, wretched.

Middle-Aged Man, Turn!

Turn back the pages of your life. You can see how you have worn yourself out. You know the cause of your weakness. You know why you are getting so nervous, why little business worries seem like terrible calamities. You know you have lost your grit, your vim, push, energy. Your vitality is wasted. You know all this, and you must check the further waste which you see going on. You can do it only with Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt.

Old Man, Look Back!

Think of what you were 20 years ago. You might be the same to-day but for the wear and tear. It has been too great, and your body has lost the grit. You feel your old nerves giving way and the blood growing cold. The fire is gone from your nerves. Get it back. Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt has a wonderful reputation for restoring wasted vitality. How you would like to feel the warm blood coursing through your veins! You can. The blood is there. Give it the fire.

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IN MEMORIAM. (For my teacher, Mrs. L. M. Caldwell, at Victoria.) An angel stood, sad, with drooping wing, At the side of the Father's throne; All round he heard the bright seraphs sing; Then—heard he a mortal's low moan.

LOVE'S LABOR LOST. To THE EDITOR:—Seldom has such results been more painfully exemplified than in that experienced by the London Missionary Society in the loss of two of their important missionary stations, Madagascar and Tahiti, where, for many years before occupation by the French government, this society, by consent and approbation of the local governments, had been in active and undisturbed possession, teaching the natives the truths of Christianity, and from which stations before this unfortunate event of French occupation, the glowing reports of their success made known at the annual missionary meeting at Exeter hall, London, always excited so much joyous emotion, leaving now in their place, by their loss, unavoidable regrets at so much toil and treasure sacrificed for the gratification of those of another religious faith.

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