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THE METAL MARKET

Silver Rises to 58¾---Lead to $3.87½ Per Cwt.

Comment on England's Refusal to Join the Monetary Conference.

Silver Quotations for Week.

	Opening.
Saturday, Oct. 23	58 1-8
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Wednesday, Oct. 27	58 1-8
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Commissioners Will Not Admit Defeat.

London, Oct. 21.—The U. S. bimetallic commissioners recognize that their mission has been unsuccessful, though they will not admit it, as the answer of Great Britain says that the country will be glad to receive other propositions, and the commissioners have decided, as a matter of form, to return to France to consult the French government, since fresh proposals are desirable.

What Senator Wolcott Wanted.

London, Oct. 22.—The correspondence in regard to the bimetallic proposals of the United States monetary commission was issued by the British foreign office this evening. Among other things recorded, the following is of interest:

The marquis of Salisbury asked if France was ready to open her mints to free coinage, and Senator Wolcott replied "Yes."

The premier inquired at what ratio France would open her mints.

Senator Wolcott said at 15 1-2, adding that the American envoys had accepted this ratio. The senator then presented the following list of contributions, which, among others, she suggested Great Britain might make:

1. The opening of the Indian mints and repeal of the order making the sovereign legal tender in India.

2. Placing one-fifth of the bullion in the issue of the Bank of England in silver.

3. Raising the legal tender limit of silver to £10, and issuing 20 shilling notes based on silver, which shall be legal tender, and the retirement in graduation or otherwise of the 10 shilling gold pieces and the substitution of paper based on silver.

4. An agreement to coin annually so much silver, the amount to be left open.

5. The opening of the English mints to the coinage of rupees and the coinage of British dollars, which shall be full legal tender in the Straits settlements and other silver standard colonies, and tender in the United Kingdon in the limit of silver legal tender.

6. Colonial action and the coinage of silver in Egypt.

7. Something having the general scope of the Huskisson plan.

Bimetallic League Heard From.

London, Oct. 23.—The Bimetallic League has indited to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the chancellor of the exchequer, a detailed reply to the protest by the commercial interests against bimetallism. The reply says the league has often pointed out that the changes taking place in the British standard are the action of foreign nations without the consent of the British government.

"Those who now come forward with a prayer that the value of our standard may be maintained," continues the reply, "have allowed the action of foreign nations and India, by which the value of our standard has been continually increased, to pass without protest. And it would therefore appear that the signatories to the memorial do not object to any increase to the value of our standard.

"We are unable to understand the statement that 'this country alone of the great nations enjoys a system absolutely free from embarrassment,' because many nations are entirely free from embarrassments caused by their coinage; and also unless in speaking of our country we ignore our empire, because no power is as free from embarrassment on account of its standard, or rather its standards, as is the British empire.

"If alterations in the value of our standards are undesirable, it would appear to be advisable to arrange with other nations that they shall not make continual changes."

The reply further says that the only settlements of the difficulties in India are the addition of a gold standard or a return to the free coinage of the rupee. The former for India would be an untried political and social experiment, entailing indefinite depreciation of the silver hoards of the natives, and might lead to grave imperial dangers.

Moreover, it would increase the demand for gold and enhance its value. The increased demand would be indefinite, owing to the habits of the natives of India of hoarding the precious metals.

Although a gold standard would secure a par exchange between India and England, it would still leave them as far as ever from a par with the great silver standard portion of the world, which includes a portion of the British empire.

The bimetallists recognizing the danger of sudden changes in the monetary system as a result of independent foreign action, argue that these would be best prevented by England's participation in any international agreement with contributions of sufficient importance that due weight might attach to her recommendations.

Will Salisbury Resign.

London, Oct. 23.—In spite of the official denial of the marquis of Salisbury's approaching resignation of the premiership, the belief in its truth is very strong in political circles, where it is considered that his retirement is inevitable within a few months.

The announcement of the coming retirement of the marquis has given an opportunity to the press and even to the Conservative newspapers, to rake the premier over the coals for failing to smooth the wide spreading disaffection in the party ranks. It is pointed out with more and more force that a leader never permitted things to reach such a point as when the marquis of Londondery and a great Conservative association proclaimed this distrust and dislike of the government's policy, nor allowed Mr. Chamberlain to carry legislation alienating the great employers of the country, or still less permitted his bimetallist colleagues to go unmuzzled and frighten capital out of its wits.

English Sandon Visitor on Silver.

The Sandon correspondent of the Spokesman-Review interviewed Hon. Robert Smith of London, England, regarding bimetallism. Mr. Smith is in close touch with the financial circles of London, and talks intelligently of the pending agitation looking toward the restoration of silver. He says:

"The banks and business men of London are practically a unit in opposition to the action of the Bank of England in declaring its intention to hold one-fifth of the bank reserve in silver. This means the actual retention in the vaults of the bank of so much silver coin and bullion. What you would call mass meetings or indignation meetings in this country have been of frequent occurrence in London since the governor of the bank made his famous declaration, but an impression is now gaining ground that a well defined agreement exists between the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the French government. If this proves true it may mean at least a partial change of front on the part of London financiers, as such a combination would be too powerful to be lightly considered. While silver properties are considered somewhat shaky in London, the next few months will be likely to tell the story, and unless a serious decline occurs, you can look for plenty of English capital in the development of legitimate properties in the Slocan and other British Columbia districts."

Rossland Mining Engineer in Town.

James Brady of Rossland, a mining engineer, has been stopping at the Victoria for the past fortnight. His mission in this region has been to examine and report on some properties near Silverton and Ainsworth for some of his customers. He is much pleased with the Slocan and with Kaslo. He says that Rossland is steadily improving. He leaves for his winter home in Victoria tomorrow, but will stop on the way to inspect a gold quartz property in which he is interested, called the Promestura on Cariboo creek.

NOBLE FIVE MEETING

Much Interest Manifested in Tomorrow's Proceedings.

Another Meeting of Local Stockholders Called Tonight in Kaslo.

"What ails the Noble Five?" is the question that is being asked on all sides. People are wondering if the fall in price of its stock from 60 cents per share as late as last August, and from 22 cents since the first of this month to the present price of 16 cents, is brought about by the conditions that resulted in the call for tomorrow's meeting.

On October 9th the directors caused to be inconspicuously advertised, the following call:

"Notice of extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining and Milling Company:

"Notice is hereby given, that there will be an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining and Milling Company held at the office of the company at Cody, B. C., on Saturday, the 30th day of Oct., 1897, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon of said day.

"The purpose of said meeting is: First, to vote upon an amendment to the by-laws of said company to be known as Article VIII, empowering the company at any general or special meeting called for that purpose to authorize the borrowing of money, executing promissory notes, debenture bonds, and any other evidence of indebtedness as the obligation of the company, and to pledge the property of the company by mortgage or by any other form of security to pay for money borrowed. Second, to vote upon a motion authorizing the directors of this company to borrow $150,000, and to issue debenture bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness, as the obligation of the company therefor, and to pledge the property of the company by mortgage or otherwise, as security for the payment of the money borrowed.

"By order of the directors."

Within the past few days the local shareholders of the company, have called another meeting to consider the proposed policy of the directors, and have issued the following:

"Notice—A meeting of the local shareholders of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining and Milling Company will be held at the Kaslo hotel, in the city of Kaslo, on the 29th day of October instant at 8 p. m., to consider the present policy of the directors as set forth in their notice of the 6th instant."

It is said that at this meeting an effort will be made to secure control of a majority of the 1,200,000 shares of the company's stock to oppose them to the plan indicated, and there is every indication that on this account, "there will be a hot time in the old town tonight."

The Noble Five group consists of five claims on one ledge and three on another. The development consists of eight tunnels on the vein and other workings comprising over 5,000 feet. The concentrator with a daily capacity of 120 tons and the Finlayson double rope tramway were erected in 1896 at a cost of $40,000. The tram is 6100 ft. long, to the mine which has an elevation of 2100 feet above the concentrator and offices at Cody. The tram has a carrying capacity of 20 tons per hour and loads and discharges automatically. The ore has concentrated on an average 8 to 1. The shipments have averaged a car of 16 tons per day carrying about 100 oz. silver to the ton and 65 per cent lead. The plant has employed over 100 men. Since July 1st the company has shipped 520 tons of concentrates over the Kaslo & Slocan railway to the Pueble smelter. The mine's dividends are stated at $40,000.

The company has a head office at Spokane and a registered office at Cody. Its officers are John D. Porter, president; John G. McGuigan, vice-president and general manager; S. S. Titus, treasurer; F. J. Holman, secretary; and Ross M. Sherman, business manager.

The Mine and Mill Reported Closed.

Yesterday's New Denver Ledge says: "The Noble Five mine and mill closed down last Saturday. The men were given their checks but have been unable to get their money, the bank on which they are drawn refusing to cash them, saying there are no funds. The company has offered no explanation. They are silent about everything. They do not even say that they expect to have money to pay the wages in the near future, or to commence operations. There is a wide difference of opinion expressed as to the cause of the shut down. Some say the mine has entirely run out of ore, and has nothing to look forward to. Others think it is all for the purpose of getting stock, held outside. A meeting of the shareholders is called at Cody on the 30th inst. for the purpose of authorizing a loan of $150,000, to pay off the debts and develope the mine. What the debts are for is not known. Enough treasury stock was sold to pay for the mill and tram, and they have been shipping concentrates all this year."

Klondike Famine and Plague.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 25.—Miners who came down on the steamer Farallon from Dyea and who left Dawson City about 40 days ago, say that the day before they left Hansen, one of the managers of the Alaska Commercial Company, arrived in a canoe and told of the abandonment of the efforts to get food up the river. Fully 400 miners at once made preparations to start out over the trails, but the citizen's committee refused to allow them sufficient provisions for the journey, so—save those who had already started—all will have to remain and share in the privations at Dawson.

Charles Fries of Tacoma, who came out with Butt Woods and Archie Burns, says that besides the famine a mysterious disease has broken out which is carrying off an average of five men daily. Twenty-four hours after the victim is attacked he turns black from the waist to the throat and two days later, in a majority of cases, is dead. On the way out over the Dalton trail, which in many places runs along the Yukon, the Fries party met many boats bound down. Fries estimates that about 300 boats are now going down the river with from 4 to 7 men to each boat.

Premier Turner on Kaslo and Slocan.

In an interview in the Victoria Colonist, Premier Turner has the following to say of Kaslo and the Slocan:

"Kaslo is now quite a handsome town, with nice buildings and every evidence of prosperity. The Slocan mines have by no means reduced their output, as I had been led to suspect from the low price of silver—on the contrary they are shipping more than ever. On the Kaslo & Slocan alone which for the first seven months of 1896 shipped 6,000 tons, the shipments for the first seven months of this year were over 19,000 tons, the traffic over the Nakusp line having advanced at the same ratio. As an instance, I was informed on the best authority that the Payne group of mines, on which less than $100,000 have been expended, has been paying a minimum dividend of $50,000 a month for the last six months, and many new properties are being opened which promise to be of equal value."

Terrible Klondike Hardships.

Seattle, Oct. 16.—The steamer City of Seattle arrived here tonight from southern Alaska ports. Among her passengers was L. H. Hiedinger of Puyallup, Wash., who started from Seattle with the Thorp party with 94 horses and 100 head of cattle for Dawson City, over the Dalton trail.

He tells a tale of hardship and trials. When it was found impossible to get the stock through, they were driven back to the coast. Before they reached the coast 24 cattle and 84 horses died. The surviving cattle will be driven over the Chilkoot pass to Lake Bennett, where they will be killed. The meat will be frozen and hauled down the river on the ice this winter. Owing to the lack of food the cattle are so thin that their meat is almost worthless. Mr. Hiedinger will drive 400 cattle into Dawson next summer over the Dalton trail.

T. J. Scanlan local manager for McArthur & Co. furniture dealers expects to leave for Nelson next Wednesday, where he goes to open a mercantile business of his own. His many friends here regret his departure but wish him success in his new field.

REMARKABLE SHOWING

Comparative Ore Shipments for 1895, 1896 and 1897.

Custom House Figures for 53 Mines of Slocan and Ainsworth Cleared at Kaslo.

The following article though brief, is more eloquent than many ten times its length, in the story that it tells. It represents hours of labor spent in digging out the facts from official records. It shows at almost the glance of the eye the remarkable growth of the ore shipments through Kaslo in the last three years and tells the tale of mining development in the Slocan and Ainsworth camps simply, clearly and convincingly. While it does all this, still it does not tell the whole story, for it takes no account of those mines that shipped via the Nakusp & Slocan railway clearing at Revelstoke. This list would include prominent dividend payers like the Idaho and Monitor near Three Forks. The records show 14 shipping mines for 1895; 39 for 1896 and 53 for 1897.

This then, is a comparative statement of ore shipped from parts of the Slocan and Ainsworth mining districts, passing through the custom house at Kaslo for the five recorded months of the year 1895, all of 1896 and the first nine months of the year 1897:

Year.	Gross Weight of Ore in Lbs.	Gross Value of Ore in Dollars
1895 (5 months)	2,202,890	$ 114,541
1896 (12 months)	23,344,524	1,114,116
1897 (9 months)	47,135,605	1,853,440
Totals	72,683,019	$3,082,097

The following is an alphabetically arranged list of the mines which cleared here. A dozen more might be added for these districts, if the Revelstoke and Nelson custom house records were available.

Shippers of Slocan and Vicinity.

American Boy.	Ibex.	Rambler.
Antelope.	Kootenay & Columbia.	R. E. Lee.
Ajax.	Last Chance.	Red Fox.
Antoine.	Lucky Jim.	Slocan Star
Blue Bird.	Montezuma.	Slocan Boy.
Black Fox.	Maiden.	Sapphire-Gem
Charleston.	Noble Five.	Sunset.
Consolation.	Jackson.	Silver Bell.
Dardanelles.	No. 27.	Surprise.
Eureka.	Payne.	Whitewater.
Freddie Lee.	Ruby Silver.	Wonderful.
Gibson.	Ruth.	Wellington.
Goodenough.	Reco.	Washington.
Great Western.		

Shippers of Ainsworth Camp.

Black Diamond	Little Phil.	Sunlight.
C.P.M.&M.Company.	Little Mamie.	Skyline.
Gallagher.	Little Donald.	Tariff.
Highlander.	Neosho.	Wakefield.
	Number One.	

SECOND LARDO-DUNCAN MEETING.

Reports to Committee of Management—$330 Subscribed.

A meeting of the committee of management of the Lardo-Duncan Improvement association was held last night President McKilligan in the chair. In the absence of Secretary Rolph, W. B. Turner acted pro tem. The committee on membership and funds reported that $330 had been susbcribed so far by Kaslo's business men with more to hear from, towards improvement of the Lardo-Duncan route and the diversion of trade this way. Only three refusals were met.

The following subscribed $20 each: Green Bros., H. Giegerich, H. Byers, O. T. Stone.

Subscribed $10 each: Riedel & Kuester, Jas. M. Anderson, Simpson Bros. Duncan City, Archie Fletcher, McPhail Bros., Phil McDonald, A. T. Garland, Cockle & Papsworth, R. L. Gallop, J. D. Keenan, J. W. Livers, P. Burns & Co., S. J. Reuter, John Keen. Adams Bros., A. W. Goodenough, Murchison & Desmond, T. L. Mitchell, G. O. Buchanan.

Subscribed $5 each: C. W. McAnn, J. P. Davis, B. C. News Pub. Co., C. D. McKenzie, E. F. Stephenson, Huelat & Bray, J. B. Wilson. Alex. Craig, Burdick & King, J. J. Sehl, J. M. Blaikie, J. D. Moore.

The committee to collect information reported progress and showed certain maps to be turned over to the secretary.

Committeeman James K. Anderson informally reported a conference with Gold Commissioner Dennis that has fully aroused that official's interest in the project. Mr. Dennis has requested that all possible information on the subject be sent to him, including cost of wagon road and bridge, the country to be benefitted by it and a thorough map showing all locations.

It was informally reported that the correspondence committee had written to our representatives in the provincial and dominion governments as directed.

Committee adjourned to meet, Monday, 1st prox.

GOLD, SILVER, COPPER, LEAD

THE MINES ON MINOOK CREEK.

Boston and Montana Company Increasing Its Capacity — $72,000 in Gold Dust From St. Michaels—Notes From All Around the Camp.

According to G. W. Ross, deputy collector of customs of Circle City, who has just arrived at Seattle from Alaska, Rampart City, on Minook creek, is to be the biggest mining camp on the Yukon river before another season. Claims, according to Mr. Ross, are selling at an average of $6500 for a half interest on Little Minook, Hunter and Hoosier creeks. D. Baxter and C. O. Johnson of San Francisco bought No. 12, above discovery, for $4000 and were offered an advance of $1000 for their bargain two days later. Johnson, who owns No. 6 on Little Minook, in 20 days took out $2000. The owners of No. 4 took out $1500 in five days, all in nuggets. It is claimed that the gold on the Minook is of a higher grade than that of the Klondike. There are 1500 people on the Minook and as many more will find their way there this winter.

Boston and Montana.

Superintendent Evans of the Bostan & Montana Mining Company is credited with saying: "At Great Falls the Boston and Montana company is increasing the capacity of its smelting, refining and concentrating works 33 1-3 per cent preparatory to an increased output from that and the Butte and Boston property. The old machinery at the Boston and Montana mine is also being supplanted by the new and more modern appliances. The copper basin of Montana is a mile wide and three miles long and continues to hold good at the greatest depth thus far attained, viz., 200 feet." The Butte and Boston has fourteen claims, of which but two are thoroughly developed. Explorations are being conducted in other parts of its territory, and several of these places are opening up well. This work has been going on since the reorganization and no attempt will be made at regular production for about a year to come.

$72,000 in Gold Dust.

The steamer Danube, from St. Michaels, has brought down 82 passengers, most of them men who failed to reach the mines by all water route. Some got as far as Fort Yukon and had to turn back. There are 12 miners from Circle City, who bring about $72,000 in gold dust. Most of them have been working around Circle City, but a few of them are interested in the Klondike claims. A lot of provisions is at Fort Yukon, but it is feared that if there is a rush from Dawson it will cause a shortage further down the river. It is predicted that many men will perish in the attempt to escape starvation by coming down the river. The steamer P. B. Weare, after being on a sand bar 20 days, got off and arrived at St. Michaels on September 20. She started up again with a load of freight, but it is feared she will never get up the river. The steamer Alice arrived at St. Michales September 24 with 120 miners, starting again on the 27th, but ran aground at the mouth of the river.

A Sixty-Stamp Mill.

It is stated that the Kennett company, in Madison county, Montana, has decided to put in a 60-stamp mill and that the contract will be let and the work of construction undertaken at once. The Kennett people have directed operations to exploiting the mine rather than to the production of ore during the past two years, and the fact that they have decided to put in a mill of such extensive stampage is proof positive that the ores reserves are ample and the mine all right. The public had entertained some apprehension concerning its future since the greater portion of its working force was laid off a few weeks since. The fact that the Kennett is to be put into immediate line with Montana's big gold producers will be a great thing for Madison county.

The Evening Star.

The upper tunnel of the Evening Star, where the strike was recently made, is now in about 215 feet. The ore body continues as vigorous as ever, is the report from Rossland. A crosscut will be commenced now to disclose the width of the chute. So far nothing is known of the thickness of the ore body. The surface workings farther down on the outcap of the same vein continue to show up very favorably, and a wagon road is under way to reach them. The road will be completed in about 10 days, when operations in the surface shaft will be resumed, and the hole will be sunk 10 or 15 feet deeper for the purpose of opening up the vein. If the roe body proves permanent and its trend can be established, operations will be resumed in the lower crosscut tunnel. This tunnel never reached the ledge, but the intention now is to continuue it until the vein is tapped, when a winze will be started to connect it with the upper tunnel, 50 feet above.

Atlantic Company Buildings.

Wallace, Idaho, reports that the Atlantic Mining Company has completed its buildings ready for work this winter and during the week took up a car and enough steel rails to put a track in. The tunnel is now in 275 feet and a contract has been let for continuing it as soon as the track is completed. The company owns two claims three and a half miles north from Wallace on a little branch of Nine Mile, running from the Black Cloud over to Grouse gulch, and are running a tunnel from the creek level that will give them near 1000 feet of stoping ground when they get under the top of the hill. From surfaced showings they expect to strike ore before they get near that far in, and that it will continue beyond the summit.

Peace River Mines.

The overland route from Spokane by way of Ashcroft to the gold fields of the northwest is a subject of much interest in Sandon and other towns of the Slocan. Public attention is now being largely diverted from the far-away Klondike to the rich districts of Peace river, Cassiar and Cariboo, and many miners and prospectors who have figured on going to Alaska in the spring are now discussing the possibilities of these more accessible fields.

The Mayflower.

The Mayflower mine, in Madison county, Montana, is now the greatest producer of the state. Last year it produced about $650,000, but this year even if the present rich ore body holds out it will not yield more than $200,000. The introduction of the cyanide process in many old districts in Montana this season will have an important bearing on the output of next year. In many portions of the state there are bodies of low-grade ore which, it is thought, can be profitably worked by this process.

In the Greenwood Camp.

Patsy Clark has bonded the Snowshoe claim, Greenwood camp, under a bond which calls for continuous work, commencing within 10 days. The amount of the bond is $50,000, payable one-third in six months and the balance in equal instalments at nine and 12 months from date. J. D. Harvey, who negotiated the deal, will remain here to supervise development work. The Snowshoe has one of the largest surface showings of mineral in the district. As the main wagon road crosses the claim it is well situated for transportation under present limited conditions.

Goat Creek Mines.

Goat creek mines are situated on the upper Methow, about 50 miles from the Columbia river. Active work commenced in this district two years ago, and has been steadily developing the different claims. Each year's work shows great improvement in quality of ore as greater depth is reached. The ore is principally pyrite, similar to the Rossland district, and is a concentrating proposition, although there is considerable free milling ore in places.

SHORT RATIONS AT DAWSON CITY.

Company Stores Preparing to Avert Possible Suffering.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—The steamer Farallon arrived from Dyea and Skaguay yesterday, bringing 125 passengers, 12 of whom are from Dawson City. The party brought gold not exceeding in amount $20,000.

The last party out from Dawson left there in September, and was headed by H. A. Stewart of Sheboygan, Mich. With him were J. C. Woolsey of Tacoma and Sam Henry of Lincoln, Neb. The party arrived at Haines' mission, at Chilkat inlet, 32 days after starting. They had a pack train of 12 horses and 180 pounds of provisions. They came out on a small river steamer from Dawson to the Pelly river, thence poled to Five Fingers, and finished their journey over the Dalton trail and Chilkoot pass. They encountered severe snowstorms on the trail and suffered great hardships.

Nearly all the restaurants are closed at Dawson on account of a food shortage. Prices of provisions are not advanced over regular prices, but the companies' stores are refusing to take orders. More than half of the food in the warehouse has been sold, but the company refuses to distribute it, although it is paid for, until it is learned for certain whether more provisions will be brought up the river. In case no more arrive the entire stock will be rationed out among the residents, to prevent, if possible, privation. There has been no more starvation yet, but there will surely be a shortage. People are leaving daily. Up to September 4 100 had started for Fort Yukon to try and get down the river to Circle City, and thence by steamer to the United States.

British Columbia.

Over 30 buildings are being plastered at Grand Forks.

A new Miners' union hospital is in course of construction at Ainsworth. It is a co-operative affair, to be maintained by monthly assessments.

The formal opening of the Columbian Methodist college at New Westminster, B. C., has taken place, Lieutenant Governor Dewdney being among the guests.

Mr. Roy, Dominion government engineer, will visit Golden this month and inspect the Kicking Horse and Columbia rivers with a view to seeing what would be required to meet the demands of the settlers to protect their lands from the flood waters of these rivers.

Broke the World's Record.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 24.—At yesterday's races Searchlight, the three-year-old pacing son of Dark Night, went against time, and as a result it was announced that he had beaten the world's pacing record of 2:09¼ for three-year-olds, going the mile in 2:07 flat.

Killed in Runaway Accidents.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 25.—Two fatal accidents are reported from Owyhee county. George Speed lost his life by the running away of his team on Long ridge, between Delamar and Jordan valley. Emanuel Lewis was the other victim. He was thrown from his wagon on Sucker creek hill.

Fox a Queer Character.

Henry Stephen Fox, one of the earliest English ministers at Washington, was so eccentric as to make himself the laughing stock of the whole town. He generally did not arise until other people were almost ready to go to bed. When duty compelled him to rise earlier, he was like an owl in the daytime. "How strange," said he to Mme. Caldron, one morning at a state "function"—"how strange we look to each other by daylight." His debts compelled him to economy, and he rarely gave dinners. He once invited a large party to his house—Mr. Clay, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Webster and all the giants—and when they were all assembled, he said: "Gentlemen, now be good enough to put on your hats and follow me." And then he led them to a neighboring eating house.—Ohio State Journal.

Curing the Hens.

Editor Terry, of the Minden Herald, wants to know how to keep his neighbors' hens out of his garden. Well, Charley, take a lot of small, stiff cards about 1 by 2 inches, write on them, "Please keep your darned old hens at home," tie a short string to each card with a grain of corn at the other end of the string and scatter these where the hens congregate. When the hungry biddy gobbles up the grain that draws the prize, she follows up the string, stowing it away until she comes to the card, then you will see her pull out for home, carrying in her mouth your polite request. Try it, brother, and let us know how it works.—Brown City (Mich.) Standard.

Blind Statistics.

It is estimated that there are 1,000,000 blind people in the world, or one to every 1,500 inhabitants, says an exchange. Latest reports show 23,000 blind persons in England, or 870 for each million inhabitants. Blind infants of less than five years, 100 for each billion; between five and fifteen, 288; between twenty and twenty-five, 422; between forty-five and sixty, 1,625, and above sixty-five years, 7,000 for each million. Russia and Egypt are the countries where the blind constitute the largest proportionate number of total population.

Another Thing.

Wife—You saw Mrs. Browser last evening?

Husband—Yes, but not to speak to her.

Wife—What a story! I heard you were sitting with her for more than two hours.

Husband—That's so; but it was she who did the talking.—Up-to-Date.

Mrs. Langtry benefits to the extent of $150,000 yearly by the death of her husband.

Prof. Ward, the Harvard university astronomer, has arrived at Cuzco, Peru, and will make observations.

While despondent over business reverses James Wallace Knox, the famous turfman, committed suicide at Kenosha, Wis., by shooting himself.

Mrs. Carrie Corbett of Danville, Ill., a widow, aged 32, has been awarded $54,333.33 damages for breach of promise, John Gerard, aged 71, a capitalist, being the defendant.

The chamber of commerce of Reichenberg, Bohemia, has passed a resolution urging the government of Austro-Hungary to negotiate with the other powers with the view of taking concerted action against the new United States customs tariff.

TO WOMEN FROM

Mrs. Joseph Peterson, Warren, Pa.

"I have suffered with womb trouble over fifteen years. I had inflammation, enlargement, and displacement of the womb.

"The doctor wanted me to take treatments, but I had just begun taking Mrs. Pinkham's Compound, and my husband said I had better wait and see how much good that would do me. I was so sick when I began with her medicine, I could hardly be on my feet. I had the backache constantly, also headache, and was so dizzy. I could not walk around, and I could not lie down, for then my heart would beat so fast I would feel as though I was smothering. I had to sit up in bed nights in order to breathe. I was so weak I could not do anything. I have now taken several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and used three packages of Sanative Wash, and can say I am perfectly cured. I do not think I could have lived long if Mrs. Pinkham's medicine had not helped me."

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

Summary of Railway-Steamer Time Cards from Kaslo.

FOR WHITEWATER, SANDON, Cody, etc., Kaslo & Slocan Railway trains leave Kaslo daily at 8 a. m.; returning, arrive at Kaslo 3:50 p. m.

FOR THREE FORKS, NEW DENVER, Rosebury and Nakusp, take K. & S. Ry. from Kaslo to Sandon, and thence Nakusp & Slocan Railway, leaving Sandon daily at 2 p. m.; returning, arrive daily at Sandon at 11:15 a. m.

FOR REVELSTOKE, VANCOUVER, Victoria and other main line points on C. P. R., boat from Nakusp to Arrowhead, cars to Revelstoke, thence connect with east and west bound trains.

FOR SILVERTON, SLOCAN CITY, etc., take Steamer Hunter on Slocan lake, conneting with Nakusp & Slocan Ry. at New Denver or Str. Slocan, making like connection at Rosebery.

FOR NORTHPORT, SPOKANE, ROSSland and Grand Forks, take the Steamer International from Kaslo daily at 5:45 a. m., except Sunday, making connections at Five Mile Point, near Nelson, with Nelson & Fort Sheppard Ry., then to Northport. From Northport to Spokane continue the railway, known south of Northport as the Spokane Falls & Northern, arriving at Spokane at 6:40 p. m.

For Rossland change at Northport to the Red Mountain Ry., arriving at Rossland at 3:40 p. m. Or, Rossland may be reached from Nelson via Columbia & Kootenay Ry. to Robson, thence by river steamer to Trail, thence by Columbia & Western Ry. to Rossland. Or, Rossland may be reached via Nakusp and Trail by daily steamers down the Arrow lakes and Columbia river.

For Grand Forks and Boundary Creek points, take S. F. & N. Ry. from Northport to Bossburg or Marcus, thence by stage across reservation.

SUNDAY TRIP TO SPOKANE, or, eastward. Take Steamer Alberta at 9:30 p. m. Saturday from Kaslo down Kootenay lake and up Kootenay river to Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, making connections at that point Sunday with Great Northern trans-continental trains east or west bound, arriving at Spokane at 7 p. m.

FOR AINSWORTH, PILOT BAY, NELson, etc., I. N. & T. Co.'s Steamer International leaves Kaslo daily, except Sunday, at 5:45 a. m.; returning, leaves Nelson at 5 p. m., arriving at Kaslo about 8:30 p. m.

C. P. R. Co.'s Steamer Kokanee leaves Kaslo daily, except Monday, at 7:30 a. m., arriving at Nelson at 11 a. m.; returning, leaves Nelson at 4 p. m., arriving at Kaslo at 7:30 p. m.

I. N. & T. Co.'s Steamer Alberta leaves Kaslo for Nelson and lake points daily, except Saturday and Sunday, at 5 p. m., arriving at Nelson at 10 p. m. Leaves Nelson for Kaslo and lake points daily, except Sunday and Monday, at 8:30 a. m., arriving at Kaslo at 12:30 p. m.

FOR FORT STEELE, WARDNER, etc., N. & L. S. N. Co.'s Steamer Ainsworth leaves Kaslo Mondays and Tuesdays at 8 a. m. for Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, thence by Great Northern Ry. to Jennings, Mont., thence by river steamers up Kootenay river during navigation season. Or take steamer from Golden on C. P. R. main line Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 a. m., up the Columbia river and down the Kootenay river.

FOR SANCA, BONNER'S FERRY, etc.: Alberta's Saturday night and Sunday trip or Ainsworth's Monday and Thursday trip as above. Returning, Alberta arrives at Kaslo Sunday at 10 p. m. Ainsworth arrives at Kaslo Wednesday and Saturday at 5 a. m.

TABLE OF DISTANCES.

From Kaslo to Surrounding Business Points.

WEST OR NORTH.	Miles.	EAST OR SOUTH.	Miles.
Whitewater	17	Ainsworth	12
Bear Lake	20	Pilot Bay	20
McGuigan	23	Balfour	23
Sandon (3 hours)	29	Sanca	38
Cody	31	Nelson (4 hours)	42
Three Forks	33	Ymir	60
New Denver	38	Robson	70
Rosebery	41	Trail	90
Silverton	48	Northport (7 hrs)	103
Slocan City	66	Rossland (10 hours)	120
Nakusp (10 hours)	70	Bossburg	122
Halcyon Hot Spr'gs.	85	Marcus	136
Arrowhead	105	Grand Forks	180
Laurie	109	Greenwood	192
Thompsons Landing	113	Anaconda	196
Trout Lake City	125	Boundary	200
Ferguson	130	Midway	204
Revelstoke (31 hrs)	133	Spokane (13 hours)	232
Vernon	223	Goat River	65
Penticton	293	Bedlington (Rykerts	77
Kamloops	261	Port Hill	78
Ashcroft	308	Lucas	108
Lytton	356	Bonners Ferry (13 h)	140
Yale	409	Jennings, Mont.	202
New Westminster	503	Wardner, B. C.*	380
Vancouver (77 hrs)*	512	Fort Steelee	400
Victoria (85 hrs)*	596	Cranbrook	412
Seattle (28 hours)	580	Golden	236
Tacoma (30 hours)	620	Windermere*	280
Portland (48 hours)	682	Banff	314

*Via C. P. R. *Via trail about 1-5 above distances.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

DOMINION.

Governor-General ..... Earl of Aberdeen
Premier ..... Sir Wilfred Laurier
Member of the House of Commons, Dominion Parliament, for West Kootenay ..... Hewitt Bostock

PROVINCIAL.

Lieut-Governor ..... Hon Edgar Dewdney
Premier ..... Hon. J. H. Turner
Attorney-General ..... Hon. D. M Eberts
Com. of Lands and Works ..... Hon. G. B. Martin
Minister of Mines and Education ..... Hon. Jas. Baker
Provincial Mineralogist ..... Wm. A. Carlyle
Members of Legislative Assembly for West Kootenay
North Riding ..... J. M Kellie
South Riding ..... J. F. Hume

KASLO OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Mayor ..... Robert F. Green
Aldermen—A. T. Garland, A. W. Goodenough, J. D. Moore, G. O. Buchanan. H. A. Cameron.
City Clerk ..... E. E. Chipman
Police Magistrate ..... J. B. McKilligan
City Marshal ..... M. V. Adams
Assistant ..... W. A. Milne
City Solicitor ..... C. W. McAnn
Auditor ..... C. D. McKenzie
Treasurer ..... J. B. McKilligan
Assessor ..... S. P. Tuck
Water Commissioner ..... R. A. Cockle
Health Officer ..... Dr. J. F. B. Rogers

City council meets every Thursday evening at the city hall, 4th street, belween Front St. and A avenue.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief ..... Hugh P. Fletcher
First Deputy Chief ..... George Reid
Second Deputy Chief ..... John D. Keenan
Third Deputy Chief ..... John Fisk
Secretary ..... Archie Morris
Treasurer ..... Gus Adams

DISTRICT DIRECTORY.

Mining Recorder and Assessor-Tax Collector ..... John Keen
Collector of Customs ..... J. F. McIntosh
School Trustees—August Carney, J. D. Moore, G. O. Buchanan. Principal—Prof. Jas. Heslop.

KASLO POSTOFFICE.

General delivery open daily (Sundays excepted) from 8 a. m. until 7 p. m. Lobby open from 7 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

Mails for despatch closed as follows: For all parts of the world every evening except Saturday and Sunday, at ..... 9. p. m.

Mails arrive from United States and lake points daily except Sunday, at ..... 9:30 p. m.

From C. P. R. points and Slocan points, arrive daily except Sunday, at ..... 4:00 p. m.

Registration office open ..... 8:30 a. m., 6:30 p. m.

Money order office and Postoffice Savings Bank open 9 a. m. to ..... 5 p. m.

S. H. GREEN, Postmaster.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

METHODIST CHURCH—Cor. C. and 5th St. Divine services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30. Strangers always welcome.
C. AULT PROCUNIER, M. A., Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Corner 4th street and B avenue. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Free seats; strangers and others heartily welcome.
REV. JAMES NAIRN, Minister.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Southwest corner of C avenue and 5th street. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.
REV. C. F. YATES, Missioner in Charge.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Services will be held in the school house every Lord's day. Morning services, 11 o'clock; Sunday school and pastor's Bible class immediately after morning service; evening services, 7:30. All are cordially invited to attend.
REV. H. C. NEWCOMBE, Pastor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Corner C. avenue and 6th St. No regular pastor at present. Occasional services by special announcement.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS.

MASONS—Kaslo lodge No. 25, A. F. and A. m., meets first Monday in every month at Masonic hall over Green Bros.' store. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.
HAMILTON BYERS, W. M.
E. E. CHIPMAN, Secretary.

MACCABEES—Slocan Tent No. 6, Knights of the Maccabees, meets second and last Thursdays of each month at Livingston's hall, Kaslo. Visiting Knights cordially invited.
MOSE HOLLAND, Keeper of Records. W. A. DAVIES, Commander.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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Kaslo, B. C.

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Civil Engineers, Provincial Land Surveyors, Accountants and General Agents.
ROSSLAND AND NELSON.

KATE A. KELLIHER,
Stenographer.
Office in Kaslo Hotel, - - - Kaslo, B. C.

GEORGE E. MARTIN,
Notary Public
Conveyancing, Etc.
R & K Block, - KASLO, B C

Wm. Meadows,
MINING BROKER
Kaslo, B. C.

R. F. HOWARTH,
—DEALER IN—
Fresh, Smoked and Salt Meats.
AINSWORTH, - B. C.

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ASSAYERS and CHEMISTS,
Front Street, - KASLO, B. C.
All assay and analytical work carefully done by the latest laboratory mehtods. Results guaranteed.
Prices made on application.

PHONES ON THE FARM

The practical utility of having a telephone on the farm is fast being demonstrated in many agricultural districts, and the system is bound to spread. Outside of the business aspects of the project, the social side of the question has helped on construction. From the experiments of a mere boy there has grown in one eastern section a system with sixteen wires, covering seven townships. The demand has spread, in this instance, for telephonic service, until now farmers miles apart sit in their homes with receivers at their ears, and listen to speeches, songs and recitations sent whirling over the wires, or express with one another, with readiness and convenience, what shall be done to kill the weevil and keep up the price of wheat.

The farm telephone is the outgrowth of no corporation, and no charge is made for rates. It should either be a purely personal venture, or conducted on the lines of the Grange, for mutual improvement and benefit. The person starting into this enterprise will find enthusiastic helpers. Farmers instantly realize that they have an opportunity to build their own lines at nominal cost. As the great bulk of the farmer's business is, after all, with other farmers, and with local dealers in the nearest town, he is practically independent of the long-distance companies, and serves all his needs by a short line to the town and to the homes of his nearest neighbors. The experiments already made will soon become popular, and the near future will doubtless see a farmhouse with a telephone as naturally a part of its equipment as is a windmill or a cistern.

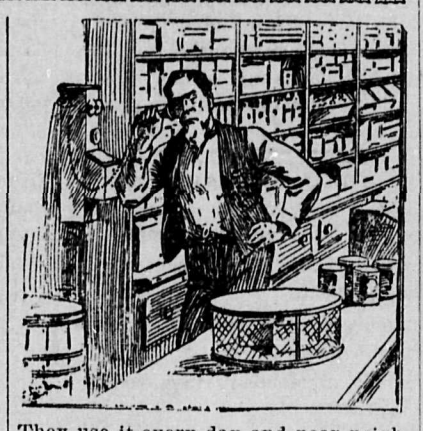
Communication between farmhouses in time of peril or trouble has always been slow and tedious. Fire, murder, robbery and other disasters which naturally enlist the sympathies of neighboring farmers are liable to occur almost any time on a farm far away from its neighbor. If the place is left, as is often the case, in charge of the women while the men are at work far away in the fields news of some important happening can be transmitted only at the cost of a long journey, which many times is out of the question. But if on the wall of a farmhouse hangs a telephone connected with a neighboring system a dozen or a score of farmhouses may be alarmed in an instant, and if a crime is committed which calls for swift retribution or a chase after the offender the instant wings of electricity will aid in the pursuit..

The first step toward easily and cheaply constructing a farm telephone line is to get the telephones. Cell batteries are a prime requisite, and can be ordered at any hardware store; so can the transmitter and receiver. It will take some studying to understand just what part this equipment plays in the whole ensemble, yet it is simple and practical when properly comprehended. The barb wire fence should be utilized where there are no breaks, and where wire loops can be employed to connect with other farms. Where this cannot be done, however, wire can be strung from tree to tree, across country or along the highways. No insulation is necessary, the wire being simply fastened to the limb with staples. Sometimes bare spaces may need poles. These need not be the great, tall, well trimmed poles of the telephone company, but material cut in the woods, and branches lopped off.

When a line is complete, part or all barb wire fence, or current carried aloft on a home-made line strung to trees, roofs and poles, the farmer has a decidedly new luxury secured at a very low expense. An instrument complete costs but $6 and wire is $2.70 a mile. If the barb wire fence method is used the wire costs nothing, for it is already on the ground, strung and ready for service. With hundreds of miles of barb wire fence practically continuous all over the country, there would seem to be nothing to prevent farmers from installing telephone systems which would be independent of the companies which charge such exorbitant tariffs. Private lines among neighbors or lines to town, with a small exchange and switchboard in the postoffice or general store, could be easily and cheaply installed, and when once in service the farmers would fight before relinquishing them.

The practical utility of the independent telephone may be realized by taking the case of an isolated settlement not on any railroad. Everyone must drive to some other town to see anybody or to find out what is going on. If they had a telephone line, even a single instrument in the settlement, the advantage would be enormous. The original cost would be scarcely anything, $10 or $15 perhaps. After that there is no expense and the convenience will never be appreciated until the line has been in operation for awhile. There are a hundred and one things that a settlement like that would want to get into communication with a town for. If they had a line to some near village they could have messages transmitted over the long distance wire to large cities, and if a farmer wanted something in a hurry instead of writing for it and waiting for the slow delivery of the mails there he could ca.. up his dealer in the city, order it by wire and have it come out by express that day.

In one of these settlements where a line is now in actual operation it is claimed by its users that they absolutely could not get along without it.



They use it every day and near neighbors come into call up the town. It is connected with an exchange, but people are accommodating in a small town and if anyone wants a message transmitted to somebody there is no trouble about its being delivered at the other end. They call up in the morning and find out what price is offered for something off the farm. If it is satisfactory a bargain is made over the wire, perhaps, or decide to drive in with a wagon. If the market is low a trip is saved. The possibilities are endless. A telegram arrives late at night. The operator at the town can hasten to the wire, read the dispatch, and save a long and tedious trip into the country.

Another thing that will be brought about some day will be the storage of the surplus energy developed by windmills in storage batteries and its use to light farms and farmhouses by electricity. The only drawback to the scheme now is the great weight and considerable cost of storage batteries. But an immense amount of energy could be accumulated by a windmill and converted into electricity, stored up and later released to light up a farmhouse. Of course this would be chiefly available in the winter when the evenings are short, because in the summer it is light until almost 9 o'clock, and then the average farmer goes to bed. But that plan will be developed by-and-by and indeed has been already in some places, but the expense under the present system is almost prohibitive.

There is no doubt but that in the city the telephone is a constant necessity for the transaction of business. In the country it would seem to be fully as necessary, where everyone is isolated and communication is necessarily slow and difficult by ordinary methods. For every need of the farmer he must drive to town, no matter how great the distance or how bad the roads. Often it means merely a trip both ways to order something by telegraph or to get something that might as well be sent out from the town. With the telephone system in operation his labors will be lightened incalculably and his time saved immeasureably.

And, after all, the barbed wire fence system should commend itself to the farmer through its simplicity and its ease of operation and equipment.

ATTENDING THE CONCERT BY 'PHONE.

AN ELECTRIC DRILL.

With It a Six-foot Hole Can Be Bored in One Minute.

The economy and practicability of using electricity in mining coal has been demonstrated, and its more general introduction should greatly cheapen the price of our winter fuel. Only a few days ago a Philadelphia operator said that in the course of a few years coal will probably be selling at tidewater for the price now paid for mining it—namely, 45 cents a ton.

The picture shows an electric drill which is used for making holes in the face of the coal seam. It is capable of drilling a six-foot hole in one minute. In this connection it is interesting to note that coal undercut by machinery does not require as powerful cartridges for the blasting as coal undercut by hand, and the rapidity with which the holes are drilled by electric power effects a great saving and largely increased output. The weight of the drill represented, with post for a six-foot vein, is only 152 pounds. This can easily be handled by one man. The drill works so quickly that it takes the greater part of one man's time to attend to the feed mechanism and augers together with starting and stopping the drill, while the other man is arranging and picking the places for the holes. By the time he has another place ready

BORES A SIX-FOOT HOLE IN A MINUTE.

the drill has finished the preceding hole and is ready to be moved. Two men can very quickly reset the drill and then get it started again. This machine has drilled enough holes in ten hours to "shoot" or blast down 800 tons of coal in a seven-foot vein. It consumes about three-horse-power, and the one shown in the cut is a Jeffrey machine.

A GAY PARISIAN.

Cleo de Merode Is the Sensation of the Day in New York.

New York music hall patrons have been worshiping at the shrine of Cleo de Merode, the gay Parisian beauty and ballet girl. Cleo's appearance created a sensation among the gay New Yorkers. Her visit to New York is for the purpose of filling an engagement in one of the music halls, which will net her $1,500. At its conclusion she will return immediately to Paris.

Merode's fame and money-earning qualities rest upon an uneviable basis. She is not a great singer, not even a great dancer. In Paris she gets $10 a week for kicking up her heels in the ballet of the Grand Opera and no one ever discovered that she had talent in any line. But she was beautiful and one night when King Leopold, the wicked old monarch of Belgium, sat in the front row her shapely figure and handsome face appeared to him and he applauded her. That was the first mark of distinction Merode ever received. After that, when Leopold openly paid attentions to her and she and the gay old King had merry times

CLEO DE MERODE.

in and out of Paris, there was gossip that spread throughout the world.

Merode is young—just past 20. She is slender and her features are small. Her manner is quiet and refined.

Somehow, when an old maid finally succeeds in getting married, her baby never looks just right.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

THE Langham....
Furnished Rooms.
Conducted by Mrs. S. S. Warner and Miss Case.
Electric Lights, Hot and Cold Baths, Steam Heated, Newly Furnished Throughout. Everything First-Class. Corner A Avenue and Fifth Street, Kaslo, B. C.

Central Hotel.
Front St. Kaslo.
New Building and Newly Furnished Throughout.
BEST ROOMS IN THE CITY.
A First-Class Bar in Connection.
OTTO & REUTER.

.....THE.....
Victoria House
.....
Model Club of West Kootenay. Hot and Cold Baths; Well-Furnished Rooms; Good Beds; Electric Lights.
W. J. HALL, Proprietor.
A Avenue, near 5th, Kaslo, B. C. Post-office Box No. 65.

ADAMS HOUSE,
Kaslo, B. C.
...Rates $1.00 and Upwards...
ADAMS BROS., Proprietors.
Sole agents for Pabst Beer, Milwaukee, Wis.

LAKE VIEW Hotel and Restaurant,
By JOHNSON & PETERSON.
Good rooms and good living. Restaurant in charge of Oscar Monson.
Front Street, - - KASLO, B. C.

NEW Davenport Cafe,
Best eating house in the city.
ROSS & WILSON,
Fourth Street, - - Kaslo, B. C.

Anglo-American HOTEL
AINSWORTH, B. C.
Finely Furnished Throughout; Dining Room Service Unexcelled; Bar Stocked With Choice Liquors and Cigars.

MINERS' EXCHANGE HOTEL,
THREE FORKS, B. C.
E. C. WEAVER, - Proprietor.
Clean, homelike and comfortable. Barber shop in connection. Free Edison Phonograph concert every evening.

M'LOUD HOTEL,
YMIR, B. C.
New building and newly furnished throughout. Best rooms in the city. First class bar in connection.
MILLER & M'LOUD,
... Proprietors.

THIS PAPER IS KEPT ON FILE AT THE advertising agency of Alexander & Co., Suite F, First National Bank Building, Spokane, Wash., where contracts can be made for it.

Teamsters, Miners and Everybody!
Should know that
J. B. HENNIGER,
(Successor to Geo. Sutherland)
—GENERAL—
BLACKSMITH
And Wheelwright, can do your work as well as the best, as quick as the quickest, and as low as the lowest.
Next to Lake View Hotel - Kaslo, B. C

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THE BIMETALLIC OUTLOOK.

The man or the newspaper expecting to dismiss bimetallism as a fad, by the wave of a hand, so to speak, will later on realize that neither he nor the paper had any conception of the hold that it has taken on the world. As William J. Bryan has truly said, "The money question will never be settled until it is settled right."

Those who deprecate agitation of this subject are the ones who fear its results—the ones who desire to see the single gold standard irrevocably fastened upon the people of the world. Agitation never hurt any worthy cause. The cause that cannot stand it is unworthy.

The failure of President McKinley's envoys to persuade Great Britain to enter an international conference by no means disposes of bimetallism. During the discussion attendant upon this commission's work, the whole subject has been transferred to a broader theater of action, and the eyes of the whole world have been directed toward bimetallism. It is a subject that will stand consideration, and progress has really been made despite this temporary set-back.

It is considered quite fashionable among some business men to say, "Oh, I do not pretend to know any thing about the money question. It is too deep for me. Wiser heads than mine are unable to fathom it." Such men should be ashamed of themselves. It is their duty to study it. It is not a deep question. Granted that it is a broad one, but its whole scope centers around the little formula of supply and demand which it is every one's business to understand. Wise heads may differ on its application. So they do on tariff and free trade, but that need not imply that the fundamental truths of these topics are out of the reach of the mass. It is recognized there that legislation may and does influence supply and demand—then why not also with the commodity, silver?

The question of bimetallism will not down—cannot be downed. Never before in the history of the American republic has been witnessed the spectacle of a defeated(?) presidential candidate, immediately resuming the field after the verdict had been recorded against him, and arousing as much enthusiasm over the great issue of the contest as before; aye, greater in many cases, where the vital issues of the campaign invades municipal and state elections, arousing excitement such as was never before witnessed any where. If the nations of the world do not settle this question soon, the United States will undoubtedly take the step in 1900 that will settle it.

EDITORIAL OUTCROPPINGS.

We blush for Canada when Lord Aberdeen, its governor general, while receiving an honorary degree from Princeton, an American university, has to sit alongside of and be classified with Grover Cleveland.

Query: Is it a good thing for the country when a newspaper man gets the Klondike fever? This query is suggested by the report that Editor Thompson of the Trail Creek News is planning to head a Klondike party next spring, via Ashcroft.

The News recommends to its friend of the Sandon Mining Review to put on his spectacles before criticising items that native inertia has restrained him from getting. The News did not state that Slocan Star stock was quoted at $5.50, but at 550 per cent of its par value. An hour or so figuring in arithmetic will probably convince the Mining Review man that this was correct. As to the recentness of the news of the Slocan's dividend, instead of being two month's old it was declared during the latter half of September and the British Columbia News was the first paper to announce it. Try again, neighbor.

"I advertise in the newspapers because I have found them to be the best medium. I used to try posters to attract the attention of the public, but I have long since abandoned them as an advertising medium," said John Wanamaker in a recent interview. Mr. Wanamaker is one of the most successful business men in the United States, and though he started in without a dollar he has accumulated a fortune that is worth many millions. He says that one of the great secrets of his success is that he fully understands the benefits to be derived from advertising. A hint from such a good authority on the subject of advertising is one that it would be well for our business men to heed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Read the News and then subscribe.

Buy the "Gold Medal" school shoe at The Crescent.

Wanted—A good solicitor at once. Apply this office.

Some fine diamonds in rings, earrings etc., at Strathern's.

Born, on the 24th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. G. Carlson, a son.

Lace curtains can be done up nicely only at the Steam Laundry.

Strathern the jeweler has in a new lot of clocks. Prices right.

Read the new advertisement and time card of the steamer Halys.

For perfumes of "Araby the Blest," go to Stephenson's. Read his ad.

Keep warm—buy your underwear of The Crescent. New stock just in.

Good furnished rooms, moderate rent, over J. B. Wilson's store, ops. Kaslo hotel.

New effects in rough tweeds and fancy brocades just in at The Crescent.

Sewing machines. The leading makes sold by R. Strathern The Jeweler.

Get your woolen goods washed at the Steam Laundry. We guarantee not to shrink them.

A very handsome display of late curtains adorns one of Sehl's show windows this week.

H. Giegerich has something new to tell you this week. Observe his ad and see his goods.

Born at the Columbia hotel, this city on the 25th inst., to the wife of James Egan, a daughter.

Attention is called to the advertisement elsewhere of Stephenson & Becker, the new assay firm.

Read the new advertisement of Green Brothers in another column. They are toeing the mark as usual.

Your soiled suit or your stained dress can be cleaned without damaging the material, at the steam laundry.

That Kangaroo calf mountaineer boot is the favorite among mining men. You can see them at the Crescent.

Prospectors, call at J. B. Wilson's and get your supplies. You will find everything needed for prospecting.

Dr. W. A. Hendryx of Los Angeles was in the city again this week in connection with his Slocan mining interests.

S. C. Elkington, the noted flour miller of Qu 'Appelle, was at the Kaslo this week, accompanied by Mrs. Elkington.

Miss Kate Kelliher has removed her stenographer's headquarters to the office of Henry Croft, next door to St. Pancras Inn.

The immense trade in blankets, sheeting, table linen and toweling convinces The Crescent that their goods and prices are right.

The Victoria house has furnished rooms from $8 per month up, with hot or cold baths free to guests. A avenue near Fifth street, Kaslo B. C.

W. J. Goepel of Nelson, government traveling auditor for the West Kootenay, is in town. Mr. Goepel was for a while acting gold commissioner.

For elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board, apply to Mrs. McKenzie at the cottage, n. w. cor. of 3rd street and A avenue. Fine private dining room attached, with best of board at reasonable rates.

G. B. Wright and son of Ainsworth were in town last week en route to Rossland. Mr. Wright reports that his son Charles, en route to Klondike, will winter at Telegraph Creek, where he has government employment.

W. J. Twiss is now manager of the Kaslo Safe Deposit vaults, the only one in British Columbia. He is in receipt of inquiries from Victoria, indicating that that city desires to follow in Kaslo's footsteps as well in this as in other respects.

W. J. Twiss has recently been appointed district agent for the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., of London, England. The appointment came from Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd., of Vancouver and Victoria, general agents for British Columbia. This company insures against sickness or accident and is the oldest of its kind in the world.

IN MEMORIAM LINES.

[Tearfully dedicated to the memory of a young newspaper man, whose only claim to fame lay in his getting lost in the woods, and being brought home by chartered steamer. His body was borne to the Club in a dripping winding sheet, much to the disgust of the people of Kaslo, who objected to having a live corpse carried through the streets. His friends are learning the following dirge, and propose to chant it at his real funeral if they are ever inveigled into another wild goose chase of this kind.]

With apologies to "Lily Dale."

'Twas a calm still night
And the stars shone bright
On the waves of Kootanee,
When a brainy young wight
Gave his friends a fright—
He got lost in this wild countree.

Refrain:—

Oh, Willie, poor Willie!
Sweet Willie Slee!
Now the dickey birds warble
Round his little green grave
On the shores of Kootanee.

As the night drew on
And his grub was gone
And the owls hooted mournfullee:
He dug him a grave,
On the mossy green banks—
On the banks of Kootanee.

Oh, Willie, etc.

Said O'Brien frank
With a blankety blank,
"Poor Bill, this will never do.
We'll go dig him up
And bury him right
If it takes a steamer and crew."

Oh, Willie, etc.

So they sailed across
With the Halys' boss
While the wind blew fearfullee
And they pulled him out
Of his little green grave
On the shores of Kootanee.

Oh, Willie, etc.

FORESTER'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Reorganization of Court Kaslo, Last Friday Night.

The reception tendered J. H. Falconer, deputy supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, last Friday night at the Kaslo hotel auditorium by Court Kaslo, was largely attended. Alderman G. O. Buchanan presided. The following program was presented and highly appreciated:

Piano Solo.....Miss Wilson
Address.....G. O. Buchanan
Duet.....Crookit Bawbee
Mr. Cook and Miss McCallum.
Solo.....Excelsior
Mrs. Robinson.
Encore....Green Grow the Rashes, Oh
Address.....J. H. Falconer

Chairman Buchanan eulogized Mr. Falconer and the Order for the progressive spirit they have evinced in British Columbia and elsewhere.

Mr. Falconer's subject was "The Aims, Objects and Principles of the I. O. F.," which he presented well.

Referring to local matters he said: "Kaslo should have a local court of Foresters of one hundred members, but has not to exceed thirty. Ainsworth, near you, started out with nearly seventy-five charter members and has added about ten more.

"The order is represented in nearly every town in British Columbia where present indications show a permanent town is likely to be built. Besides giving a system of insurance, which we always say is the best system in the world for the widows and orphans, we give fraternal and social privileges of the order, free medical attendance and medicine and weekly sick benefits."

Mr. Falconer further stated that he hoped soon again to visit Kaslo and hoped to see a ladies' auxilliary in connection with the local court.

John P. Miller, chief ranger of Ainsworth court, made a few remarks saying that he was thankful that he had joined the ranks of the I. O. F. and urged upon those present to become identified with the order at once.

Dancing was then indulged in for the remainder of the evening.

Seventy-five Foresters were present at the Kaslo Court meeting last night, including twenty-six new applicants who were initiated into the mysteries of the order. Owing to pressing business the election and installation of new officers was postponed tonight when a full attendance is requested at Livingstone's hall.

The Ainsworth court will give a reception and dance tomorrow night.

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"Yes; SEHL has the Handsomest Establishment in Kootenay," replied his companion.

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We have just received a large and varied stock of the above goods, and have marked them at reasonable prices.
Come early and see them as they are going fast.

Lamont & Young,
Books, Stationery, Wall Paper, Kaslo, B. C.

AT THE PLAY.

Excellent Rendition of Rose Garland by Local Talent.

An audience that filled nearly every inch of space of the Kaslo hotel auditorium, greeted the local players last Tuesday evening in their benefit to the local fire department, in the play "Rose Garland." To say that the play was a great success, would be only to echo what the town has been ringing with ever since. Every detail had been carefully wrought out by the following executive staff: Stage manager, A. G. Fraser; master mechanic, John Rae; master of properties, E. King; scenic artists, Kearney and Dalziel; head usher, Geo. Reid; general manager, Hugh Fletcher. These names together with the cast of characters and the synopsis of the play appeared on the unique souvenir programs that were devised by Manager Fraser and delicately scented by Druggist Stephenson's incomparable white lilac.

The cast of characters was published in last week's News. Following is a synopsis of this pretty rural drama:

Act I—Camping out in the Adirondacks—In love.

Act II—Joe Garland's farm—The wedding.

Act III—Jack Gordon's home—The separation.

Act IV—Mrs. Gordon's residence—Reunited.

As stated before, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, although off the stage and local people, are professionals, and fully justified the expectations of the audidience. Mrs. Fraser showed the results of her former stage experience in soubrette parts, as Mollie Jeffries, in the title role, Rose Garland, the uncouth but high-spirited country girl who afterward blossomed out into the grand dame.

Mr. Fraser's Joe Garland, Rose's father, was a finely finished bit of acting. The old farmer was depicted in a way strongly reminiscent of Denman Thompson's Josh Whitcomb. It was quiet but forceful throughout, and showed that Mr. Fraser, understands that there may be strength without rage, or "tearing a passion to tatters." The humorous and pathetic touches were very deftly laid. Little Marjorie Fraser in an introduced part sang very cutely, "Oh, By Gosh."

T. J. Scanlan as Jack Gordon, the artist, was a genuine surprise to his friends. He has a fine conception of the character and carried it off with the ease and effect of a professional. He never over did it and yet rose fully to its requirements. His scene with Rose at the separation was particularly strong.

The grotesque parts were ably carried by Miss J. M. Kearney as Harriet Watson, the old maid aunt and by A.C. Burdick as the many titled professor, with an empty stomach, an omnivorous appetite and a strong attraction to the aforesaid Harriet.

Some neat work was also done by the youthful lovers, Harry Fairfield and Alice Gordon, interpreted respectively by J. Lucas and Mrs. W. Hodder.

Mrs. F. Sutherland as Mrs. Gordon, Jack's mother, presented her part with grace and dignity. Her other son Alf a somewhat superfluous and effervescent youth, was well taken by Sam Hunter.

Miss Wilson, pianist, discoursed sweet music between the acts.

Taken altogether, it was a delightful play. Considering the disadvantages under which it was produced—as for instance the contracted stage room—it reflects even greater credit upon its participants than it otherwise would. The stage, though small was well equipped. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and the entire company have the undoubted thanks of the community for their endeavor to introduce a bit of drama into Kaslo that would only be looked for in a metropolis.

The company is requested to reproduce the play in Sandon and will probably do so, Saturday, Nov. 6th. J. M. Harris has generously offered free the use of his fine new hall in the Virginia block for the occasion.

The proceeds of the play here, some $200, will after deduction of expenses, go to the benefit of the fire department.

EXTENDING TELEGRAPH LINES.

Visit of General Manager Hosmer and Party of the C. P. R.

Charles R. Hosmer of Montreal, general manager of the C. P. R. telegraph lines, registered at the Kaslo hotel Wednesday night and left for Slocan lake yesterday morning. He was accompanied by W. J. Camp of Montreal, chief electrician of the company, and J. Wilson of Kamloops, local superintendent. In conversation with a News representative, Mr, Hosmer stated that this is a tour of inspection. It is his first visit to the Kootenay and he is very much pleased with the rapid development of the country. He said that our local telegraphic service will soon be improved by the practical doubling of the line from New Denver southward. As soon as the Slocan City railway extension is completed, there will then be practically a parallel line south to Robson and thence to Rossland via the Columbia & Western wires.

Mr. Hosmer also states that his company is taking active steps to get a telegraph line to the Klondike. He recalled the old effort over 30 years ago to reach the old world by Alaska and Bering Straits, which effort was finally superseded and rendered useless by the final success of the Atlantic cable.

"The people who dropped over $3,000,000 in that enterprise little thought that they were preparing the way for us," said Mr. Hosmer, "but they were, and we shall have the advantage of all their surveys and memoranda. We expect to reach Dawson City via Ashcroft and Telegraph Creek over almost the identical route chosen by them. Did you know that George Kennan, the noted Siberian writer, made his first acquaintance with Russia through this project? He used to be a telegraph operator, but has since left us for literature and sociology."

ENGLISH CAPITAL HERE.

One of Them Enters Upon a Large Woodbury Creek Deal.

Colonel James Domville, of the 8th Hussars, of St. John's, N. B. and M. P. for that constituency was in town this week, accompanied by his wife and several English capitalists including Hon. Robt Smith of London, England, and A. T. Salisbury Jones of the London firm of Salisbury-Jones & Bidwell mining operators. Colonel Domville is uncle of Earl Scoville of the government record office. The first two mentioned have gone on to the coast, but Mr. Salisbury-Jones accompanied by his local representative L. A. Scowden has gone up to the head of Woodbury creek to inspect some properties that they have recently bonded. These properties are several claims known as the Swede group, of which more extended notice appears in our mining records elsewhere. The figure mentioned as the aggregate of the bond is $80,000. Ferguson & Caldwell are the men who put the deal through. Mr. Salisbury-Jones expects to start on his return trip to London tomorrow, going from here via Revelstoke and the C. P. R. main line.

Sehl's Furniture and Undertaking Store.

Just received direct from the manufacturers a carload of low priced furniture, carpets, etc., suitable for hotels; also, a full line of Undertaker's Supplies. Mr. J. May, who has had considerable experience in Chicago as a funeral director, will have charge of this department. J. J. SEHL, Kaslo, B. C.

Best Eating House in Town.

The Silver Bell Restaurant on Fourth street, conducted by Joseph Dorner is acknowledged to be the best place in town for a good meal at a reasonable price. Everything is clean, well cooked and well served. Try our superior coffee. Business men's lunch from 11 to 2; dinner from 5 to 8.

Owing to an accident to Miss La Dell of the World-LaDell combination the concert announced for tonight at the Aaslo Hotel auditorium has been postponed until Nov. 11, 1897.

NOTES OF THE SLOCAN.

General Mining and Business Items of Interest.

It is estimated that Sandon's payroll the coming winter, will be 75 per cent. greater than that of last winter, which should mean a better business for the town by 75 per cent.

The Queen Bess mine, near Three Forks, is about to start up and will be shipping soon. It expects to pay its workmen $3.50 per day without Sunday work,

C. D. Porter has succeeded Frank Watson as manager of the Arlington, near Slocan City.

Preparations are being made for rawhiding by a great number of mines that can not be worked extensively in summer and in another three or four weeks ore will be coming down from all directions. The pack trains now average 350 pounds of ore to the animal, while 1,500 pounds can be brought in over the snow by rawhiding.

A large block of Reco shares was bought by members of President Van Horne's party on their recent visit, the sale being made by J. M. Harris for a private consideration.

The Eureka mine, near Sproules, is being actively worked at present. Three hundred sacks of ore have been packed down, and sufficient ore to fill 600 more had been taken out of the mine when last heard from.

The Reco netted nearly $5,000 on a single car load of ore recently shipped to Omaha.

Operations on the Charleston mine are being pushed vigorously, and by the time there is sufficient snow for rawhiding it will have everything ready for regular shipments.

W. L. O'Connell of Sandon has secured a bond on the Pirate group near Cody. Eight thousand dollars is said to be the consideration.

The Sandon Mining Review makes the following comparison between mining prosperity and agricultural prosperity: "At the present moment there are no less than 1,000 miners employed in mines tributary to the town, which means a pay roll of $3,500 a day, $105,000 a month, or $7,260,000 per year. This is infinitely greater than the payment to farmers for wheat at any point in the Canadian northwest. In 1887 there were for instance, 1,400,000 bushels of wheat marketed at Brandon, Man. the greatest known delivery at any time at any market in the world and at 50 cents it netted but $700,000, or a little more than half of what is earned by the miners of Sandon in the same length of time."

Byrnes & Jones of the Carbonate No. 2, near Sproules, have eight men at work on their claim. They have laid tracks and will work a car in the tunnel. They expect to be shipping by the time snow flies.

A meeting of Sandon's citizens to provide for fire protection was held last week at which time it was decided to proceed at once with the building of a fire hall and hose tower, and the purchase of 500 feet of hose to supplement the 800 feet now in use. A balance of $100 from the queen's jubilee celebration has been increased $800 from subscriptions and a further sum will be realized from a fireman's ball, which will come off in the near future. The water supply will be derived from 11 double hydrants, with ample pressure for fire purposes.

Cheap Passenger Rates.

Portland to San Francisco via the O. R. & N. Company's steamers, cabin, $5.00; steerage, $2.50, including meals and berth. Service unexcelled. For through rates, sailing dates, berth reservations and detailed information, call on or address H. M. ADAMS, Traveling Passenger and Freight Agent, No. 30 East Columbia avenue, Rossland, B. C.; or, JAMES WAUGH, Agent I. N. & T. Co., Kaslo, B. C.

Fruit and Confectionery

Of freshest quality may be found at Chisholm's Cash Grocery on Front street, Kaslo. Call and examine and profit.

Dainty and Fresh

Are the supplies of Jas. Chisholm, the Cash Grocer on Front street, Kaslo. See his stock and you will not order elsewhere.

In the New Government Office.

The local government record office was moved this week to the new building on A avenue. It is very tastefully and conveniently arranged and equipped. There is one spacious room for the records, and private offices off of it for recorder Keen and his assistant Mr. Sawyer. The furniture and counters have a massive, solid appearance that speaks of stability. The new quarters are a great improvement over the old.

Read the British Columbia News

Hold the Mirror Up to Nature!

When you stand before the looking-glass, doesn't some inner voice whisper to you to go and see

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Going to the Klondike?

Not Much! Kootenay is Good Enough for Me as long as . .

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U. S. MINT REPORT.

Interesting Statistics of Gold and Silver Production for 1896.

Following is an extract from the recent report of the director of the United States mint:

The product of gold and silver in the United States for the commercial year of 1896 was: Gold, $53,088,000; silver, coining value, $76,069,238.

The value of the precious metals employed in the industrial arts in the United States during the commercial year ending 1896 was: Gold, $11,395,934; silver, $10,204,273.

The stock of gold and silver in the United States on July 1, 1897, is estimated to have been: "Gold, $696,270,542; silver, $634,509,786; total, $1,330,780,328.

The total metallic stock and uncovered paper of the world, compiled from the latest reports, is estimated to have been on January 1, 1897: Gold, $4,359,600,000; full legal tender silver, $3,615,800,000; limited tender silver, $652,500,000; total metallic stocks, $8,627,900,000; uncovered paper, $2,569,200,000; total, $17,197,100,000.

The world's product of gold and silver for the calendar year of 1896 was: Gold, $204,396,600; silver (commercial value), $109,406,400; silver (coining value), $215,212,700.

The coinage of gold and silver by the various countries of the world, so far as reported, was: Gold, $195,899,517; silver, $153,395,740.

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Puree of Tomato. Oyster
FISH
Boiled Salmon Egg Sauce
BOILED
Ham, Sherry Wine Sauce
Ox Tongue Pickle Sauce.
ENTREES
Fricassee of Mutton with Mushrooms
Oyster Patties la Creme
Apple Fritters Lemon Sauce
ROAST
Prime Ribs of Beef Brown Gravy
Pork and Apple Sauce
Baked Young Chicken with Dressing
SALADS
Lobster Mayonaise
VEGETABLES.
Boiled or Mashed Potatoes
Butter Beans Sugar Corn
DESSERT
Baked Cottage Pudding, Spice Sauce
Lemon and Green Apple Pies
Raspberry Tart
Fruit, Nuts and Raisins
Tea Coffee

LAST PASSENGER TRIP.

Freight Traffic too Heavy for Passenger Traffic.

Tomorrow will be the last trip of the Alberta for the season on the local passenger run. This run has been a great convenience to people living at lake points, but the decrease of travel and the increased output of ore makes it necessary for the company to withdraw this steamer from passenger service.

This applies also to the Bonner's Ferry run.

To Home Makers.

Kaslo will be a city of homes. Homes need furniture. Owens & Stevenson, leading furniture dealers, corner 5th and Front streets, Kaslo, can save you money on all kinds of house furnishings. It will pay you better to buy of them than to ship in your old furniture. This is also true as to people living in neighboring towns. Call and inspect our large, choice and varied stock before making other arrangements.

Burning of Windsor, Nova Scotia.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 17.—Historic Windsor, one of the most beautiful towns in the province, was devastated by fire this morning. For six hours, beginning shortly before 3 a. m., the fire fanned by a violent northwest gale, raged so fiercely that the local fire department was absolutely helpless to cope with it, and within half an hour after its discovery the mayor began to call for outside assistance. Long before noon the town had been eaten up almost completely, the area covered by the flames being nearly a mile square. Of the 400 or more buildings occupying the residence and business sections, barely half a dozen scorched structures remain.

No Nova Scotia town has ever been visited by a conflagration of such dimentions. Of the 3500 people that inhabited the place, few have homes of their own tonight. Over 3000 have been taken care of by the residents of the surrounding country and neighboring towns, while the remainder of the sufferers have gone to Halifax or are sheltered in tents erected on the vacant lots by a detachment of British troopf from the garrison.

The loss, all told, is estimated to be about $3,000,000.

Penniless and Discouraged Klondikers.

Aspen, Col., Oct. 20.—Prof. Charles M. Daggett, for many years a resident of this city, has returned to Aspen from a futile attempt to reach the Klondike. He reports hundreds of men, who a few months ago left for the gold fields in the best spirits, with well-filled pocket-books, now returning heartsick and discouraged, without a cent in the world.

Of between 9,000 and 10,000 people who started for the Klondike, less than 2,000 got over the passes. Prof. Daggett says their condition is deplorable. Some idea of the number of men who are without means now in the country can be gained from the fact that 26 stowaways were discovered on the boat which brought the professor back.

C. P. R. Reaching Toward Kaslo.

John V. Armstrong, secretary of the Nakusp & Slocan branch of the C.P.R., gives public notice that it is the intention of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway Company to apply to the railway committee of the Privy Council, to sanction the building and construction of a branch line of railway from a point about one mile east of Three Forks to Bear Lake, a distance of about 6 miles, for the purpose of giving increased facilities to business and of transporting the products of the mines, and to sanction the appropriation of the necessary lands for that purpose under the compulsory powers vested in the company.

Promising Duncan River Properties.

James McK. Anderson kindly hands the News some interesting notes of the following recently located claims near Duncan river:

The Mable Nora group is owned by McLaughton & Clinton. It assays in gold $4.54; in silver, 1552 ozs; and in copper, 6 4-10 per cent.

The above claims are on Hamill or Grizzly creek, about 8 miles from Argenta. Messrs. McLaughton & Clinton will put in the winter working on this group, which consists of the following named claims: Mable-Nora, Clinton and Matilda B. These are all on the same lead.

McPhee Acquitted.

J. M. McPhee was unanimously acquitted last week at Nelson of the charge of forgery, the jury being out only 20 minutes. The forgery charged was the signing of the names of a number of prominent men to an attack on Recorder Keen and sending it to the government officials last spring.

To the Ladies.

Send ten cents to Womankind, Springfield, Ohio, U. S. A., and receive Womankind, a handsome home magazine for three months and a free copy of the Womankind Cook Book. You will be pleased with both the paper and book.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER

Rev. J. G. Duncan, M. A., to Officiate for the Present.

Rev. James G. Duncan, recently of Scotland and more recently of Medicine Hat, N. W. T., officiated at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening, and will continue several Sundays, when, if the desire between himself and the congregation is mutual, he may beckme installed as permanent pastor. Mr. Duncan's topic in the morning was "The Christian Race," founded on the well known words from Hebrews, "Laying aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, let us run with patience the race set before us." In the evening his topic was "Spiritual Lethargy", founded on the text from Ephesians, "Awake, thou that sleepest."

Rev. Duncan is a man of about middle age, slight physique, a rapid talker with a light musical voice. He speaks without notes, and gesticulates freely. His discourses are logically arranged and his treatment of them is serious and earnest. He is a pleasant man socially. He has a family consisting of a wife and five children whom he will bring with him in case he locates here permanently.

Teams For Sale.

Twelve head of good work horses, with harness, wagons and sleds. Inquire at this office.

Change of Time Card.

The last trip this season on the Bonner's Ferry route by the Steamer Alberta will be on the 6th and 7th of November, after which date the Bonner's Ferry service will be discontinued.

MINING RECORDS.

ORE SHIPMENTS.

Following are the ore shipments for the week ending Oct. 28, over the Kaslo & Slocan Ry:

Mine.	Destination.	Tons.
Ruth	Everett	105
Ruth	Pueblo	30
Payne	Pueblo	450
Whitewater	Everett	168
‡Slocan Star	Omaha	90
Great Western	Kaslo	15
Best	Kaslo	15
Antoine	Kaslo	15
Washington	Omaha	15
Wonderful	Kaslo	15
Total tons		918

‡Concentrates.

From July 1, 1897, to October 21, the leading mines of the Slocan region have shipped over the Kaslo & Slocan Railway for water transportation from Kaslo, as follows:

Mine.	Tons.	Mine.	Tons
Payne	5,532	Surprise	68
Ruth	3,800	Slocan Boy	75
Whitewater	1,568	Ajax	42
Slocan Star*	570	Wonderful	42
Noble Five*	520	American Boy	29
Washington*	444	Red Fox	30
Great Western	312	Antoine	31
Rambler-Cariboo	135	Freddie Lee	31
Ibex	105	Goodenough	15
		Best	47

* Concentrates.

The following is a statement of ore shipments over the Nakusp & Slocan branch of the C. P. R. from Sandon, Three Forks and Rosebery since July 1st, not included in the foregoing. All was shipped to Omaha:

Mine.	Tons.	Mine.	Tons.
†Idaho	780	Reco	347
†Slocan Star	1,100	Enterprise	100

†Concentrates.

METAL QUOTATIONS.

New York, Oct. 22.—Silver, 58¾c.
Copper—Easy; brokers' price, $10.87½@11.
Lead—Firmer; brokers' price, $3.87 1-2; exchange $3.95.

WEEKLY STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Following is a table of the leading stocked mining companies of the Slocan and Ainsworth mining divisions:

Companies.	No. of Shares	Par Value	Market Value
Payne	1,000,000	$2.50	§
Slocan Star	1,000,000	.50	$2.25
Ruth	120,000	£1	§
Reco	1,000,000	$1.00	1.75
Noble Five	1,200,000	1.00	.16
Washington	1,000,000	1.00	.25
Rambler-Cariboo	1,000,000	1.00	.42½
Surprise	225,000	1.00	§
Goodenough	800,000	1.00	.25
Great Western	800,000	.30	.30
Jackson (North'n Bell)	1,000,000	1.00	.25
American Boy	1,000,000	1.00	.15
Kaslo-Montezuma	1,350,000	1.00	.25
Dardanelles	1,000,000	1.00	.15
Gibson	650,000	1.00	.17½
Wonderful	1,000,000	1.00	.03½
Ibex	300,000	.25	§
St. Keverne	1,000,000	1.00	.04
Idler	1,000,000	1.00	.15
London Hill	600,000	.25	
Black Diamond	1,200,000	.50	.25
Dellie	750,000	1.00	.11
Ellen	1,000,000	1.00	.07½
McLeod	1,000,000	1.00	§

§No stock on the market.

Of the foregoing, the following have paid dividends as follows:

Payne	$ 500,000	Noble Five	40,000
Slocan Star	400,000	Goodenough	32,500
Ruth	200,000	Washington	20,000
Reco	157,500	Jackson	20,000
Rambler-Cari.	40,000	Surprise	20,000

Besides the foregoing, other mines, unstocked, have paid dividends as follows:

Idaho	$ 152,000	Last Chance	50,000
Whitewater	64,000	Antoine	35,000
Slocan Boy	25,000	Monitor	15,000

TRANSFERS, ETC.

Oct. 21.—Gold commissioners certificate permitting $1,000 worth of work done on Lincoln to apply also on Celebration and Death's Head, E. V. Bloomfield to Jos. Benjamin, 4-5 Gecko and Lardo, $1; Harold Ralph to J. B. McArthur, trustee of Gold Hill's Exploration and Development Co., Dodie, $1, and Frank R. E. Andrews to same, 4-5 Ptarmagin, Svengali, Taffy, Merry England, Muriel and Bump, $1; H. R. Stovel to same, 4-5 Teddy S., Clara and Chicora, $1; G. B. Corbould to same, 4-5 Corona and Trilby, $1; H. K. Livingstone to same, 4-5 Talisman, all in Duncan river region.

Oct. 23.—J. J. Shea to J. T. O'Brien, 1-3 Gatineau, Buckingham and Thurso; F. Pyman to M. Powers, 1-4 By Chance Fraction, $1.

Oct. 25.—G. Henderson to J. V. Martin, 1-4 Maltese, $50; memorandum of agreement between J. M. Moore and Guss W. Roche re 1-80 int. in Albion; J. M. Moore and J. W. Dow, acting for Thos. McCart to same, 1-80 interest in Albion, $1.

Oct. 26.—Wm. O'Neill to J. B. McArthur, Harriet C. and 4-5 Black Bear and Whistler; O. G. Laberee to same, 1-3 Lake View, Ruby, Great Boulder, Crown Hill, Standard, Cuba, Icicle, Elk, Blue Bird, Ella L. and Big Annie, $1; Sam Denomie to same, 4-5 Blue Star and West Calumet; S. W. Anderson to same, Trilby, 4-10 Nonesuch and 4-5 Mastiff.

Oct. 27.—Johnson & Nelson to L. A. Scowden, option on Caribou, North Slope and South Slope near Woodbury, $1; Heath & Heap to same, option on Tecumseh and Pontiac, near same; notice to public by T. Cronin that he claims 1-4 interest in Iona and Eurydice on Tea creek; A. Carney to S. Bengie, 1-2 Peacock Copper and Copper Glance on Fry creek, $1.

LOCATIONS.

Oct. 21.—General by C. Rossiter, on Woodbury creek, Stewart fraction and Rose fraction by A. H. Buchanan in Blue Bell camp; Reindeer by T. McGovern on Woodbury; Japan by F. L. Fitch on same; Grant by Donald Grant on same; Delaware fraction by S. Underhill on same; Merry England by J. D. Edgar on Howser lake.

Oct. 22.—Mabel T. by C. Anderson on 16 mile crk; Howser by J. B. MacArthur, W. Simpson and A. W. Ross on Howser lake; Electric by A. W. Ross on Hamill; Laird by J. B. MacArthur on Howser lake; Harriet C. by Wm. O'Neill on same; Concentrating by J. B. McArthur on Bear creek.

Oct. 23.—St. Helins by A. B. Anderson on Cooper crk; Jersey by A. R. Heyland near same; Old Man fraction by S. P. Tuck, L. Knaggs and H. Ralph near Crescent.

Oct. 25.—Salamander by Christina Johnson on Canyon creek; Salvator by W. B. Blanchfield near Midge creek; Cariboo Head by S. H. Scanzy near same; Express by C. E. Moreland near same; Green Grove by A. Lind on Woodbury; Black Hawk by J. McKay near same; Last Chance by Kaslo-Montezuma Co. on South Fork; Bergerman by M. Conlin on Woodbury.

Oct. 26.—Kaslo by M. Murchison at head of South Fork, being a relocation of Standard.

Oct. 27.—No locations recorded.

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENT.

Oct. 21.—Uranus by A. E. Lindberg; Noon Hour by G. Johnson; Black Diamond by Thos. McGovern; Blue Grouse by D. Gilchrist, Morning Star and Maggie by S. A. Sodergreen.

Oct. 22.—Wake Up Jim by R. M. Kenyon; Red Star by Geo. Brine; Alma by E. E. Shea.

Oct. 23.—No. 4 by I. M. Knight.

Oct. 26.—Welaka by W. R. Winstead.

Oct. 27.—Crown by Leander Shaw; Minerva by C. A. Emberg.

Furniture Clearance Sale.

D. McArthur & Co. have decided to close out their Kaslo store and will hereafter transact their Slocan trade from the head house at Nelson. The firm conclude that it would pay better to sell out at cost than to ship back to Nelson and will consequently push sales here as long as the stock lasts. This is a first class chance for bargains in furniture.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Kaslo Postoffice since the last list published over date of Oct. 20, 1897:

Anderson, J.	Allen, Jake
Barnner, Chas.	Burtt, G. F.
Black, James	Brown, W. J.
Baum, Willie D.	Clarke, Will
Duder, Robert	Erickson, A. G.
Evans, Richard	Fraser, John
Fraser, Harry	Falconer, John M.
Galleyse, A. C.	Green, Miss Maud
Pleas, Henry	Kendall, J. O.
Lawrence, Alex	Langille, Armond R.
Lee, M. E.	Mathews, Chas.
Mowatt, P.	McGregor, Angus
McFarlane, T. R.	McGraw, Daniel
McLellan, Walter S.	Northey, L. H.
O'Donnell, Peter	O'Hare, Jim
Oliver, Robt.	Pushee, George
Parret, Frank	Peterson, Joseph
Rufulo, Alexander	Raynor, Mrs. Annie
Read, A. B.	Rannells, W. C.
Stafford, Fred	Sanders, D. B.
Stevens, Nellie	White, W. C.
Welsh, T. E.	Weatherwax, W. W.
Warren, Sid.	

S. H. GREEN, Postmaster.

Kaslo, B. C., Oct. 27, 1897.

New Store and Warehouse.

Neeland & Gibbon, grain dealers, are finishing a warehouse on Front street just below the News office. J. Turner is the contractor. The warehouse is 25x40 feet, one story high. Mr. Turner has also begun in front of it for the same parties, flush with the sidewalk, another building of two stories and basement, 25x35, for store and rooming purposes. It will be complete by Dec. 1st and will cost altogether about $1,800.

W. R. Winstead the Whitewater mine operator was in town this week on his return from Spokane.

D. R. Young of the Slocan City News was in town yesterday bound homeward after several weeks absence in the coast cities.

Square Dealing

Is what has built up the mercantile house of J. B. Wilson to its present important position in Kaslo. A large stock of groceries, crockery and hardware selected with care and sold on business principles, has brought successful results.

Cottages For Rent Or Sale.

Turner & Brydon, Builders, on Front street, have hard-finished cottages, or unfurnished rooms, centrally located, for rent or sale. They will also build to order. See them at their office in the News building, Front st., Kaslo, B. C.

See the Pioneer Grocer

And general merchant, J. B. Wilson, for anything you need in the housekeeping line. His stock is complete and first class. A fine line of crockery and glassware is also carried. Front street, opposite the Kaslo Hotel.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS NOTICE. Bounty and Illinois Mineral Claims, situate in the Ainsworth Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located—On the hill about 1¼ miles west of Ainsworth, and about 1½ mile southwest of the mouth of Woodbury crk.

Take notice that I, S. P. Tuck, acting as agent for F. E. Fisher, Free Miner's Certificate No. 81,871, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 27th day of August, 1897.

S. P. TUCK, Agent.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS NOTICE. Lucy Mineral Claim, situate in the Ainsworth Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On the west side of Kootenay lake joining the west side line of the Spokane and coincident with the same.

Take notice that I, S. P. Tuck, Free Miner's Certificate No. 97,382, acting as agent for E. R. Wingate, Free Miner's Certificate No. 4453A, 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 18th day of October, 1897.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS NOTICE. King Solomon Mineral Claim situate in the Ainsworth Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On the west side of Kootenay lake in the vicinity of Loon lake.

Take notice that I, S. P. Tuck, Free Miner's Certificate No. 97,382, acting as agent for The King Solomon Consolidated Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 97,642, 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 21st day of October, 1897.

INLAND NAVIGATION AND TRADING CO.

For Bonner's Ferry and Way Points on Kootenay Lake and River . . . .

STEAMER HALYS,

CAPT. W. J. KANE,
Will make Round Trip Each Week on the following

TIME CARD:

South Bound—
Leave Kaslo, Tuesday at 6 a. m.
Arrive at Ainsworth at 7:30 a. m.
Arrive at Pilot Bay at 8:30 a. m.
Arrive at Balfour at 9:30 a. m.
Arrive at Sanca 11 noon.
Arrive at Goat River at 3 p. m.
Arrive at Port Hill at 5:30 p. m.
Arrive at Bonner's Ferry, Wednesday at 12 noon.

North Bound—
Leave Bonner's Ferry Friday 6 a. m.
Arrive at Port Hill at 12 noon.
Arrive at Goat River at 2 p. m.
Arrive at Sanca at 5 p. m.
Arrive at Balfour at 7:30.
Arriee at Pilot Bay at 8:30.
Arrive at Ainsworth at 9:30.
Arrive at Kaslo at 11 p. m.

For passenger or freight transportation apply on board.

Special excursion from Kaslo to Lardo and Argenta at north end of lake every Sunday at noon.

THE HALYS may be chartered for jobbing trade to lake points from Kaslo, on Saturdays and Mondays.