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MARTIN'S APPEAL

To the Electors of British Columbia is Worthy of Thought.

A "PROGRESSIVE" PLATFORM

Will Down Private Monopoly By The Government Assuming Control, and Definite Intentions are Presented.—The Chinaman Must Go.—Other Popular Planks.

In appealing to the electors as the Premier of the province, Hon. Joseph Martin lays the following platform of the new government before them:

1. The abolition of the $200 deposit for candidates for the Legislature.

2. The bringing into force, as soon as arrangements can be completed, of the Torrens Registry system.

3. The Redistribution of the constituencies on the basis of population, allowing to sparsely populated districts a proportionately larger representation than to populous districts and cities.

4. The enactment of an accurate system of Government scaling of logs, and its rigid enforcement.

5. The re-enactment of the disallowed Labor Regulation Act, 1896, and also all the statutes of 1899, containing anti-Mongolian clauses if disallowed as proposed by the Dominion government.

6. To take a stand in every other possible way with a view of discouraging the spread of Oriental cheap labor in this province.

7. To provide for official inspection of all buildings, machinery and works, with a view to compelling the adoption of proper safeguards to life and health.

8. With regard to the eight-hour law the Government will continue to enforce the law as it stands. An immediate enquiry will be made by the Minister of Mines into all grievances put forward in connection with its operation, with a view of bringing about an amicable settlement. If no settlement is reached the principle of the referendum will be applied and a vote taken at the general election as to whether the law shall be repealed. If the law is sustained by the vote it will be retained upon the statute book with its penalty clause. If modifications can be made removing any of the friction brought about, without impairing the principle of the law, they will be adopted. If the vote is against it the law will be repealed.

9. To re-establish the London Agency of British Columbia, and to take every effective means of bringing before the British public the advantages of this province as a place for the profitable investment of capital.

10. The retaining of the resources of the province as an asset for the benefit of the people, and taking effective measures to prevent the alienation of the public domain, except to actual settlers or for actual bona fide business or industrial purposes, putting an end to the practice of speculating in connection with the same.

11. The taking of active measures for the systematic exploration of the Province.

12. The borrowing of money for the purpose of providing roads, trails and bridges, provided that in every case the money necessary to pay the interest and sinking fund in connection with the loan shall be provided by additional taxation so as not to impair the credit of the Province.

13. In connection with the construction of Government roads and trails, to provide by the employment of competent civil engineers and otherwise that the Government money is expended upon some system which will be advantageous to the general public, so that the old system of providing roads as a special favor to supporters of the Government may be entirely discontinued.

14. To keep the ordinary annual expenditure within the ordinary annual revenue, in order to preserve intact the credit of the Province, which is its best asset.

15. To adopt a system of government construction and operation of railways, and immediately to proceed with the construction of a railway on the south side of the Fraser river, connecting the Coast with the Kootenay district, with the understanding that uless the other railways now constructed in the province give fair connections, and make equitable joint freight and passenger arrangements, the province will continue this line to the eastern boundary of the Province. Proper connection with such Kootenay railway to be given to the Island of Vancouver. With respect to other parts of the Province, to proceed to give to every portion of its railway connection at as early a date as possible, the railway when constructed to be operated by the Government through a Commission.

16. A railwgy bridge to be constructed in connection with the Kootenay railway across the Fraser river, at or near New Westminster, and running powers given over it to any railway company applying for the same, under proper conditions.

17. In case it is thought at any time advisable to give a bonus to any railway company, the same to be in cash, and not by way of a land grant; and no such bonus to be granted except upon the condition that a fair amount of the bonds or shares of the company be transferred to the Province, and effective means taken to give the Province control of the freight and passenger rates, and provision made against such railway having any liabilities against it except actual cost.

18. To take away from the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council any power to make substantive changes in the law, confining the jurisdiction entirely to matters of detail in working out the laws enacted by the Legislature.

19. The establishment of an institution within the Province for the education of the deaf and dumb.

20. To repeal the Alien Exclusion Act, as the reasons justifying its enactment no longer obtain.

21. An amicable settlement of the dispute with the Dominion government as to Deadman's Island, Stanley Park and other lands, and an arrangement with Mr. Ludgate, by which, if possible, a sawmill industry may be established and carried on on Deadman's Island, under satisfactory conditions, protecting the interests of the public.

22. Proper means of giving technical instruction to miners and prospectors.—1i

SELKIRK A PROSPECTIVE CITY

Two Bridges Swept Out on Haley Creek. Snow Nearly Gone.—Trapping Ceased.

Louis Morigeau who has been trapping all winter at the foot of Trout lake, running his line of traps up Haley creek, returned to Trout Lake City last week, with a small catch of martin. Mr. Morigeau reports two important bridges as being swept out by a monster slide followed by a roaring flood which took place on Haley creek during the last wet spell. They need replacing, otherwise a great deal of inconvenience to prospectors and miners in that locality will be caused. He says the snow is gone enough for the railway construction gang to go to work if they wanted to, as there is less snow down there at any time than here. Mr. Morigeau speaks very highly of that section of the country and thinks Selkirk, a townsite at the bottom of the lake, has great possibilities before it. It is surrounded by good mineral claims, there is unlimited water power, easy of access for smelting purposes, the C.P.R. are interested in the town and has many attractive reasons why it should make a rising city, with the construction of the C.P.R. to that point, as anticipated.

FEARS SOCIALISM WILL UMPIRE.

Nelson Miner: Ralph Smith is said to entertain the hope that the Labor Party will hold the balance of power in the next legislature. What that would mean, he would have us all understand, is that the few Labor representatives would be in a position to dictate terms and conditions, and direct the course of legislation. It is quite possible that his prediction may be fulfilled. Split up into factions as we are, it would not be a difficult matter to get together a few resolute men who could compel submission to their wishes, on pain of turning out the ruling party and bringing in another. Such a prospect contains possibilities which should cause very serious reflection.

WHAT THE FINAL TRUST WILL BE.

"Suppose all the means of supporting physical life and contributing to its comfort were owned by all the people, and managed for the good of all, instead of for selfish profit, so that every one could perform his reasonable share of labor and receive as compensation a fair share of all social products and social service, need anyone take thought of the morrow? Would he not know every day just how to supply the needs of that day? Would he not be secure that should he die, his wife and children could readily supply all their needs? Would not poverty and the dread of poverty be gone? There would be no unemployed."

THE TIME IS HERE

The Season's Activity Has Begun In Earnest.

PROSPECTS FOR THIS SUMMER

Saw Mill Starting, Buildings Being Erected, Outside People Coming In, Assessment and Development Work Begun, Mining Companies Outfitting in Lardeau's Centre.

Spring is here, terra firma has hove in sight, sidewalks are in use, the hammer is going, blasting is heard in every direction at all hours and things generally are beginning to move. Assessment and development work is already being done on nearby claims, outfits for more distant properties are being procured, in fact this season is six weeks earlier than last. The saw mill will be running full blast as soon as the new boiler can be got over the roads. Two or three dwellings are now in course of erection. A new barber shop and tobacco store, with a modern bath room, is being arranged for, a public hall with a large store beneath is to be built, and at least two of the local merchants and one hotel man contemplate enlarging their present quarters as soon as lumber is cut. Outsiders are coming in daily. The boat between Arrowhead and Thomson's Landing is going to make two round trips a day. The mail service is to be improved; the contractors intend to bring it through the day it reaches the Landing. The trunk road from here to the Landing is to be put in good shape at once, and everything is being made ready for the increased activity which will predominate in the camp generally this season. Prospectors will soon strike out for the hills, miners will find plenty of work, and owners can reach their claims within a few weeks. New strikes will be made, more leads will be tapped, and hundreds of tons of ore will be put on the dump ready for the iron horse or snow next winter as the case may be. The C. P. R. will at least come to the foot of Trout lake, thus affording an outlet and much better, quicker and cheaper transportation facilities. Smelter talk is in the air, and a general air of prosperity is evident throughout the district. The EAGLE is in possession of news of a most satisfactory nature regarding mining operations and deals which will take place as soon as interested eastern men arrive here and local managers receive definite instructions from their various companies. At least three mining companies will erect offices and buildings in Ferguson. A furniture store, a watchmaking shop, another assay office, a fifth large hotel, and other things which go to make up a mining centre, which the EAGLE will not enumerate, will be doing business here three months hence. Those who have been patiently hanging on for years, say "let 'er roll." And roll she will.

PRACTICAL SOCIALISM.

The radical New Zealand government is buying out the big runholders, splitting up the land into 200 to 600 acre farms, and actually helping workingmen to make a start by advancing cash. These men are their own masters, and have no need to take on outside work. Before the government took over the Cheviot estate there were only about 70 men employed by the squatter as shepherds and roustabouts. Now there are over 2,000 people living on the same land, and they are practically the landowners, because the government lease of 999 years is the same thing as a freehold. The workingmen are getting so independent an employer has to give way to them in almost everything. The country, of course, is going to the dogs.

SAYS MARTIN HAS MANY FRIENDS.

John Savage of the firm of Savage Bros., wholesale and retail dealers in farmers' produce, cured meats, fish, etc. and flour and feed, of Revelstoke, was in town on Thursday afternoon and did considerable business in his line. He also planted a permanent reminder that he is still doing business, in the EAGLE. Mr. Savage is a very enthusiastic Liberal and has every confidence in Hon. Joseph Martin as a leader, and Joe sure lost nothing by his visit in this camp. Like all other brands of politicians Mr. Savage has no time for Kellie.

THE CAMP'S MINES

Notes Picked Up by the "Eagle" in Its Weekly Flight.

ORE SHIPMENTS AND WORKINGS

Assessment, Development, Survey and Other Work is Now Being Vigorously Prosecuted.--Prospectors Getting Ready for the Hills. —A Splendid Season Ahead.

The Little Robert Group.

J. C. Kirkpatrick, accompanied by Frank Holten, was up at this group, owned by himself and G. T. Lundy of Innisfail, Alta., and situated just above Circle City, some 6 miles up the north fork of the Lardeau from Ferguson, on Saturday last. Mr. Kirkpatrick says there is three feet less snow up there now than on the 24th of May last year. A force of men will be put to work in a few days on the Little Robert to add at least 100 feet more to the 40 foot tunnel now driven to crosscut three good strong leads at a depth of from 250 to 400 feet. This will be equivilent to the assessment work on the whole eight claims which comprises the group. There may be more extensive operations commenced on this property if present indications do not mistake, as there are different parties negotiating for the purchase of the entire group.

The Pontiac.

A deal went through last week whereby a big Michigan company acquired the Pontiac property about two miles from Camborne, the new Fish creek townsite, on a basis of a substantial sum down in cash and the balance in shares to the owners J. Darragh and others. The Pontiac is a gold proposition from which big assays have been obtained. The new owners will start work at once as soon as supplies can be got to the mine.

Silver Cup.

P. Shepherd came down from the Cup on Saturday. There are only four men working now. They are crosscutting from the lowest tunnel to catch the Cup lead. A big force may be put on in June, so Manager L. Didisheim said when in town recently. A good deal of shoe leather is worn out between here and the banner mine.

Nettie L.

Manager W. B. Pool went out on Saturday to the Landing to make and accompany another 50 ton shipment to the Trail smelter. The vein has been reached in the lower tunnel and the paystreak will be tapped anytime now. Then the full force will be put to work and regular shipments made.

The Union Jack.

H. Carter and L. Thompson have gone up to Circle City, their ranch, having finished assessment work on the Union Jack, to fulfil homestead regulations and otherwise arrange their holdings in that locality. They have the ranch surveyed now.

Idle Hour Group.

E. M. Allum and Ed. M. Carruthers of Revelstoke, are in the camp this week. Mr. Carruthers is looking after his brother's (Dr. Carruthers) interest in the Idle Hour group on Nettie L. mountain just east of Ferguson.

Cashier.

Andy Ward left on Saturday for Trout creek, where he will do assessment work on the Cashier, for Ed. Morgan. He went prepared for big game on the way in.

Kaslo and Spokane.

M. F. Janes has secured an eighth interest in the Kaslo and Spokane mineral claims, owned by G. B. McGregor, due east of the Halcyon Hot Springs.

The Maybe.

Work will be commenced on the Maybe property by the Double Eagle Mining Co. as soon as supplies can be got up to the mine.

The Valdez.

A. Brown was up at Gainer creek on Friday sizing up his property, the Valdez. He will do his assessment work right away.

Rob Roy.

Supt. J. W. Westfall took two men up to the Rob Roy on Friday. More will follow in a few days.

GOOD ROAD A PROBABILITY.

Gold Commissioner Coursier was in town on Thursday, having come into the camp to ascertain the most needed repairs on the road between here and the Landing. Men will be put to work at once and the portion carried away into the lake by a slide a few days ago will be repaired. In all likelihood a small crew will be kept on the road steadily from now on. This is certainly the right way to go about it. The EAGLE trusts that the department will grant a special appropriation, so that the road between here and Trout lake can be widened, new timbering put in around the kopjes, and the heavy timber slashed on each side, so as to let the sun in on the road. A proper drainage system is then needed throughout, and when this is done it will be one of the best mountain roads in the province.

AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

The Tribune and the Miner at Nelson are squabbling over Tom Taylor's affairs in this riding, and both of them are off side. Tom Taylor says: "I AM NOT ONLY IN FAVOR OF THE PRESENT EIGHT-HOUR DAY LAW FOR MINERS; BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND WILL STRIVE TO BRING ABOUT A GENERAL EIGHT-HOUR DAY LAW FOR ALL CLASSES OF LABOR." This should be explicit enough for the most radical.

A REMUNERATIVE OPENING.

Gardening has commenced, but there is very little done in Ferguson, although garden stuff grows and ripens well. A person would naturally suppose that three cents a pound for potatoes and six cents for vegetables would be sufficient inducement for some live gardener to put in an acre or two. Fresh vegetables would bring even higher prices.

WHAT THE PROVINCE NEEDS.

The Candid and Worthy Stand Taken by John Houston.

"I am opposed," says John Houston, "to candidates that merely stand for a single interest, be that interest labor or mine owner. What British Columbia needs now is men sufficiently broad minded to legislate for all the people and far-seeing enough to shape legislation so that the province will get the maximum, not the minimum, of benefit from her great natural resources. I have no hesitation in stating that I am opposed to the repeal of what is known as the 'eight-hour' law, for the reason that if repealed the fight would have to be made over again, and continuous agitation of such questions unsettle the business of a country. Let the eight-hour law stand, and the question of wages will adjust itself. I am in favor of opening up new and undeveloped sections of the province by railways built by the government, and I am opposed to further grants of land and money to private companies for building railways anywhere in the province. In my opinion, these are the two questions that are of most importance to the people: the one will tend to give workingmen in mines a fair chance to prove that the eight-hour day does not in any way retard the mining industry; and the other would bring about the development of resources that could not have other effect than increase the permanent population of the province. All other issues are of but minor importance." Do you intend to enter politics, further interrogated the EAGLE. "I have no particular ambition to enter politics, for the reason that I too poor financially," replied Mr. Houston.

There will be no celebration here on the 24th of May.

Hewitt Bostock, M. P., has returned to the province.

John Laughton of the Hotel Lardeau, left for Revelstoke yesterday on a short business trip.

If your name is not on the voter's by April 23rd, its all off with you for a vote this year.

L. Didisheim, manager of the Silver Cup, came in on Monday evening. He is registered at the Windsor.

Some fine catches of mountain trout, beauties, were made in the Lardeau, just below town yesterday. More anglers are out to-day.

C. A. Irwin has returned to the camp after spending the winter in southern Kootenay and the Boundary. He holds some good property in this district, more of which will be heard later on.

A $64,000.00 BOND

Given By P. A. Lingren et al on the Pedro and Ruby Silver Groups.

ONE-TENTH DOWN ON AUG. 1ST

The Deal Includes the New Townsite of Linsen.—Work on an Extensive Scale Will Be Commenced Next Month.—A Busy Season Up Canyon Creek is Evident.

A camp which gives sonsiderable promise of coming to the front this year is around Linsen, a new townsite on the fork of Canyon creek, seven miles from Selkirk at the foot of Trout lake. On the south fork of Canyon creek there are located several mineral claims, among which is the

PEDRO GROUP

consisting of eight promising claims owned by Albert Sandin, Nel Nelson, A. P. Morrison, Dan. Anderson, Martin Nelson and P. A. Lingren, namely the Pedro. Black Jack, Grand Solo, Minnie F., Silver Dollar Fraction, Grant Falls, Bonanza Falls and Clara. And the

RUBY SILVER GROUP,

owned by Martin Nelson and P. A. Lingren, composed of three claims, the Ruby Silver, Copper Peak and Sulitelma. There is three feet of ore in sight on the Pedro. Assays of

EXTRAORDINARY VALUES

have been received, one of which went 2106 ozs. in silver, 17 per cent. copper and $5 in gold. Ore from the Copper Peak assayed 467 ozs. silver, while on the Ruby Silver there is 18 inches of

CLEAN SHIPPING ORE,

test results of which gave $101 to the ton. This whole property, including the quarter section of land at the forks of Canyon creek, located by P. A. Lingren for a townsite, is now

UNDER A WORKING BOND

to James Rutherfoed of Rossland for $64,000, 10 per cent. of the purchase price to be paid on August 1st. Mr. Rutherford

WILL COMMENCE WORK

on the Pedro and Ruby Silver groups in June. A good trail has been built from the boat landing at the foot of the lake along up Canyon creek to the claims, passing through the new townsite, Linsen.

OTHER GOOD PROSPECTS

in this locality are the Lotten, owned by A. P. Morrison and P. A. Lindgren, upon which an incline shaft of 84 feet has been sunk with good results, assays going 161 ozs. silver, and the Bessie, adjoining is also considered a fair prospect, while on the Columbia, owned by Ed. Andreen, a 91 foot incline shaft has been sunk, ore from which gives 157 ozs. silver and 71 per cent. lead. The Victoria is an adjoining property with a more than

FAVORABLE SURFACE SHEWING.

There are many others staked which the EAGLE will not mention until later on when the locality will be visited, but with the shewing of ore and

MANY STRIKING ADVANTAGES

which this portion of the district will enjoy, upon completion of the C. P. R. to the foot of the lake, we venture to say it will be the scene of a great deal of activity in a year's time.

THE NEW ORDER OF THINGS.

A Labor party will be thoroughly organized in the Dominion, to take part in the general elections. Government ownership and control of private monopolies will be, as in provincial affairs, their mainstay plank. The people are ready for such a program and the Labor Party will oust a good many of the old hide-bound party men, from which the mass of people no longer expect fair legislation on either side.

AS ONLY LADIES CAN.

Under the auspices of the ladies of Trout Lake City the I.O.O.F. of that place were given a pleasant surprise; the party taking possession of the lodge room, just as the session was over. An impromptu program was rendered and a social hop participated in till 3 o'clock in the morning.

A SMALL BLAZE.

Wm. Snell's barber shop caught fire from a defective stovepipe last Thursday, and only for the strenuous efforts of a volunteer fire brigade the whole block east would have been wiped off the map. The roof was somewhat damaged and the interior received a good wetting as it was.

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NO THORNS.

I carried the old Bishop a bunch of roses
this morning,
And when I handed them to him he said,
"Wait, my daughter, there are thorns
upon them."
Then he took out his knife, saying,
"Give me one at a time."
I watched him while he carefully cut
away each thorn.
"Do you always cut off the thorns, Bishop?"
He looked at me with an appreciative
twinkle in the dark of his eye,
Set deep under the shaggy brows, and
said,
"Yes, don't you?"
"No," I said: "I am a woman;
I only hold my rose tight and smile,
And let the blood trickle, and say,
'My rose has no thorns.'"

A Ghost Story.

South of the Line, inland from far Durban,
There lies—be he or not your countryman—
A fellow-mortal. Riddled are his bones,
But 'mid the breeze his puzzled phantom moans.
Nightly to clear Canopus—fain to know
By whom and when, the All-Earth-Gladening Law,
Of Peace, brought in by Some One crucified,
Was ruled to be inept, and set aside.

THOMAS HARDY.

LIGHT TO HEAL THE LUNGS.

What appears to be something in the nature of a revival of the old "blue glass cure," which attracted a great deal of attention all over the world some years ago, is the new method of treating diseases which is now being exploited by Dr. Mount-Bleyer of New York. The following description is taken from a paper recently read by him in that city:

"Pure air, sunlight and concentrated electric light will improve any case of tuberculosis. I should say the best thing a man dying of tuberculosis can do is to buy an old greenhouse, put some blue glass in the roof and walk around naked in the sunlight. But even this treatment can be improved upon.

"I was led to my electric light cure by my experiments on animals. Then I took men and women who had tuberculosis, and placed them in houses especially constructed with blue glass roofs; in fact I built a solarium at Liberty, N. Y.—a great glass building, which looks like a horticultural conservatory. My patients were drooping plants, which I attempted to nurture. They walked around in the rays of the blue sunlight, and improved wonderfully. Most of them got well.

"Then, I argued, if blue light was so beneficial to consumptives, why not provide it for them artificially and in concentrated form? I procured a powerful arc-light concentrating lantern. Its candle power must have been 10,000. I used it on my consumptive animals, sending its rays through blue glass. The effect was remarkable. The beasts were made well much more quickly than in blue sunlight. It was equally beneficial to human patients.

"Next I dispensed with the blue glass. Instead I caused the light to pass through large jars filled with chemtcl fluids, which absorbed all the light rays in the lower end of the spectrum, for I found that only the blue, the indigo and the violet rays exert an influence on the movement of the pores.

"If a vessel containing a deep colored solution of ammoniated copper oxide, which transmits only blue or violet rays, be placed between the source of light and the cultivated spores, the spores are seen to react, just as they will when placed in contact with ordinary white light. On the other hand, they do not react at all to light which has passed through bichromate of potassium solution, through the yellow vapor of a sodium flame or through ruby or red glass. I am able, therefore, to control the reaction of spores under light rays merely by interposing various solutions in the path of the light.

"Now, there is no difficulty in passing the rays through the human trunk to the lungs. We know that the cathode rays force their way through opaque bodies that ordinarily arrest the transit of sunlight. Roentgen has told us that, unlike sunlight, these cathode raps do not undulate in waves, but pass, as it were, backward and forward. To this probably is due their penetrating power So we have the means of projecting the rays, with all their therapeutic properties, right into the lungs of the consumptive; in other words, it is possible to operate on his lungs without opening his body."

Light is inimical to the development of the harmful organisms. The action of light entirely destroys the bacteria or reduces them to a condition of torpidity which they require months to overcome. A 22,000 candle-power light has been built for the doctor with which to treat persons suffering from tuberculosis.

A Wasted Sermon.

Bishop Whipple of Minnesota censured a Souix chief who had permitted his braves to kill a Chippewa and celebrate with a dance. Let him tell the story himself:

I said, "Wabasha, you asked me for a school and a mission. I came to visit you, and I see in front of the mission house a horrible scalp dance. I knew the man who was killed; he had a wife and children; the wife is asking for her husband; the children are asking for their father. Wabasha, the Great Spirit is angry! Some day he will look Wabasha in the face and ask him for his red brother.

The Chief was smoking, but when I had finished he took his pipe from his mouth, and slowly blowing a cloud of smoke into the air, said: "White man go to war with his own brother; kill more men than Wabasha can count all his life. Great spirit look down and say, 'Good white man; he has my Book; I have good home for him by and by.' Dakota hasno Great Spirit's Book; he goes to war, kills one man, has a foolish scalp dance; Great Spirit very angry. Wabasha doesn't believe it!"

A Tramp's Clothing.

Philadelphia has a tramp named Max Shelling, who has some original ideas upon the subject of proper clothing. When arrested last week, upon Police Officer Heddleson devolved the duty of searching him. First he went through the pockets of an overcoat; then through those of three other coats, four vests, and three pairs of trousers. In addition to this Shelling defied the heat through the thickness of three flannel shirts. The search occupied over an hour, Heddleson's hands going through sixty-two pockets, which yielded three loaves of bread, scraps of meat, one pound of coffee, a complete toilet set of brush, comb and tooth brush, but no soap; apples, blackberries and a knife which its owner claimed to use as a razor. Despite the tremendous amount of clothing he wore, Shelling claimed that in summer he is always cool and in winter always warm. He never undresses, always sleeping in full attire.

Liberty for the Spirit.

There is no safety for the truth, or for anything else, save in absolute liberty for each man to see the truth, institutions, laws and God for himself, and to speak what he sees with utter fidelity. Nothing in the universe is so wicked or wanton as the invasion of the citadel of a man's soul by any kind of force or authority. Yet who of us does not meet threat, and who of us does not menace the liberty of our brother the moment a word is spoken that crosses the existing order? Where are the really free men—men who are servile to no one and to nothing, but who will see the truth for themselves at all hazards and live it at all costs? For them the universe exists and travails; for them history toils; for them the world's disinherited wait and stretch worn hands of hope.—George D. Herron.

When Smallpox was Common.

In a recent address on vaccination, an English lady physician related some curious stories illustrating the prevalence of smallpox in England just before Jenner's time. In advertisements for servants it was commonly stipulated that they "must be of the Church of England and have had the smallpox." The police, in advertising for the apprehension of a counterfeiter, gave as one of the marks of identification that the fugitive had "no pock holes." In a letter from a lady to her son urging him to find a husband for his young daughter, the solicitous grandmother wrote that she was not in favor of early marriages as a rule, but this was an exceptional case, for "Angelina has not had the smallpox, and at any moment her chance of getting settled in life might be entirely lost. Therefore, it is better to get her married at once."

A Proposal.

Young men in search of a model letter of proposal may be inclined to adopt the following. It was actually written by a young Irish farmer;—

"Dear Miss,—I have been in love with you for a long time, and take this opportunity to inform you by letter, and would you like to court for marriage. If so, I would like to have you if you are not spoke for. And if you are spoke for, is your sister spoke for? You and she is both so hansom it is hard to tell which is the handsomis. I have got a little farm, an' don't you think I am pretty good looking? And if you want me and if you don't want me, be sure and answer me yis or no.—Your loving Paddy Murphy."

FROM LOWERY'S UPPER STOPE.

New Denver Ledge

The Slocan needs a coroner; but, then, that cuts no liquid air with the B. C. Government.

If all signs do not fail we will have a hot, dry summer in the Slocan. Our water barrel is already empty, and not a red cow has been near it for many moons.

In speaking of the Slocan the Rossland Miner mentions it as a camp that surrounds Rossland. Why not take in Cape Nome, and the Transvaal? It does not cost any more, and would help pad out the article.

We do not want that curse of Canada, party politics, introduced into this province. What we want is a body of business men who will transact the affairs of B. C. in a proper manner, without quarreling or giving away our assets to their friends or monopolists.

The Eagle says that oil costs 1½ cents a gallon and sells for 75 cents in Ferguson. The Eagle is wrong. It costs about 15 cents, and the balance is for freight. The Eagle should get a government railway into its precinct and not try to screech at Rockefeller. Poor Rocky! He gets it in the solar plexus everywhere, but still has an ace in the hole.

FURNITURE

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Investments in the Lardeau. . .

Today the rate of interest allowed by the banks has shrunk to 3%, with an agitation on foot to still further reduce this amount. This action is forced on them because of their inability to turn over the monies deposited with them at a sufficiently large margin to allow of their paying more. The decrease in interest rates is a matter of necessity with them, not one of choice. At the same time it renders it necessary for a man to lay by a much larger sum of money than formerly in order to obtain the same amount of returns therefor, and as mortgages bear a correspondingly lower rate the average investor is being compelled to turn to other fields for investment One of the few fields open for legitimate profitable enterprise is Mining, which has the advantage that the riches secured through this source are obtained from Mother Earth and not from one's fellow man.

I refer, of course, to actual purchase of Stocks and Shares, and not to the dealings in same on Margins, which is but a veiled form of gambling, and very largely responsible for the fluctuations of the stock market.

The profits in Mining are, some good and some abnormally large, while the opportunity for loss is slight if proper care be exercised. One plunging blindly into a foot or two of water covering a rocky bottom stands a good show of breaking one's neck, and a "flier" in Stocks is apt to bear similar consequences, financially. In either case investigation will amply repay the proposed plunger, and this I strongly advise.

My business is to assist you in this. I have made the matter a study and am convinced that for the Investor, especially if of small capital, a judicious investment in good safe mining stocks is about the best thing he has to hand today.

These investments pay well. I have placed money lately for clients who have increased their capital two, three, four and fivefold within as many months Do you want anything better than this?

After looking over the "pros" and "cons" of the mining country of British Columbia I am convinced that

. . . THE LARDEAU. . .

offers today the best opportunity for investment, as it is easily accessible from every direction—it has splendid water powers (in which respect the Slocan is deficient), good timber, ample transportation by rail and water provided or being provided, a climate in which one can always work (some of the properties I recommend are working all winter, night and day), good smelter facilities, and last but not least, immense values. These values are in Gold, Silver, Lead, and copper, and run up into the hundreds of dollars per ton. I learn, too, that smelter charges on Silver-Lead Ore are to be reduced to half the present rates, and that an independent Company is contemplating the erection of concentrators, which will materially advance the Lardeau's interests.

When we see the Le Roi, the famous Rossland Mine, turning out about 9,000 tons of ore in a month at a total value of $130,000.00, we find the average per ton is $14.50 In the Lardeau we have mines turning out ore netting, after all charges are paid, upwards of $100.00 to the ton. These properties are "bona fide successes and stock cannot often be picked up, but there are others, just as good apparently, in which stock can be obtained at a merely nominal figure. The question is often asked "Why sacrifice the stock if it is so good?" The answer is simple, for the Mines need money to develop them, and then, when they are able to ship ore in quantities sufficient to pay Mining expenses, the stock is withdrawn.

After all it is a very simple problem—on one side it is a good Mineral property, on the other is money; singly they are of little value, together they are a giant in power. "Union is Strength." Some of the very best are situated near Circle City, at the head of the Lardeau. Of these a few only can be mentioned here, and that but briefly. First I would mention the "Rob Roy" Mines, owned and operated by the Scottish-Canadian Mining and Development Company of British Columbia, Limited, with offices at London, Canada; Rossland, B.C.; and London, England. This is a very promising investment and one that I can personally recommend, as I have visited and carefully inspected the property, and have largely invested in it myself. The Company are working night and day, and have nearly 300 feet of tunnel work done, besides other necessary works, such as buildings, trails, surveying, etc., etc. The Company is free of debt, and the Stock is very largely subscribed right here in London where the Directors are best known. Two strikes of ore have recently been made on this property. The last assay (Feb. 13, 1900) shows values of $111.27.

The Treadwell property has an immense ledge of ore uncovered and it should be one of the big things of B. C., very shortly.

Then there is the Old Gold Quartz & Placer Mining Co., with their Mines just over the Divide from the Rob Roy Mines. They have two large tunnels and a splendid strike of ore made, and this Stock should prove a splendid investment, as also should that of the Primrose Gold Mining Company, whose mine is opposite the Old Gold Co.'s. The Monitor Mines, the Galena Creek properties (just above the Rob Roy Mines), Canadian Lardeau, the Detroit Lardeau, the Wide West, Standard, and Bear Creek properties, among others, are also very promising, and full information can be obtained on application. The Monitor Mines Company deserves special mention on account of its showing, and as being in such a remarkable position for transportation, being just below the Rob Roy Mine, and within ten minutes' walk of Circle City, the last point of distribution for the above and many other properties. Primrose, Old Gold and Canadian Lardeau are exceptionally good things to get into just now, but their stock for subscription at present prices (like that of the Scottish-Canadian) is limited and but comparatively little can be obtained. These are a few of the Companies operating in this section, and from my advocating these it must not be inferred that I consider them the only good things in existence. I am prepared to buy or sell stock for clients in any Company of good repute, either in this camp or any other, and would be pleased to hear from any one proposing a deal in Mining Stocks. All communications will be considered as strictly confidential, and anything entrusted to my charge will be given most careful consideration.

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The May Bee is the sister claim to the now famous Nettie L, which has broken all records in British Columbia for large bodies of phenomenally rich ore. The May Bee and Nettie L were located together in 1892 by Mr. W. B. Pool (who has been appointed manager of the Double Eagle Co.) Both claims carry identically the same rich ore on the surface and the same remarkable ledge runs through both, carrying high values in gold, copper, silver and lead. The promoters have already spent $4,000 in developing the May Bee, with excellent results, and in order to place the mine quickly on a shipping basis the company now offers the public the opportunity of investing to a limited extent in fully paid and non-assessable treasury shares (par value $1) at 10 cents each.

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Or to JNO. J. YOUNG, Herald Block, Calgary.

Ferguson, B. C.

Reasons why The Eagle is in the District

TO STAY

Ferguson (its nest) is not a "boom" town, or boomerang; but a steady growing mining camp since the season of '97. Its unique geographical position is by sheer force making it the commercial and social centre of Golden Lardeau.

It is situated at the point where the waters of the north and south forks of the Upper Lardeau River meet, is beautifully located on a spacious flat on the side of a mountain, which affords the only possible location for a town site for many miles in any direction. Planted as it is at the forks of the river, it commands the traffic of the mining camps on both the north and south branches of the river.

At least 20 mines are ready to ship ore as soon as the railway furnishes transportation in the vicinity. The railway experts have been quick to perceive the natural advantages which its geographical position has conferred upon Ferguson.

Both the C. P. R. and Kaslo, Lardeau & Duncan Ry have roads surveyed into Ferguson,

Thus making the place a competing point and insuring its future as an important railway and distributing centre.

Taking this fact into consideration and remembering that as soon as ever the cars reach Ferguson there will be, on a conservative estimate, 25 or 30 mines commencing to ship ore of a grade which is a marvel in Kootenay, the land of high-grade silver ore, there is no reason for doubt as to Ferguson's future prospects.

The pay-roll of the mines tributary to Ferguson will, within a very short while of the advent of the iron horse, begin to run away up into the thousands.

At present the following concerns are doing business in Ferguson: A saw-mill, three general stores, (which supply even the mining companies operating in the district, which speaks volumes for their just prices), four first-class hotels, (and two more to follow), two livery, feed and sale stables (good outfits for all purposes), an assay office, a blacksmith shop, a newspaper, a private school, (a public school to be established at once), a money order office, ore and supply houses.

All three store firms purpose enlarging their space and stock in the spring.

A town hall, fire hall and several residences are to be erected as soon as lumber is available.

Several owners of partially developed properties adjacent to the town intend moving their families to Ferguson in the spring, and will then devote their whole time to opening up their properties.

Three mining companies, now working full forces on high-grade propositions, which are shipping ore right along, will make their headquarters and offices at Ferguson at once.

Ferguson will be a smelting and railway point.

How to reach this promising camp.

Ferguson lies about 54 miles southeast of Revelstoke and the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is approached at present by taking the Arrowhead branch at Revelstoke to Arrowhead, 28 miles, thence by steamboat up the northeast arm of Arrow Lake to Thomson's Landing, 10 miles, and from the Landing to Ferguson, a distance of 16 miles, over the government wagon road by stage, team or horseback.

Soon, however, these conditions of travel will be changed very much for the better.

Railroad surveys hold out a promise of being able to reach Ferguson either from the south or north comfortably in Pullman cars.

The district is well worth seeing and will stand investigation.

WAGES OF MINERS COMPARED.

New Denver Ledge.

Everything conceivable is being done by capital to prove that the eight-hour law is detrimental to the mining interests of the province. The newspapers of the mining districts, which have the courage to express their convictions, are being coerced at every turn by parties working in the interests of capital, the aim being to force all newspapers into line to demand the repeal of the eight-hour law. The attempt will fail because of two reasons. In the first place the newspapers that have any influence will not submit to coercion, and those that are decrying the law and abusing the mine workers are of no influence and their efforts can have no effect; secondly, if it were possible to repeal the law, the mine workers and the laboring men generally of the province would combine to have the law passed again, and the troubles of the past year would be renewed. It is therefore to the interest of all to leave the question alone and allow the question of wages to be adjusted by the managers and mine workers.

In this connection, the claim is made by Paul Johnson, who is working in the interest of the mine owners, that the miners of B. C. are drawing higher wages than mine workers in any other section of America. Mr. Johnson recently made a trip through the low-grade camps in Utah and Eastern Nevada, where the conditions are not at all similar to those that prevail in British Columbia. Mr. Johnson received most of his information on the subject of wages from Mr. Oxnam, general superintendent of the mines owned by Captain DeLamar in the several states in the union. To the Nelson Tribune Mr. Johnson said that the DeLamar company employs about 2,000 men in its mines and reduction works. The average wage to miners paid by the company in California, was $2.20 per day, with a charge of $19 per month for board. In Leadville, Colo., the company paid $2.50 to $3 per 10-hour shift, $3 in wet places and $2.50 in dry places. It the state of Nevada the DeLamar company paid $3 a shift, with a charge of $24 a month for board. In Arizona the company paid $3 and $3.50 for 10 hours' work, with a charge of $26 a month for board. In the state of Utah, where an eight-hour law is in force, the company paid $2.50 per day.

The DeLamar company is opposed to the eight-hour law in Utah. Mr. DeLamar threatened to leave the state if the law was passed, but he didn't. The rate of wages paid in Utah, where living is on an average 22 per cent. less than in this province, ranges from $2 to $3 per day for eight hours. The claim is made by Mr. Oxnam that the eight-hour law in Utah has tended to demoralize the men; that they spent more time in saloons than when working 10 hours and that they were lacking in ambition. In this connection it can be stated that R. C. Chambers of Salt Lake, Utah, who has been superintendent of the Ontario and Daly mines at Park City, in that state, for over 20 years, says that he would not return to the 10-hour system now that he has given the eight-hour day a fair trial. He says that the men take more interest in their work; that they are better morally, mentally and physically.

A VERY LIVE CORPSE.

The assertion is often made that the silver question died in 1896 with W. J. Bryan as presidential candidate. Four years have elapsed since then and the "corpse" is still kicking. In fact, it is livelier today than it was then, and it all signs do not fail, and Mr. Bryan is permitted to live until the date of election and inauguration of the next president of the United States, he will ascend the White House steps with the silver question under his arm. Mr. Bryan is sure of nomination for the presidency by the people. His platform will be identical with that of 1896, demanding primarily the rehabilitation of silver as a standard money. The campaign will be a repetition of that of 1896, on a more extensive scale—boodle vs. ballots. There is no doubt that the vast majority of the American people favor Mr. Bryan and his policy. But there are all the obstacles that a billion dollar campaign fund can pay for to be overcome by the people before they can place their staudard bearer in the presidential chair.

Recently Mr. Bryan made a tour of the western states. In his speech at Spokane the distinguished orator gave a very clear statement of his policy. On the money question he said, in part: "When the gold standard is complete the silver dollar will not be a legal tender. When the gold standard is complete gold alone will be legal tender, and every dollar of the twenty or thirty billions of debt will be payable in gold alone. The money question is not settled. We shall continue to fight for the immediate restitution of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation on earth."

Speaking on the bill to retire the greenbacks and place in the hands of the national banks the control of the paper money issue, Mr. Bryan made this striking reference: "We are to have an elastic currency, with the banks holding both ends of the elastic. They will expend it whenever they want to; they will contract it whenever they will; and we will never know whether we are going to have much money or little money; but we will always know that we will have just as much as the bankers think is good for us. Not only does that bill organize a paper money trust, but it provides for a gross discrimination between the ordinary man and the national bank. Under that new law, if the ordinary man wants to buy a bond he rakes together the money, buys the bond, is out the use of the money and gets the interest on the bond. But under that law a national bank can buy the same bond, take it to the treasury department, deposit it and get back the face value of the bond in bank notes. Thus he gets his money back and draws interest besides."

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Lots in Ferguson are going steadily through the quietest time of year. Ferguson is the natural and commercial centre of the Lardeau and will be the headquarters for wholesale houses, corporations and banking institutions. The mines' direct supply point.

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THE LOCAL FIELD

Keep your eye on Ferguson.

There is a potato and egg famine in town.

Frank Appœcoste, "Kamloops," is in town.

Dominion general elections will be held in June.

* Bill of sale forms for sale at the EAGLE office.

The provincial elections date has been set for June 9th.

Ten-Mile is to be surveyed and given a new name next month.

C. R. Scott has his new dwelling house on Lorne avenue closed in.

The EAGLE will be enlarged to a seven-column sheet on May 16th.

A money order office has been opened at the Halcyon Hot Springs.

A miners' union is being organized at Kimberley in East Kootenay.

Jno. Morgan left for outside points for a few days yesterday morning.

G. Forddred, boot and shoe maker at Trout Lake City, was in town on Sunday.

J. E. Pleming preached an Easter sermon in Laughton's hall on Sunday afternoon.

Slashing on Walker avenue has been completed and the timber is now being burned off.

Sir Charles Tupper voted with the Liberals against the Kettle river railway bill.

A branch of the Canadian Socialist League will be organized in Ferguson next month.

* Burdock and Sarsaparilla Compound, the best spring medicine, 75cts. a bottle at Abey's.

S. F. W. Gainer, watchmaker, and D. McCarthy, builder, of Revelstoke, will be in in a few days.

Fresh eggs, when obtainable, sell readily here at 50 cents a dozen. Where's all the hennery men?

Rev. S. J. Thompson, of Revelstoke, will be in Trout Lake City on Wednesday to give a lecture on Tennyson.

* When you need letter pads drop in and see the EAGLE'S stock, and get prices. A good assortment just received.

There was the usual talk of procuring some means of fire protection for this burg, after the fire on Thursday. But it's all blown over now.

D. I. Kennedy, Moore Howe, S. H. Cross, T. Pearson and James M. Campbell all of Comaplix went down to the Halcyon Hot Spring Springs last week.

Mathew Pettipiece will bring a carload of a 1 horses into the Lardeau next month, to establish a livery, feed and sale stable, possibly at Circle City.

A concert in aid of the fire brigade was given by the Trout Lake literary and dramatic society there on Monday evening last. Ferguson was well represented.

Morry Pettipiece, who has the extinguished honor of being the first and only pi assasinator on the EAGLE, returned from a weeks' visit to Revelstoke on Sunday.

A Labor Party convention at Revelstoke is talked of, in which leading labor leaders of the province will take part. Their action and choice will be watched for with interest.

An EAGLE representative will start to-morrow for a few days sojourn up the north fork. Being unable to secure a pair of yellow leggings he cannot act in the capacity of an "expert."

* If your watch is out of order, leave it with Alec. Cummins, who will forward it to J. Guy Barber, who now has an expert watchmaker, R. N. Doyle, in charge of that department at Revelstoke.

Walter and Gretchen Clink have collected about $18 for the Ten Cent Fund, opened up by the Montreal Star, to be applied to relieving the widows and orphans of Canadians killed in the Transvaal war—Topic.

Wm. McAdams, of the Sandon Paystreak, is not consistent. He warns Bob Nesbit of the errors of telling the truth in a newspaper, and in the same issue sizes up the likely candidates in that riding in a most life-like manner.

Correspondence is now passing between local miners and Provincial Organizer Wilks of Nelson, preparatory to an official visit for the purpose of organizing and securing a local charter of the Western Federation of Miners in Ferguson, some time next month.

No freight teams here for over a week. The roads are broken up and wagons will be generally in use hereafter. There must be 100 tons of freight ready for the transportation companies. The season opening so early has created a big demand for the merchandise.

SCREAMLETS.

All eyes are fixed on the Lardeau.

"Little grains of truth scattered here and there
Make the people think and the politicians swear."

The EAGLE would suggest that the Dominion's surplus be invested in C. P. R. stock at once. And keep buying it.

A law just passed in Norway makes girls ineligible for matrimony unless they can show certificates of skill in cooking, knitting and spinning.

Government ownership of railways would wipe out the mail department deficit in Canada, ensure fair wages to employees and give us one cent postage besides.

Out of 52 countries, 42 have public railways, while 29 have private ones. Twenty-one have public railways only, while but nine have only privately-owned roads.

You can ride 2,000 miles on the Russian railways for $6.00. You can ride 120 miles for $6.00 in British Columbia. Government ownership won't work(?). The —— it won't.

We have been for a long time trying to make people prosperous by making them temperate. It is time to make them temperate by making them prosperous.—Frances Willard.

The present banking system in vogue in Canada is a curse to the people. The government should be its own bank, and make its own money. Lowery's New Denver mint will do.

The Topic says that mudslinging is bound to disgust readers sooner or later. With the Topic the EAGLE agrees, for our circulation, we venture to say, is more in Trout Lake City than the Topic has raked up there in three long years.

The receipts from government-owned railroads, express, telegraph and telephones pay all the federal government expenses of New Zealand, besides interest on the investment and a sinking fund to meet construction bonds. Oh Canada! Fair Canada?

The man in this province who fails to work for the government ownership of monopolies and public utilities, and the adoption of a universal eight-hour law, is strictly a back number. If it is good for a few people to own and control certain industries it is doubly so that all the people own and control them.

Whatever fault the Trout Lake Topic may have with the EAGLE it doesn't mind following in its footsteps from a mechanical point of view. If the EAGLE has done nothing else it has given Trout Lake City a much better newspaper than it heretofore enjoyed.

Hon Joseph Martin says if he is turned down it will be at the hands of the C. P. R. and other monopolies in this province. He also intimates that if the Liberals do not want to follow him they don't have to, but he will go to the country on the merits of his platform and his ability to fulfil it to the letter.

If the Liberal party in the Dominion house continue to introduce, consider and finally pass progressive ideas of legislation—government ownership of telegraphs, fair wages' bills, they will be entitled to some recognance at the coming Dominion election, unless as there undoubtedly will be, there is a Labor Party, which contains more socialism.

The EAGLE to this date has not had to crib the use of "other hands'" material for its news columns. No person, except the sheriff, has any string on the EAGLE. The same cannot be said of the Parrot, (a mighty poor imitator) which covers yards of space with an inimical conglomeration of childish twaddle, and then doesn't tell the public where it is at.

The EAGLE absolutely refuses to be classed as a Conservative organ, or for that matter a Liberal either. The aspirant to public office who receives any support from this quarter must have the interest of all classes equally at heart, and the first and only way in which this can be accomplished is to form one complete trust, owned by all the people, thus consuming private monopolies and allowing the people's heritage to be developed by the people. Ontario and Manitoba are leading. Where is British Columbia? Not until the government secures the railways, telegraphs, steamship lines, fisheries, ore treatment works, and produces our everyday needs and exports, will there be any let up by the right-thinking electors of this province.

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4. To improve the administration of justice and secure the speedy disposition of legal disputes.
5. To provide an effective system for the settlement of disputes between capital and labor.
6. To adopt the principle of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the government of the province the control of rates over lines bonused together with the option of purchase.
7. To assume control and administration of the fisheries within the boundaries of the province.
8. To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the province.
9. To make the London agency of British Columbia effective in proclaiming the natural wealth of the province and as a place for profitable investment of capital.
10. In the intererest of labor the Liberal-Conservative party sympathizes with and endorses the principal of an eight-hour law.
11. To provide an improved system of education.
12. To recognize and reform the system of provincial aid to medical men and hospitals in outlying parts of the province.
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