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The guage of a country's mineral wealth is generally measured by her production of the two precious metals—gold and silver. Not alone in the output of these two must British Columbia be considered, as others equally valuable, although not so extensive, are to be found within her territory.

Among these other metals platinum holds perhaps first place, and British Columbia for her production of the same has only one superior rival, viz., Russia, where it is derived from the placers on the east slope of the Ural Mountains.

Prior to the discovery of the metal in this Province Russia had no formidable competitor, and therefore ruled, or rather dictated, the price to be paid for the same in the world's market. But of so great economic importance was its discovery here that it had the effect of not only disturbing the base of supply, but also of reducing the metal's intrinsic value. In the past two or three years there has, however, been an upward tendency in the range of value, owing to various reasons, the first of which may be considered the demand for the metal, which constantly exceeds the meager supply, and also the fact that although it is known to exist in great abundance on the Similkameen, yet the companies owning the placer grounds have not in the past been working the same to any great extent, and, in fact, are only now about to assume active operations. With this end in view the Tulameen Improvement and Hydraulic Company, on March 12th last increased the amount of their capital stock to 500,000 shares.

This company has expended a large sum of money on their property, but owing to the fact that it is a close corporation, none of the stock has ever been placed upon the market.

Among those composing the company may be found the names of many prominent British Columbians and eastern men, notably H. Abbott of the C. P. R., A. Hosmer, J. Laidlaw estate, J. Wilson, A. Ewen, E. Mahon, B. Douglas, J. Armstrong, Captain R. G. Tatlow, D. Lockerby and others.

Benjamin Douglas, Esq., of New Westminster, is president of the Company.

Active operations will be carried on this summer, and work will be prosecuted under a vigorous management. The water which will be utilized will be taken out of Eagle creek, for the conveyance of which to the placer grounds a large and long flume and ditch will be necessary.

Many interesting facts are related re the discovery of platinum on the Similkameen, some of which would show that at first the miners who were working the placers there considered it to be nothing more than white iron, and of no value. In fact, it was by them looked upon as a nuisance, interfering, as it did, with the operation of washing for gold, as by its specific gravity it accumulated in the sluice boxes, and being in close juxtaposition with the gold, in the ratio of about 2 to 1—2 oz. of platinum to 1 of gold—it will readily be understood what a trouble it was to separate the two, and especially were the miners aggrieved, who after separating the pesky stuff, as they called it, the same had to be thrown away, and thrown away it was, until such time as its true value became known. One of the pecularities of this metal is, that it is never found in paying quantities except in placer ground. No ledges containing it ever having been discovered, other than the small quantity found and not worth extracting in the nickel ores at Sudbury. Prof. Dawson in giving his opinion as to its origin on the Similkameen, considers the Diarite belt which crosses the river just below the mouth of Eagle Creek, and has been cut through by it, to be the matrix of the platinum; and the appearance of the metal would tend to prove this theory, as it is always of a very rough nature, showing that disintegration has taken place close at hand.

Assays show it to contain 85 per cent pure platinum and 5 per cent iridium. Other geologists, such as Van Cotta and Prof. W. P. Blake contend that the mother rock of platinum is serpentine. The most promising location, therefore, in which to search for this metal would be where the alluvial deposits have been formed from the debris of the serpentinous rocks; and as the formation is not altogether unknown in many parts of B. C., it is quite possible that this metal may some day be found in paying quantities in other parts of the province.

Olympia, March 17.—The Surveyor-General has under consideration the bids for the survey of the Colville reservation lands. Over 100 bids have been received. The award of contract will not be made for two weeks, as it will take that much time to decide which bid offers the most favorable conditions. Surveyor-General Watson is anxious to have the work begin at the earliest possible date.

IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK.

If old St. Patrick could have risen from his time-honored grave and visited Palmerston's hall last Monday evening, he could not help but have felt pleased at the very pleasant way in which his memory was kept "green" by the people of Midway and Boundary creek; and he would have been sorely tempted to throw aside his saintly dignity for a few hours and join the merry crowd who were chasing the fleeting hours with flying feet in the dizzy mazes of the dance.

The residents of Midway have previously established an enviable reputation by the many pleasant dances held here during the last year, but for genuine good fellowship and enjoyment, the dance of last week surely takes the lead.

Dancing commenced at 8:30 with a quadrille, and was kept up till a late hour in the morning, and not for one instant did the interest and enjoyment abate. At midnight all adjourned down stairs to the store of Mr. McNicol, where, on the long counters, were spread such a profusion and quality of refreshments that one could not help partaking even if he tried. Every credit is due to the ladies and gentlemen in charge for the splendid manner in which they provided for the wants of the inner man. But the refreshments did not claim them long, and dancing was soon going on as gayly as ever.

During the latter part of the evening Mr. John Harlan and Mr. James Lynch sang some splendid songs, which were highly appreciated, and proved not the least enjoyable part of the night's entertainment.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Lundy, Mr. and Miss McAuley, Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Melville, Miss Nettie Hopper, Miss Hattie Hopper, Miss Alma Hopper and Miss McClung, and Messrs. Haas, Read, Haine, McNicol, Mortimor-Lamb, Norris, Sadler, Winters, La Plante, Harlan, Cartmell, Schuster, James Kerr, Wallace, Lynch, Sherrette, Bart Ingham, Ward, Crowell, Burgess, Rickards, Shaw, Clarke and a host of others too numerous to mention.

LAND OF THE BOOM.

The Grand Rush to Trail Creek Growing Bigger Every Day.

Trail creek is booming. Every day the boom grows bigger and bigger. Already it is rivalling the stampede to the Slocan two years ago, and the rush seems to have just begun. Yesterday two dozen pilgrims of all complexions, characters and occupations started from this city bound for Rossland. On Friday as many or more are expected to board the train. Prospectors, merchants, investors—all classes are in the rush. How long it will last or what it will be by the time the railroad gets into camp, Solomon himself couldn't tell.

At Rossland two sawmills are running night and day, but cannot begin to meet the demand. From all along the Spokane & Northern, even all the way from Spokane, lumber is being shipped in, and Northport's sawmill is jogging along as fast as possible. It costs $10 a thousand to haul the lumber fifteen miles from Northport to Rossland, and the road is bad just now, but that doesn't make any difference—buildings of some kind must be built, and must be built very quick.

And yet, just at this time, only about fifty miners are working and hardly any ore is coming out. It is there all right—thousands of tons of it—but the road along Sheep creek is pretty soft and although men are kept busy mending it, few teamsters care to try hauling out ore just at this time. The ore is piled up around the mines until there is hardly room to pile any more, so that as soon as the roads harden it is expected to begin moving at a great rate.

Just when the building of Mr. Corbin's branch railroad will begin can not yet be determined. The surveyors are working near Rossland this week, and the graders are expected to start in before the end of the month. The construction of the big transfer boat that is to carry the loaded cars across the river at Northport will take time as well as money, but it is hoped the new road will be running into the camp in August anyway.

"There will be another stampede just before the road comes in," predicted a Trail creek mine owner to-day. "Corbin owns land all around Rossland, but he doesn't own the townsite. It is almost a certainty that he will plat a town of his own in the valley about half a mile this side of the present town, and will put in a depot, hotel, etc. Then look out for fun. The rival towns will be about equally distant from the mines, and the result will be a regular circus of competition."

Meanwhile Rossland booms.—Chronicle.

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VERNON CIVIC TROUBLE.

After many weary weeks of waiting it would seem that at last the civic tangle which has given so much trouble to the citizens of Vernon is about to be unravelled, the aldermen having come to the sensible conclusion not to remain in office, but to allow a new election to take place. In this line of action they show a commendable foresight, as it is evident that a large percentage of the voters still cling to the conviction that the cause of disqualification still exists, even after being given the assurance that such is not the case by so high an authority as the Attorney-General himself.

Heretofore we have persistently refrained from taking any active part in the discussion of this affair, as we felt it was a matter that would soon right itself. But it would seem that such is not the case, as communications from different correspondents would tend to show that a good deal of feeling still exists among many, and some are beginning to entertain the conviction that motives of economy were not the only ones which prompted the alderman in their first action in this matter. Others would seem to have formed the idea that our northern contemporary is not altogether unbiassed in its expressions of opinion on the question as the following, received from one of Vernons citizens, will tend to show:

"From the manner in which the editor of the Vernon News is belaboring the city Police Magistrate, it would lead one to suppose that not only must he be considerably in arrears with his subscription to that valuable publication, but also that he must have provoked the personal spite of all those connected with it. It is hard, after carefully perusing the numerous articles on the subject that have emanated from the muscular pen of the editor, to see exactly where our unfortunate friend has erred, and though it is not to be supposed that his mind is greatly exercised over the matter, we hope it will teach him, as well as others, to be extremely polite to newspaper editors in future, and always to pay subscriptions in advancd, as well as to advertise largely, then we can vouche safe that they will not be called upon from the editorial chair to resign any public office they may happen to hold.

AN UNWARRANTED WARRANT.

A complaint laid before a justice of the peace does not always warrant that individual in issuing a summons, as the following will show. A few days ago a citizen, Mr. T. McDonald by name, had occasion to leave his cabin for a few hours. In the meantime a Mr. Clement Claringburn sought Mr. McDonald on business, went to the cabin, found it open, entered and left. Mr. McDonald shortly after returned home, searched for some money he thought he had secreted in the house, and found it not. Immediately steps were taken to bring the criminal to justice, and to this end a warrant was sought and obtained for the arrest of the visitor, which was carried into execution. On arriving with his prisoner at the aforesaid cabin, there being no lock-up in the district, the newly appointed special constable discovers the missing money in his own pocket. Presto change! Change, yes! But not before the news got spread abroad that a perfectly innocent man had been guilty of a mean petty theft. Therefore, we feel it incumbent upon us to not only point out the very little grounds that existed for the issuance of the warrant, but by giving publicity to the case, to partially, at any rate, clear away the stigma that has been placed upon a perfectly innocent individual.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The action of the United States Senate in refusing to pay the sum agreed upon as damages to injury inflicted to British sealers in the Behring Sea, is causing much adverse criticism both in the just and generous-minded of the American, as also in the Canadian press. The negotiations as to the amount of damages were conducted in the regular manner, through Mr. Gresham, the United States Secretary of State, and Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British representative at Washington. The sum of $425,000 was offered by Mr. Gresham as compensation, and this sum was accepted by the British Government, on, presumably, the recommendation of Sir Charles Tupper. The offer was accepted, not because it was considered adequate to satisfy the full demand of those injured, but on the grounds that a prompt payment of a specified amount were preferable to incurring the delay and expense of referring the matter to arbitration and the holding of a minute investigation into detailed claims. Mr. Cleveland, in his message to Congress, recommended the payment of the sum because he believed Canada would receive a larger award were the matter brought to arbitration, and should the Senate, when they again meet, continue obdurate, this no doubt will be the ultimate result. The assumption of certain Canadian papers, that the award is irretrivably lost, is entirely without foundation in fact. The honor of the United States is at stake, and a great nation cannot and will not allow that honor to be sullied in the eyes of the whole world by the repudiation of a just debt. The Seattle Press Times, commenting on the subject, thus concludes:—

"This congress seems neither to care for the national credit in finance or national honor in diplomacy. The ground upon which the appropriation for the sealing award was refused was that many of the claimants are American citizens who simply hoisted the British flag on their schooners to escape liability to the laws of the United States. There is probably no doubt about this; but it seems to be a late hour in the day to raise the question. The time to have done so was before the award was given. This country favors the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, and will not approve of the action of congress in this matter.

The Province, published in Victoria, thus facetiously announces its first year's birthday: "Were it not that the Province was at the start shown even more than the usual amount of cold shoulder and suspicion which the 'old red sandstone' element of our discriminating fellow townsmen, with a breadth of mind singularly its own, offers to anything not in exact accordance with the requirements of the place as it somewhat crudely existed in 1845, there would be nothing noteworthy in the life of this newspaper. That we are a year old this week is fairly good proof that the business is not exactly in the hands of the sheriff, and a call at the editorial offices will satisfy the most sceptical that the editor is still out of jail." Apropos, it will not be out of place to remind our readers that THE ADVANCE also, ere many weeks, will have celebrated its first anniversary. Then will the stern and uncompromising demand be issued for the renewal of those small but necessary contributions from subscribers which alone keep the unfortunate editor and his staff from being thrown on the mercy of a cold and pitilesss world. Selah!

An item is going the rounds of the press to the effect that whisky is now manufactured out of old rags. We see nothing remarkable about this. Every one knows that nearly all the old rags now in this country are manufactured out of whisky, and there is no apparent reason why the process of conversion may not work as well one way as another; from whisky to rags, and from rags to whisky. What a beautiful business it is!—Ex.

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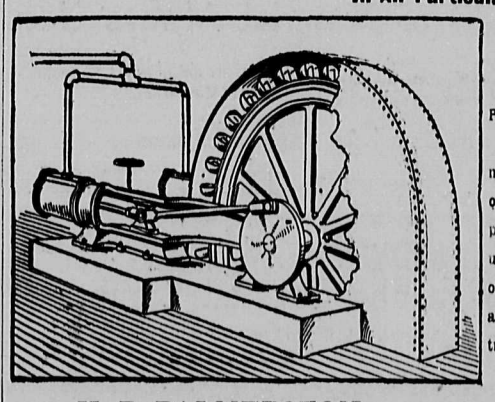

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

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Mr. Mortimer-Lamb is busily engaged erecting a new residence on his pre-emption recently purchased from Messrs. Stuart & Sadler.

Mr. A. Manley returned to Grand Prairie on Tuesday last from Trail creek, and reports that camp to be, if anything, more than booming.

We are glad to state that Mr. James Kerr, J. P., who was quite ill last week, is now gradually recovering.

On Monday last Mr. W. Dalrymple, of Fairview, celebrated the advent of his entry into his new residence by entertaining numerous friends to a grand ball and supper.

Mr. H. Parke, the gentleman who was here looking for free gold properties, left on last Monday's stage on a flying visit to Lillooet to look at a mine in that district.

Mr. J. A. Coryell returned to Boundary Falls on Friday last, he having been to Grand Prairie on business in connection with the survey of church property there. He also surveyed Mr. Ward's pre-emption.

On the 20th inst., at Camp McKinney, Li Hang Tie was convicted under the Vagrancy Act before Wm. G. McMynn, J. P., and sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and costs, or in default imprisonment for three months at hard labor.

We are sorry to relate that Mr. C. E. Stuart lies very sick at Boundary Falls, suffering from a severe attack of typho-pneumonia. He is, however, in good hands, being under the immediate care of Dr. Jakes, our resident physician.

For a variety of occupations commend us to one of Grand Prairie's settlers, who, besides having a ranch and being a fruit grower, is a blacksmith, boot and shoe maker, lath and shingle mill man, brick maker, lime burner, musician and mechanic and trades ad infinitum.

Mr. John Manley, together with his mother and wife, came in on Tuesday's stage to Grand Prairie. Their many friends will be glad to learn they intend spending the summer here. The new residence recently erected on the ranch, and which they now occupy, adds much to the appearance of their fine property, as also to their comfort.

Last week's stage from Marcus brought to town Mr. H. Hamill and Mr. H. Fairburn of Moscow, Idaho. These gentlemen are moving through the country looking up promising business locations, and being struck with Midway's location for a good town in the future, gave expression to their conviction by purchasing some town property.

The bridge over the Kettle river at McLaren's is now about completed, the settlers for the last few days having been engaged in hauling rock to fill in the piers. As soon as this is done the structure will be ready for traffic. It is hardly necessary to say that the work reflects great credit upon those who were engaged upon it, as also upon the Government.

Mr. L. Eholt and Mr. W. Nelson, both of Oro, were visitors in town last week. Mr. Eholt, it will be remembered, on selling his property on which the town here now stands, bought the famous Okanagan Smith's ranch in the Osoyoos valley. Since the purchase, many complications have arisen which keep him out of possession of the same, but he is confident that within a year at most he will be able to get possession.

Saturday's mail brought the sad news to Mrs. McDonald, our public school teacher here, of the death of her father, Mr. John Kirkland of Ladner's, B. C., on March 15th last. It was not, however, altogether unexpected, as he had been sick for some time past. The sympathy of our entire community goes out to her in this great trouble, and the wish of all is that Providence may give her strength to bear the burden of her affliction.

MINING NOTES.

Mr. Elliot has two men steadily employed doing development work on the Smuggler claim, Camp Fairview.

In the Wellington camp Mr. J. Taylor and partner are busily engaged developing the Keystone claim. This is a good copper property.

The shaft on the Emma claim, Summit camp, is now down 65 feet. When the 75-foot level is reached, it is the intention to run drifts on the ledge. The property belongs to the Parrett Smelting Co.

On Saturday week last the Morning Star, Camp Fairview, had another clean-up after a month's run. It is understood the returns were very satisfactory, and in excess of some of the former ones.

Mr. W. T. Thompson has secured from Messrs. Symonds and Wallace an option on the Lead King. This body of ore carries the largest percentage of lead to be found in any claim in the Boundary creek district, and when smelting works are erected here, should be in great demand.

It is reported that the owners of the hydraulic claim at the mouth of Rock creek have leased the property to Kee Kee, one of the principal Chinese of that place and head of a local Chinese company. By the terms of the lease it is understood that no less than ten men are to be kept at work constantly during the season. It seems a great pity that the property could not be worked by white labor, as then there might be a possibility of the money paid out in wages finding its way into local channels of trade.

Quite a number of claims have already been taken up on Ah Shee creek this spring, principally by Chinese. There is every possibility of a large amount of money being taken out of the creek this summer, as it is well understood the Chinamen who worked there last season did not do at all badly, and of necessity last year's work consisted in great part of prospecting the ground.

Mr. W. Brown, manager and principal owner of the Volcanic Mountain claim, on the north fork of Kettle river, passed through Midway a few days ago, and reported the tunnel which is being driven by himself and assistants to tap the vein on the claim, to be now in a distance of 300 feet. This is the kind of development work for prospectors to carry on to prove their property. If they are successful in striking a large body of ore their reward will be represented, not by hundreds of dollars, but by hundreds of thousands, as Mr. Brown considers that the day they strike the ledge with the tunnel this same claim will be worth to them a million dollars. This mode of developing their property is certainly a departure from the general methods adopted by the average run of prospectors, and whether they become millionaires or not, one thing is certain, they will richly deserve a grand reward for the great amount of work done. The development work, as it stands to-day, cost a good many thousands of dollars, as well as the time spent by them in driving the tunnel, but such is the determination of these men to reach the goal of their ambition that they would almost run into the centre of the earth rather than be disappointed.

The Oro Denaro, Mr. W. A. Corbett owner, has been bonded to Mr. W. T. Thompson, of Fairview, for the sum of $30,000. This is without doubt the largest copper property on the American continent. Although undeveloped, it has a showing of sulphuret of copper ore which, we are given to understand, is some 600 or 700 feet in width on the surface. The bond was secured in the interest of a strong eastern mining syndicate, and on the securing of which Mr. Thompson can be congratulated, as it is well known many overtures have recently been made to the owner. The vein of ore on the Emma claim, owned and being developed by the Parett Smelting Co., runs out into the Oro Denaro, thereby lending an additional value to the latter property, as recent development tends to prove that the Emma is likely to turn out to be a body of ore similar to that found in the Trail creek country, equally rich and of enormous size. Nature has lent a strong hand to the development of the Oro Denaro, as by its peculiar position on the face of the mountain it is a property easily worked. Tunnels driven at the base of the mountain would prove the ore bodies at a depth of 250 feet. It is safe to say the bond gives to the holder an option on one of the best copper properties to be found in any of the camps. The same gentleman has secured an option on the Bruce claim on Ingram mountain, which is owned by Messrs. Symonds and Wallace, and is a large body of peacock copper ore. The bond on the property requires that considerable development work be done, the same to be carried out this summer.

THE WORLD OVER.

Li Hung Chang has been dispatched by the Chinese government to Japan with powers as peace commissioner.

The Manitoba Legislature has passed a resolution abolishing all expenditures for the Lieut.-Governor's residence after the present year.

Alarming reports come from Newfoundland of the distress prevalent there. It is stated that in St. John's alone there are nearly 3,000 families in a state of starvation.

The Imperial navy estimates for the ensuing year amount to the enormous total of £18,700,000. With this sum are to be built 11 cruisers, 20 torpedo boats, and 20 torpedo destroyers.

The bill to disestablish the Church of England in Wales has passed its first reading. Welsh disestablishment virtually means a legalised robbery of the vested interests of the church by the state.

The British Government has declared itself willing to join a bi-metallic conference should Germany so desire. This fact is significant, and the result of such a conference will very probably relieve the political pressure on this question in the United States.

Last week were concluded the arguments before the Privy Council on the Manitoba school question. No decision has yet been reached, but it is expected that the Manitoba Government will be notified that if action be not taken at the present session of the legislature to remedy the grievances complained of, all the papers in connection with the case will be laid before parliament next session, and it will then be competent to legislate on the subject.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

A man of the name of Vere was committed for trial last week in Nanaimo on the charge of eloping with the wife of a miner living at Wellington.

Mr. Neil Heath, erstwhile vice-principal of the High School, Victoria, committed suicide last week. His conduct for some time past had been noticeably eccentric.

The Dominion Government are instituting a survey of the country between Taku Inlet and Teslin Lake, in view of having a wagon road constructed into the Yukon country.

Large game does not appear to have been all yet exterminated in even the settled districts of Vancouver Island. A Mr. Wake of Duncan's is credited with having shot no less than four panthers near his house within ten days.

The steamship Empress of India arrived in Vancouver last Thursday. Her steerage passenger list included no less than 375 Orientals. Considering that so many white laborers are in a state of absolute destitution in and about the coast towns, this fresh inundation of cheap and alien labor is much to be deplored.

Theft of poultry in Vancouver has of late assumed alarming proportions. Last week one of the deprecators, a Chinaman, was discovered in the act. After an exciting chase he was eventually captured, and thinking probably that it is well to have companions in misfortune, he considerately betrayed a number of other of his countrymen. The thieves received the extreme sentence of the law, six months with hard labor.

The versatile Chinaman, not content with ousting the white laborer from the industrial paths, has, according to the Vancouver News-Advertiser, entered upon the at times lucrative, but less peaceful occupation, of highway robbery. The other day two young men in Vancouver were "held up" by a celestial, but when, instead of complying with the request the challenged became the challengers, the bold, bad robber made a hasty retreat.

It will be remembered that a short time ago Mr. Justice Crease arbitrarily imposed an additional sentence of three years penal servitude on a man named Simpson, to the five years already accorded him for the crime for which he was convicted, for what His Lordship chose to consider a contempt of court, Simpson having said, when the sentence had been passed, "Thank you, my Lord." The Young Women's Christian Association have the honor of being first in taking the initiative, they having drawn up a petition to be dispatched to the Governor-General praying him to take this very hard case into consideration.

LOCAL NOTICES.

[Announcements under this head made at a charge of 20 cents per line each insertion.]

The Early Bird Gets the Worm.

EITEL BROS., proprietors of the Bridgeport (Washington) Flouring Mills, have given PARRY & MCLELLAN of Tonasket Store, Alma, P. O., Okanagan Co., Wash., exclusive right to sell the products of their mill in B. C. for one year, commencing Feb. 12

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GENERAL ELECTION.

To the Electors of Yale-Cariboo:

GENTLEMEN:—

In response to the widely expressed desire of representative men in various parts of your District I have decided to come forward as a candidate at the forthcoming elections, in opposition to the present Government.

As this is such an enormous district I am, of course, personally unknown to a large number of you; but I may state that I have large interests at and around Ducks and Kamloops, and am very desirous, for your welfare and mine, to see this province progress more than it has done for the last few years.

I am opposed to the policy of protection which has been pursued for the last sixteen years, as being unfitted to the requirements of the country, and benefitting the few at the expense of the many.

I join in the condemnation of the corrupt manner in which the administration of the affairs of this country has been carried on during the time that the present party has been in office.

I consider:—

1. That a customs tariff, if imposed at all, should only be for the purpose of raising a revenue, not for the purpose of protection:

2. That freer trade relations with Great Britain and the United States would immediately benefit this country:

3. That under existing circumstances and the peculiar nature of the country mining machinery should be allowed to come in free of duty:

4. That the natural resources of the country should be the first to be developed:

5. That in order to accomplish this end the country should be opened up, the rivers made navigable, and increased facilities for communication and transportation afforded:

6. That the mail and other contracts let by the Government should be put up to public tender:

7. That the strictest economy should be observed in the administration of the public service, and all unnecessary expenditure should be stopped:

8. That all conflicts in regard to the disposal of government lands and issuing of titles should be inquired into and any grievances redressed, and the surveys in the railway belt completed as quickly as possible.

As this district comprises so large an extent of country it will be impossible for me to visit every polling division and become acquainted with the the electors, but I shall make a point of visiting as many as possible and holding meetings for the purpose of placing my views on public matters before you, and learning from you the local requirements of each district.

I have no objects of my own to serve by asking you to support me, but I have time that I can give to promote the interests of this District, the Province, and the Dominion, and I shall devote it to that purpose.

For these reasons I ask your support at the approaching Dominion Elections, and trust you will see fit to give it to me.

Yours faithfully,

HEWITT BOSTOCK.

KAMLOOPS, 28th February, 1895.

PREVENT PNEUMONIA.

HOME REMEDIES TO USE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DOCTOR.

The Causes of the Disease—The Temperate Climates the Real Stalking Ground of the Disease—The Part Absolute Quiet Plays in Securing Recovery.

Conditions of weather and climate are probably the most important of all known agencies in the causation of pneumonia. The influence of the cold and dampness in increasing the liabilities to acute inflammatory diseases of the chest are well known. The disease is also more common in temperate climates than in regions characterized by great heat or extreme cold.

Pneumonia is a trouble which falls so quickly upon one's system that it is hard to discover the precise moment of attack.

"Wear a chamois skin jacket lined with flannel next the skin all winter, if one has any predisposition or inherited tendency toward this weakness," advised one physician: "I find this an excellent preventive."

"It is also a good idea," he continued, "to keep the blood well nourished. Strong food is a formidable foe to pneumonia, for it puts the tissues in such condition from its effect that they throw off the cold."

Pneumonia goes harder with men than women, all doctors agree, the reason being that the lat er are more constantly exposed.

As soon as the rigor comes on, which is as significant of approaching danger as the shrill rattle of a snake, go to bed. Do not temporize with the disease. Discretion is the best part of valor, and a quick surrender makes the enemy less implacable.

Take an effective laxative, 20 grains of quinine, a hot lemonade, and get a good sweat. Stay in bed for 36 hours, and in six cases out of ten the symptoms will pass.

In children the rigor is often displaced by a convulsion or violent fit of nausea.

In amateur treatment to prevent what inclines toward pneumonia, care should always be taken about the heart. Failure of cardiac power is the great source of danger, and, therefore, digitalis, which is such a help in uncomplicated cases, to depress the circulation, has to be sparingly used where any heart weakness is discernible.

But quinine remains good in all cases and stages. It can be taken in large doses, 20 grains or more, repeated at intervals of 24 hours. A full dose of brandy is an excellent accompanist to this.

Cold baths are given at once, abroad, but it is not a safe thing to try without the aid of a physician, and would be classed more as a cure than a preventative. So the old-time remedy of a good hot mustard foot bath with a blanket wrapped about the knees and a few blankets over the body stands still a favor at the beginning of the invasion.

Absolute quiet should be maintained from the start, for the nerves play a great part in the development of pneumonia. The room should be at a temperature of 68 degrees. Milk, soup or lemonade, quite hot, should be the only food. If the fever rises, cold sponging is the thing to do, except in the case of weak children, when tepid baths should be substituted. Turpentine inhalations assists expectoration, tone up the system and are pleasant for the patient. Some of the physicians now favor a hypodermic injection of borax; claiming that it is an excellent arrester.

If there is a pain in the side or lungs, which generally accompanies the rigor, mustard plasters should be used, and wet or dry cupping according to the intensity of the pain. Some physicians are using choloroform soaked in cotton, with a dry layer of the cotton protecting it, to alleviate the distress. But, again, this deserves professional treatment.

If one has any tendency toward lung or throat trouble it is well to remember that the ankles and arms should be kept well covered. These parts are very sensitive, and the woman who wears a short-sleeved, high-necked shirt is more imprudent than if she exposed her throat. For this reason high boots should be unvaryingly worn in cool days outside of the house or inside, if there is no furnace heat.—Jocelyn Davies, in St. Louis Republican.

The Bicycle for Women.

The mention of the bicycle for women opens a field of mild controversy which is only important because some of the objections to its use are taken from the hygenic standpoint as well as from the social. Many objectors contend that the wheel is as undesirable for women as the sewing machine, while the majority of parents seriously object to what they feel to be the unpleasant publicity of the exercise. As a matter of health, which is of the first importance, the writer has made many inquiries among women who use the wheel regarding the effects of the exercise upon them, and has failed to discover a single case of injury or poor health resulting from its use. On the contrary, the testimony to its exhilarating and healthful effect is universal. Several other American physicians, qualified to speak from experience in their practice among women, have warmly commended its use. From the standpoint of a symmetrical exercise, the position is preferable to that on a horse. The movement is unlike that of a sewing machine in several important respects: Instead of being bowed over in a cramped position which restricts the action of the lungs, digestive and pelvic organs alike, the woman rider sits erect, with full opportunity for chest expansion, while the difference between the environment of the sewing woman and the riding woman as regards indoor and out-of-door life is most important.—Dr. Mary T. Bissell in The Popular Science Monthly.

When a Pumpkin Grows.

A. P. Anderson, a graduate student in the department of botany at the State University, has just completed some novel and very interesting investigations as to the growth of plants. In this series of experiments Mr. Anderson has been studying the growth of the pumpkin and its vine, making use of his new electrical device for measuring plant growth.

This work has been in progress for fully a week, and the interesting fact is revealed that the pumpkin itself does most of its growing after 7 o'clock in the evening and diminishes its activity as the sun rises and begins to act upon its leaves. From 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon the weight of the fruit diminishes, owing to the evaporation of water from the leaves of the plant. The general results show that when the fruit grows most the vine grows least, and vice versa.

The course of these experiments has been watched with great interest by the botanical department, as they cover a part of the science as yet very little known.—Minneapolis Times.

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Passengers for Kettle River and Boundary Creek connect at Marcus with stage on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
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County Court Notice.

SITTINGS of the County Court of Yale will be holden as follows:

At Osoyoos on Wednesday, 10th April, 1895
At Midway on Saturday, 13th April, 1895,
at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

By Command
C. A. R. LAMBLY,
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Rock Creek Division of Yale District.

NOTICE is hereby given that assessed and Provincial revenue taxes for 1895 are now due and payable at my office, Osoyoos, at the following rates:—

If paid on or before the 30th June—

One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate;

One-third of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property;

One-half of one per cent on the income of every person of fifteen hundred dollars and over;

Two per cent on the assessed value of Wild Land.

If paid on or after the 1st July—

Two-thirds of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate;

One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property;

Three-quarters of one per cent on the income of every person of fifteen hundred dollars and over;

Two and one-half per cent on the assessed value of Wild Land.

All persons whose taxes are in arrears up to the 31st December, 1894, are requested to pay the same forthwith, or costs will be incurred at an early date.

C. A. R. LAMBLY
Assessor and Collector for the Rock Creek Division of Yale District.
Government Office,
Osoyoos, 5th January, 1895. td

MINING NOTES.

The new concentrator at Three Forks is now running daily, and doing satisfactory work.

An application has been made by a syndicate in Chicago to lease the smelter at Revelstoke.

News from the Slocan Star mine states that it is seldom that the daily shipment falls short of 100 tons.

Large gangs of workmen are thronging into Cariboo, where work is shortly to commence in the Horsefly and Cariboo mines.

The Le Roi Hotel at Trail Creek is shortly to be lighted by electricity; the power being obtained from the shaft-house at the Le Roi mine.

Mr. Atkins of Trail creek is evidently of a persevering and indomitable nature. After spending two years in hard work and a hundred thousand dollars in money, he has at length succeeded in obtaining, so says the Rossland Record, one of the best claims in Trail. The Columbia, the claim in question, has been stripped for 100 feet, the lead has been crosscut and twenty feet of good ore exposed.

The Northwest Mining Review, under the caption "An unwise Act," condemns the Provincial Government of British Columbia for passing a law prohibiting the location of mineral claims by alien miners. The article is thus concluded: "The law is a most unjust reward for the services rendered by the noblest class of men on earth, the American prospector, and we believe our northern neighbors have not only acted unjustly but unwisely." Ere this our contemporary will be aware that no such law is in force in British Columbia. It is true that such a measure was ingrafted into the amendment to the mineral act, but was subsequently thrown out, and justly.

Mr. Hughes, of the O. K. mine in British Columbia, who came down a few days ago on business, brought with him some rare specimens of gold ore. One lump is estimated to carry the precious metal at the rate of $150,000 to the ton. Of course it is not contended that these are samples of the lead, but Mr. Hughes states that in the breast of the tunnel, in a steep hill, and 145 feet below the surface, they have 14 inches of ore like that of the War Eagle. There is altogether from 14 inches to three feet of good milling ore along the full length of the tunnel. The owners have a five-stamp mill and every few weeks send down a brick to the Spokane market, Mr. Hughes having brought on his last trip one that weighed $3,000. Miners regard the O. K. as one of the most promising mines in the Trail creek district.—Spokane Miner and Electrician.

THE SKYLARK MINE.

This property was discovered in July, 1893, by Mr. James Atwood and immediately bonded to the Spokane & Great Northern Mining Co. This company in turn leased 100 feet (on the vein) to Symons & Co., who went to work at once and during the fall and winter of 1893 shipped several tons of high grade silver-gold ore to the Tacoma smelter. The width of the vein was from eight to fifteen inches; the entire ledge being considerably wider. The character of the ore is a fine grained steel galena with some gray copper and ruby silver and assaying from 100 ounces to 700 and 800 ounces silver and from 1 to 3 ounces gold per ton. The strike of the vein is north and south; dip between 50 degrees and 60 degrees toward the east. The claim is situated on Boundary mountain, one mile and a half from the main waggon road, with which it is now connected by a branch road. Up to the present time it has been necessary to "pack" the ore from the mine to Grand Prairie, thence transfer to wagons, but now the ore can be loaded on to wagons at the mine, and hauled to the railroad without a transfer. Messrs. Symons & Co. worked the property until 1894, when the original bonders took hold and began mining on a larger scale. They continued sinking the shaft from the 50 foot level (at which point the vein had apparently "pinched out") to a depth of 103 feet, but did not again encounter the vein. From the bottom of the shaft a drift was run east some 15 feet in the hope of striking the vein. But this failing, further search for the vein was abandoned, the presumption being that the Skylark had "dug out," and this was the generally accepted opinion outside.

Later developments, however, have shown the utter fallacy of this widely circulated statement.

The shaft below the 50 foot level was allowed to fill up with water and the company began stoping out all ore in sight above this level; this being accomplished in August, 1894 (at which time the final payment on the bond was due); the mine was abandoned, the bond thrown up and the Skylark was looked upon as another example of "how easy it is to sink money in a worthless mine." But far worse in the possible results, the reports were spread outside that the Skylark (which was the principle shipping mine) had been completely dug out and not another pound of ore could be found—in fact it seemed as though the Skylark was to be the monument erected on the grave of the Boundary creek mining camps. Everywhere one could hear the remark made that the Boundary creek mining camps were not of much account, as the mines all "dig out," the Skylark always being referred to as an example. As in all mining camps, we certainly have some small "gash" veins that do not reach a great depth, but there is no reason to doubt that our true veins will extend to as great depths as any in the Northwest when they are once found in place. Owing to disturbances of the earth's crust some of the veins have faulted in the upper portions, but when the solid formation is found the veins will doubtless continue downward.

But to return to the Skylark. The claim lay idle but for a short time, when the owners, Messrs. Douglas, Atwood, Wake and Johnson began a systematic search for the vein where it had faulted at the 50 foot level. The hanging wall was broken into and at a distance of six feet the vein was found; the shaft was then continued, the rock taken out being dumped into the old shaft sunk by the other parties, and which was entirely under the ore. At a depth of 75 feet on the vein it again faulted and a drift was run east 25 feet, when the vein was struck again, this, however, was found to be not in place, but a total of 42 feet from the 75 foot break, and here the ledge apparently in place was found. The ledge here is 30 inches between walls, with 6 to 8 inches of ore on the hanging wall side, and a narrow seam ("½ to 1") on the foot. The ore is as good as any yet found in the mine, and with a little more depth will undoubtedly "come in" as solid as ever.

Assays of ore taken at the 75 foot break yielded 766 ounces silver, 1 ounce gold; 780 ounces silver, 1 ounce gold; and 268 ounces silver, 1 ounce gold. Ten tons excellent ore extracted while sinking the shaft can be seen in the ore house.

A total depth of 117 feet (shaft and drift) has been reached, with an actual depth of 87 feet on the vein, thus tending to prove in a large measure the continuity of the vein, and to disprove the statements that our ore bodies do not "go down." The Skylark lead has been traced the full length of the claim to the north, and well over on the extension the Denver; while to the south it has been traced to within a short distance of the south line. Messrs. Douglas and co-laborers are to be congratulated on the excellent showing in their property—the result of intelligent mining—and the district as a whole will benefit largely from it.—J. C. HAAS, E. M., in Mining Review.

East Kootenay Development.

Quite a little delegation of Spokane prospectors will start for the Fort Steele country about the middle of next month. There would be a great many more of them if money were more plentiful, but the merchants of that country have a habit of charging about five prices for supplies, and this has a tendency to discourage the prospectors who don't have enough cash on hand to buy a season's grub in Spokane and pack it with them into the hills.

Most of those who will go intend to hunt for placer properties, although there is likely to be more activity in quartz prospecting this year. This is owing to hopeful signs that the Canadian Pacific will actually extend its Crow's Nest Pass line to the Kootenay river this year, along the lines surveyed last autumn.

"There are plenty of quartz properties along the Upper Kootenay," said an old prospector to-day, "but they have always been neglected because there was no way to ship out the rock and ship in machinery and supplies except at enormous expense. But once let the railroad graders begin work on the C. P. extension and quartz locations will be in lively demand. And there are good signs that the dirt will fly this year."—Chronicle.

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