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ADVERTISING RATES. REGULAR COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING. As distinguished from every other kind of advertising...

A LAND OF PROMISE. Victoria people might with advantage glance backward a few years to the time when Kootenay was a name on the map...

At the risk of being monotonous we again refer to the neglect of the Dominion government to put an officer on the frontier...

When Ambassador Hay was sent to England by President McKinley, the Anglophobists said that he would not imitate Bayard in admiration of British institutions...

AN ENGLISH SEALSWAGER ran away with the wife of a California millionaire. They were arrested on a criminal charge. They were released and has gone to join her husband. The man is held for prosecution...

THE MURCHISON, West Australia, Gazette says "it is extraordinary that there is no way of bringing to the men, who would be willing to buy into a mining venture at fair rates, into contact with men who want to sell at fair rates, but there is already blocked."

Columbia another retarding influence, namely, the greed of prospectors, who seem to think that capitalists ought to be willing to pay fancy prices for a mere surface prospect.

Like the Australian paper, we admit that there is no way of preventing either over-capitalization or over-valuation by prospectors. Legislation is powerless, and about all the newspapers can do is endeavor to educate the public mind so that these things will be no longer profitable.

A DEMAND is being made in the United States for the enactment of a national bankruptcy law. It is pointed out with much truth that the years of depression have left a burden of debt upon the shoulders of the people...

THE SPOKANE CHRONICLE says that the development of Kootenay has only begun and it is nonsense to talk about the bottom having fallen out of Kootenay. It declares that though Kootenay will progress more slowly as a city than hitherto, its progress will be substantial.

IN APRIL, 1897, there were 21,223 "industrial companies" doing business in the United Kingdom, with a paid up capital of \$1,145,402,968. In the last twenty years over \$20,000,000,000 have been invested in the United Kingdom in such companies.

ANDRE expects to start on his balloon voyage across the North Pole to-day, if the wind is favorable. The chances are that he will not get away. What manner of surprise is there in the farthest North, that the Ice King so carefully guards it?

IMPROVING business in the Northwest and British Columbia is the report of the Canadian Pacific. There is no doubt that the whole country has started on the up-grade. The movement is not very rapid as yet, but is in the right direction.

THE DOMINION government can bring the alien labor law into force so as to secure to Canadian workmen the first privilege of employment upon the Crow's Nest Pass railway, they will do a popular thing, and they will do still better if they can effect some arrangement whereby a majority of those who secure employment in this way shall remain settlers in the country to be opened up.

THE CANADIAN PRESS. INVESTMENTS IN ROSHLAND. We have taken pains to arrive at some very accurate conclusion as to the amount of money actually invested in shares during the boom, and we do not believe it would aggregate over \$250,000.

THE SENATE AND THE GOVERNMENT. If it be shown that the Senate was acting as a mere party tool in the matter, both Mr. Tarte, the Globe and other newspapers should be held to have been justified in their animadversions; and the Senate will be on trial for its life.

TWO GOOD APPOINTMENTS. The Provincial government has at last appointed a police magistrate and a licensing commissioner for the Yukon territory of Nelson. The gentlemen selected are both eminently qualified for the duties they will be required to perform.

GRAND PRIZES IN LUCK. The finding of placer gold in paying quantities within the very limits of the city means a great deal to this section if it continues to make as good a showing as at present. On almost every creek or tributary of the South Fork there are paying placers but up until the present nothing more than a few colors has been found.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. "How the old blue laws have faded out," is the sentiment of a certain writer. "That is a natural sequence," says a certain other writer. "Asbury Peppers kindly expressed his opinion of the writer's opinion."

CASCADE WATER POWER. A dispatch from Roshland, which appeared in the Spokesman, states that a big deal on foot here now which, if consummated, will prove a great factor in developing the Boundary country, including Cascade City, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Fairview and the other western camps.

THE UNITED STATES Senate refused to put Bibles on the free list. That body would put a duty on salvation if its members were not so much in need of it.

THE KOOTENAY MAIL is anxious to know what the local opposition's platform is. We thought every one knew that. It is: "Anything to get office."

ONE HONEST MAN. Dear Editor.—Please inform your readers that if written to confidentially, I will mail a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest, home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, weakness, losses, and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and deceived by the quacks, until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong and with a new will, certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. I promise you perfect secrecy. Address with stamp: WM. MULFORD, Agents Supplies, P.O. Box 26, St. Henri, Ore.

MR. SHERMAN SQUEALS. He and the President Greatly Disappointed at Lord Salisbury's Firm Attitude.

Surprised That the British Do Not Accept the Paraphrase Professor's Findings.

New York, July 14.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: "Important and exhaustive instructions have recently been sent to Secretary Sherman by Ambassador Hay for his guidance in urging on the British government compliance with the provisions of the Behring sea award, which looked to the preservation of seal life in Alaskan waters. Part of the report is as follows:

"His Excellency John Hay, London: "The British ambassador has handed me a copy of a dispatch from Her Majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs, which dispatch constitutes the reply of the British government to the proposals of the President, as presented in a note to your embassy for a modus vivendi for the suspension of sealing of seals for the present season, and for a joint conference of the powers concerned. With a view to the necessary measures being adopted for the preservation of the fur seal in the North Pacific, it will be seen that both proposals have been rejected. I need hardly say that the President is greatly disappointed at this action, especially when based on such unsubstantial and inadequate reasons.

"The President's concern, in view of the depleted condition of the seal herd, is occasioned not alone from an examination of the report of the seal herd, but from the fact that the seal herd is now a depleted one. It is therefore quite surprising that Her Majesty's secretary should base the rejection of the proposal on the ground that the seal herd is not so depleted as it is. It is a natural sequence, says a certain other writer, 'Asbury Peppers kindly expressed his opinion of the writer's opinion.'

"Who is that man who writes communications every day and signs himself 'John Hay'?" said one citizen. "I don't know who he is," replied the other, "but he's a misnomer. He comes a great time was made public concurrently with the receipt of his Lordship's note. It would have been gratifying to me and to my government, so impressively impressed upon a report of one of the scientists, whose facts and conclusions are incorrectly apprehended, and the delayed report of another, which for the first time was made public concurrently with the receipt of his Lordship's note. It would have been gratifying to me and to my government, so impressively impressed upon a report of one of the scientists, whose facts and conclusions are incorrectly apprehended, and the delayed report of another, which for the first time was made public concurrently with the receipt of his Lordship's note.

Secretary Sherman expresses regret that the impartial character which has been the custom to attribute to the reports of naturalists has been impaired by this apparent subjection to political exigencies of the situation, and it was so long delayed that no opportunity was offered for examination before the final rejection of the President's proposals.

THE CONFERENCE DISAGREES. WASHINGTON, July 14.—The conference on the tariff bill found themselves apparently further apart than they were at the beginning of the conference. There was no immediate prospect of agreement, and more than one member stated that the entanglement was such that the settlement might be indefinitely prolonged.

THE HEAD MASTER. GENTLEMEN.—I have found great satisfaction in the use of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Cherry, and consider it invaluable in all cases of diarrhoea and summer complaint. It is a pleasure to me to recommend it to the public. R. B. MASTERTON, Principal High School, River Charles, N. B.

A Model Cook Uses PURE GOLD Flavoring Extracts.

GOLD DREDGING LEASES. OTTAWA, July 14.—Applications have been received by the department of the interior from persons who desire to lease stretches of the Saskatchewan river and dredge for gold among the sand at the bottom. The department has decided to grant the leases under stringent conditions, one of which is that a royalty on all gold brought up shall be paid to the government.

TO VISIT CANADA. LONDON, July 12.—The Dominion of Canada will have many important Chinese and Japanese visitors next month. Prince Arisagawa, the Mikado's special envoy to the Queen's Jubilee, with a suite of nine, sails on the Dominion liner Vancouver on Saturday, to embark on the Empress of India from Vancouver.

RUSSIA AND CHINA. LONDON, July 14.—Special dispatches from Shanghai say it is reported there that before taking his departure Prince Ouchtomsk, chief of the Russian special mission to the Chinese Emperor, discussed with the Emperor's advisers the question of Russo-Chinese alliance. It is stated, so the despatch says, that Li Hung Chang approves the idea of such an alliance. Prince Ouchtomsk also urged the adoption of the Russian gauge on all the railways in Northern China, but this suggestion was not accepted.

THE LIGHTNING'S FREAK. NEW YORK, July 12.—Lightning struck in the state militia company at Peekskill to-day, selecting the Y.M.C.A. tent as its object. One man was killed and many others were badly hurt. Almost every man under the canvas was shocked by the lightning. Corporal J. J. McDonald, Company A, and Regimental Quartermaster, were rendered unconscious. They were revived with great difficulty and one or two are still in a serious condition.

NEW YORK'S CELEBRATION. NEW YORK, July 12.—The 207th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne was celebrated in this city by a picnic at Brommer's Park on the Southern Boulevard. About 4,000 persons attended the picnic during the afternoon and evening. Wm. Muirhead was the grand marshal; speeches were made by Rev. Doctors Birch, Cutting, Boyce and Sturges and F. A. Copeland. Twenty-five policemen were detailed at the park to preserve order.

A GREAT WELCOME. TORONTO, July 14.—The public reception given to the Highlanders and the Jubilee contingent to-night was the most popular one ever given here. Fully 20,000 people witnessed the procession on the streets and fully 20,000 more were at the park where the presentations were made.

CROW'S NEST CONTRACTS. McLEOD, July 14.—The first fifty miles of the Crow's Nest Pass road grading is let. Strevell gets the first five miles from Lethbridge, Foley Brothers and Doherty thirty-five miles, McCrimmon five miles, and McArthur five miles. The first sod was turned at Lethbridge to-day.

The Prefertential Bill. TORONTO, July 12.—The World's Montreal special says: "It is said that members of the Ottawa government have received a cable from the Premier to the effect that the preferential tariff clause will have to be dropped, and an article published in Mr. Tarte's paper, when read between the lines, would seem to confirm the rumor."

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Her Majesty Truly Spontaneous O Loyal Attac Will Pray for Streng Her Duties W Lasts.

LONDON, July 16.—The Gazette published from the Queen to Sir Ridley, the Home Windsor, July 15: "I expressed my personal people, and though on occasion there have been expressions of my deep bounded loyalty without rest satisfied without utterance to these difficult for me on this how truly touched and for the spontaneous and burst of loyal affection experienced on the sixtieth year. During my progress on 22nd June, this was shown in the most and can never be efface. It is, indeed, deeply grateful to me for the many years of labor and of my beloved country's exertions have throughout my vast and woe I have ever had pathy of all my people warmly reprobated in given me unbounded many of my subjects the world assembled, to thank them all from grateful heart. I shall bless them, and enable long as I live."

BUTLER H SIDNEY, N.S.W., Jun man, alias Frank Br the murder of Captain November, 1896, was today. He broke down remarkable stoicism which since his arrest giving way, and he confessed to this as well as other he admitted to by his John Newman, and the good family in St. Peter's penitential in carrying last moment willingly lions consolation us commended.

The execution was incident. Few spectators of the present being concerned in carrying the case is one intense interest through and great satisfaction work performed by securing evidence lead the capture of Newman conviction and execution.

Europe on Sugs LONDON, July 15.—Vienna correspondent in well-informed circle conference will shortly Vienna or Berlin to be adopted against a tariff policy concerning

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