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A SPLENDID MOVE

The Provincial Departments Are Bestiring Themselves.

ISSUING ADVERTISING MATTER

Descriptive, Neat, Comprehensive and Well-Compiled Epitomes Concerning the Province.

SHOULD DO MUCH GOOD FOR B. C.

The staffs of the various provincial government departments must be working over-time at Victoria these days. Among the publications received by the EAGLE this week is the public accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1901; the thirteenth annual report of the public schools of the province; a neat, comprehensive and well-compiled epitome of retrospective and prospective conditions affecting the province, a splendid thing for circulation in the outside world as advertising matter. This "general review" is labelled Bulletin No. 1, so we may look for a continuance of the good work—thanks to whoever brought the idea into execution. Another descriptive pamphlet, profusely illustrated, sets forth the agricultural capabilities of certain portions of B. C., issued by the department of agriculture.

The following is clipped from Bulletin No. 1, concerning Lardeau mining in 1901:

"The fact that 3,200 tons of ore, of the gross value of nearly half a million dollars, have been shipped out of the Lardeou district, notwithstanding the present excessive costs of transportation and treatment of from $30 to $50 a ton, affords some idea of the potentalities of this section of the province.

During the summer months a branch railway of the Canadian Pacific, following the course of the Lardeau river from Kootenay lake to the foot of Trout lake, was under construction, and when this line is completed, as it is hoped it will be early in the spring, the development work prosecuted during 1901 at the mines will be rendered effective. During the year all the older established properties have been able to increase their production, while new discoveries, like the Triune, thanks to the exceptionally high-grade character of the ore (which carries a value of $200 per ton), have also assisted in swelling the districts output by entering the shipping class without the usual delay incidental to quartz-mining development. The rich free-milling gold ore discoveries at Fish Creek, and silver finds about five miles west of Trout Lake City, have also helped to attract attention to this district, in whose mines very considerable investments of capital were made during the year."

Whatever party secures the reins of government the EAGLE hopes to see this step in the right direction continued. It will prove invaluable to the country in general, and is a something which we have been shouting ourselves hoarse for for years.

Let There Be Justice.

A few weeks ago the EAGLE received a letter from Rev. T. H. D. Harrold, pastor of the M. E. church at Seville, Ohio, asking for our endorsation of the statements made by persons interested in the sale of Mountain Lion Mining Co. stock. And because we did not do this the following letter has been received at this office:

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Feb. 15th, 1902.—Editor LARDEAU EAGLE, Ferguson, B. C.: My Dear Sir: Your postal card of Feb. 7 sent to our Mr. Harrold of Seville, O., has been returned by him to us. We have referred the matter to our attorney, Fred C. Elliott, of Trout Lake City, who will call upon you in regard to the matter. Mr. Elliott is authorized by us to take such steps as he may think best in regard to this matter.

We are sorry that you seem to be anxious to cast insinuations upon both our property and our company. We would like to have an opportunity to air ourselves before a court of justice in order to set forth to the people the truths and facts upon which our company is built. We do not wish to make you any trouble, but we will permit no one unjustly to attack us.

We have often heard of the bird that befouls its own nest and you certainly seem to us to belong to that family.

Hoping that you will see the right side of this matter and set yourself clear, we remain, very truly yours,

MOUNTAIN LION MINING CO.
Per J. N. G.

All right gentlemen! Trot out your evidence. If the EAGLE has befouled its own nest by contending that there was no sane reason for advancing the price of Mountain Lion stock, as per circular now in our possession, to its par value of $1, it is ourselves who have to live in it. The EAGLE does "see the right side of this matter" and has nothing to "set yourself clear" of.

A Preacher That Preaches.

Rev. S. J. Green's pulpit in Ferguson last Sabbath afternoon was occupied by Rev. Dr. A. Whittington, superintendent of Methodist missions in B. C. The reverend gentleman's discourse was a treat to listen to. It was full of what one would call ideal Christianity, a Christianity which appeals alike to christian and sinner. He said that a man could not be a christian merely by profession, but that the light of his christianity must be reflected in his life. He very much disapproved of that class of so-called christians who strive to serve God and Baal, who while they would like to point others to and wiggle thru the golden gate, also kept their weather eye open for the main chance—who placed the $ before their God. This, he felt, was the cause of the Church's weakness to-day. He pointed out that a man was his own best judge; while he might deceive others he could not deceive himself, and if he professed christianity and at the same time was connected with shady dealings he must know that he was a guilty hypocrite. Mr. Whittington also told the church people how to increase the strength of the church. They must live lives of christian love and charity; to make the church such a home of peace, goodwill and unity that the worldly minded would see and rever the beautiful light of the love of Christ reflected from within the church and become anxious to enter into the fullness of such joy.

Created Mere Powerful than Creators.

A condition which requires a province, with but six representatives in a house of over two hundred, to combat, unaided, powerful corporate interests for every concession it receives, is not conducive to rapid development, says the Tribune. It is this condition which threatens more seriously than anything else the successful issue of the present demand for consideration for British Columbia's mining and smelting industries.

That Hospital.

The Trout Lake hospital committee, consisting of Messrs. Abrahamson, Griffiths and McPherson, were in town on Monday evening. They handed the secretary of the Miners' Union, A. J. Gordon, a proposition to submit to the members. Until their proposition is voted upon by the miners next Saturday night the hospital question, which seems to be somewhat agitating the public mind, will remain in status quo.

Make the Change With the Ballot.

"I stand here friends to urge that a new leaf may be turned over—that the laboring class instead of idly and blindly waiting for better circumstances and better times, shall begin at once to consider and discuss the means of controlling circumstances and commanding times, by study, calculation, foresight, union."—Horace Greeley, first president of New York Typographical union, in an address to workingmen.

A. & K. RAILWAY

Contractor Carlson Says It Will be Completed in Six Weeks.

ITS CONSTRUCTION CAME HIGH

The Road Will Open One of the Finest Mining Sections of British Columbia.

CONSIDERABLE ORE AWAITING

Contractor G. A. Carlson was in Nelson last Friday, and in speaking to a Miner reporter about business in the Slocan he said there had been a noticeable change lately for the better and that hopes were high of a more successful year than last. Each advance of a fraction of a cent in the price of lead, he said, brings comfort and joy to the people of the Slocan.

In relation to the railway which is being extended into the Lardeau country by the Canadian Pacific and on which he and his associates have a contract, he stated that 200 men are now at work and good progress is being made. The train which used to run into the end of where the track has been laid for some twenty odd miles has been abandoned on account of the snow, and now the trip to where the principal work is in progress, which is about thirty miles from the lake, is made in sleighs. The winter has been a mild one and the men have been able to make nearly full time since the snow began to fall. Up to October it was difficult to secure first-class men, but since that time there have been more men than could be given employment. The bridges are nearly all finished and there still remains a mile of filling near the lake, and two miles of filling near Tenderfoot creek and some finishing touches here and there. The road should be completed in six weeks at the most.

Mr. Carlson says the road was a hard and expensive one to build. The grubbing and clearing was costly as the timber was heavy, and as there is considerable low ground a great deal of filling had to be done. There was not much rock work. These difficulties and the trouble experienced in getting men capable of doing a good day's work made the carrying out of the contract expensive.

Mr. Carlson says the road will open one of the finest mining sections of British Columbia. Considerable ore will be shipped out of there this season, as development work in a number of properties has been in progress for a long time.

They Need It.

A few men who never would support a newspaper friendly to the ultimate best interests of the Lardeau, progressive legislation or organized labor, want to start a paper in Ferguson. We wish them success. They need such a newspaper. If they publish it themselves they will have to support it as long as it lasts and that could do no harm. For the most part they are amiable gentlemen who never have paid a cent towards the support of a newspaper that has sunk time and labor fighting the battles of the people against the evil influences at work in the community; they are the fellows who religiously read and support the organs of those who have no complaint to make except against the few honest newspapers that are published for the common people. By all means let these fellows have a newspaper. They need it.

Opposition Cannot Be "Fixed."

The members present at the opposition caucus were Messrs. Clifford, Curtis, Fulton, Garden, Gifford, Green, Hayward, Helmcken, Kidd, Murphy, Munro, McBride, McPhillips, Neill, Rogers, E. C. Smith, Tatlow and Taylor. Messrs. Clifford and Rogers withdrew before the meeting concluded.

The government attempted to come to terms with the opposition whereby they might be able to combine forces. In return for this the government unofficially offered the opposition two seats in the cabinet and also the speakership, but the offer was declined.—News-Advertiser.

The Sound Basis of Good Government.

We cannot expect a stable government; we cannot expect to have political rest and contentment until justice has been done to the people of important sections of the province by giving them proportionate representation with those in other districts. When that is done and their voice has been heard thru a general election, we may look forward to a period of political stability and material prosperity.—News-Advertiser.

How's This for Ore.

A remarkably rich shipment of silver ore was recently received at the smelter at Monterey, Mexico. The shipment consisted of sixty tons, for which $800,000 was paid, or at the rate of $13,500 per ton. The ore came from the Palmillo mine in the Parral district. This mine is owned by Pedro Alvarado, a many times millionaire, who was but a couple of years ago a poor peon.

How Do Ye Like It?

The Dominion estimates are $6,500,000 less than last year. $2,000 is set down for improving Duncan river, and $10,000 for Arrow lakes, quietly observes the Kootenay Mail. What about the upper Columbia river, and that great and glorious Liberal party which the Mail continually parades before the long deceived and patient electors of Mr. Galliher's domain?

The Machine Beats Richardson.

Oh yes, the Liberal party likes the Labor candidates—to stay out of their house. They, with the assistance of the old-glory Conservatives, managed to turn R. L. Richardson down in the Lisgar election.

Metal Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 22:—Lead, £11 12s, 6d.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Close—Bar silver, 55¼, Mexican dollars, 43¾. Copper easy. Lead firm.

If Not Elsewhere It's Here.

The future of the Dunsmuir government is now at the mercy of two votes.

Miss Pearl Thomson of Beaton, paid a visit to friends in town during the week.

The ladies of the local literary society will do the entertaining at tomorrow evening's meeting, so that something good is in store. Everybody is invited. No questions asked.

Messrs. McIntyre, Christy and Small, commercial drummers, came up the lake yesterday, and supplied the pay roll centre with the latest of everything—including storyettes and popular bye-words.

More trouble: Action has been commenced by Mrs. John Dunsmuir and G. F. Vernon against James Dunsmuir and other directors of the "Colonist" company, elected a few days ago, to prevent them assuming office.

The EAGLE is in receipt of no less than two dozen new subscribers, and a few letters from men in Trout Lake and Ferguson endorsing our action in protecting the future interests in this camp. If modesty doesn't get the best of us we may reproduce a few of them next issue.

Just fancy, if you can, the child-like simplicity of a man changing his smelter location plans just because of the utterances of any newspaper. Do you think if a mining man like F. August Heinze intended to build a smelter in Trout Lake the criticisms of the Topic would alter his plans?

A good intention makes but a short ladder.

NEVER BRIGHTER

The Season Just Opening Is Full of Good Tidings.

MINING MEN MAKE ENQUIRIES

With the Completion of the A. & K. Railway Mining Machinery Will Be Introduced.

MINES STEADILY DEVELOPING

The prohibition question is not a live issue in this camp, stud poker is on the decline, the sun rises and sets as usual, and ore shipments continue much the same as in days gone by.

The Silver Cup people have out nearly 700 tons of the proposed 800-ton output, and it is reported have also struck a large new chute of ore in an unexpected portion of the mine, which if taken out will largely increase the output.

The Nettie L. people are continuing development work and ore is now being rawhided down over the wagon road. Work is being prosecuted on the Black Warrior, Horseshoe, Beatrice, and a few individual properties, but of course there can be very little real activity expected for a couple of months yet.

Silver and lead values are gradually climbing back to the old figure, which, to Lardeauites, is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

The manager of a big Slocan dividend-paying mine, has informed the EAGLE that he intends to acquire some mining interests in this camp as soon as the snow disappears, and letters from enquirers in every direction foretell an unusual season of development, probably as a direct consequence of the nearby completion of the A. & K. railway.

The EAGLE, too, has good authority for believing that machinery for at least one of our oldest mines has been ordered and will arrive in Trout Lake as soon as trains are operated between Lardo and Gerrard. This marks a new era in the camp, an era which has long been patiently awaited.

Following the introduction of machinery and cheaper transportation facilities we have good reason to look upon the bright side of Lardeau life.

There will be more labor employed, more development, more sales of properties, more ore shipments, more business, and more changes in this camp during the coming few months than even the most optimistic have looked for, if the EAGLE is any judge of coming events.

Will B. C. Submit?

Quebec has the nerve and backbone to ask for amendments to the British North America Act, but poor old sleepy B. C. is still kept down, for Imperial reasons. Despite the fact that this province is being next to bankrupted by the excessive drain of the Dominion government the EAGLE notes that our heretofore inadequate appropriations have been cut down $6,500,000 less than last year. Is it possible that the electors of B. C. cannot look for a fair deal at the hands of the Dominion government? Like the dogs tail and tin can story: This province is the can. But the reason for its present financial predicament is not the fault of the can, but of the dog it is tied to.

No Progress Without Them.

The agitator is the advance agent of social improvement and fully realizes that reforms are not achieved by conservative methods. To the agitators from the beginning of the world is due the advancement and semi-civilization of the present, and if ever we see Utopian conditions dawning upon the world we must thank the agitator.—W. H. D. in Miners Magazine.

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FERGUSON, B. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1902.

The government must cease giving away our natural resources. Let it retain and operate them in the interests of the province.

The province of British Columbia can never hope to get out of debt, nor develop its natural resources until its political "rulers" are succeeded by an industrial government.

The difference between a privately-owned and operated trust and a collectively-owned and operated trust is that the profits go into the government treasury instead of into the pockets of men who are already spoiling with wealth.

Kootenay labor unions are showing their wisdom. They are one and all going into politics. The ballot is the place, gentlemen, to do the trick. Make the right use of that one minute of voting liberty accorded you and one single election more will place the balance of power in your hands. Then use it.

A representative of the Vancouver Independent is making a tour thru the lower country. As a result of his observations in the Slocan he writes:

"The province needs badly a government owned refinery as well as a lead factory. Then where now only a few hundred men would be employed, there would be many thousands, the province would go forward with leaps and bounds, and people who now are loud in their praises of the Klondike and Horse Fly would gradually drop out of sight. It is a crying shame the way this splendid district is handicapped."

The same words could be applied to the Lardeau with equal force.

An economic system of collective-ownership and management of the means of production and distribution would do much to lessen the number of upstarts and snobs, who occasionally bob up importantly and endeavor to demonstrate to an ever-bowing public that they are the only living creatures this far north. A little sudden money, and a cranium full of ignorance, does much to annoy any community burdened by this particular species of human kind. When our government is so constituted that all profits, interest and rent, goes into the public treasury snobocracy will largely cease to exist, and after a few years of education, and equality of opportunities, the folks will probably be as good as the people.

Because the editor of the EAGLE happens to be a Socialist, and doesn't care particularly who knows it, he appears to be made a mark by a few newspapers, and men who differ with his convictions. The EAGLE grants every man a right to his opinion, but we insist on being accorded the same inalienable privilege. Just because the EAGLE said that Joseph Martin's platform "contained enuf Socialism to make it vote-catching and enuf vagueness to leave plenty of loopholes," which is a statement of fact, the Topic trumps up that old "motive" insinuation.

If the Trout Lake Topic, or any body else, can prove one single instance of where the EAGLE ever "sold" a line of its space other than that which is devoted to commercial advertising, we will make them a present of our business as a going concern and walk out of camp like an U. S. parson. The EAGLE has never been "bought," nor can it be bought so long as it remains under the present management. The EAGLE is in business for the same reason as any body else—to make enuf money to keep the sheriff at arm's length and allow the staff to feed upon something other than sweet remembrances, prunes and snow water. But there is no man living who can truthfully point to a single instance of where we have made money dishonestly—or for that matter any other old way. The EAGLE objects to the Topic throwing out base insinuations as to our "motives," simply because we get out and rustle for business while our friend roasts his shins by the fireside. The EAGLE asks no man for his sympathy or money; but we do demand a fair deal. Will the Topic kindly cut the cards?

The EAGLE has no desire whatever to prolong the local discussion concerning the inflated prices of certain mining stocks. We have had our say, and no man, not even one, has stepped forward to say that we uttered an untruth, or asked other than fair questions. Our columns have been open, free of charge, to the reverend promoters in question, but no refutations or explanations have been made. We have endeavored to be fair. Our interests are all in this town and camp, and naturally enuf we want to safeguard them against a repetition of the earlier history of the Kootenays. There is not a minister of the gospel in British Columbia who will endorse the methods of those whom we have pointed out. But for having done so the EAGLE must suffer a boycott at the hands of a few who seem to think the future of this camp depends on a few of Uncle Sam's parsons. This we are prepared to do, and the chances are the EAGLE will still be doing business at the old stand when they are gone and forgotten, tho the ill effects of their having been here may injure this camp until such times as the din and busy whirl of prosperity will have forced it into oblivion—a day not far distant we feel certain.

The Lardeau's mineral resources will win out in due time. The completion of the railway, the reductions in fuel, transportation and smelting rates, the gradual raise in the metal market, and the consequent influx of practical mining men and investors indicates the future of this district. The Lardeau is all right. The men who have stayed by it thru thick and thin are made of the right kind of clay, and in six months from now many of our old-time associates, while blowing rings of smoke from fine Havanas in their cushioned-offices, will, in a reminiscent mood, look back to the little incidence which is now given a place in their minds because there is nothing much else to spend the long winter evenings chewing the rag about.

A Baltimore clergyman in a recent sermon endorsed the union label in the following eloquent words, says the Canterbury Outcrop:

"What can be more sacred, more holy or more deserving of the reverence of men or the angels than the union label, which signifies that human life has been more highly valued in the production of human commodities than mere profit sought for by greed?"

"The label is an emblem of justice, of fraternity, of humanity. When you find a label on a garment or a box of cigars, or a loaf of bread, or a piece of printing, you can be sure that neither was made in a sweat shop, that no little children's fingers were compelled to sew, or sort tobacco in the hours of night intended for childish sleep. When you see this label on any commodity, you can buy it with a clear conscience, knowing that in doing so you are not becoming a partner to an institution that degrades humanity to private profit. You can sleep soundly, also and not be worried with thoughts of typhus, fever, smallpox, leprosy, which are so often scattered broadcast from Chinese opium joints, penitentiary convicts' cells and tenement sweat shops, where the most degraded specimens of humanity put their life's blood into marketable goods, from which the poor unsuspecting public suffers all manner of foul and loathsome diseases.

"The union label is a religious emblem. It is a religious act to buy goods to which this label is attached—an act blessed on earth and honored in heaven, while it is a sin to buy a cigar, a piece of clothing, a pair of shoes, or a loaf of bread, without this label, for then you do not know but what you are building up the business of some heartless tyrant, who is extracting a fortune from the drudgery and degradation of his fellows, at a risk of public health.

"God bless the label! And I hope that all of you, as you leave here tonight, will carry indelibly impressed upon your minds the picture of the union label, surrounded by angels, and that you will always know that the favorite banner in heaven presents justice to labor, fresh air and sunshine, and healthful conditions to those who toil, and the truth that human life is of gold."

The EAGLE has just found in the Calgary Herald, the editor of which is interested in Lardeau mining, an experience of striking similiarity with the combination of circumstances which it has been our lot to face for the past few weeks. And the arguments the Herald puts forward in defense of its position apply with a refreshing degree of truthfulness to the contentions and position of the EAGLE.

The Herald says: "A few days ago the Herald had occasion to refer to a form of social perversity * * "In touching upon such delicate grounnd we cast aside fear or favor and endeavored, in the best way known to us to discharge what we considered to be our duty as a public newspaper. If the Herald wished to blow a fanfare for itself we might enlarge at great length upon the number of responsible and prominent citizens who have called at the office and tendered their congratulations upon our outspoken treatment of a flagrant evil, and the letters couched in a similar strain which have come to us thru the mail. We are not in the puffing business however, and having neither friend to serve nor enemy to chastise we refuse to believe that our utterances require justification.

"The principle generally laid down by "men of the world" is that although a crying evil may exist, may even be eating the roots out of society, a newspaper which however unworthy it may be tries to discharge its functions, should remain silent; recreant to every precept of decent journalism.

"A newspaper can do a great deal to prevent the public flaunting of undesirable relations and thus remove a good deal of the example which keeps pernicious practices alive.

"It is neither an attack of dyspepsia nor a desire for spicy paragraphs that gave rise to the article in question. It was to our sorrow existing conditions that called it forth. Our readers have but to consult a few representative citizens to see whether it was justified or not.

"In saying this we are pleading no extenuation, we take nothing back and have no apologies to make. We attacked a social evil that required redress and in so doing our position is unimpeachable. The task is not a pleasant one, but that is no reason why we should shrink from it.

"The matter is grave and the flippant tone adopted by a correspondent is characteristic of the view taken by a certain section of the people, of a social perversity that feeds on sordidness and has only tragedy for its atonement.

"To minimize and pass by with a tolerant laugh, perhaps, the worst evil with which a community can be cursed, is—to employ the classic precedent suggested by our correspondent's Latinity—on a par with Nero's fiddling while Rome was burning.

"A correspondent says: 'The press can do nothing in the direction of influencing public morality.' We beg to differ most distinctly with him. In this particular instance we intend making a jolly good try at it. Sheridan, a gentleman of some repute in his day, was of the opinion that the press could overturn a tyrant king, a hostile house of lords and a corrupt house of commons; and if it could successfully run up against such a combine it is a little strange if it could not do something in the way of making people who were misbehaving ashamed of themselves."

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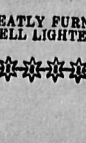

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A Lardeauite's View of Socialism.

Knowing that the EAGLE is in sympathy with the Socialist movement now doing such great work in the United States, in fact all over the world, and to a lesser degree also in Canada, I venture a few remarks to help along, perhaps in a small way, the good cause. An argument brought against us is that ambition will be killed if our future life were assured, so far as not being left to starve to death is concerned. Now any one, (and there are many) who makes a statement like this is grossly ignorant of the fundamental principles of Socialism, or else wilfully distorts what their own common sense must tell them are the facts. It is tantamount to saying that you have to be hungry to become ambitious, and if this is the case we are certainly degenerating. What is ambition? True ambition is a longing to excel—not financially as some people seem to think—but morally, socially, physically, and in a general way for the betterment of mankind. It is the fear of to-morrow that makes the first aim of life consist of trying to get the better of our fellow creatures by fair means or foul in the struggle of life, and the habit grows to such an extent that a man sinks to a depth at which his sole ambition is to hoard up wealth at some one's expense. It is generally believed that those who have accumulated large fortunes in a life time were men above the average intelligence. Now for the sake of argument, suppose we admit this tribute to this class of men. Would it not have been a grander and nobler incentive had these intellectual "giants" used these great intellects in improving mankind generally, rather than in the selfish individual one-man manner which the world seems to admire and hold up as an example to our youth. If this is the ambition that we should admire, then heaven help our future. One of Socialism's principal aims is to teach us to think less of ourselves directly and more of each other, so that we may never think that the earth was meant only for our individual selves. Under existing conditions there are two arguments that can be given as shewing that talents or incentives are not cultivated to their fullest extent. First, poverty often prevents a talent being developed or an incentive being pursued; and secondly, when men make a change from abject poverty to luxurious comforts through a talent it is inclined to induce them to "lay on their oars" so to speak and resign themselves to ease and comfort, thus stopping the further development, which under a more equitable economic system might have been attained. In fact being too rich is as injurious to true ambition as being too poor. Of course there are exceptions to these arguments, but on the whole they will be found correct. Then again, under Socialism all would receive credit for what they actually produced in whatever capacity they happened to be occupied, thus creating an incentive to excel which would eventually bring the whole people to a greater state of efficiency in the general standard of the whole world. These may not be very strongly put arguments, but they are only a drop in the bucket to the many arguments which can be produced in favor of the coming great social system.

LARDEAU SOCIALIST.

Sidelights From the Capital.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 22.—The people here turned out in crowds to witness the opening of parliament on Thursday—that is those of us who had time to spare from the struggle for bread. And the government promised us a redistribution measure, and some of the members will be tumbling over each other introducing bills for labor.

He would be a rash prophet who would predict results in the house now.

Victoria and Nanaimo Socialists endeavored to secure Prof. Mills for a lecture next week, but could not as dates were already arranged. We may secure him on his return trip.

The Colonist is having internal troubles. Result: change of editor.

The Times also has internal troubles—in the press room. Result unknown.

Several new unions have organized here recently. Among them the plumbers and barbers. And the Trades and Labor council meetings are well attended.

The Socialist vote at the Riley-Barnard contest was 100 per cent. larger than the returns stated in the papers. They conceded us one vote. There were two.

The last meeting of the Socialist league in the old hall was on Tuesday evening last. Several of our members are out of town, so only an informal meeting was held, and not much effort will be expended on holding meetings for a few weeks.

The Dunsmuir government has not yet announced a policy of opening up coal mines and operating them so as to give a cheap fuel inducement to iron and steel and smelting and other industries and consumers.

Collective Ownership Will Change it All.

Laborers use tools they do not own; capitalists own tools they do not use.

Laborers produce wealth they do not own; capitalists own wealth they have not produced.

Laborers toil and make capitalists rich; capitalists remain idle and keep laborers poor.

Labor is exploited; capitalists are exploiters. Laborers are numerous; capitalists are few.

Laborers form a political party for which capitalists will not vote; capitalists form a political party for which laborers always vote.

Laborers are controlled by governments that are always controlled by capitalists.

Laborers are those who earn an honest living by the use of either mind or muscle; capitalists are idlers who prey upon those who toil by collecting rents, interest and profits.

Ferguson Socialists Active.

The Ferguson Socialist league met as usual on Monday evening, and "the growth of Socialism" as their topic for discussion was most interesting. Next Monday evening a mixed program will be provided, and the public are especially invited. One more new member enlisted at last meeting. If you are not a Socialist it is probably because you don't understand what its objects and aims are. Come along and "let us reason together." The Ferguson league is now thirty strong and growing every week.

A letter from H. J. Lipsett of Slocan, says the Socialist League was given a good lift a week ago Sunday by Rev. R. Whittington, superintendent of Methodist missions for B. C. The Slocan Local is growing.

Independent political action is the watchword, the ballot the means by which the wrongs of labor can be righted to usher in the co-operative commonwealth—the Socializing of all the means of production and distribution.

"We may choose what kind of Socialism we shall have, but the nature of things leaves us no way of choosing whether or not we shall have Socialism. It is manifestly the next stage of historic development. It is coming because it is as inevitable as life."—Prof. Herron.

The 20th century belongs to Socialism. Labor saving machinery, with all the other means of production and distribution, have in them the power and potency of the greatest blessing to mankind, but at present we notice that the benefits accrue to the owner of the machine.

In terms of religion Socialism has for its basis, "The Brotherhood of Man" it seeks thru association and equality, to realize fraternity; it would substitute the sacred rights of Humanity for the so-called sacred rights of property; consign capital and dividends to oblivion, and make sons of God out of slaves of greed.

Socialism is a simple yet comprehensive means for the improvement of the conditions and character of men. In terms of economics Socialism is the public ownership of all natural resources and public utilities, and the common operation of all industries for the general good. It is opposed to the private ownership of the means of production and distribution, which is indirect ownership of men; and to our wage system which robs men of a large part of the product of their labor.

SCREAMLETS

To be happy one must have nothing to forget.

The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat one's self.

The sorrows of to-day makes the happiness of to-morrow.

Few men can resist the devil when the profits are considerable.

For all misfortunes there are two remedies—time and silence.

There are more rooster-pecked wives in the world than hen-pecked husbands.

There are a number of bureaus of labor that have not labored very much for those who labored!

Childhood is composed of dreams and bowel trouble, manhood of love and heart trouble, old age of gout and bladder trouble.

This would be a better world if people would take their own advice instead of giving it all to others.—Fort Steele Prospector.

The man who believes that all men are liars will be vastly more happy than he who believes that most men are honest and tell the truth.—Exchange.

To the producers belong the profits, and not "to the victors belong the spoils." That is a proposition that is easily understood by any one of ordinary intelligence.

No man can know a moral truth until he feels it. He must think and know before he can realize his full obligation.—Rev. I. W. Joyce, Methodist Bishop, Pittsburg, Pa.

While gold mining is the only business on earth in which there is no competition, the statement does not apply to the sale of mining shares in which there is at times considerable competition.

"You talk about natural resources!" scornfully exclaimed the Minnesota man. "Why, last year the catch of lobsters in our state was over 7,000,000!" "And your state is full of 'em yet!" fiercely ejaculated the cheerful idiot.

The Standard Oil Company has declared a dividend of 20 per cent. for the first quarter of 1902. It will amount to $20,000,000, of which John D. Rockefeller will get 40 per cent., or $8,000,000. A tidy little sum to put away for three months labor. How would you like to be the oil man?

He best loves his country who desires for her the most precious of all possessions, justice, honor, equity and charity, who will not countenance oppression in any form, nor give his influence in favor of national pride, or vengeance, or persecution, or outrage within or without her borders.

Under the present system, "prosperity to the country" does not mean prosperity to the workingmen. These workers are in the condition of the children whose father gave them a cent to go to bed without their supper, and then charged them a cent for their breakfast in the morning. See the point?

The syndicate, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., which did the underwriting of the United States Steel Corporation made a net profit of $56,500,000, according to the Evening Post's interpretation of the report made last Wednesday by the company. Under Socialism these profits would now be in the government treasury.

"The universality of education will make the competitive principle in any department of human affairs an insult to enlightened intelligence. Socialism is the next great political creed to occupy our attention, and the central problem in this creed is the question of the distribution of wealth."—Prof. Henry Davis, Yale University.

Under a competitive system, where private ownership is the central figure, two classes with interests diametrically opposed have sprung into existence. The one class robbed of all the means of life except his labor, is forced to sell that at a price dictated by the one who employes him, while the other class, by a system of exploitation and fraud—legalized by his hirelings the bench and the press—rests secure until the voice of labor demands that the competitive system be supplanted by the co-operative commonwealth.

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On the Wing Items

How's your printing?

W. B. Pool is in town.

James Cummings of the King's hotel, will leave for Revelstoke on Monday for a few days.

The local Vulcan furnace is now nearing completion. The management are now looking for fluxes and ore to begin operations with.

The present exhorbitant price of eggs if likely to lead to the demand for the government ownership of hens.—The People, Butte, Mont.

"Who are those fellows holding a meeting in the hall on the floor above?" "They are anarchists." "They look like it. They're a bomb lot."—Ex.

Miss Annie Murray, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. P. Pettipiece, here for the past five months, left for her home in Fletcher, Idaho, on Saturday last.

Thos. Taylor's announcement that Richard McBride would be the Conservative leader of the opposition was merely prematurely announced. It has turned out as intended.

Andrew Ferguson, one of the owners of the Triune mine, has joined the benedicts. As a result the usual Ferguson custom of festivities and congratulations have been coming fast and furious.

Andrew F. Rosenberger, who is largely interested in the Fish Creek camp, has returned to Nelson, with strong financial backing. This may alter things considerably in the free-gold camp.

The Western Mining World, published at Butte, Montana, for a number of years, has been removed to Chicago, Illinois, where many improvements in its already excellent service will be made.

Poor Fernie! The Crow's Nest Coal company has bluntly told the Fernie merchants that, in spite of all former pledges and understandings, they will establish a company store at the mine. What about Kellie's Truck Act?

Rev. Charles W. McCrossan, a stock promoter of considerable renown, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived in the pay roll centre on Saturday last. No startling developments as yet. In fact the EAGLE has been overlooked like a white chip.

Jno. J. Young of Calgary, arrived in town yesterday. Mr. Young is managing director of the Calgary Herald, holds large ranching interests in Alberta, and is a leading figure in the Nettie L. and Double Eagle companies in this camp.

"Well! that's queer. I stopped my paper last week, and even Rev. McCrossan, with brotherly sympathy, has declared a boycott on the EAGLE, yet I'll be jiggered if the pesky rag didn't appear as usual. Really I don't understand it at all."

A controversy is now raging in England over the use of cross saddles for both sexes. Fashion is not in favor of girls riding astride as do men, but common sense and physicians favor the innovation. Therefore the Lardeau is up to date in this respect.

Busy Slocan! Says the Slocan Drill: About one-half of the male population of the burg have been in Nelson this week—on mining business, getting married, attending presbytery, Orange society and Chapleau meetings, courting, and sundry other errands.

The latest epidemic in Ferguson is bibliomania. It has spread to Trout Lake already. Those "pyritic jokes," "vulcanized riddles," and "high-grade smelter localisms," "great doin's" and "refined nippins" concocted by the late minstrel show must be responsible.

Gold Commissioner Fraser of Revelstoke, was in town yesterday on official business. Up to that date the minutes of our recent public meeting asking for appropriations for public works in the Ferguson camp, had not been handed him, tho they should ere this have been forwarded to the assistant commissioner of lands and works.

The report that three mails a week would be forthcoming this week seems to be unfounded. The mail came in and went out on Tuesday, and there will be none again until to-morrow. Surely, now that the boat is running, the old service could easily be placed in vogue. The inconvenience caused by the present service is keenly felt in Ferguson.

LARDEAU ORE SHIPMENTS.

The following is a list of Lardeau ore producers, amount shipped and the gross returns, reports of which have to be furnished monthly by mine owners to the provincial government:

Name.	Pounds.	Gross Val.
Silver Cup	2,400,000	$180,000.00
Nettie L.	1,760,000	63,380.00
Triune	649,776	82,870.27
Beatrice	442,000	32,239.39
Great Northern	56,000	1,344.00
Broadview	52,000	1,664.00
Ethel	34,000	1,596.00
Cromwell	23,289	1,296.79
§ Ophir-Lade	12,000	1,320.00
Metropolitan	11,974	726.00
St. Elmo	12,000	510.00
Ruffled Grouse	11,770	507.19
Linson View	868	43.17
§ Old Gold	....	
§ Horseshoe	....	
§ Black Warrior	....	

§ Returns and corrections asked for.

Answers to Enquirers.

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Readers who are not upon our subscription list must enclose $1. with their questions. This fee will include six months' subscription to "The Lardeau Eagle."

Nelson P., Littleton, N. H., U. S. A. —1. One of their properties gives promise of becoming a good producer of low-grade silver-lead ore. 2. It may be all right in time. 3. No. The Mountain Lion people have made no shipments of ore as yet. 4. The Nettie L. mine has shipped $63,380 worth of ore, yet their shares are only valued at 50 cents. The Mountain Lion Co. have shipped no ore, but according to a late circular the EAGLE has received the company announce that they will raise the price from 40 cents to $1.00. This is out of all reason. 5. Have placed your name on sub. list as requested.

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* To get acquainted with this district you should have a copy of the new and only map. Send a one dollar bill to the EAGLE and secure one at once.

* The Revelstoke, Trout Lake & Big Bend Telephone Co., limited, has offices at Arrowhead, Comaplix, Thomson, Camborne, Trout Lake and Ferguson. Reliable service.

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You are hereby notified that I have expended two hundred and five dollars and twenty-five cents ($205.25) in labor and improvements on the above mentioned mineral claims in order to hold said mineral claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures together with all cost of advertising, your interest in said claims will become the property of the subscriber, under section 4 of an Act entitled An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900.

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