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HOW GOLD IS EXTRACTED.

The ordinary method of gold extraction, as almost everyone knows, is to crush the ore to a fine powder and run this over amalgam plates of quicksilver. Th gold is precipitated upon the plates, and afterwards scraped off. But by this means, even by the best devices, only about half the gold values are saved. The rest goes off in a kind of slime which is known as tailings. In South Africa the amount lost by this method is almost exactly one-half In other words, if the ore runs from $8 or $10 to the ton, only $4 or $5 in gold is gained. It is here that cyanide comes into play. The "tailings" are gathered up and deposited into huge vats containing a weak solution of cyanide of potassium. This chemical compound has a peculiar affinity for gold and takes it up just as water dissolves salt or sugar. The gold is held in solution. When this leaching process, as it is known, is complete, when all the gold has been dissolved out, the gold-laden liquid is run through a kind of filter made of bright zinc shavings cut very fine. This precipitates the metal, and afterwards when the solution of cyanide has been run off, these zinc shavings are put in clear water and thoroughly shaken, with the result that the gold falls off and is deposited in the bottom of the tub. Here it is gathered up and put through the refinery, and comes out, sometimes almost pure and sometimes in a coarse bullion.

Where ores are of low grade they are not put through the stamp mills at all, but are crushed to a fine granulation and treated directly by the cyanide. This is the case with the Cripple creek ores of low grade, as with the ores of New Zealand and many other countries. In New Zealand 80 or 90 per cent of the gold values is obtained by this means: in South Africa between 30 and 40. In the latter case this saving affords not only the entire profit there is in working the mines, but even much more. So that it is fair to say that without cyanide there practically would be no South Africa gold fields.

But the new process has not always been so successful. In California, for example, it has so far been found of little value. Then, too, there is among mining men, or was until very recently, a decided prejudice against the new method. When it was first brought out five or six years ago it was hailed as a panacea for every ill that gold mining knew. It was to treat every sort of rock, and all with equal success. And in so many instances it signally failed that many experienced men concluded that it was not worth much of anything at all. The truth lay between the two extremes.

It would not be easy to make an approximately accurate prediction as to the probable future production of gold. Competent experts have estimated the total calculable value of the gold-bearing beds about Johannesburg at about $2,500,000,000, and those of all the Transvaal at about $3,500,000,000. And they calculate further that the output of the Transvaal by 1900, or at least in the year following, will reach the extraordinary total of $100,000,000 a year. All over the world there is a similar activity which even if it does not lead to equally prodigious results, is at least sufficient to indicate a steady and uninterrupted increase of the world's store of gold.

Last year the United States, Africa, and Australasia each put forth $44,000,000 of the yellow metal. Russia was only a little behind with $34,000,000. Each of these sums represents a heavy increase over 1894, and a vastly greater product than has been known in any year within this generation. This increase is all due to scientific treatment of large bodies of low grade ores, ores which never could have been treated before. Nor is there anything to indicate that these low grade ores are being exhausted, but on the contrary it is probable that yet larger bodies will be made to yield their riches. The increase of the world's output for the last five years has averaged 12 per cent. for each year. If the rate of increase for the next five years averages no more than 10 per cent. still the total for 1900 will reach the stupendous sum of $320,000,000. That would mean an output for the next five years of $1,500,000,000, or more than in any decade since 1800. It would mean an output of the ten years from 1891 to 2000 of nearly $2,000,000,000 of gold.

That is equal to all the yellow metal mined in the 400 years from the time Columbus discovered America.

Put into other terms these estimates reveal the possibility of an absolute glut in gold. At the present time much less than one-third of the total gold product is consumed in the arts, and there is nothing to indicate that this demand can keep pace with the rapid and unprecedented increase in production. Our present gold basis currency scheme, originated in England in 1816 and subsequently adopted by the chief commercial nations of the world, was formulated at a time when the world's production of gold was a little more than $10,000,000 a year. In the interval that has elapsed the world's population has increased only 2½ fold, while its gold production has increased twenty times. The present indications are that it will be thirty times what it was in 1816 before the century is closed. It is one of the curious and startling phases of the remarkable revolution in gold mining that it may force upon the nations the question as to whether they will be able to keep their mints open to the free-coinage of gold at its present value. It is not a scramble for gold—it is a deluge which is threatened.—Spokane Miner.

COLUMBIA RIVER AND WESTERN.

If the C. P. R. does not see its way to extend its Robson-Rossland railway westward to Okanogan lake this year there is another ready to fill the gap. As is well known F. A. Heinze has applied for a charter for a narrow gauge railroad from Trail through Rossland to the Boundary camp and Okanogan lake. This road will be about 200 miles long and second in importance only to the Crow's Nest Pass road among the roads likely to be built this year. In an interview in the Butte Miner last Monday Mr. Heinze is quoted as follows:

"The matter has not shaped itself so that it can be given out for publication. Of course it is no secret that the Boundary district has no railroad and that its vast wealth lies dormant on account of this fact is also no secret. Naturally there is a movement on foot to supply this long felt want, but I am not in a position to give the details."

"Is it an assured fact that the railroad will be built?" was asked.

"Yes, I think it is. I am positive that the country needs a railroad, and needs it badly and it would be a paying investment. The natural resources of the country through which the proposed extension is contemplated, are great and inexhaustible. However, specific detail as to its plans and personnel of the contemplated movement would be premature to give out at this time. Within a very short time the plans and specifications may be ready for publication.

As shown by the map the railroad reaches all the numerous mining camps of the Boundary district. It will be a narrow gauge road equipped with mogul engines and the largest capacity of freight cars. The capital, it is understood, has been subscribed and ready to be paid in as soon as a few minor details of right of way, etc., are completed. At all events, it is expected that the road will be finished by next fall and in full operation by Nov. 1."

A CANADIAN MINT.

Senator McInnis of British Columbia, made the following remarks in the Senate on the debate on the speech from the throne:

"In regard to the paragraph which relates to the development going on in British Columba, more particularly in the mining regions, I may say that I am very much pleased to find that what I stated on the floor of the house some years ago is receiving attention. At that time I urged upon the Government the necesity of establishing mints to enable us to coin our own money, pointing out that Canada has produced within the last 25 or 30 years over $65,000,000 of gold, which has all been shipped out of the country and coined silver in the United States or England. On that occasion I predicted that British Columbia in the near future would become one of the greatest silver producing countries in the world. A great many hon. gentlemen thought at the time that I was drawing largely upon my imagination, but I am happy to be able to say now that during the last year over $750,000 of gold and nearly $2,500,000 of silver has been taken out of the province. In all probability the annual output of silver alone will shortly amount to from $7,000,000 to $10,000,000, because most of these mines are just now beginning to be developed. Many of them are only beginning to ship ore, but that ore yields from 100 to 600 and 700 ounces to the ton. I hope that the hon. premier will make a note of what I mentioned a few years ago—I do not think he was premier at the time; my recollection is that the house was led by the late Sir John Abbott—I hope he will take into consideration the suggestion that I then made, and that he will in the near future establish a mint in Canada. It is too bad that a country producing the precious metals in such large quantities should have to depend for its gold coin upon the United States. The gold coins of that country are legal tender in Canada and occasionally we get a few sovereigns from the mother country but they are shipped back again as quickly as possible. Our silver, even, is minted in England, and the deputy minister of finance nearly every year boasts that they make almost enough on the silver coinage to pay the running expenses of his department—that is to say from $48,000 to $54,000 a year. Even our copper coin is manufactured by a firm in Manchester, if I am rightly informed. Now that state of affairs ought not to exist. Let us have a mint without further delay. The cost would be a mere trifle. There is no place where that mint could be established to such great advantage as British Columbia where the great bulk of the precious metals is produced. British Columbia is the only province of the dominion in which a mint was ever established. About 30 years ago, before it was made a part of the dominion, we had a mint, and a few dozen 10 and 20 dollar pieces were struck off."

OIL IN EAST KOOTENAY.

One of the various resources of East Kootenay waiting for development is in the southeastern corner of the district. This is a section of country but little known and which is separated from the remainder of the district by a high range of mountains. The natural outlet of the valley is down the Flathead river into Montana, and the nearest railroad is the Great Northern. Some years ago attention was called to this section through the finding of crude oil in the possession of some Stoney Indians who annually hunted in that valley, and they were induced to show some miners where they had obtained the oil, which they, the Indians, were in the habit of using as a medicine for complaints of all kinds The surface indications are good, and two different kinds of oil have been obtained. On Kishneena creek, a short distance north of the international line, a black oil, similiar to that of Pennsylvania and Ohio oils is found. But on Sage creek, some eight miles north, there is found an oil that is nearly pure, of a light yellow color, which will burn in a lump as it comes from the ground. Close by there is natural gas escaping from the bedrock, which burns freely on ignition. Some of this oil sent to the Geological Museum at Ottawa caused considerable excitement and comment, and was pronounced a fraud on account of its purity. Dr. Selwyn, the head of the department, made a special trip into the valley, and was surprised to find the oil genuine, and also that this oil was found in the Cambrian formation, which was something unknown, as all the oilfields hitherto discovered have been in the Trenton limestone.

Directly due east of Sage creek and on the eastern slope of the main ridge of the Rocky mountains, in Alberta, there are plenty of surface indications of crude oil. And the finding of these indications over such a wide area and in the same formation would go to show that there is a large oil field awaiting capital to develop it.

LIGHT IN DARKNESS.

A new light has been discovered by Prof. Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, of Wurzburg, Germany, which scientists assert will penetrate wood, animal tissue, aluminum, and lead. The other metals for the most part remain opaque. This new light is developed by means of a Crook's tube and an electrical current. It is said that by means of the new light Prof. Roentgen photographed Mont Blanc on a night when it was so dark that the outline of the mountain could not be seen with the aid of an opera glass. Yet the photograph was perfect. Prof. Campbell Swinton, by means of Roentgen's discovery, photographed the skeleton of a living hand, phosphate of lime, bone matter, being opaque to the new light. Prof. Swinton also photographed several coin in a leather pocket book, only the images of the coin appearing.

It would seem that the practical application of this new light to scientific investigation might mean great revelations for the future. It is true that of the metals are opaque to it, but the light is so powerful that a fracture in armor plate, steel rails, guns, etc., etc. could be readily detected. It could be used also in detecting irregularities in composite metals, alloys sometimes being imperfect.

The value of the new light along this line appears as boundless. A more imaginary view of its application is that it might some day enable the prospector and mining engineer to look into the bowels of the earth for the hidden treasures of precious metals.

Mr. F. H. Lantz, superintendent for Messrs. Turner & Innes arrived at Greenwood on the 24th ult. The company will commence the erection of houses for the men at once. Mr. Innes is expected from Montreal in a few days. A large force of men will be employed on the company's leaded properties.

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MR. HEINZE AND THE RAILWAY.

On the first page of this issue we reprint an article which appeared recently in the Butte Miner, relating to the liklihood of railroad construction from, presumably, Trail to Penticton. The article is really a series of somewhat vague and guarded statements from Mr. Heinze, an applicant for one of the three charters which have been applied for, on the subject.

As a means of information the interview in the Butte Miner is of little practical value. Mr. Heinze when asked the positive question, "Will a railroad be built," replies, "I think so, the country needs it, and it would be a paying investment." The two latter propositions are decidedly inconfutable, and afford about as cold comfort to those of us who would like to hear something definite, as to a starving man the information would be that beef-steak was only 10 cents a pound, or that hunger was an unpleasant sensation.

After, however, replying in this negative sort of way, Mr. Heinze becomes more communicative, and he not only informs us that the capital has been subscribed, and is ready to be paid up upon the shortest possible notice, but he enters into the more minute particulars regarding the kind of engines to be used on the road, the size of the freight cars, and other matters. In fact the whole interview is indefinite and unsatisfactory; it might mean a great deal, or just as easily nothing at all.

Now, though we are perfectly ready, more, anxious to admit that a railway connecting us in two directions with the regular routes of travel would be to an eminent degree desirable and beneficial to the proper development of our mines, yet, we are satisfied that the situation is not so urgent that it makes the necessity of welcoming with open arms of every company proposing to build a road through the country, without question, indispensable. The mineral wealth of this country is beginning to be recognised; ere long it will be an indisputable fact. When this occurs, there will be several railroads competing for our trade.

We would, therefore, strongly recommend that before granting a charter to Mr. Heinze, or to any other applicant, the Government impose such restrictions as to make the carrying out of the project advantageous to the country as well to the mere promoters. Restrictions that would at once decide the probity of any company proposing to build. Of these, a sine qua non, should be the immediate commencement of work, and further a specified time limit for the completion of the undertaking should be made and rigidly enforced. In Mr. Heinze's case, we do not by any means intend to imply that he is incompetent or incapable of fully carrying out any undertaking to which he has pledged himself; on the contrary, his work at Trail Creek has shown him to be a man of energy and determination. Our contention is solely for the purpose of guarding against the devices of the now too-common speculative companies, which, in other parts of the province have obtained charters, with, it is not necessary to add, results disastrous and disappointing to shareholders and others who hoped to be benefited.

TWO PER CENT. TAX.

A bill introduced by the Mon. Mr. Martin, chief commissioner of lands and works, is now before the legislative assembly at Victoria for consideration, and, among other things, contains the following clause:

"There shall be assessed, levied and collected from every person owning, managing, leasing or working a mine, and paid to her majesty, her heirs and successors, the sums following, that is to say:

"Two per cent. on the assessed value of the gross output of such mine, that is to say—on the assessed value of all ore or mineral-bearing substances raised, gotten or gained from any mine in the province, such value to be assessed and determined upon such output as it lies upon the mining premises.

We do not believe for one moment that this most restrictive tax, affecting the welfare of the mining industry, will be allowed to become law, and yet it is hard to say what the Government, in their sore straights to provide revenue to recuperate a needlessly depleted treasury, may not bring themselves to do. If the Legislature allows the clause in Mr. Martin's bill to become law, nothing is surer than that a process of strangling the mining industry will have been entered upon, the result of which will not be long in making itself felt, as undoubtedly it will be made much harder to induce capitalists to take hold and develop the mineral resources of the province, resources which at the present time are fast uplifting British Columbia, and placing her among the first mineral producing countries of the world. This being the case, let the Government take warning, for undoubtedly the mining fraternity are at the present time contributing liberally to the revenues of the province, and will not for ever stand an increased burden being placed upon their energy and capital, when they so well know, the revenue should be added to by an application of the pruning knife in matters of expenditure in other directions.

If the members of the Government could be made acquainted with the views of some of the leading men of the mining world upon the same subject, it is certain the obnoxious clause would be struck out. For the views held by the class above referred to on the subject is that this tax, if it becomes law, will only be the insertion of the wedge, and that before long, other means will be resorted to, to raise revenue, which will still further burden the industry which above all others should be given the greatest freedom and facility for development.

KETTLE RIVER MINING DIVISION.

Record of Mineral Locations for the Week Ending February 29.

12. Boundary Falls, No. 2, Smith's camp, E. C. Brown.
21. Queen Sabe, Copper camp, H. L. Morgan.
25. Mother's Boy, Deadwood camp, F. A. Wilkinson.
25. Mountain View, Deadwood camp, W. H. Williamson.
25. Mascot, Deadwood camp, V. D. Williams.
25. Exchange, Deadwood camp, J. B. Brooks.
26. Bank of England, Greenwood camp, M. D. McLeod and J. Marshall.
28. Northern Belle, Brown's camp, J. C. Sears.
28. Alva Mott, Brown's camp, J. D. Sears.
28. Potosi, Brown's camp, C. F. Sears.
28. Salamander, Skylark camp, J. Ransport.

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24. Sabbath Day, ¼ interest, D. Stewart to R. Wood.
25. Butte, ¼ interest G. Cook to R. Feldman.
25. Keystone, 1-10 interest, J. M. Taylor to P. Fieldman.
25. Oro, ¼ interest, J. M. Taylor to P. Fieldman.
26. Gold Bug, ¼ interest, N. Bi[illegible] to T. Walsh.
28. Bray Fogle, ⅔ interest, [illegible] Smith to J. Schofield and [illegible].
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Rock Creek, February 18, 1896.

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ALL PLACER MINING CLAIMS AND Leaseholds legally held in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District are laid over from the 1st day of November, 1895, to the 1st day of June, 1896. C. A. R. LAMBLY,

Gold Commissioner,

Government Office, Osoyoos, B. C.,
30th October, 1895.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Lat.....49 Long.....118° 50
Altitude, 1,800 feet above sea level.
Melting snow for week, .0" of aninche; rain, .00

TEMPERATURE FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 27.

	Max.	Min.
Feb. 21	50	24
" 22	51.5	29
" 23	41	36
" 24	52	35
" 25	53	32
" 26	49.5	28
" 27	49.5	28

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Mrs. Lundy gave a very pleasant whist party on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmerston left Spokane for the south on Sunday week last.

C. L. Thomet has returned from a lengthy and enjoyable stay in the south.

Mr. R. Stuart is building a small house on a lot near the Government buildings.

McKay Smith, representing J. Piercy & Co. of Victoria, was in Midway Wednesday last.

A restaurant of the kind known as "chop-houses" has been started at Grand Forks. This will be a great convenience in many ways.

"Dutch Jake," a celebrated character from Spokane, and at one time a millionaire, was in Midway last week. He hopes to retrieve his fortunes on the reservation.

Another new stage line has sprung into existence, which will cater to the traveling public between Grand Forks and Marcus, the coming summer. This makes three lines already running between these two points.

It is rather a curious fact that the 29th of February which was Saturday's date, does not occur again for eight years, 1900 not being a leap year. The ladies should carefully note this coincidence and take time by the forelock. Verbum sap.

Sixty horses are now being used on the different stage lines between Marcus and Penticton, and soon this number will be increased. About half the number is being made use of by Messrs. Manley & Averill upon the line which runs between Marcus, Grand Forks, and Midway.

Mr. I. Dinsmore of Seattle, and erstwhile a member of the Winnipeg police force, probably the finest body of men in any city in the world, is staying with his cousin, Dr. Jakes at Boundary Falls. Mr. Dinsmore contemplates going into the furniture business at one of the towns of the district.

The herd of cattle belonging to Kerr Bros., have been brought through the winter in grand condition. The herd, which number forty head, are all four and five year old steers and spayed heifers, and came from Mr. Cawston's ranch in the Similkameen. The animals, which are to be killed for the spring trade, are generally larger and heavier than local bred beef.

Mr. S. S. Fowler left on Morrison's stage on Saturday bound for Chicago and New York. Mr. Fowler who has been in the Boundary creek camps for many months past, and is connected with the Thompson and Fowler deal in mining properties here, will visit New York having a two-fold errand, viz, to visit a brother who is at present lying sick unto death, and to consult with the syndicate who are desirous of making investments here, on matters of business connected with the same. Mr. Fowler expects to return in about a month, and his appearance will be eagerly looked forward to.

The postal authorities are awakening to the necessity of furnishing good mail accommodation at points of importance which have recently sprung into existence, and as a result a postoffice will be opened at Greenwood City today, arrangements having been made with Mr. Miller, the contractor who carries the mail between Penticton and Grand Forks, for an extension of service to this thriving little town. A good postoffice at this point will be a great convenience to a large number of miners, and will certainly be much appreciated by them, as it will do away with the necessity of their having to come as formerly, several miles every week to get their mail. The camps more particularly benefitted by the establishment of this office will be Greenwood, Summit, Long Lake, Copper and Deadwood.

We are informed by Mr. W. Powers of an extraordinary performance with the rifle that occurred recently. MacKay Ingrim, it has long been known, is a marksman of peculiar skill, as the numerous trophies which adorn his walls testify. But it was not until the other day that the deadly accuracy of his aim was proved beyond dispute, when Mr. Ingrim gave an exhibition of his prowess for a wager. A ten cent piece was used as a mark and inserted at a distance of fifty paces in the bark of a pine tree. Mr. Ingrim fired twenty-five rounds in all, without stopping to see the result. An examination was then made, but to the surprise of the onlookers the mark was not to be found, but at the spot where it had been placed a hole neatly bored through the centre of the trunk was seen. Further search revealed the curious phenomenon of the ten cent piece firmly adhering to another trunk some distance away. The supposition is that it was carried by one of the bullets in this remarkable way.

Miss Hains, the eldest daughter of the late Judge Hains, is a guest of Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. Kruger, customs officer at Osoyoos, is staying in Midway for a few days, on a visit to his wife and family.

The roads are now in a very wretched condition, and consequently the mail stages on Friday night were several hours late.

Mr. W. H. Norris returned on Friday from Spokane, where he attended a banquet given by the Northwest Mining Association.

Mr. W. W. Gibbs of Boundary Falls is putting up a nice frame building at Anaconda, which will be occupied as an assay office upon completion.

As soon as lumber can be procured—the demand at present is taxing the output of the mill—Messrs. Barrett and Hodgson will erect a building at Greenwood City, and will open business there as assayers. There will be no scarcity of professional assayers in the country this summer, as already six assay offices are in operation.

The saw-mill whistle once again regulates the going and coming of man to his labor, and woman to her domestic arrangements. The Midway mill makes the third in active operation in the Boundary Creek district, at present, and soon another will be added to the number, so there should be no dearth of building material before long.

Saturday evening again saw a large number of guests assembled in Palmerston hall, bent upon enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Kruger, the hostess of the evening. In this they were not disappointed, as many pleasing games were entered into, at the conclusion of which delectable delicacies were furnished and thoroughly enjoyed. This makes the fifth in the series of entertainments provided for the bachelor fraternity by the Ladies' club, entertainments which it is needless to say are greatly appreciated by those taking part therein.

MINING NOTES.

J. Read, P. Helstab and S. Bennerman left on Tuesday to prospect in the reservation, and expect to be absent for ten days or more.

Mr. Kane's claim, the Blue Jay in Skylark camp, is looking remarkably well. The ore is very rich in silver and carries high in gold.

Another shift has been put on at the Gold Drop. Six men are now working on the claim, which in every sense is justifying the expectations of the bonders.

The rush to the Colville reservation has not abated, though would be locators are now obliged to go further afield. There will undoubtedly be a season of great activity this summer.

Mr. Munro has thrown up his bond on the Nugget claim, a valuable free-gold proposition. The property has been bought outright by Mr. R. Stuart, who, it is understood, has instructed his London agent to be prepared to float the stock on the market at any time.

CARSON NOTES.

Special Correspondence.

The town will soon experience a building boom and the prospects for a busy season's trade is extremely bright.

Lots are selling freely and already some of the first disposed of are demanding a good premium over the purchase price.

A company is being organized, having for its object the supplying of the town with water, which will be taken out of Fourth of July creek.

Several placer claims have been recorded near Fourth of July creek, which at no distant date may be known by the exphonious title of Carson, U. S. A.

Mr. C. K. Simpson will soon be setting up a fine new sawmill upon Mr. Wasson's pre-emption, which is intended to supply lumber for the many new buildings required here.

It is needless to say that our young and progressive town is somewhat quieter than a week ago, owing to the exodus of prospectors to the Colville reservation. We are however far from being dull, as ever and anon news reaches us of some good strikes being made in our immediate neighborhood across the line.

To accommodate the prospectors in the matter of recording claims, a meeting was held a few days ago and a vote taken, the result of which was the establishment of a U. S. record office opposite here, with Mr Colin Campbell in charge. This obviates the necessity of miners having to send or go to Colville to record their claims.

A RELIABLE STAGE-DRIVER.

The old reliable stager, Mr. E. D. Morrison, who for the past ten months has never missed a trip twice a week between Marcus and Midway, is in receipt of a fine new four-horse stage-coach, which will make its debut as soon as the roads are in a fit condition to receive it. This driver's record is 280 miles per week of six days, or between 14,000 and 15,000 miles per annum, a distance considerably over that of half the circumference of the earth. It requires no little power of endurance for a man to drive nearly 50 miles a day six days out of seven, and keep it up for a year or two, and yet the old reliable claims he intends to keep up the practice until he makes a fortune out of it, failing which he will resign and live the balance of his life upon the unpaid subscriptions to his service. Those desirous of contributing that which is due a service faithfully performed should render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and thereby turn the old adage topsy turvy, and return evil for good, by paying up punctually their dues of 50 cents per month.

QUANTUM SUFFICIT.

When a man is intoxicated the law considers his system is laboring under a load which is "quantum sufficit" for his well-being, and even more, and therefore those who supply a man with liquor when in an intoxicated condition, are held to break the law. For this offence Mr. L. A. Manley of Grand Forks was brought before S. A. Almond, J. P. on the 26th, and upon the testimony of Constable Deans, who prosecuted, was found guilty.

The case, however, was dismissed, as the defendant explained to the presiding justice, that he was not aware that any such law was in force in the province, and as it was the first time it had been brought into effect in the district, the justice took a very lenient view of the offence, and dismissed the defendant with a caution as to future behaviour.

THREE MONTHS.

A man named D. Thompson came to Grand Forks from Marcus on the 24th, and to make his presence felt took the opportunity to deprive another man by the name of G. Wilson of a pair of blankets. For this little freak he was arrested by Constable Deans and brought before Justices S. R. Almond, P. T. McCallum and J. Kerr on the 26th, who, upon hearing the case, imposed a penalty of three months upon the prisoner, at the same time giving him a little advice to the effect that if he or any one desired to get on on this side of the line, honesty would be found the policy most conducive to prosperity. The prisoner is serving his term in the Midway lock-up.

SUNDAY CLOSING.

Action was taken under the Sunday Closing act by Constable Deans, who brought before S. R. Almond, J. P., Mr. J. McLaren of Carson, charged with supplying intoxicants upon the Sabbath. The case was clearly proven, but as it was the first time it had been found necessary to put into execution the power conferred by the act, in this district, the justice took a very lenient view of the offence, and considered the ends of justice would be met by an imposition of the costs of the court without any further fine.

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In soliciting a share of your patronage, we do so feeling confident that if you will entrust us with your favors, we shall be equally and mutually benefitted.

Many years' experience in other parts of the province has convinced us that the public generally would much prefer to do business upon a cash basis, providing the price of goods is consistent with this system. Feeling confident that such is the case, we beg to say that we have adopted this method of doing business, viz. either for cash or trade, and in doing so we believe we are acting in the best interests of our customers.

An inspection of our stock and an enquiry as to prices will convince all that such is the case.

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

At Osoyoos on Monday, 4th May, 1896,
At Midway on Wednesday, 6th May, 1896

At the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

By command, **C. A. R. LAMBLY,**
Government Office, Osoyoos, R. C. C.
Dec. 16th, 1895.

MINERAL ACT, 1893.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE ANARCHIST MINERAL CLAIM,

Situate at Camp McKinney, in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Chas. D'B. Green, agent for R. G. Sibley, free miner's certificate No. 62139, 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 20th day of January, 1896. 21

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FIRST SHIPMENT OF MATTE.

The Hall Mines, Limited, smelter ran at least be credited with making the first shipment of copper matte from British Columbia. This week 15 tons were shipped to a refinery at Kansas City, and next week another shipment will be made to the Balbec works at Newark, New Jersey. The matte shipped ran 50 per cent. copper and carried 280 ounces of silver to the ton. This reckoned at 64 cents an ounce for silver and 7 cents a pound for copper makes the matte worth $249.20 in Nelson. The shipment that will be made next week will run somewhat higher, as a good deal of it is metallic copper, which carries considerable gold.—Nelson Tribune.

One of the most beautiful pictures of mineral wealth ever presented to the human eye may now be seen in one of the stopes of the No. 12 level of the O. K.. It is about 400 feet from the mouth of the tunnel and is therefore well in the mountain which is quite steep. The ledge has here widened out to seven or eight feet with solid ore between the two well defined walls. Quite a large chamber has been opened out by the stopers and the entire roof and one side are bedecked with quartz carrying many beautiful colors. The metals carried in this quartz are native gold, native silver, native copper both shot and flake, galena, pyrhotite, arseno-pyritite with the alternative products of malachite or green copper carbonate, azurite or blue copper carbonate, black copper oxide with here and there bunches of crystalized azurite. Mineralogists and mining men can easily understand what a dazzling array this would make. Nothing like it can be seen in any other Trail creek mine. No one needs to be told this is a rich, high grade ore. It runs about $50 per ton total value and just now there is an abundance of it in sight. The new 10-stamp mill will probably be up and running in 60 days and Manager Warner expects to supply at least one carload of smelting ore per week. A carload went out to the Tacoma smelter this week and another carload is ready at the mine. The next shipment will be made to the Everett smelter.—Rossland Miner.

Mr. Hewitt Bostock, who holds the bond on the Pittsburg group of claims, lying between the Crown Point and the Occidental, has had six men at work on the properties all winter sinking shafts and running tunnels, with only partial success. A quantity of mineralized rock is encountered, but the ore is not solid, and neither Mr. Bostock nor his representative, Cowper-Coles, is elated at the prospect.—Rossland Prospector.

THE POSTMASTER WAS "PEART."

"Look a yere," said the justice of the peace, after reading my letter of introduction and putting on his hat to go to the post-office with me, "ar' yo' really expectin' any mail?"

"Yes, three or four letters," I replied.

"Letters of importance?"

"Yes, quite important."

"Wall, I hope it'll be Dan's good-natured day."

"And who is Dan?" I asked.

"Why, he's the post-master—Dan Scott—and he's a leetle high-strung, specially when he don't feel jest right."

"But I can't see what his being high strung has to do with my mail."

"Can't yo'? Wall, then, I'll tell yo'. If Dan's feelin' o'nery when yo' ax him fur yo' mail, he'll tell yo' its none o' yo'r bizness whether anything has come or not."

"Does he run the post-office to suit himself?"

"He does, sah, and anyone who don't like it can say so. As soon as they begin to say so, however, he begins to shoot."

"But I should think you'd have him bounced."

"Can't do it, sah. We've got up five different petishuns, but he allus licks everybody who signs it and then chaws up the paper. I kin tell at the first look whether he's feelin' peart or o'nery. If its peart yo' kin go ahead and ask fur yo' mail; if its o'nery yo' ask the price of plug terbacker and back out and git for my office afore he kin grab his gun, while I stop and wrastle with him. This is the place in yere."

I followed him into the grocery store, a portion of which was given up to the post-office, and after peeping through the glass partition at the man sorting the mail behind, the justice turned and whispered to me.

"The Lord be praised! but Dan's feelin' peart this afternoon, and yo' kin ask fur yo' mail and even do some bluffin' in case he's opened any of yo'r letters to git the latest news."—Detroit Free Press.

THE JUDGE REBUKED.

Lord Esher, who, when president of the court of appeals used to keep up a running fire of "chaff" on learned counsel, sometimes got a Roland for his Oliver—as when a young barrister, in the course of argument, stated that no reasonable person could doubt one particular proposition. "But I doubt it very much," said the judge. The youthful advocate, not one whit abashed, replied: "I said no reasonable person, my lord. The master of rolls could only gasp: "Proceed, sir, proceed."

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If paid on or before 30th June:

One-half of one per cent. on real property.
Two per cent. on wild land.
One-third of one per cent. on personal property.
One-half of one per cent. on income.

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Two-thirds of one per cent on real property.
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One-half of one per cent. on personal property.
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