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A Greenwood Defaulter.

Geo. F. Dougherty Decamps With Miners' Union Funds.

A dispatch from Greenwood says: Greenwood has been treated to a genuine sensation and organized labor has received another body blow in the house of its friends. Geo. F. Dougherty, secretary of the local branch of the Western Federation of Miners, has skipped out with some of the union's money. It is the same old story of the really honest and hard-working element of the federation being bunco'ed by the loud mouthed agitator. While the amount of defalcation in this instance does not run to the figures that occurred in a similar instance in Rossland during the big strike there, the loss is a serious one to the local branch. The incident has set people thinking. P. R. McDonald of Rossland, is here, and is a very busy man in his attempts to sift out the facts of the case, but he does not appear to have accomplished much. Dougherty is safe across the border, and, for some unexplained reason, will not be brought back.

Dougherty's defalcation is said to amount about $1,000, part of which belonged to the local miners' union and part to District No. 6, W. F. M. He leaves besides many unpaid debts to merchants and others, and his wife and child are left here in straightened circumstances. It is said that he carried a bond for $1,000, covering his two offices. Gambling is the reported cause of Dougherty's downfall, as he has been plunging heavily of late.

Will Resume Work on Betts and Hesperus Group.

Bert Rea, general manager of the Betts and Hesperus group on Hardy mountain, has gone to Chicago, where the head office of the company is situated for the purpose of conferring with the directors regarding future work to be done on their group. It is reported on good authority that work will be started on a much larger scale when Mr. Rea returns. Whilst in Chicago he will purchase a five drill air compressor plant to prosecute further development, as the work already done amply justifies the installing of machinery. The property has all the earmarks of a mine, and when the V. V. & E. build their Phoenix branch a spur line less than half a mile, will connect them with the mine. Mr. Rea will return in two weeks.

No Railway Legislation.

Victoria, Feb. 9.—The premier made the statement in the house today that no railway legislation will be brought down. He said that likely they would have a summer session to carry out a scheme as to some railways which have been promised Dominion aid, and others, but was careful not to commit himself on that point. He said that he was in negotiation with Dunsmuir with reference to the purchase of the E. & N. railway, as that would solve many vexed matters in connection with settlers' rights. However, Conservative were not, he said, in favor of government ownership as a rule.

Victoria, Feb. 10.—The house was prorogued tonight, the governor coming down early in the evening to relieve the members.

The supply bill was put through the final stages this afternoon, several motions of want of confidence from the Opposition being ruled out of order.

On the motion of Wells, the house passed a resolution memoralizing the Dominion government to impose a duty on American lumber.

At the evening session the government house committee reported that although they could not complete their labors they found Archer Rattenbury had acted honorably and had protected the interests of the province.

The governor prorogued the house at 9:15.

B. C. Copper and Snowshoe Companies Will Unite.

New York, Jan. 12.—After the British Columbia Copper company directors' meeting it was officially announced that sufficient stock had been deposited with the Continental Trust company to guarantee a successful merger with the Snowshoe, under the proposed plan whereby both will be acquired by the new company with $5,000,000 capital.

Immediate steps will be taken to form the new corporation. The British Columbia shareholders get $3,075,000 of the new stock in exchange, less the expense of concolidation, but in no event less than two and one fifth shares new for each and every share. The Snowshoe gets one and one eight shares new for each old.

The British Columbia Copper company owns the Mother Lode mine and the smelter at Greenwood, B. C., and the Snowshoe company, an English concern owns the Snowshoe mine in the same district.

Robbed Express Co.

Grand Forks, Feb. 6.—The Dominion Express Co. have just discovered that they have been victimized to the extent of nearly $200 at this point, by an unscrupulous employee, who stole seven suits of clothes, and seven or eight boxes of cigars, consigned to parties here, and then decamped. The name of the culprit is H. W. Storey, a young man about 25 years of age who was employed several months ago by the C. P. R. here as operator, and he has also handled the express business. During the last month he was in the employ of the company here, a consignment of some twenty suits of clothes, which had been ordered from a coast house, through their traveling tailor, came by express C. O. D., some of which for different reasons were refused by the parties to whom they were consigned, and were stored in the express room awaiting orders from the shippers. It was whilst they were awaiting orders as to their disposal that Story helped himself to seven suits valued at about $1.70, to-

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In the course of a speech delivered a short time ago before a large meeting in Montreal, Sir Wilfred Laurier is reported to have said that if the Grand Trunk company did not build the national transcontinental railroad some other company would

This statement does not conform very well with a recent editorial in the Toronto Globe, the leading mouthpiece of the government, recommending that tne matter be submitted to the people at the next election. The Toronto News, an independent paper with Liberal leanings, one of the strongest advocates of the original scheme as passed by parliament, now takes an entirely different view of the matter. It seems to think that more definite and reliable information as to the nature of the country the proposed railroad would pass through is absolutely necessary before the government and people are committed to the construction of a railroad certain to involve the expenditure of many millions of public money, and which according to John Charlton M. P. must have a four-tenths of one per cent. grade and be first class in every respect to successfully compete with other railroads in the transportation of grain and other products. The News also favors the extension of the Intercolonial from Montreal to some point on our inland waterways, at a cost to the country of about 20 millions. This would go a long way toward an immediate solution of the transportation question, and help to relieve the congestion of traffic, if any there be. Mr. Blair, ex-Minister of Railways, and now chairman of the Railway Commission estimated the cost of the Grand Trunk Pacific at 120 millions. If the expenditure of 20 millions in extending the government railroad would afford adequate transportation facilities for the present and near future, surely it would be better to expend the 100 millions thereby saved or a portion of it on other necessary public works. During the last week of the last session of parliament an Act was passed to subsidize some 70 or 80 railroads throughout Canada to the extent of about 13 millions. Possibly some of these railroads could stand subventions on a more liberal scale. the Midway-Vernon road for instance. There are a good many people in Yale-Cariboo who would not object to liberal government aid to a roilroad that would give them direct comnunication with the coast cities. The transportation problems at their doors are of far more interest to them than those of the Peace river country and the land beyond the Laurentides.

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R. G. Sidley, was in Midway uring the week.

Mrs. N. Munroe is visiting riends at Greenwood.

W. H. Webb, of Greenwood, as in Midway on Tuesday.

E. Jacobs is spending a few eeks in the Boundary country.

Miss Annie Morrison spent few days in Midway this eek.

Miss Ella Meyerhoff is visiting rs. Alex Bloomfield, Greenood.

D. McBride, of Anarchist ountain, was among the visor's to Midway this week.

Miss Belle McLaren, who has een visiting her sister, Mrs. as. McNicol, returned to her ome at Carson this week.

Recent cold weather has formd ice of sufficient thickness to urnish a supply for putting up or summer's use, and this week . Crowell had his ice house illed with a good quality about 5 inches in thickness.

Sam Strong, who some time go sustained injuries from falling down a shaft on a property e was working, which necessiated his going to the hospital t Greenwood, is again able to e around.

Quite a number from Midway attended "What happened to Jones" in the Alhambra, Greenwoo', on Tuesday evening. The play is a good one if well acted, but the preformance at the Alhambra was anything but good. Evidently the audience was not well pleased as applause was at a premium.

S. Benerman returned on Thursday from the Roderick Dhu mine, in Long Lake camp. Work has been temporarily suspended at the mine owing to the excessive fall of snow making it impossible to work to any advantage. The road to the property is blocked and no more ore will be hauled until the road can be opened up, which will take some time.

Death of Dan Graham.

The death of Dan Graham, son of A. D. Graham, took place at Greenwood Thursday afternoon from pneumonia after a short but painful illness. Up to a couple of years ago the deceased resided at Midway, when afterwards he removed with his parents to Greenwood. His sudden death at the early age of 14 is deeply regretted by all who knew him. He leaves father, mother and one sister, Mrs. W. Garrison, of Centralia, Was'n). The funeral takes place o-day at Greenwood.

Vernon Man Dies on Prai rie.

Macleod, Feb. 5.—To-day the Gazette contained the following item: "Information regarding the whereabouts of D. McIntyre, of Vernon, B. C., is asked by his wife. He was last heard of in Macleod between Dec. 10 and Jan. 7. The missing gentleman is a member of the Woodmen of the world, and the I.O.O.F. His affairs are in good shape. Information regarding his whereabouts will be gladly received by his relatives and wife."

Before the paper had been issued the body of the missing man which had been lying on the prairie for seven weeks was found frozen stiff on the pasture ground of the mounted police by a number of constables who were out riding.

R. station where he was loading grain on the evening of Dec. 16, and was never seen afterwards. From the position in which the body was found it seems that he was walking towards the town. He was fully dressed and on the body were found a gold watch and some $38 in cash, with a bunch of personal papers. There were no signs of foul play. The deceased was employed by the Columbia Flour Mill company and was well known as a buyer of grain throughout this district.

Robbed An Express Co.

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gether with the cigars; then he quit the company and left for Rossland. On Thursday last, some of the C. P. R. officials had occasion to open one of the parcels containing the clothes, when to their great surprise, the box contained nothing but rubbish. Then one after the other was opened only to expose to view, old rubbers, tissue paper, and pieces of wood in seven of them. Then some cigar boxes were examined, and found to contain C. P. R. time cards, which proved poor smoking. Provincial constable, I. A. Dinsmore was immediately summoned and put to work on the case. It was then learned that a man from Grand Forks had been trying to dispose of clothes in Rossland. From Rossland, it is understood he went to Spokane. The Express company will use every effort to locate him and bring him to speedy justice.

An Explanation.

VANCOUVER, B. C. Feb. 5

The Editor,
THE DISPATCH,
Midway, B. C.

SIR: A little story which I wrote for the Canadian Magazine has, I am sorry to learn, given some annoyance to Midway people. The readers of that splendid magazine in your town peruse it with as fine a discrimination as do those of Toronto itself. This I have found out to my cost. The little story concerned that grand old character "Jolly Jack". Two correspondents of the magazine at Midway have censured me for saying thet "Jolly Jack" died in the Old Mens' Home at Kamloops. As a matter of fact he breathed his last in his old shack in the Boundary and was buried by that noble institution, the Pioneers' Association of the district. With a deep sense of the terrible sin allow me to confess that I wilfully departed from the truth. The story was fiction. But it was written with the idea of helping to keep alive the memory of a prospector of whom the country should be proud. It is a pleasure to find that it is doing so. For the sake of peace, let me express regret to the Midway correspondents and point out to them that my motives were good. There was not the slightest intention to insult the Pioneers' Association which so well looked after "Jolly Jack".

"For the sake of art", however, let me protest against the demand for accuracy in fiction. The late Frank Norris, in discussing a problem in fiction, trenchantly remarked that "accuracy in fiction cuts no figure at all". If, said he, a writer point be the conveying of a truthful impression—that is his affair. The inaccuracy in the "Jolly Jack" story was purposely done in order to convey a true impression, viz., that the country was remiss in not making better provision for the grand old prospectors of the "Jolly Jack" style. Considerations of space will not justify me in going further into this matter, much as one would like to in order to prove to the Midway correspondents that my idea was to make a loveable hero of "Jolly Jack". Not for a moment would I reflect on the Pioneers' Association.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,
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The World, Vancouver, B. C.

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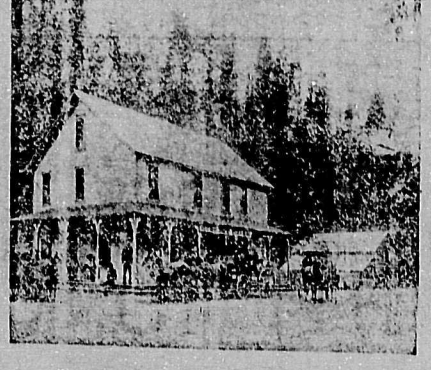

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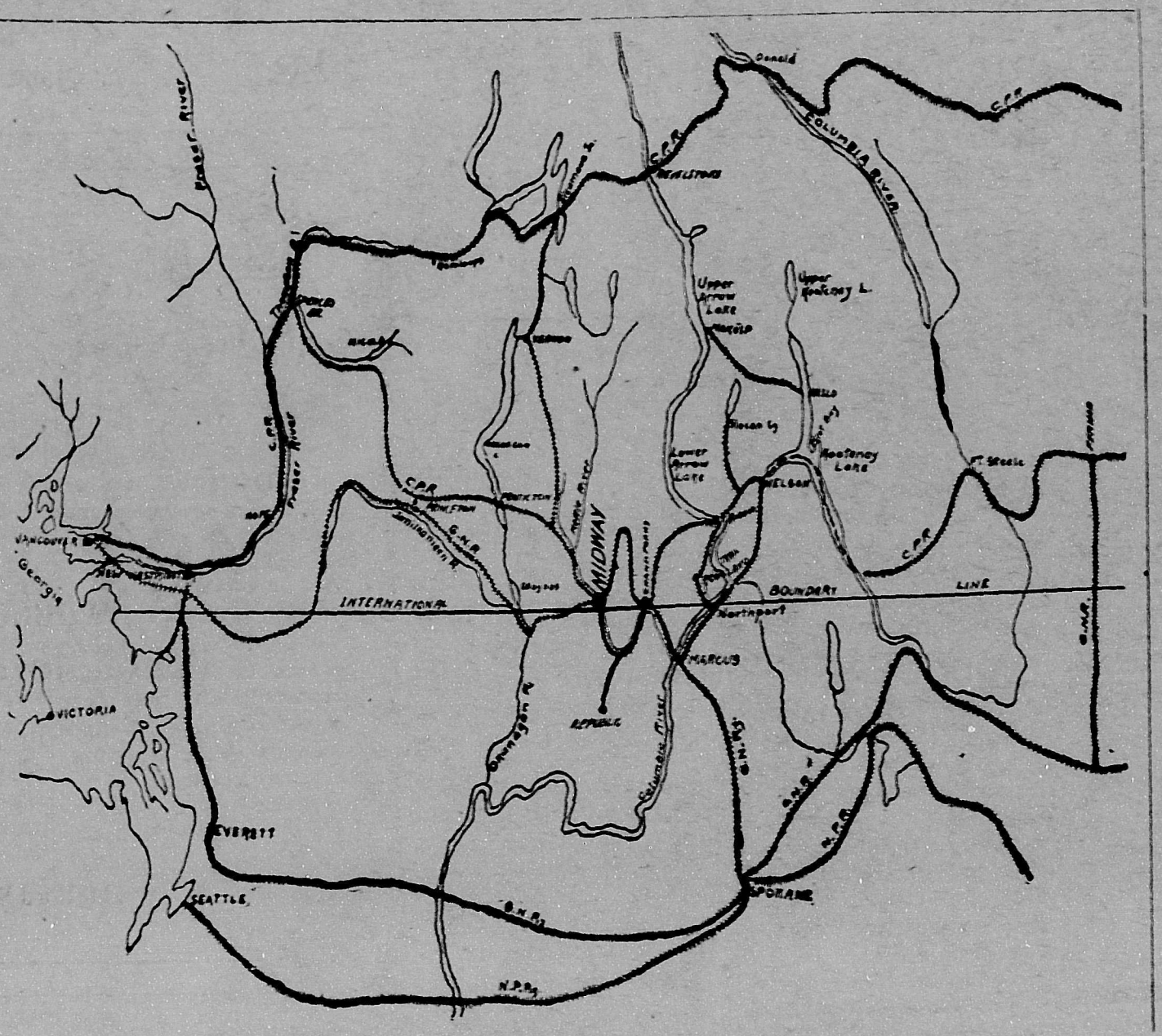

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Certificate of Improvements

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And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 21st day of January, 1904.

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MINERAL ACT.

Certificate of Improvements

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