

BAD MISREPRESENTATION.

Mr. McMillan recently lectured at the Imperial Institute in London, England, and, if correctly reported, is there reported to have said in an address on British Columbia's mines and mining: "Trail Creek is the only district that may be said to have been proved. This is probably because it is the only district which has transportation and smelting facilities." In this Mr. McMillan, of course, ignores Slokan and the West Kootenay silver-lead and gold-silver country in general, which have twenty dividend-paying mines to the single one at present of Trail Creek, and have the best of smelting facilities at the Hall Mine's works, Nelson, in addition to excellent railroad facilities. Such statements as that made by Mr. McMillan cannot be too strongly condemned, as showing either extraordinary ignorance or extraordinary powers of deliberate misrepresentation.

AN EGG JOKE ROLLING.

At a small social gathering the other night somebody started the egg joke a-rolling.

"Did you ever hear the story of the hard-boiled egg?" he solemnly inquired of some one across the table.

"No," was the innocent answer.

"It's hard to beat," said the joker with much gravity.

You can't help smiling at these things, and after the laugh died down somebody else sprung this:

"Did anybody hear about the egg in the coffee?"

"No," said an obliging somebody.

"That settles it," remarked the funny man, blandly.

Of course there was another laugh, and then a brief silence. It looked as if the egg jokes had been exhausted.

But presently a little woman at one end of the table inquired in a high soprano voice if anybody present had heard the story of the three eggs.

The guests shook their heads, and one man said "No." The little woman smiled.

"Two bad," she said.

OFF FOR ALASKA.

Oh, I've got the Klondike fever
And I'll go

To that land of mud and glaciers,
Rain and snow.

The ocean trip's a rough one,
The Chilkoot pass a tough one,
But the mine's a sure-enough one
That I know.

I know I must wear rubber
On my feet.

And it may be frozen blubber
I shall eat:

Jack Frost may freeze my toes off,
Big mosquitoes eat my nose off,
and the wind may blow my clothes off
In the street.

Yes, I've got the nerve and muscle
For the trail.

But I'll have to hump and hustle,
Or I'll fail:

Though starvation it may seize me,
The weather it may freeze me,
And the polar bears may tease me,
I'll not quail.

When the winter nights grow longer,
and 's dark,

Then I'll wish I had my girl up there
to spark;

But I'll write her letters pleasing,
While I try to keep from freezing—
Keep from sneezing and from freezing
Stiff and stark.

When at last I have become

A millionaire,
I'll start for home and feel I've
Had my share;

And having reached a fair age,
With a mansion and a carriage,
I can then indulge in marriage,
Fair and square.

—J. B. Brown in Los Angeles Times.

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