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EXTRAVAGANCE IN CARIBOO.

A correspondent signing himself "Tired," writing to the Province, comments severely upon the extravagance of the government in first building chlorination reduction works in that country and then allowing them to fall into disuse and decay. Upwards of $20,000 were spent upon the construction of the works in question, and yet we are told everything is going to wreck and ruin around about Just why they were ever constructed might puzzle anybody, even the government itself until it was also "tired," for it seems very little use was ever made of them. It might not be very wide of the mark if the suggestion were made that these works were the outcome of a catch-vote policy, and if such were the case they might yet be made to do service for the government, and by their removal to other parts of the province, be made to serve a good purpose in bringing the wayward back to the fold. It would be well, therefore, to suggest that as there are many thousands, or say millions, of tons of ore of a suitable character to be treated by the chlorination process in the southern portion of British Columbia's interior, why not, rather than allow the plant to remain idle in its present position, have the same moved to a more suitable location and put in operation? It might then reflect credit upon the government that sanctioned the expenditure for its erection, and in doing so lend a helping hand to the mining industry, and at the same time advantage the country somewhat, and pay back to the taxpayers, both principal and interest, which at the present time is being allowed to go to waste, and is a slur upon the executive ability of the province's legislators. If the government is sincere in its desire to assist the development of the mining industry, it will lose no time in seeing that this plant is put to good use, as it represents an amount of outlay the people have not for some time past been well able to afford, and which it were sheer negligence they should altogether lose.

ALUMINUM—ITS SOURCES.

Within the last few years hardly any metal used in the arts has attracted more attention of both the metallurgist and manufacturer than aluminum. This appears to be chiefly due to the many valuable properties of the metal itself and its alloys with other metallic elements as copper, silver, etc.

While aluminum is one of the most frequent occurring metallic elements known—even rivaling the occurrence of iron—comparatively few of its ores are available to us for the production of the metal at a sufficiently low cost. The principal sources from which the metal has and is at present derived are the artificial and native alums, bauxite, crydite, corundum, diaspore, kaolin and all clays.

Aluminite is the principal natural alum which holds aluminum in any quantity, but at present is used very little as an ore. It is a sulphate of aluminum and occurs in large deposits on the Gila river in New Mexico, associated with clays usualy in uniform masses. Bauxite is really a limonite in which the iron is partly or entirely replaced by aluminum. This mineral is now the main source of the metal, although until within a few years cryolite has afforded a large quantity of the aluminum used in the arts. It contains 50 to 70 per cent. of alumina, an ore containing less than 40 per cent. is of no merchantable value. It, however, as a rule carries large amounts of impurities, such as silica, oxides of manganese and iron, carbonates of lime and magnesium, and in the Southern States, where it occurs abundantly a little phosphoric and titanic acids are found also as impurities. It occurs in large deposits in Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, Arkansas and Tennessee. In the Alabama deposits the mineral is found in lower siluran strata in the form of pockets and concentric layers in close connection with deposits of limonite and clay. These deposits very often show a pisolitic or oolitic structure and are very seldom, if ever, of a true massive character.

The deposits in Georgia and Alabama have been very profitable and afforded most of the mineral used for the production of aluminum. The deposits in Arkansas occur in the tertiary sandstones but as yet have yielded very little of the mineral, owing to the large amount of iron which it carries, this being a rather serious detriment in the modern treatment of the ore. Bauxite for aluminum is worth from $5 to $8 per ton, its market value depending upon its degree of purity. Bauxite, however, is not used only as a source of aluminum but great quantities are used for the manufacture of alums and as a refractory material.

Bauxite is sometimes looked upon as a mineral resulting from the decomposition of syenites, shales and other rocks, and the close proximation and other local conditions of some of the largest deposits of this mineral supports this supposition. Cryolite is a fluoride of sodium and aluminum, containing when pure 13 per cent. of aluminum, so that it is itself a very low grade ore. The largest deposits of this mineral occur in Greenland, associated with gneiss. Large quantities of this mineral have been worked and a great share shipped to this country for treatment. Inferior deposits of this mineral are found at Pike's Peak, Colo. This mineral, together with bauxite, formerly formed the staple ores of aluminum, though later cryolite in a fused state has been used to play the role of an electrolyte for the extraction of aluminum from bauxite. It is often used for making soda and soda alumina salts. In Pennsylvania it has been used in manufacturing white glass, which is a very good imitation of porcelain.

Corundum was formerly sought chiefly as an ore of aluminum, but owing to its extreme hardness it is used more as an abrasive substance and gems than as an ore. The light colored varieties, with a vitreous lustre, are called sapphires, the smoky and dull colored varieties corundum proper, while the brown and black varieties containing impurities, as magnetite, hematite and spinel, etc., pass under the name of emery. Diaspore and gibbsite hydrates of aluminum containing 85 and 65 per cent. of alumina, respectively. The former is ordinarily quite pure, but owing to the limited occurrence of these minerals they are used very little as ores.

Kaolin and all other clays contain a large percentage of aluminum in the form of silicate. These have not, however, been used for the production of the metal, owing to the difficulty and cost of separating the silica entirely from the metal. The presence of even a small percentage of silicon in the metal often renders it useless for various purposes, whereas, as in other cases its presence is considered rather an advantage.—O. Chandler Hart in Western Mining World.

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KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION.

Record of Mineral Locations for the Week Ending December 25.

18. Kildee, Deadwood camp, R. Stuart
19. Violet, Deadwood camp, G. A. Rendell.
19. December, Deadwood camp, Robert Wood.
19. Little Britain, Deadwood camp, J. W. Hugh Wood.
19. Lancaster, Deadwood camp, Robt. Wood.
20. Windsor, Wellington camp, C. McKerchar.
20. No. 8, Wellington camp, J. W. McCann and G. W. Elliott.
20. Drover, Wellington camp, S. R. Geddis.
20. Elliot, Wellington camp, G. W. Elliott.
21. Maple Leaf, Wellington camp, J. McIntosh.
21. O. R. & N., Wellington camp, C. Cosgrif and D. P. Mitchell.
21. Montana, North Fork Kettle river, D. Hannifin.
23. Hesper, Deadwood, camp, C. W. H. Sanson.
24. Alturist, North Fork Kettle river, G. W. Averill and A. L. Rogers.
24. Farina, Smith's camp, G. Cook and C. M. Rendell.
24. Ruby Fraction, Smith's camp, G. A. Rendell.

CERTIFICATES OF WORK.

14. O. B., D. A. Holbrook.

NOTE.—The O. B. appeared in last week's issue as the C. B., with date of the 13th instead of 14th.

WHO NEEDS SILVER MOST?

The Western Wining World, discussing the silver question, makes these pertinent remarks:

"Silver bullion at 67 cents per ounce will buy just as much of the products of the farm as the coined dollars of like weight would have purchased in 1872, when silver was at $1.2929 per ounce, when, indeed, it sold for a premium over that price in gold," says the Salt Lake Tribune.

"In India there has been no change in the standard. The worker in India works for the same number of rupees per month that he did in 1872, and with his wages buys just as much as he did then. In 1872 England bought American bullion at $1.32 per ounce, and with it bought Indian wheat and cotton. Now she buys American silver bullion at 67 cents, ships it to Bombay and has it coined, and with the coin buys twice as much for every ounce of silver as she did then. This product so purchased is brought to England, and the prices of it establish the prices on this side of the Atlantic. The same is done in Egypt, for, in fact, Egypt is as much a colony of Great Britain as India is. In the same way in Bombay, England coins a 372 grain dollar for China.

"Now we would be glad if the gold press of the east would explain how long, in its estimation, it will be, before Great Britain will give up this advantage? She keeps herself on a gold basis. She keeps such colonies as she can on a silver basis; she buys her goods with silver depreciated in price 50 per cent.; she collects her interest and dividends in gold, which is appreciated 100 per cent.; she obtains food for her laborers at 50 per cent below the normal price, textiles and other stock for her factories at the same rate the world is her debtor, and has nothing to pay in except raw products, which she obtains at half price, and still from President Cleveland and Mr. Carlisle down to the meanest subsidized gold-bug sheet in the Union, is nothing but a clamor for 'sound money," and mournful expressions over the dishonest men of the west who favor "soft" money. Will some of those wise asses rise up and explain in some reasonable way why the workers and producers of the east do not need silver money more than do silver and gold miners of the west?"

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SMELTING B. C. ORES IN ENGLAND.

One of the leading English ore importers and smelters has recently been represented in this province in the person of the principal, Mr. A. Hornby Lewis. Mr. Lewis was much impressed with the possibilities of ore production in the province, and is inclined to think that some at least of the smelting of such product will be conducted by the home smelters and the balance will at length be handled by British houses. Arrangements have already been made whereby several carloads of silver ore, base bullion and copper matte will be treated as an experiment by this firm in Liverpool, and should the result be satisfactory many important contracts will be signed. The preliminary valuation of the ore will be made in Vancouver by the firm's representative, Mr. W. Pellew-Harvey, F. C. S., and a considerable cash advance against such consignments given. Negotiations are in hand for the purchase of the Revelstoke smelter, to be used as a matting plant by an English smelting company.

Recently the representatives of the great gold and platinum refiners of London, Messrs. Johnston, Matthey & Co., has been in the province making inquiries regarding the purchase of these metals for refining purposes in London. It is more than likely that in 1896, the market for these metals will be London instead of San Francisco. Spot cash will be paid for gold and platinum as soon as the fineness of the bullion has been ascertained.—Mining Record.

INTO THE KETTLE RIVER.

It is reported that a charter to build a railroad from the Columbia river to the Kettle river country has been applied for, and that the road, if the charter is granted, will be built next season. It is said that the Canadian Pacific is standing back of the enterprise. If this report shou'd prove true it will probably take the route briefly outlined in the Spokesman-Review several weeks ago, viz., from the Columbia possibly to Rossland, and thence almost due west to the pass at the head of Christina lake, known as Coryell's pass. Once through this pass the Kettle river country is reached. If it is the Canadian Pacific, the route will be 70 miles shorter than the one formerly surveyed and the pass 500 feet lower. It will mean much to the Boundary Creek district, in fact to all the mining region west from the Columbia, and will stimulate mining to an unusual degree. There is no reason to question the accuracy of the report of the charter to be applied for at the coming session of the British Columbia parliament. The road is one of necessity, and the development of the mines has been such during the last three years that the tonnage will be large from the start.

The pass at the head of Christina lake, known as Coryell's pass, was discovered several years ago by a prospector named Colin McRae. It was subsequently surveyed by Mr. J. A. Cyryell.—Spokesman-Review.

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The bond on the Cliff, which fell due on December 1, has not been taken up by Mr. F. S. Barnard, although the extra staff of men that had been put to work had made a great deal better showing, even beyond the expectation of the owners.

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RAILWAY EXTENSION.

If any substantiation of the fact that the mining interests of the Southern Okanagan are advancing is needed, we have only to observe the change of front manifested by the different railway companies toward this region. A year or two ago, and in fact only a few months since, if railway magnates were approached touching the possibility of railway extension and communication to our many Boundary Creek camps, the enquirer would to all enquiries receive the one and only answer, viz., railway communication will be furnished as soon as the tonnage is in sight that will warrant the construction of a railway to handle it. Now this policy seems to have been changed and quite another adopted. The cause of all this is the railway companies are more conversant with the country and its resources than they formerly were, and are now in a position to know, having discovered it to be no difficult matter to find one or more suitable routes through the country, that it will pay them to stimulate the mining industry by furnishing transportation facilities rather than await the slow and tardy development of the country, laboring as it is under its present difficulties. As we have oftentimes pointed out, the Boundary camps stand alone when contrasted with others on the American continent for the enormous surface showings of the ore bodies, and as whatever development work has been done has proved of a satisfactory character, we can only commend the prudence and foresight of any company which will endeavor to be first in the field to capture the enormous trade that must inevitably spring up in this region. We have always labored under the conviction that the first company to extend its system into this country would be the Spokane and Northern, by continuing their line from Marcus to Midway, but now it seems other companies are in the field which presumably are backed by the C. P. R. The Spokesman-Review, commenting on the same subject, says in part:

"If it is the Canadian Pacific, the route will probably be from a point on the Columbia river opposite Robson south to Rossland; thence west, nearly following the Dewdney trail to the foot of Christina lake; thence west to Midway and Penticton. The Canadian Pacific has had many surveying parties in that section during the past few years, and it is said that this road can easily reach Christina lake by following up Sheep creek.

"A map issued last year shows a number of surveys which have been made from the Columbia going west. One is up the Columbia to Dog creek, which empties into Arrow lake; up Dog creek through a divide to the head of Christina lake; down the east side of that lake to its foot. Another is given as the probable route of Rossland, Midway and Penticton. Still another is from a point opposite Robson up the Columbia to Bowman creek; up Bowman and over a divide to the North Fork of Kettle river; thence south to Grand Forks."

THE Handbook of British Columbia Mining Laws has been issued by Brady & Brownlee. The work is compiled from the B. C. Mineral and Placer Acts of 1891 and amendments, and will be found a useful epitome of mining laws to those interested.

THE GOLD DROP.

Joseph Hetu's Claim in Greenwood Camp Sold.

On November 25 an option of purchase was given by Mr. Joseph Hetu to a representative of the Montreal and British Columbia Prospecting and Promoting Co. (limited), on his claim, the Gold Drop, which is situated in Greenwood camp, Boundary creek, and this option was to extend only to the 1st of July, 1896.

That the parties representing the above company were satisfied with the preliminary investigation of the claim, may be inferred from the fact that they have executed the first part of the agreement stipulated in the option, viz., have paid the first deposit called for of $1,500 before the time mentioned and have received a conditional bill of sale of the property, which further stipulates that they shall, on or before the first of July next, pay a further sum of $6,750 and the balance of $6,750 before 1st of December, 1896, which makes in all the purchase price agreed upon, or a total of $15,000. The bona fide intention of the above company is still further demonstrated by the fact that as soon as the bill of sale was executed they put men to work upon the development of the property, although the agreement does not stipulate development work as a part of the contract.

The purchase and development of this property will lend material assistance to the progress of our enormously rich mineral district, as [illegible] other new company to the already numerous ones doing business here, and the property is well worth all the attention and money that may be bestowed upon it, as the claim carries two distinct veins, one 30 and the other 60 feet in width, the ore of which samples from $7 to $20. The situation of the claim is to the north of the Monarch and joining the Snowshoe on the west. With further development and as depth is obtained no doubt the ore will improve in richness, as in all other instances in this camp this has been the general characteristic of the claims.

Should the sale be carried to a final completion, Mr. Hetu will well deserve the reward of his labor, as he has in the past two or three years devoted almost his entire time to this claim, carrying out singly and alone a great amount of work in the shape of open crosscuts and shafts upon the veins, the first fruits of which labor he is now experiencing.

IS STILL IN BUSINESS—A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR.—I see in the last issue of your paper an announcement stating that I have sold my business here. I beg to contradict such statement. I have not sold my business. I am carrying on my trade here as usual and mean to do so. I consider such a statement to the public very injurious to me. Your informant must have been mistaken. I have sold my house but nothing more. WM. GORDON.

Kettle River, Dec. 23, 1895.

[The above speaks for itself. We would wish to say, however, that the paragraph referred to was contained in our Grand Prairie correspondent's notes, and upon the subject in question he must have been slightly misinformed. We trust that no injury will result to Mr. Gordon as a consequence of the publication of such statement, and cheerfully render this correction.—ED.]

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Commencing at a point on the north end of Christina Lake, about one hundred feet south of Wilbur creek, running thence north 160 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence south 160 chains, thence east 60 chains to point of commencement, containing 960 acres, more or less.

J. K. McLENNAN.

Kettle River, B. C. December 1, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I, Fitzgerald McCleery intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate in Osoyoos Division of Yale District, viz:

Commencing at a point about one mile west of Christina Creek, running thence south 120 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 120 chains, thence west 80 chains to the point of commencement, containing 960 acres more or less, and lying southerly of and adjoining J. W. Hugh Wood's claim.

FITZGERALD McCLEERY.

Kettle River, B. C., December 2, 1895.

NOTICE.

THIRTY DAYS from date I, the undersigned, intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described tract of land: Commencing at a stake set about one mile east of the mouth of Rock creek, and running thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence north one mile to the point of commencement.

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Commencing at a post about one and one-half miles north of Cascade Falls, Kettle River, running thence east 80 chains, thence north 120 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 120 chains to the point of commencement, containing 960 acres, more or less.

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TEMPERATURE FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 27.

	Max.	Min
Dec. 21	26	15
" 22	32	21
" 23	44	11
" 24	25	13
" 25	31	20
" 26	35	24
" 27	37	14

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Write it "1896."

Mr. Brophy of Butte, Mont., came in on Friday's stage, and will remain a few days in our midst.

Mr. W. T. Thompson and the parties with whom he is operating are expected in Midway in a few days.

Mr. T. Ellis of Penticton has taken to the Okanagan Mission over one hundred head of steers to be kept fat for the spring market.

Mr. Douglas came down from his camp on Friday last and we are sorry to say he is not altogether feeling well. We shall hope however his indisposition will not develop into anything serious.

Mr. H. White, part owner of the Paris and Lincoln claims, came down from Vernon on Friday's stage. Mr. White is interested in the W. T. Thompson deal, which is progressing favorably.

Messrs. Kerr Bros. came back from Osoyoos the past week with a fine band of about fifty head of steers recently purchased from Mr. T. Ellis. These, with others already on hand, will furnish good succulent roasts for our inhabitants for some little time at least.

Three or four buildings are in course of erection at the new town of Greenwood, and for want of lumber the parties building are substituting logs. These, as soon as lumber can be provided, will be covered over, and will make, if more costly, more comfortable buildings.

Sleighing is now fairly good, and as a consequence the jingle of the sleigh bells is constantly heard in the neighborhood. For this time of the year, however, the weather is particularly mild and pleasant, as at night the thermometer barely drops below freezing and in the daytime a slight thaw takes place.

Mr. Powers, who returned from the Mission on Monday last, has already set three gangs of men to work cutting logs, and has a number of outfits getting ready for hauling, etc. It is the intention to let contracts for the getting out of two million feet of sawlogs, so that the want of lumber will not be felt next winter as it is at the present time. Sawing will commence just as soon as possible in the spring.

With the building of so many new hotels, places of business and residences, there is a good opening here for a furniture store, and a place where all kinds of finishing material could be had for buildings, such as paints, building hardware, etc. Any one contemplating settlement here in this line, should not miss the opportunity of getting their goods in while sleighing lasts, as freighting on this class of goods comes higher if handled on wheels. There need be no fear as to success with a man of good business push and ability.

Midway is destined to experience quite a building boom the coming summer, and at present the only thing that prevents extensive building operations is the want of lumber. Among those who intend building is the company, who will erect several buildings, some of which will be quite costly ones. THE ADVANCE proprietor, who will build a new office, 24x60, two storys high; Mr. W. T. Thompson, who will build a fine residence here; Mr. R. Stuart, a residence; the government, who will add other buildings to the present ones, and several others, who contemplate the erection of stores at this point. With the advent of midsummer, Midway will have grown to a town of very respectable proportions, and will enjoy all the advantages and privileges of the same, as the Townsite company intend carrying out many valuable improvements.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

An event of no little interest to juveniles and adults alike was the Christmas Tree entertainment given in the new school house on Monday evening last. The school room, it is needless to say, was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreen ropes, mottos, flags, Chinese lanterns, etc., etc., and all the decorations and arrangements reflected great credit upon the good taste of those who contributed their labor and attention to the same. More particularly the thanks of all are due to our public school teacher, Miss Lewis, who worked in such an indefatigable manner to make the event a success and a pleasure to the little ones. This it undoubtedly was, as proved by the oft-repeated juvenile exclamations of surprise and delight. Before the advent of Santa Claus, the audience was treated to a magic lantern entertainment, given by Rev. Mr. Paton of Grand Prairie, which was much appreciated. Upon the fall of the drapery, which concealed the tree from view, a shout of applause given by the little ones filled the room, and with such good effect that almost immediately Santa Claus made his appearance, coming amid the sound of jingling bells, and distributing the many good things with which the tree was loaded to the various recipients. After the distribution of the presents, refreshments were served to all, which were greatly enjoyed. The entertainment was closed with a dance at Palmerston hall in which many couples participated.

MIDWAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Showing Rank and Merit Marks Obtained During December.

Fourth Class, maximum marks 950—Jessie Murray, 936; Eddie Melville, 920; Alma Hopper, 905; Willie Melville, 861.

Second Class, maximum marks, 800—Senior division: Willie Murray, 746. Junior division: Walter Melville, 783; Walter Murray, 762; Harry Palmerston, 680; Theodore Kruger, 594; August Kruger, 588.

II Primer class, max. marks 600—George Murray, 587; John T. Thornton, 525.

Chart Class, max. marks 300—Caroline Lum, 295; Mary Thornton, 252; George Ingrim, 252; Caroline Thornton, 191. A. M. LEWIS, Teacher.

A SOCIAL EVENT.

One of the most pleasant social events that ever took place in Midway was the party and Christmas Tree given by Mr. and Mrs. Lundy on Friday evening last. To accommodate the great number of invited guests the Palmerston hall was had recourse to, and this, so great was the number present, hardly afforded a sufficient amount of room. Over a hundred people responded to the invitations, excluding children, and many came from long distances. The decorations of the hall were truly superb, and must have required a great amount of time and patience. The windows were draped with flags of different nations; the walls were embellished with mottos and shields, beautifully wrought and tastefully arranged; whilst from the ceiling festoons and ropes of evergreens were suspended, interspersed with variegated Chinese lanterns, and these, together with clusters of natural flowers and plants, helped to enhance the effect of the splendor of the Christmas trees, of which there were three raised upon a dais, whose trunks were embedded in cotton wool sprinkled with diamond dust, which, resembling frost, glinted and glistened in the lamp light, and together with the decorations of the trees, which were loaded down with useful and costly presents, produced a veritable fairy land. After the distribution of prizes to the children by Santa Claus, who deigned to grace the occasion with his presence, many games were indulged in, after which a splendid repast was served the assembled guests. The children having dispersed, the hall was cleared and two or three hours of dancing ended one of the best social entertainments ever given in Midway.

MINING NOTES.

Messrs. Denzler, Schofield and T. McDonnell are preparing to do development work upon the Phœnix in Greenwood camp.

Mr. Turner, a mining man from Vancouver, paid a visit to the Boundary camps the past week in connection with the Gold Drop deal, and went out again via Marcus on the 26th inst.

A force of men has started to work on the Gold Drop claim, Greenwood camp, Messrs. Hanna and Lewis taking charge of the work. The Gold Drop is a large property which has recently been acquired by a Vancouver syndicate, represented by Turner & Innes. It lies in close proximity to the Knob Hill and Old Ironsides, and may be classed among the largest bodies of ore to be found in Greenwood.

The last clean-up at the Cariboo mill at Camp McKinney was the heaviest in the whole history of the mine, and this can readily be understood by taking a look at the ore that is being now brought to the surface from the 140-foot level. This mine has added more to the reputation of British Columbia free milling gold quartz mining than any other ever worked in the province, as many thousands of dollars have been taken from the mine upon whose ores 10 stamps have been constantly running for eighteen months past. On the present level in which they have just started to break down rock, there is known to exist a sufficient amount of ore to keep the mill running for the next two years, before the expiration of which the mine will have obtained a world wide reputation.

The bond has been relinquished upon the Winnipeg claim in Wellington camp. Just why this has been done it is difficult to determine, as it is stated by mining men there is 6 feet of ore in the bottom of the shaft. It would seem therefore it is not the result of any defect in the property. Perhaps the best explanation of the matter is the one currently reported, viz., that the party who procured the bond, Mr. R. J. Toole, and the owner, Mr. McIntosh, have not been able to agree upon some minor monetary consideration, and as a consequence the bond has been thrown up. It is a great pity of course that these little differences crop up in mining operations, yet it is so in every other business and cannot sometimes be avoided. However, it is to be hoped the effect of this company ceasing work will be only transitory, and that the near future will witness a resumption of operations upon the claim, which it is understood is soon likely to take place, as other parties are in the field who are desirous of taking hold of the property.

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In conclusion, we would say that every opportunity will be embraced by us to foster and render assistance in the development of the rich mining and agricultural resources of this section.

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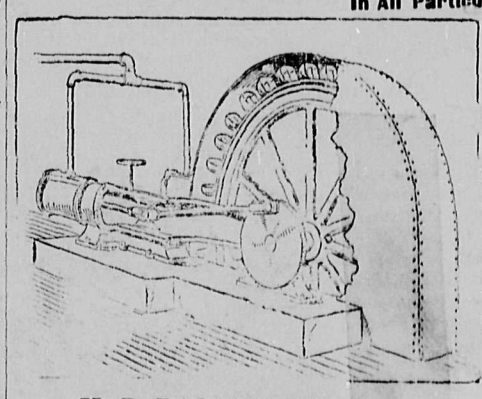

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OUT OF THE WORN PATH.

West India people eat alligator eggs.

The thirty-two teeth in the mouth of John McDarby, of Salmon Falls, Mass., are all double.

A woman's tombstone is the only one in England upon which the epitaph is written in shorthand.

A yew tree, said to be three thousand years old, is still flourishing in a cemetery at Darley Dale, England.

A planter in Apalachicola, Fla., has grown an immense cabbage; a single stalk with four well developed heads.

A freak of nature, a large tree which possesses the characteristics of a pine and an oak, may be seen near Ashburnham, Mass. In the fall of the year pine burs fall on one side and acorns on the other.

The smallest bible in existence has recently been issued by the Oxford university press. It is three and three-quarter inches long, two and one-eighth inches wide and seven-eighths of an inch thick.

A New York hatter has just made a hat eight and three-eighths in size. The length and width are nine and a quarter by seven and a half. This, he says, is the size necessary to the comfort of the man with the biggest head in town.

John Boyd Thacher, of Albany, N.Y., has presented that city with the original bill signed by Queen Anne and Earl Godolphin to compensate Albany's first mayor, Peter Schuyler, for taking four Indian chiefs to England in 1710.

TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCE.

A little ginger put into sausage meat improves the flavor.

In icing cakes it is best to dip the knife frequently in cold water.

Tumblers that have had milk in them should not be put in hot water.

If your coal fire is low throw on a handful of salt and it will brighten it very much.

A spoonful of stewed tomatoes put in the gravy of either roasted or fried meats is an improvement.

Broil steak without salting. Salt draws the juices in cooking, and it is desirable to keep these in if possible.

To clean oil cloths use milk and water and wipe with a flannel cloth. A brush and soap will ruin them.

You can get a drop or a barrelful of oil off any carpet or woolen stuff by applying dry buckwheat plentifully and faithfully. Never put water to such a grease spot, or liquid of any kind.

Too Good a Judge.

Wagstaff—Where's that famous dog of yours that was such a good judge of tramps?

Hopscotch—I was obliged to give him away. To be frank, when I came home from the races the other night he bit me."

Was Qualified.

Tom (during the political debate)—What do you know about municipal government, I'd like to know? Bury—What do I know? Hang it all, wasn't I lookout in a Chicago gambling house for two years?—Chicago Record.

The Task Too Great.

"I am strong in my love for you," the youth protested. But when she bade him open the window in the first class railway coach in which they were journeying he fled in despair.—Detroit Tribune.

Consolation.

The Candidate (gloomily)—The majority of voters against me was enormous. His Friend (consolingly)—Never mind; just think what a wound have been if everybody had voted.—Chicago Record.

Loved—The Money.

An absent minded Southwark woman went to bank the other day to have cashed a check her husband sent her. She indorsed it thus: "Your loving wife, Mary Miller."—Philadelphia Record.

So Appropriate.

"Mrs. Potter's parrot died last week and they conducted a burial service."

"Who officiated?"

"Mr. Potter. You know the parrot loved to hear him swear."

Answers the Purpose.

He—Can you remember the names of Howells' novels?

She—Oh, yes; Aunt Beaconhill makes me memorize them. But I can't remember the stories.—Judge.

Large Birds.

"Wa-al," said Farmer Cranberry of New Jersey as he looked for the first time on the grated window of a large insane asylum, "they must have bigger mosquitoes here than we have at home."

The Modern Method.

"Do you take any interest in the Corbett-Jackson matter?"

"Yes, indeed; but it looks to me now as if they might settle it by arbitration."—Judge.

Always Good Form.

"He is wretchedly bad form in every particular."

"Except, my dear, his bank account."—Truth.

Oh, Yes.

When some ministers struggle with a sermon a limited round contest is preferable to a fight to a finish.—Yonkers Gazette.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

In New York city it takes people from twelve to sixteen seconds to get into and out of cars. In London it requires thirty seconds.

In the sixteenth century no lady was considered in full dress unless she had a mirror at her breast. It was oval in shape, about four by six inches in size.

The catacombs of Rome contain the remains of about six million human beings, and those of Paris about three million. The latter were formerly stone quarries.

London bridge is nine hundred and twenty feet long, fifty six feet wide and fifty-five feet in height. It has five semi-elliptical arches, the centre one being one hundred and fifty feet.

EXILED FROM HOME.

It is said that at this time there are twenty one ex sovereigns residing in different parts of Europe, none of them in the countries they once ruled.

Pius IX., the late pontiff, was driven from Rome during the stormy days of 1848. He fled in disguise to Gaeta, and remained there until restored by foreign aid.

Emperor Charles V. lived in voluntary exile during the last years of his life. His chief occupation in his retirement was devising new viands to tempt his gluttonous appetite.

A great many of the popes have been forced into exile, generally by emeutes among the turbulent Roman populace. A few were restored, but most of them died in exile.

Marie de Medici, the mother of three queens, was driven into exile by the influence and address of Cardinal Richelieu. She lived in great poverty, often wanting the necessaries of life.

MINERAL ACT, 1893.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE WINNIPEG CLAIM.

Situate in Greenwood Camp, Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District. B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Duncan McIntosh, free miner's certificate No. 58944, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Mining Recorder and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1895. (11)

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE DARK HORSE MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in Skylark Camp, Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Robert Wood, free miner's certificate No. 41955, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Mining Recorder and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 1895.

MINERAL ACT.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

JACK OF SPADES MINERAL CLAIM,

Situate in the Central Camp, Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that we, Robert Wood, free miner's certificate No. 41964, and J. W. Hugh Wood, free miner's certificate No. 41955, and Frank Gonac, free miner's certificate No. 59175, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 25th day of November, 1895.

MINERAL ACT, 1891.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

ST. LAWRENCE MINERAL CLAIM,

Situate in Central Camp, Kettle River Mining Division of Yale District, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that we, Robert Wood, free miner's certificate No. 41964, and J. W. Hugh Wood, free miner's certificate, 41955, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1895. 12

NOTICE.

THIRTY DAYS from date I, the undersigned, intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described tract of land: Commencing at a stake set about two miles east of mouth of Rock creek and running thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence north one mile to the point of commencement.

D. A. CARMICHAEL.

Rock Creek October 25, 1895.

NOTICE

THIRTY DAYS from date I, the undersigned, intend applying to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described tract of land—commencing at a stake set in bed of Rock creek, and adjoining claim of John Weir and W. T. Thompson, thence one mile west, thence one mile north, thence one mile east, thence one mile south to the point of commencement. JOHN CAMPBELL.

Rock Creek, December 6, 1895.

NOTICE.

THIRTY DAYS after date I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described tract of land—commencing at a stake situated about three miles east from Rock creek and running east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence north one mile to the point of commencement.

CHARLES WILSON.

Rock Creek, December 6, 1895.

NOTICE.

THIRTY DAYS after date I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following tract of land—commencing at a stake planted about four miles east from Rock creek, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence north one mile to the point of commencement. J. P. BACON.

Rock, Creek, December 6, 1895.

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