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VULCAN FURNACE

The Plant Has Already Been Shipped From San Francisco.

CONSTRUCTION BEING PUSHED

And Soon Everything Will be Ready For the Reception of the Machinery.

COMPANY WILL BUY THE ORE

Naturally Lardeauites are interested in the construction and progress of the Vulcan furnace which is now being built in Ferguson. Being as anxious as any of our readers the EAGLE visited the smelter site, on the east end of the townsite, on Monday. Men are busily engaged in the excavation work, and already the foundation posts are in place. The local saw mill is now turning out the lumber order, and the frame work will be begun this week. The working force will be enlarged, but there are plenty of men on the spot to do the work.

On Tuesday the EAGLE saw Mr. Wood, who is in charge of the work, and in answer to enquiries received the following reply: "I received a letter from Mr. McCrossan, who is still in 'Frisco, last night, dated December 9th, and he informs me that the smelter plant has been shipped, and that he is also shipping to Ferguson a crusher, engine, and 60-horse power boiler."

"Do you know, Mr. Wood, what bid Mr. McCrossan intends to make for ore which is apparently billed for the Trail smelter already?" asked the EAGLE.

"Well," replied Mr. Wood," Mr. McCrossan mentioned in his letter to me that he preferred, for the present, to accept ore for treatment by the ton, but that he would pay as much for ore as the Trail smelter does delivered at Trail, less $5 a ton, a deduction which he deems necessary for the extra expense of treatment here. In fact, Mr. McCrossan has authorized me to make arrangements for all ore that may be delivered by Jan. 15th on these terms."

"Mr. McCrossan intends installing another plant at Trout Lake, does he not, Mr. Wood?"

"It is more than probable, as Mr. McCrossan tells me that he has just contracted for another plant, to be delivered at Arrowhead not later than April 1st."

Mr. McCrossan is expected in Ferguson just after the New Year, and with him will arrive the smelter manager, operator and staff. And as soon as the sampler and other necessary arrangements are in order, ore buying and treatment will begin. Whether the ore being shipped at present is held here or not there will be plenty mined at the Nettie L. mine alone to keep the plant going until others can join the shipping list.

Tests of Lardeau ore have already been made in San Francisco, with most successful and gratifying results.

From Mr. McCrossan's remarks, it would appear that the capacity of the Ferguson plant will be more than 30 tons a day.

Mining Tunnels.

The longest mining tunnels projected and in the course of actual construction are very largely in Colorado. These are being run to crosscut single mountains and ranges containing a large number of ore-bearing ledges. These ledges are being intersected at depths far below what would be economically profitable by shaft mining. In addition to the great depth of backs over the floor level that these tunnels open, they can, when these upper ore bodies are more or less worked out, be utilized as surface from which to sink to depths beneath. The tunnels and the open workings above offer exceptional advantages for this sort of deep mining. By provision therefor, the water that flows into the overhead workings can be collected there and conducted down to the tunnel level in pipes under pressure which can there be utilized for power development. Practically, this costs the minimum in the way of investment, and, being possible of use direct, can provide the maximum of effective work from the theoretical efficiency. It is safe to say that 70 per cent. of the theoretical water power can be had in work. Under average conditions, more water will reach 100-foot depth of workings above the tunnel levels than below. The power, then, that can be developed from the inflowing water above will perform the service of lifting of the lesser quantity of water coming in workings below to a depth very nearly, if not entirely, equal to the feet of head of the power water. With these practical working conditions the tunnel exploitations of lode deposits in Colorado means cheap deep mining to depths that are unthinkable with dependence solely on shafts from the surface. The deep mining so affected may not be as spectacular as the deep shaft mining projected in the Transvaal, but it has the more satisfying quality of a safer and larger profit margin.

An Independent Butcher Shop.

Some weeks ago the EAGLE informed the Pat Burns meat trust that Ferguson must have a butcher shop, a request which was politely ignored. This week, however, the EAGLE can announce the establishment of an independent shop in this rising centre. And under such auspices as to render it quite capable of doing business when Mr. Burns again appears on the scene. Mr. Woodward is the manager in charge. Mr. Woodward has opened temporarily in the Humer building, one door east of the Hotel Lardeau. He has a large shipment of beef, pork, mutton, poultry, fish, oysters, and everything which goes to make up a first class butcher shop, on the way, to be here for Christmas. The value of this shop will be appreciated by the residents of this town since the camp's experience with Mr. Burns has been anything but satisfactory.

Now It's a Zinc Smelting Combine.

The American Metal Market of New York says that details of the plan to consolidate the large zinc smelting companies in the west have just leaked out. It is reported that options have been secured on all of the plants mentioned, and E. Rollins Morse and Bro., of 6 Wall street, New York, are endeavoring to conclude the details of the consolidation. The company is to be known as the Zinc Smelting Corporation. This company was organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey with a capital of $50,000,000, divided into $25,000,000 of 7 per cent. cumulative stock, and $25,000,000 of common stock. Five million dollars each of the preferred and common stock are to be reserved for the acquisition of properties in addition to those already contracted for and for other corporate purposes.—Los Angeles Mining Review.

Producers of Wealth Die at Their Post.

A report from Monterey, Mex., states that workmen employed in the Veladora mine, near that city, found the skeletons of fifteen men in a tunnel they were opening up. Alongside of the skeletons were a lot of ancient mining tools. The report further states that piled up in the cavern were more than two carloads of horn silver and galena, with wire silver, all of great richness. The old Spanish records show that this mine was worked more than 200 years ago and the skeletons are of miners who were supposed to have been suffocated by a cave-in.

Perfecting Socialism.

The leading hardware interests of the city of Chicago have been offered $20,000,000 for their properties by the National Hardware company, the $100,000,000 combine now forming. Agents of the combine declare they have received sufficient assurances from hardware interests to assure the success of the enterprise in Chicago.

Looks Good For Tete Jaun Cache Country.

The Scientific American says there is a large and increasing consumption of mica in the United States. Clear sheets 4 by 4 inches in size and upwards must be provided for the mica to be worth a good price.

A QUIET WEEK

The Silver-Lead Slump Forms the Chief Topic For Discussion.

NO CHANGE AT THE MINES YET

Thought That Mine Owners Will Co Operate to Meet and Better Prevailing Conditions.

WILL THE GOVERNMENT ACT?

The past week in this camp has been a quiet one. No particular evidence of the Christmas season is observable, tho considerable social amusement has been provided for both in Ferguson and Trout Lake. The rawhiders are busy. Nettie L. ore is now coming from the mine over the new road on sleighs, a big improvement over the old method. The ore piles on Victoria avenue are growing larger daily. The Cup ore is hauled from 8-mile to Baty's awaiting more snow, an unusual delay at this advanced time of the year. The Black Warrior crew will be down on Monday for a week. They will increase their forces and go up for two months after New Years. The men from the Old Gold camp will also be down for the holiday week. The Cup will close for a couple of days, but the Nettie L. will only lose one shift.

Of course the chief discussion in the camp for the past week has been the silver-lead fluctuations and general tumble down the line. But of this the EAGLE can say very little. The trusts have it in their power, seemingly, to twist and mould us into any old shape, so that in the absence of a live lot of mining men or a government that will go into business itself, we must await our fate in silence. There is one thing certain, however, the Lardeau mines can do business at a profit when many other camps must close up shop. And Lardeauites are not going to throw up the sponge by a long shot.

Bouquets for Lardeau and the New Map.

Speaking of the Lardeau district, and the new map, the London News says: The map, which is compiled by S. Shannon and A. P. Cummins of Ferguson, B. C., is very complete and shows the location of the properties and their position as regards transportation very clearly. To those who have not seen a map of the district it is a revelation, as many people think that the Rossland district is British Columbia, as far as mining is concerned. As a matter of fact Lardeauites claim that their district can give Rossland cards and spades and then whip it badly in ore values.

Pitchblende.

The following interesting notes on this mineral is given by J. S. Randall, in the Georgetown, Colorado, Courier: Of the many mineral species that go to make up this earth of ours, the most singular and complex is the mineral uraninite, or as it is more commonly called, pitchblende. It occurs in a number of mines in Gilpin county, and at one time quite a large amount of it was discovered in the Jo Reynolds mine in this county. The mineral is black, heavy and sometimes has a submetallic or pitch-like lustre. It is composed principally of the rare elements uranium, thorium, cerium, lanthanum and yttrium, along with lead, iron, calcium, nitrogen, and some other substances as yet little understood which give forth perpetual light. It is a remarkable fact that it is the only known mineral containing nitrogen, but still more remarkable is the fact that it contains three substances called polinium, radium and actinum, which are now astonishing the scientific world. These substances partake of the properties of the cathodic and X-rays, and spontaneously generate electricity. In the laboratory of physics they upset all the apparatus. They are spontaneously luminous without undergoing any transformation. The walls of a room built with this radioactive material would be eternally lighted without combustion. Anyone carrying in his pocket a few grains of the substance would be able to produce all kinds of radiographs. With a sensitive plate he would be able to read through solid bodies, as it has been demonstrated that the rays can penetrate through an inch of metal. The price of these substances owing to the difficulty of their production, practically annihilates their industrial value at present. But in time they may be produced as cheaply as aluminum, which not so many years ago was a most expensive metal.

Government Will Aid Consumptives.

The EAGLE is in receipt of a circular from the secretary of the provincial board of health, Charles J. Fagan, giving many valuable suggestions re tuberculosis, and suggestions to those suffering from the terrible destroyer of life. In fact, the EAGLE is pleased to note, Mr. Fagan says: "The Attorney-General directs me to announce that the Government Bacteriological Laboratory is at the disposal of all sufferers. Therefore, persons suspected to be suffering from tuberculosis can have their sputum examined at the laboratory free of charge. The early morning sputum should be sent in small, wide-necked, clean, dry bottles, and well corked, together with a full history of the case. It is preferable to act through your doctor."

A Very Natural Assumption.

According to director Frecheville's report, ex-manager McDonald's reports on the amount of ore in sight in the Le Roi mine at Rossland should be discounted 66 2-3 per cent. and the amount the mine earned for the last fiscal year should be reduced on just the same basis. If Mr. McDonald was so far astray in regard to the ore in sight and the mine's earnings, it is not unfair to assume he was equally as far astray in his reports regarding the demands of the striking miners at Rossland and striking smelter workers at Northport.—Tribune

And Don't Overlook the Lardeau.

The Slocan has no less than fifty shipping mines, a record not equalled by any other mining district of the same area in America. None of the fifty produce gold ore: all are silver-lead mines. Silver and lead are both falling in price, yet the Slocan is the one quartz mining district in British Columbia that manages to enrich a few prospectors and mine owners every year, besides paying mine workers standard wages without strikes or lockouts.—Tribune.

Socialists Are Not Day-Dreaming.

Any working man, imbued more or less with socialistic ideas, is badly mistaken who fancies that all he has got to do is to do his work and draw his wages and put his money into a house and lot or push it across the bar as the case may be and then hankey pankey, hey presto pass, all of a sudden he will wake up one fine morning and see in the papers that the socialistic era has dawned.—Revelstoke Herald.

Pastime For Christmas Eve.

Don't forget the Christmas tree entertainment next Tuesday evening in Miners' Union hall. A splendid program has been arranged for. Anyone desiring to place Christmas gifts on the tree can hand them to one of the committee on Tuesday. There will be no admission fee, but a collection will be taken up. Come yourself and bring your friends.

Serving a Miserable Master.

The editor of the Rossland Miner swells up his chest, and in double-leaded type, gives us "proof of prosperity." Horrors! And this in the Miner too. The same editor may require "proof" a year hence, or even a meal to keep his sides from rabbing. Even now he has a dirtier job than any piano-thumper would stoop to.

As Viewed at Grand Forks.

Socialism is not so much of a "bete noir" as formerly. The world is coming to understand it as "government by the people," instead of by individuals, as is now the case in British Columbia.—Grand Forks Sun.

DIVIDENDS NEXT

The Gross Ore Output of the Nettie L. Mine is 880 Tons.

$63,380 IN PROCEEDS TO DATE

Nearly $45,000 Has Already Been Expended by the Company in Development Work.

NEXT WILL COME DIVIDENDS

The EAGLE is in a position this week to give to its readers, exclusively, the exact total output of ore shipped from the Nettie L. mine, not, of course, including what lies on the dump and now sacked at the ore houses. According to figures furnished by Secretary Holdich, with the authority of Manager Pool, the company has marketed 880 tons, the total gross value of which was $63,380, or a few cents better than $72 a ton. A better knowledge of their ore, more careful sorting, and other factors, hereafter, will undoubtedly raise the average to over $100 a ton. The company have expended some $45,000 of this amount in development, and the balance will also be used before the next smelter returns are available. The mining expenses for the past six months have amounted to over $2,000 a month, a nice little pay roll in itself, but during this winter it will be much larger as the working force is increased. There is one thing certain. Every dollar of money the Nettie L. people have taken out in ore has been or will be put back in development. The ore shipments this winter, however, will mean the declaration of the long looked for dividends. And the EAGLE has every reason to believe that once the company starts in disbursing dividends there will be no let up, for they have the makings of one of the richest mines in British Columbia. And a company which does business above board, like the Great Western, is entitled to success. When the Lardeau can make such a showing under present adverse conditions it serves to give one some idea of what might be expected if we were given a fair show. With a railway, a smelter and a refinery the Lardeau has mines which can make a profit with the silver and lead market no better than it is right now. But as soon as the big lead trust unloads or a home market is created by home refineries, and a reduction in the price of the refined article is made, we can look for the liveliest mining camp in this province right here. It may take a little time but we're dead used to "waiting."

A Live Capital These Days.

A Victoria correspondent writes to the EAGLE: "Local politics here is in a great muddle. The Jim Hill interests have Bodwell running. The vice president of the independent labor party, John Ley, has become the tool of the government and the McKenzie & Mann interests, and yesterday announced himself as having "accepted" the labor nomination as an independent supporter of the government and his committee assure me there will be NO COST TO THE WORKINGMAN. Isn't that rich? And moreover the man is not the candidate of the independent labor party, as no delegation from it has invited him and I believe never will. I have suspected him of such scheming all along, but ere you receive this a meeting of the independent labor party will be held and we shall see what then. Haskins is in it up to the ears as the representative of McKenzie & Mann, or the Canada Northern, and Eberts is doing the honors for the government through a tool in the trades and labor council, but I believe 90 per cent of the labor element is true to their class and will put a man in the field to defeat both schemes."

Canada gave millions toward a national railway, and then it is gobbled by Wall street money kings. Canada is a real smart country.—Ledge.

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Instead of giving the people the benefit of the low price of lead by refining our own product, and reducing the price of the refined article to a reasonable price, men are busy devising some means of making it possible to mine lead at a profit with a lower price than ever paid before. The fact that there is already an over-production of lead doesn't seem to strike the average mining man. Over-production is a something which cannot be handled by laws or legislation. We must simply wait until the lead trust disposes of the $4,000,000 worth of lead it has on hand. Then they will buy more lead. This will be dubbed "prosperity," but as a matter of fact another "panic"—over-production—must soon come again. With the modern means of mining, utilizing electric drills, etc., and the finding of new mineral camps, naturally we produce more lead than we can use. But horrors! What if the government were to build a refinery, and reduce the price of the refined article. Why we all might be able to paint our buildings, and use lead pipe instead of 1x4 boards, not to mention the creation of a home market, and the escape from tariff taxation. And if there was any profit going the people would receive a benefit from two sources. Of course this would have a smack of socialism about it, and that would never do. Production and distribution shouldn't be regulated by the whole people. That would remove the brick wall we are up against.

While the two old Canadian political parties, wedded to their capitalistic idols, are shaking their heads, whenever reference is made to progressive measures and don't see how it can possibly be done, our sister colonies are showing us how to do it. The dyed in the wool politicians hankering with a great hanker after the labor vote, yet afraid to commit their party to any course which might offend the people who are needed to put up the dough, tell the boys that this or that or the other piece of legislation will surely be passed by the G. O. P. "when the time comes." But in other British communities, where the voters are not led around by the nose by a handful of place hunters, as they are in Canada, the fact has been recognized that the time has already come and that further delay can do nothing but accentuate the difficulties of the situation. The state government of New South Wales has placed the most drastic industrial arbitration bill yet heard of on the statute book, clothing the judges with tremendous powers and without any appeal whatever.—Revelstoke Herald.

If labor is such an enobling and uplifting means of developing the best talents and faculties within man, why wouldn't it be good to have no unemployed, either in poverty or riches? With modern means of production there is no need of slavery. Machinery is man's greatest friend—if he only owned it. Would it not be better for society were all working short hours and none walking the highways in poverty and in search of work. There is something wrong with a system which creates idlers among the classes below and above the working element. Poverty and millionaires are unnecessary. The nearest approach to heaven we will ever see will be a time when all the people own and operate the means of production and distribution. May we live to enjoy it.

Last week the Trout Lake Topic administered a much deserved rebuke to the "pessimistic blatherskites" of this province, a rebuke with which the EAGLE can heartily concur. As the Topic says the history of but "one camp is evidence enuf that mining in this province is not dritting hellward, as that sheet afflicted with chronic dry gripes—the Rossland Miner—would have the world believe." There may be much room for improvement in the situation, but the belly-aching mine owners must confine more of their attention to mining than to politics if the improvement is to be effected. The money they spend in trotting off to Victoria, bucking labor unions, and raising disturbance generally could be spent much more profitably were they to co-operate and adopt the same business methods as the mining men across the line have done. They seem to have become so helpless and incapable, thru dabbling in politics and expecting relief by legislation, that really they are more to be pitied than taken seriously. The solution of the troubles of the mine owners lies in their own hands, and it is only regrettable that the dependent public have to suffer for their lack of enterprise and business ability.

There are two great powers at work in the development of socialism. The great captains of industry at the top and the "common" people at the bottom. The former are proving the practicability of what the latter are striving for. With socialism being perfected by the captains of industry at the top and towns and provinces and Dominions adopting their methods at the bottom the gulf between them must soon close. And the "common" people, being in the majority, will scarcely allow themselves to be absorbed by the few at the top. With the captains of industry nationalizing socialism and the people localizing it, the day is not far distant when private socialism must be absorbed by public socialism. The know-it-all little capitalists may look wise and sneer at this contention, but the next ten years will bear out the EAGLE'S contention.

South East Kootenay contains an acreage of about 4,300,000 acres. The Canadian Pacific has received from the provincial government 3,400,000 acres. Instead of following out the agreements of their charter, "the taking of alternate sections on either side of said railways," it is taken in blocks, prospected, and practically selected by the railway company. We wonder if the government fully understood, and had a knowledge of the future prospective value of these enormous areas. As it is, however, it is up to the present government to explain why these areas were reserved, and if reserved in the interest of the Canadian Pacific Railway company. The crown granting of blocks 4,594 and 4,593 occurred during the month of October last.—Fort Steele Prospector.

Premier Dunsmuir owns (?) some rich coal mines. He visited them last week, and came near meeting death with his fellow colleagues, John Chinaman. Did you ever notice that usually it is the producers of wealth that get killed by accidents; not the men who own the means of production. Some day the people will decide to keep their natural wealth for themselves. If it is good for Premier Dunsmuir to own coal mines wouldn't it be good for the whole province to retain them? The lives of the miners could then be safe-guarded, and the profits would go into the people's treasury rather than the pockets of millionaires, not to mention that many a poverty-stricken household would have coal placed within their reach.

Canadian manufacturers have been pampered and wet-nursed until they are a great big lot of greedy, pap-sucking babies. Slogan is loaded down with a burden of protection to build up artificial industries in Ontario. Mining bears the burden. Throw off this tariff and make these cowardly manufacturers stand on their merit or succumb to their fate as incapables. Then mining supplies would cost a fair price and Kootenay lead mines would beat the world.—Paystreak.

A Kootenay district meeting of the Western Federation of Miners will be convened at an early date to adopt a platform for the Socialist-Labor party, and arrange for placing candidates in every riding in the interior. The Lardeau union will likely be represented. The next likely member for this riding is a resident here, and a miner. When the time comes his name will be announced—from a representative socialist-labor convention. Has-been politicians need not apply.

There seems to be room for reform in the manner of administering justice in this province. Cases are too expensive and in many instances too long-winded. If the elective system was in force it might improve matters. When a man has secured a job for life he is liable to forget that there are other equally as important people on this earth.—New Denver Ledge.

It is an insult to the people to allow men who have legitimately stolen money from their employees to "donate" monies to build or establish what the people should have already built or established themselves. The donators themselves may not be to blame, but an economic system which makes such robbery possible is rotten to the foundation.

The EAGLE receives twelve of the leading mining journals of the United States. Out of these eleven do not even mention the name of British Columbia. And yet we have an agent-general, with expensive offices and staff, in London, trying to attract capital which is invariably wasted, or turned into a bunco game by promoters when it does come here.

Ex-Governor Mackintosh has expressed the opinion that with capable management the Le Roi mine at Rossland should pay a monthly profit of about £25,000, tho even now it is paying handsomely. Yet the management refuse to pay the same scale of wages as is paid everywhere else in the province.

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There are more bogus mining companies than mining prospects.

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There is danger that the money power will grow till the people have lost their liberty.—Abraham Lincoln.

Is it questionable why Quebec has only twenty applicants who want to enlist for South Africa, tho entitled to sixty men?

The public should own the government; the government should own and operate the means of production and distribution.

By referendum all the trade unions and socialist bodies of Switzerland voted to unite and fight for working class interests, industrially and politically.

John E. Chase, ex-mayor of Haverhill, is about to undertake a speaking and organizing tour through the west under the direction of the U.S. Socialist party.

Socialism aims at bringing all public franchises and all property under the direct control of the people, and is in perfect harmony with the highest prindiples of Christianity.—Union.

Our industrial progress is the progress of madness, and our hope of dealing with the insanity of capitalism thru the superficialities of legislation by capitalist politicians, results in condoning crime by legalizing wholesale larceny and sanctifying wholesale starvation.—E.

Do you think socialism is "coming?" Most of the railway brotherhoods in Ontario have met and adopted resolutions denouncing the competitive system and pledging themselves to vote only for such candieates as will favor and work for the public ownership of trusts and monopolies.

Socialists of Italy report another important victory. A vacancy for parliament occurred in an Apulien district held by Republicans. After an exciting contest the Socialist candidate, Barbato, was elected. Barbato had ee in jail for "pernicious activity" in strike matters.

The steel trust, so report the despatches, will about the first of the year, commence a general reduction of its working force, centralizing and eliminating surplus laborers. Its management expect to create the same amount of product from the reduced force by improved methods. The trust is a great labor saving machine.

Where men who own the means of production and distribution and men who belong to labor unions exist, there will always be industrial war. If the people were in the former's place there would be no need of labor unions. Business would then be conducted on the same principle as labor organizations, lodges, trusts, etc., by direct legislation.

The trouble between mistress and maid has become a sore spot in Canada. The stupid mimicry of aristocratic style by people raised on a bush farm is an open chasm between domestic and mistress, and bright Canadian girls prefer to serve as factory hands, counter tickets, or seamstresses to enduring the silly snobbery of such codfish aristocracy.—Algoma Pioneer.

Could I wield a pen of lightning and had words of vitriol numberless as the stars, and all space in which to write them, I could not fitly excoriate the kings and queens of snobocracy who reign at Newport, make merchandise of marriage, revel in vice, trample upon the rights of man, grind the faces of the poor and banquet dogs, with money wrung from the sunbrowned sons of toil.—G. W. Windle.

Marriage for place, and power, cash or titles, is legalized prostitution. Children born of such wedlock are few and, as a rule, idiotic, or vicious. I say "few," for the reason that such people usually prefer dogs to children. Dogs are all right in their place, but it is a crime to permit them to usurp the baby's place in our affections. People who like dogs more than they do children, are more dog than human. —G. W. Windle.

I have no fault to find with the work in a cotton factory, in and of itself. A reasonable amount of work, a reasonable number of hours for a day's labor, and reasonable wages therefor would make of mill work pleasant and healthful employment. As it is, corporate greed has assigned to each operative too much work—too many spindles, too many looms, etc., and insisted on too many hours in the day, and in the meantime little by little has reduced wages, till these mills, instead of being "hives of industry," as they are sometimes called, are become hells of torture where men are overworked, women are enslaved, and children sacrificed.—From "The Prodigal Daughter."

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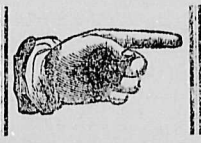

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Henry Floyd

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On the Wing Items

Canada is sending more men to Africa.

To reach the cent belt one has only to go as far as Calgary now.

The report that the Trail smelter is to close "for repairs" is denied.

Dan. Dunbar went out to Revelstoke on Friday and returned on Monday.

There will be no meeting of the literary society tomorrow (Friday) evening.

The Congress mine is the deepest mine in Arizona. It has an incline shaft 3220 feet in length.

The Nelson Miner editorially draws attention to the necessity of a railroad up the Duncan river valley.

Chas Field, of the firm of Sibbald & Field, Revelstoke, spent a few days in the camp during the past week.

Miss Edith Pettipiece of the Herald staff leaves tomorrow (Sunday) morning for a visit to Ottawa.—Revelstoke Herald.

Trout Lake City has a dramatic society. The terrors of mining camp life are never at an end, quoth the New Denver Ledge.

A. M. Pinkham and W. Macdonald paid the Cup mine a visit on Saturday, and returned on Sunday. They saw lots of ore, and the walking was plentiful.

Pat. Crilly left for San Francisco and other coast cities, last Saturday, to spend the holiday season. Pat's bank roll would look good to a country editor.

Premier Dunsmuir has brought his coal miners into subjection, and hereafter only non-union men need apply. Mr. Dunsmuir must certainly intend to step out of politics very soon.

Next Wednesday is Christmas day. Enjoy yourself, if you have the price, but enjoy yourself anyway. The Cup and Nettie L. mines will close for the day. Ferguson will be "wide open."

The s.s. Archer only makes one trip a day since the 15th inst., leaving Arrowhead at 10 a. m. and Thomson at 1 p. m., according to a private telephone message to the EAGLE from Fred. Robinson.

Holiday excursion rates.—All Canadian Pacific railway agents in local territory will issue return tickets at fare and one third for the round trip on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, and Jan. 1st, good to return till Jan. 3rd.

The mining man, prospector or visitor will find something worthy of attention in the Lardeau district, if they become paid-up readers of the EAGLE and buy a copy of the new Lardeau map. $3 liquidates the bill.

G. Earl McCarter, editor of the Grand Forks Miner Gazette, has joined the benedicts. He was married last Wednesday week to Miss Mabel Barnes, at the bride's father's residence, about two miles from Grand Forks.

A local minstrel show is on the boards for St. Valentine's day, February 14th. Messrs. Ryan, Taylor and Cummins, and Miss Edwards are the movers, sufficient guarantee in itself that the affair will be novel and entertaining.

Organizer Cameron has met with much success in Rossland and Grand Forks. A healthy socialist organization has been formed in both cities. At Sandon, Slocan, and Nelson the movement is growing rapidly. The socialists anticipate a victory in the next municipal election at Nelson.

The Ferguson literary society have arranged for another debate for next week, "Resolved that the British Empire will decay." S. Shannon is the leader of the affirmative, while Rev. S. J. Green will captain the negative. There is much food for thought and discussion on this question, and the program should draw another full house.

EAGLE readers will note a change in the rates for the winter of the Halcyon Hot Springs Sanitarium, if they read their advt. in this issue. The manager writes: "The season here during the winter is exceptionally mild and as an example of this I pulled a rose last week from one of our bushes growing on the lawn in front of the hotel. We call the place the "Banana Patch," as we have seldom any snow, but have lots of sunshine."

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	63,360 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	1,536 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	63.17
§ Old Gold		
§ Horseshoe		
§ Black Warrior		

§ Returns and corrections asked for.

As soon as the Eagle receives further information this list will be made complete and corrected weekly.

Wm. Glenn and Mrs. Glenn have left the "wiggy" for the winter, and will reside in Ferguson till spring.

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* The Canada Drug & Book Co., Revelstoke, have received a large and excellent stock of Christmas goods, cards, souvenirs, toys, etc. Mail orders receive prompt attention. Order while you have first choice.

* The Ferguson quadrille club will hold a social dance in the Miners' Union hall every Thursday evening. Anyone desiring to become a member should apply to R. T. Bury, the secretary. Membership fee, $2 per month.

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NOTICE TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS

To Z. Gordon Goldberg or L. Goldberg, or to any person or persons to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Little Robert and Little Robert No. 2 mineral claims situate at the head of the North fork of Lardeau creek, and adjoining the Black Warrior group on the northwest, in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

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.

Dated at Ferguson this 4th day of December, 1901.

dec5—3m JOSEPH C. KIRKPATRICK.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER

To Mike Dwyer and Patrick Nicholson, or to any person or persons to whom they may have transferred their interests.

TAKE NOTICE that I, the undersigned, co-owner with you in the J. C. mineral group, consisting of the Smuggler, Lone Star, J. C. and Bushwhacker claims, situated on the head of Lake creek, in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay, in the province of British Columbia, have expended four hundred ($400) dollars in labor and improvement upon the above mentioned mineral group in order to hold said group under Section 24 of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the first publication hereof, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure, together with the cost of advertising, for 1901, your interests in the said group will become the property of the subscribers, under Section 4 of the Mineral Act 1900.

Dated at Ferguson, B. C., this 29th day of October, 1901.

oct 31 J. W. CHISM.

APPLICATION FOR LAND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following tract of land, consisting of 120 acres more or less, in the Trout Lake mining division of West Kootenay district, and described as follows: Commencing at a post planted about 400 feet north from the wagon road along the south fork of Lardeau creek, approximately half way between Eight-mile creek and Ten-mile creek; thence 60 chains east; thence 20 chains south; thence 60 chains west; thence 20 chains north to point of commencement.

Dated at Ferguson, B. C., this 27th day of November, 1901.

nov27—2m JOSEPH MURRAY.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE.

NETTIE L. and AJAX mineral claims, situate in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Nettie L. Mountain, between the North and South forks of Lardeau creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, A. P. Cummins, as agent for The Great Western Mines, Limited, of Ferguson, B. C., Free Miner's Certificate No. 38840, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

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

Dated this twenty seventh day of November, A. D. 1901.

dec5—2m A. P. CUMMINS, P. L. S.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE

SILVER CROWN mineral claim, situate in the Lardeau Mining Division of West Kootenay District Where located: On Kidd creek, a tributary of Boyd creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Hector Poirer, F.M.C. B50273, acting as agent for myself and George Johnson, F.M.C. B43728, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 7th day of November, 1901.

Nov 7 2m. HECTOR POIRER.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
[Form F.]

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE.

MOUNTAIN BOY mineral claim, situate in the Lardeau Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Mohawk creek, a tributary of Pool creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, William A. Bauer, acting as agent for James A. Magee, Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 15700, and W. G. Girard, Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 15686, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 10th day of October, 1901.

oct17 2m WILLIAM A. BAUER, P.L.S.

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