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Local and General.

The question is NOT whether the Grand Trunk Pacific shall be built, but who shall own it. The people are to pay nine-tenths of the cost, why should such a splendid property be given away to a private corporation?

James Lade and Arthur Gunn, two prominent officials of the Great Northern Mines, Ltd., were in town on Saturday.

Jack McKinnon, our merchant prince, accompanied by his wife and little J.Q.M.K's, arrived home from the coast this week.

J. B. Cressman, the Revelstoke tailor, will visit Ferguson and Trout Lake Oct. 26th to 28th. J.B. is always welcome in these climes, and although 'tis on record that he gives the boys "fits," they are more desirable than the eastern sweat-shop misfits. He'll do you proud, and you won't squeal at the pence imposed either.

Sandy Laughton is running the Lardeau hotel under his own management and proprietorship, and his patrons will join with us in wishing him luck galore.

What a difference in the weather of the past few weeks as compared with the same period of 1903. Then in places six feet of snow was no dream, but now, bar an occasional shower and a crispness in the morning at the jump-out juncture, things are just too delightfully earthly.

Mayor Marshall is walking around with a huge gash above his sneezing apparatus. He tells the old gag about chopping wood and a piece flying up, etc., etc., etc.

The "Service of Song" held in town on Sunday evening last so far as the music is concerned was a great success, and we feel sure had the townspeople an inking of the excellent selections to be rendered, a far larger audience would have been present. As it was, the somewhat sparse attendance has in no sense damped the ardor of the committee, and Sunday 23rd another song service will be essayed.

Walter Edwards, cook at the Triune mine, spent a few days in town this week.

The sheriff's sale of the effects of the King's hotel came off as advertised on Wednesday last. The furniture and complete outfit of household effects were put under the hammer in one lot, but the contents of the saloon and cellars were disposed of in extenso. Some of our arabs have enough whiskey to last for ever and ever, while devotees of My Lady Nicotine had an opportunity of a lifetime among the cigars. Strangers striking the miner's mecca these days vote it like getting money from home.

Alex. Laing, Triune, came down on Tuesday.

Several attempts have recently been made to blow up by dynamite a cottage and its occupants in Ferguson. The course pursued by the perpetrator in each instance has been to insert a charge of powder into a log of firewood, with the result that the stoves have been wrecked in each instance. The strong arm of the law was put in motion on Thursday, and late the same evening Constable Kirkpatrick arrested a man named Henry Sann on suspicion of the crime. He was brought before the magistrates on Friday morning, and remanded until Monday the 17th.

The Conservative policy as to the G.T.P. is a straight one. To build the railway and OWN it. When you are discriminating between Mackintosh and Galliner, ask yourself, as a business man, if it is not wise as the country will pay nine-tenths of the cost of the railway, to pay the other one-tenth and OWN it.

George Yaill conducted what we believe was the first auction sale in town in a creditable manner, and in his capacity as knight of the hammer was not to be rattled. One little incident in the nature of a "bull" caused a fusillade of good humored banter to be directed towards the unwary breaker. Four tons of ice were up for a bid, and the auctioneer addressing a well-known hotel-keeper, suggested that the lot would be the very thing for him. "I've got about 3 tons of ice now," replied the one addressed, and continuing his answer, said: "Had 6 tons, but half of it was melted by fire, and the other half got burnt up."

W. S. Ribbet, of Nelson, paid a business visit to the town on Wednesday last.

Bob Steiss is killing a lot of time and game these days. His markmanship is responsible for many a bird gracing the festive board of his friends. We wish Bob would class us in this category.

Fred C. Elliott has made several trips of a business nature to the "place where the mines are" this week.

Bill Adams has had great success this season with his vegetable crops. Some of his specimens would have cleaned up the prizes had they been entered at the Nelson fair, and they would have had an easy win too. His crop of cabbage is an extraordinary one, and while we can obtain vegetables locally of such high class we have not much fear of an excellent supply for the lone winter days.

The local magistrates held their first court in Ferguson on Monday last. But one case figured on the charge-sheet, being a case of assault and battery in which two ladies figured. The charge turned out to be a trivial one, the offence alleged by the prosecutrix being that the defendant pitched a loaf of home-made bread at her. The game of ping-pong would have gone on for a time had not the prosecuting lady stopped the bread with her eye. This storm in a tea-cup ended by the defendant smilingly admitting the offence under great provocation and satisfying the ends of justice by paying $1 and costs.

The conservative candidate for this riding visited Ferguson to-day. He was accompanied by Tom. Taylor, M.P.P., and together they were met by the local executive, and a plan of campaign discussed. In conversation with our representative, Mr. Mackintosh said indications all along the line were in favor of a big Conservative victory. The manufacturing towns are in no way favorable to the Liberal deal with the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, and to hoist aloft free trade principles. Mr. Mackintosh stands for B.C.'s timber and mining interests first, and he feels confident that the electorate will place him at the head of the poll on November 22nd next.

The latest development in connection with the lumber mill at Trout Lake is that good grounds exist for the expectation of a speedy settlement on the part of the company. Mr. Wragge, legal adviser to the Mill company was at the Lake last Wednesday, and although several dispute notices to claims had been put in, the company admitted liability of claims for wages due. Nothing absolutely definite is yet known of a settlement, but we learn on very good authority that the men will have the needful in their possession before the end of the month. There should be great doins' at the Lake on pay-day, and Ferguson to a man will run down to see the fun.

There is talk of a socialist candidate being nominated for Kootenay. The name most prominently mentioned is that of James Baker, of Slocan. Mr. Baker is a prominent member of the Western Federation of Miners, and the Canadian representative on the executive of the Federation.

The Kootenaian says: "If the Laurier government is returned to power the Grand Trunk Pacific will be built. This will mean work for the masses. The building of the road will increase the value of every foot of land in the West and open up vast tracts of land for settlement, thus making new openings for business and professional men." True, every word of it; its dollars to doughnuts that the G.T.P. railway will be built whether the Laurier or Borden faction is handling the ribbons, and the above mentioned advantages will accrue in the natural order of things. It is not a question of building the railway, 'tis a question of whether the people shall build, own and control it, or let the Laurier Government steal it from them.

The Fight is On.

Ex-Governor Mackintosh For Us.

November 22nd the people of this electorate will add their declaration to the roll as to who shall be our rulers during the ensuing term. We believe the country will go strong and solid for and accept the policy laid down by Mr. Borden and his supporters. Many side issues will crop up as "red herrings across the trail" to keep the minds of the people detracted from the main issue. The Conservative party in the west will be fully on their guard in this. The Conservative policy is to own and control the new transcontinental railway. It is not the question whether the Government shall spend millions in constructing and acquiring railways. It is the question whether the Government, being already committed to the expenditure of about a hundred and seventy millions of dollars of public money in construction a railway, shall own the line or give it away. If the people of Canada pay for the transcontinental railway they should own it. The people through their representatives will then control the routing of traffic; control the passenger rates, and control the freight rates. No government would dare to route the traffic to American ports but the Liberal government gives the G.T.P. the right to route as they please. The Grand Trunk people will route the traffic to suit their own interest. Mack son, P. is [illegible] route the traffic to Portland. It is for the country to decide whether we shall have a Government owned railway or a Railway owned Government. The Liberal government is assuming for the people of Canada nine-tenths of the cost of this tremendous undertaking, while the promoters to whom the road will be turned over, practically as a gift, only assumes one-tenth of this amount. The people pay $170,000,000. The promoters pay $17,000,000. Mr. Borden says: "Let the people who pay for the road own the road, and operate it for the people or lease it." Their answer at the polls will be to the people of Canada as was the signing of Magna Charta to the people of Great Britain. Vote for Public Ownership and Prompt Construction. Vote for Mackintosh and reciprocity with all other British countries.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the METROPOLITAN GOLD AND SILVER MINING COMPANY OF LARDEAU B.C., LIMITED, intends to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works under provisions of Chapter 115, known as the Land Act, for permission to purchase the following described unreserved, unsurveyed and unoccupied Crown lands.

Commencing at a post on Silver Cup Mountain situated about 250 feet from Triune Creek, and near the lower terminal of the Hallidie Tramline built to the Triune Mine in 1902, said post being marked as "The Metropolitan Gold and Silver Mining Company of Lardeau, B.C. Limited's S.W. Corner Post," thence east 40 chains on to Triune Mountain, thence north along Triune Mountain 160 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 160 chains to the point of commencement, the same containing about 640 acres. Said land was staked for the above named purpose on the 21st day of July, 1904, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

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Bert Fowler has made a rich strike on the Nightingale group which adjoins the Mammoth on Goat mountain. He has uncovered a vein of solid galena and iron for about 15 feet, which runs from 14 to 18 inches in width. It is estimated that it will average $100, as it is of the Mammoth quality. Bert has a tunnel in now for 20 feet.

A small shipment of ore is being sent from the Lucky Boy this week. A large amount of development work will be completed before serious attention is devoted to getting large quantities sacked. A force of 12 men are now employed there.

Jack Brown, who came down from the Old Gold camp on Tuesday, where he has been superintending operations for the Consolidated Co., says that his company can ship a huge tonnage of ore with the advent of the new road up the North Fork.

Visiting several of our smaller mines this week we found all hands bucking a good supply of fuel for the winter.

G. O. Buchanan, inspector of lead bounties in speaking recently about the advance in the price of lead in London said: "The lead producers are now getting within ten shillings of the maximum intended to be reached under the provisions of the lead bounty act. Not since April has lead reached the same price, and one day during that month it touched £12 10s., but that it immediately receded." Mr. Buchanan thinks as there is a great demand for this product, prices will further advance.

Business at the various livery stables is reported as being good during the past month. What with an increased demand for pack-trains to bring ore from the mines, and the mill at 5-Mile turning out a tremendous amount of lead concentrates and gold and silver bullion, the horses are now doing lots towards helping to foot the "corn bill."

There never was a time when the Conservative party were more unanimous as to their policy or more enthusiastic over their chance of success. From one end of the Dominion to the other they are enthusiastic and confident. This is especially so in the West.

Considerable sensation has been created in London by certain remarks concerning Anglo-Russian relations, attributed to Sir Walter Lawrence, private secretary to Lord Curzon. He was staying at a country house quite recently, when he electrified the dinner party by declaring without doubt there would be a war between England and Russia next spring. It is not only his private opinion, but also that of Lord Kitchener and of all high officials in India, and he added that many big guns were being sent out quietly to India all the time, and every preparation was being made for a long campaign.

Dave Ryan came down from the Equitable on Pass creek to-day, and reports that his property is showing up exceptionally good with development. He has stripped for 125 feet a 12 to 16 inch lead of high-grade quartz and galena. Ryan informs us the lead is about the same width so far as he has stripped her.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Alexander J. Laughton and the undersigned, as hotel-keepers under the name of Laughton Bros., has been dissolved as from the 31st August, 1904. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Alex. J. Laughton, by whom the business will in future be carried on, and who will be responsible for all claims against the said partnership.

Dated this 6th day of October, 1904.

Witness: JOHN LAUGHTON.
Geo. S. McCarter.

We trust that the pressing need of a wagon road up the North Fork will be speedily placed before the proper authorities.

The Oyster-Criterion mill had its usual monthly clean-up last week, a handsome $4,000 brick resulting. This must be very satisfactory to the management, as returns such as these undoubtedly allow a large margin for profit. For a ten-stamp mill a $4,000 gold brick is a good performance, and as the ore now treated is of a very high grade, even better results are anticipated.

The Silver Cup mill at 5-Mile is rattling away to the gratification of its management and stockholders and everybody concerned. The mill has been working without a hitch since the water was run on a month ago. The roasters arrived last week and are put in position for their share of the treatment of the low-grade ores. During the past few days a 30 ton carload of concentrates and a half-ton of bullion were shipped. Now that the roasters have been fixed it will mean that both furnaces will be operated, and the mill be running at its full capacity henceforth.

On the Surprise great activity prevails. Dave Morgan has a large force of men felling timber, erecting cabins and bunkhouses and generally preparing for the long winter. Mining operations are also being proceeded with, a shaft is being sunk alongside the lead in the slate, which is now down some 30 feet, and it is intended to sink to the depth of 50 feet before a crosscut will be started to tap the lead.

There is a large amount of ore at the Mammoth sacked in readiness for the rawhiders. The trail to the mine is completed, and with the snow in shape, the ore will be got down as speedily as possible.

All the ore which has been brought down by the Consolidated Co. has been forwarded to Trail, a good-sized shipment.

At the Triune a great deal of attention has been devoted to development work throughout the summer, and at the same time regular shipments of $150 ore have been made bi-weekly. The new tunnel, No. 3, started early in August, is now in on the ore lodge about 200 feet. The Triune is now fully equipped with lumber, T-rails, cars, and provisions for a winter campaign. It is intended to cut a shaft and connect tunnels No. 2 and 3, and as the snows will block up the mouths of 1 and 2 throughout the winter, operations can be continued by the suggested shaft. Each tunnel is now equipped with a Truax ore-car of 1,000 lbs. capacity, which are working. About 3,000 lbs. of rails and necessary lumber has been stored at the mine in readiness for the extension of tunnels. A great amount of low-grade ore is now on the dump, and should the Metropolitan Gold and Silver Mining Co. one day conceive the notion of a silver-mill, they will have a grand show for their money. Sceptics have derided the feasibility of a winter's campaign at the Triune, owing to the high altitude of the mine, its extreme rugged nature, and the ever existing danger of snowslides. The company have made everything as safe as possible, the new cabin is let into a L in the solid rock and anchored thereto; the men's quarters have been made exceedingly cosy, and the management have no fear but that June's suns will let them out again with a well-developed mine and an abundance of high-grade ore ready in readiness for shipping to smelter.

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