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OPERA HOUSE.
On the Lake Front. Crowley & Reid, Props.
Grand opening Night, **Monday, Aug. 22.**
When will be presented the Grand Cyclorama of the
American-Spanish WAR
From McVicar's Theatre, Chicago.
To be succeeded on Saturday **Saturday, Aug. 27.**
By an entertainment, entitled:
Around the World to the Klondike.
Come and Bring your Wife and Children.

A FATAL BLAST

John L. Wilson Hurled to Almost Instant Death.

HE FELL OVER 400 FEET

Lived Only a Few Minutes After the Terrible Fall—Leaves Two Motherless Children.

The first fatality in the construction of the Robson-Penticton branch of the Columbia & Western railway occurred yesterday at a point about seven miles below Brooklyn, when John Lewis Wilson, a native of Sweden, was hurled to almost instant death—life becoming extinct in about thirty minutes.

Wilson, who was employed on the sub-contract of Vernon W. Smith near McCormick's Landing, had been at work about six weeks, and was busy in the rock cut at 11:30 yesterday morning, when a rock weighing 500 or 600 pounds, loosened by a blast, struck and hurled him into the abyss below. The body fell some 400 feet down the steep mountain side toward the lake, and Wilson lived only half an hour thereafter.

Frank Williams, an old time friend of Wilson, was with him when the unfortunate accident occurred, and came to Brooklyn last night to arrange for the funeral. The remains were shipped by the steamer Kootenay last night to Nelson, accompanied by Mr. Williams, interment taking place in that city today.

Wilson had been on this side of the water for 16 years, and had the reputation of being a steady industrious man. His wife died some six years ago, but two children, 6 and 8 years of age respectively, survive him, who are living at Castle Rock, Colorado. He leaves them nothing but an interest in some mining claims in the Fort Steele country.

NEW HOTEL AT THE DIVIDE.

Messrs. Graham and Sparks Have a Two Story Building.

As will be noted by their card in another column, Messrs. Graham and Sparks have opened a hotel 15 miles from Brooklyn, which from its location, is to be called the Divide hotel. This new house will undoubtedly be a great convenience to freighters and travelers generally, as it is the only hotel building between Porcupine creek and the divide. Mr. Graham is a veteran in the hotel business, that having been his vocation for the last ten years, which gives him the experience necessary to cater successfully to the large trade he will receive.

The hotel building is 25x33 feet in size, and two stories high. Barns and stables will be erected at once, making this establishment one of the most desirable to put up at between Brooklyn and Christina lake. Everything possible will be done for the comfort of travelers. The location of the hotel is close to the dividing line between Yale and West Kootenay, and about half way to Christina lake. The house will undoubtedly enjoy a good share of business.

IT WAS A REAL TREAT

Washington Marine Band Met a Royal Reception.

Last week's visit of the Washington Marine Band to Brooklyn, was a treat to the citizens of this appreciative town. The reception accorded them was a royal one in every way, and must have pleased

the dozen members belonging to the organization. Coming as they did as members of the Salvation Army, their visit was a distinct benefit to that cause, not only here but in every town in Kootenay which was visited in their tour.

The organization, which belongs to the Salvation Army, held open air meetings here which were attended by a large proportion of the population of Brooklyn. The collections exceeded those taken in Nelson or elsewhere in Kootenay, showing the appreciation by Brooklyn citizens of the good work being done by the Salvation Army. In the evening the band gave a concert to a packed house, that was a real treat to our music lovers. The receipts from all sources amounted to \$64.

Wm. Parker, the townsite owner, through whose enthusiastic endeavors the visit of the band was secured, was unremitting in his efforts to make the affair a success and he was amply rewarded by the warm reception accorded. Thanks are due the Anderson House, International and Central Hotels, Queen and Gem restaurants, Messrs. Barry and McKay, Kootenay Lumber Co., and Mann, Foley Bros. and Larson, for assistance in furnishing accommodations and in fitting up the tent.

Brooklyn was not the only place represented at the concert. Quite a number came across the lake from the neighboring town of Deer Park, to enjoy the music, among them being Mr. and Mrs. McCardle, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Kyle, Judge McGreger, Jack Robinson, John L. Benjamin and Proprietor Williams of the Grand View Hotel.

An incident worthy of special mention was the reception accorded Mr. Dickson, the evangelist, when introduced by Brigadier Howell during the concert to make some announcements. It was a tribute worthy of the man and the work he has been doing in our midst, and was an evidence of the appreciation in which he is held by Brooklyn citizens.

WILL OPEN ON MONDAY.

Brooklyn's New Opera House to be Ready.

Manager Crowley, of the new Brooklyn Opera House, informs the News that he will be all ready for business next Monday. A force of five men have been at work all the week on the floating pleasure resort, and are now putting on the finishing touches. With a 12x25 stage, having a proscenium opening of 17 feet in the clear, it will answer the purpose for which it is intended most admirably. The first attraction will be the cyclorama of the Spanish-American war, and promises to be more than usually interesting. Special scenery is being painted by a competent artist and everything will be done for the comfort of guests.

Another admirable feature is that during the day time it will be arranged for a reading room, something for which there is a great need in Brooklyn. Altogether, Messrs. Crowley and Reid, the proprietors, intend to make it a resort where anyone can enjoy himself.

On next Saturday, August 27th, "Around the world to the Klondike," will be presented.

Another Steamer for Brooklyn.

Brooklyn has another steamer added to the fleet which touches at this fine wharf. The C. P. R. steamer Illiciliwaet, heretofore running between Arrowhead and Thompson's Landing this spring, has been withdrawn from that route and will hereafter ply between Brooklyn and Robson, leaving Brooklyn at 8 a. m. and Robson at 4 p. m., on the arrival of the freight train from Nelson. The steamer is now run by Captain Hughes and will touch at all points between here and Robson and will be used particularly for carrying powder on certain days. This will give Brooklyn even better facilities for transportation and will doubtless prove a convenience to the traveling and freighting public.

ALONG THE LINE

Progress Made in the Different Camps.

STILL SHORT OF HELP

Work Being Pushed With All Possible Speed—J. G. McLean & Co. Begin on Their Contract.

There are nearly 90 men in the tote road gang, making on an average about two miles per week.

Burns & Jordan now have some thirty men at work on their rock cutting contract at Camp No. 8, and could use more.

There are two stores in tents on the line; one about 14 and another 17 miles from Brooklyn, carrying a general line except groceries.

George Sturgis went out this week to take charge of J. G. McLean's boarding house. He is an experienced man at this work.

Anderson & Applequist, who have a contract for a mile and a half, 18 miles out, like most of the contractors, complain of a shortage of men.

Contractor Koydendall has about 100 men at work on his two mile contract, including station men. He is now looking for more horses and carts.

At Videen's camp, about eight miles down toward Robson, there is a good sized force employed, but 100 more men could easily be put to work.

In three days last week Brown's tote road gang built five miles of road, said to be unusually quick work. They are pushing it for all it is worth.

O'Leary has begun work on the approaches to his 300-foot tunnel just above Shields' Landing. About 125 men are employed and as many more are wanted.

J. H. Graham took out a lot of supplies last Sunday for his new hostelry, the Divide hotel, located about 15 miles from this city, on the main tote road.

Station work is a popular method of getting a large part of the contracts completed, many laborers claiming to be able to do better than by day's work.

Peter Larson and Contractor J. G. McLean went out to the present end of the tote road Monday morning, to take a survey of the line of construction in that vicinity.

The machinery for the McPherson Bros. & Stout saw mill has been shipped and is expected shortly. The mill will be turning out bridge timbers about the 10th of next month.

Ryberg's camp now has a force of upwards of 85 men, who eat there square meals a day; but like Oliver Twist, in common with other contractors, Mr. Ryberg is crying for "more."

Work has started on the second tunnel, being driven by Contractor Olsen about 23 miles out. He will have 150 men at work when in full blast, and have fine quarters built for their accommodation.

B. Quass returned Sunday from a trip to Cascade City. He took the Foot and Walker line on the way back, making the 47 miles inside of a day and a half. He says that town lots in Cascade are held at \$800 each, 50x120 feet in size.

J. T. Donaldson is erecting a 54x 20 hotel building, two stories high, about 19 miles out, near Anderson's

camp, to be ready for business in two weeks. Mr. Donaldson formerly ran a hotel at Goat River Landing on the Crow's Nest line.

Fred Stamwitz, the popular bookkeeper for J. G. McLean & Co., is once more with that well known contracting firm. Fred has many friends among the railroad men. He will probably be located at the point of operations, about 25 miles from Brooklyn.

Gladstone is the name of a new townsite about 20 miles from Brooklyn, on the tote road; where S. J. Wisner has his log hotel, and is preparing to do a rushing business. He has secured a license to retail liquors, and is located across the divide in Yale district.

Mrs. Phillips, wife of Contractor Phillips, who with Mr. McIver, has 40 stations beyond the tunnel, had a narrow escape last week, a rock from a blast striking the pillow where she had been lying but a moment before. A cyclone cellar now protects the children of the family from any further possibility of harm.

A. J. McLellan, who has the contract from Station No. 8 to No. 80, from the summit west, was in Brooklyn last Monday. He says he is making first rate progress with his rock cutting with the 45 men now on, but wants at least 50 more just as soon as they can be had. His camp is about 14 miles from Brooklyn.

After the Contract.

James D. Sword, of Rossland, representing the Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill Co., and F. R. Mendenhall, of the same place, representing the Rand Drill Co., were in the city yesterday, figuring on the contract for furnishing the air compressor for McLean Bros., who have the contract for boring the long 3100 foot tunnel, to be driven through the mountain five miles from Brooklyn. Mr. Sword secured the order, which calls for a 12-drill air compressor.

Opened on Friday.

Yesterday the Windsor Hotel, on First street, was thrown open throughout to the public. It is owned by E. A. Dills, with Manager Shanks in charge. The hotel is new and complete in every detail, and has commenced business at a favorable time. Every thing that the weary or thirsty traveler needs can be found here, and the house will doubtless get its share of the patronage.

ANOTHER LARGE OUTFIT

J. G. McLean & Co. at Work 25 Miles Out.

Monday evening the steamer Lytton brought up a large cargo consisting largely of the grading outfit of J. G. McLean & Co.—one of the best outfits on the right of way. It was at once gotten under way for the scene of operations, about 25 miles out towards Christina lake. In the outfit were 28 head of splendid draft horses, two miles of rails and a large assortment of wagons, carts and paraphernalia used in this character of work. It is estimated that the outfit is worth about \$8,000, being most complete in every particular.

McLean Co. is one of the best known firms of railway contractors in the Kootenays and in the northwest, having had contracts on nearly all the lines built in late years, including the Great Northern, Crow's Nest, Sloca Valley and others. They will make the rock and dirt fly to some purpose when they get fairly under way, and will lose no time in finishing their two miles.

BROOKLYN BUDGET

Try the Central short order lunch counter. Open night and day. Just what you want. tf

The steamer Trail took down six cars of coke on Monday, destined for the Trail smelter.

The removal of several trees near the bridge on First street this week has greatly improved that thoroughfare.

Several carpenters were sent for from Cascade City the other day, there being a few buildings under way there.

FOR SALE—Cheap, quarter interest in a promising mining claim. Inquire at BROOKLYN News office if you want a snap. tf

The cheapest and best place in town to have your watch cleaned and regulated. John Leighton, First street, opposite Alliance hotel. tf

Five business houses in Brooklyn are now lighted with gas. Nothing is too good for the up-to-date merchants of the Arrow lake railway center.

Only the best work done at the Alliance Laundry. Satisfaction guaranteed. tf

Remember the BROOKLYN News when you want printing. Letter-heads, bill-heads, envelopes, cards and all classes of printing promptly executed.

Go to Manuel's for freshest fruits and choice imported and domestic cigars. tf

Justice McGregor, of Deer Park, gave one R. Sullivan 30 days in the Nelson jail, in which to reflect on the foolishness of using too much essence of corn.

Short order lunch counter, open day and night. Call on the Central. tf

Kootenay Laundry will call at the hotels for washing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Nothing but first class work done. Work done on short notice.

Everything neat and clean. Open night and day at the Central lunch counter. tf

The C. P. R. announces that the Arrowhead and Thompson Landing service, performed by the steamer Illecilliwaet, was withdrawn last Monday, the 15th inst.

All kinds of stationery, magazines and newspapers at Udall's. tf

B. Tipping, of Slocan City, a young fellow of 17, employed on the steamer Trail, had his foot badly crushed last Sunday at Nakusp, by a piece of railroad iron. He was taken to the Nelson hospital Sunday for treatment.

Patronize the Alliance Laundry. Satisfaction guaranteed. tf

The BROOKLYN News is prepared to furnish the best in the world—bar none—in the line of job printing and general office stationery. Bring in your orders for envelopes, letter heads, cards, tags, and in fact, anything made with ink and paper.

The Alliance Laundry will give you satisfaction every time. tf

Improvement is the order continually in the popular Anderson house. This week the dining room was made as fresh as a young girl in a new summer dress, by a becoming dress of wall paper. Every night this house is full to overflowing.

Cigars by the box at wholesale prices at Udall's. tf

Last Sunday evening's meeting was the last one in the series held for several weeks in Brooklyn by Messrs. Dickson and Williams, the evangelists. During their stay here the young men have made numerous friends by their earnest and practical work.

The fish are biting at Udall's baits. tf

Subscribe to the Brooklyn News and get all the news of the Magic City and of the construction camps

along the line. Send a copy to your friends back east, and let them see what a progressive city is like. Only \$2 per year or \$1 for 6 mos.

All persons wishing mail delivered on the line of the Robson & Penticton railway are requested to leave their names with time-keepers at any of the company's camps, and mail will be promptly delivered. tf

W. PARKER.

F. W. Crocker, the enterprising owner of Brooklyn's water system, says that he is getting new patrons almost every day. The citizens and business men of Brooklyn evidently appreciate having the pure mountain water, direct from the land of eternal snows, piped into their establishments.

COMING AND GOING.

Alex Boyd recently left town.

Manager McMillan, the energetic Calgary Brewing Co.'s agent, spent last Sunday in Rossland.

Miss Howarth, daughter of J. H. Howarth, the well known jeweler, arrived in the city this week, and will in future make her home here.

H. E. T. Haultain, the mining engineer of Rossland, was in town this week, for the purpose of visiting some promising properties back of Brooklyn.

J. C. Shonk, one of the owners of the ice houses and saw mill at Lemon creek, in the Slocan Valley branch, was doing business here last Wednesday.

Dan Thomas has returned from a week's trip to Spokane and Rossland, where he found the weather about ten per cent warmer than in Brooklyn-by-the-lake.

George Kydd, the well known manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, of Nelson, was a recent visitor to the city, and expressed himself most favorably of Brooklyn.

O. J. Frederick, of the Park Hotel, went over the line to Cascade City last Wednesday, where he has leased a hotel with his partner, Mr. Peterson. He looks for a good business this fall.

Phil. Mitchell, of Mitchell Bros., the well known merchant tailors, joined his brother Fred in this city last Sunday. He came from Slocan City, and will make his home in busy Brooklyn in the future.

Two Sisters of Mercy, from the Mater Misericordial Hospital, Rossland, have been visiting several of the camps during the last week, on behalf of that excellent institution. They report having had fair success but will return later when more men are at work.

F. R. C. Beer, the postmaster at Robson, was in town last Sunday. While here he took note of the inadequate mail facilities of this burg. Mr. Beer says that Robson is destined to be the great metropolis of the Kootenays,—but he neglected to say whether it would be on this earth or the next.

Wisdom in Solid Chunks.

The salary of a clerk who could bring his employer business to the amount of \$100 for every \$5 paid him would not be considered profitless expense. Rather an investment and a good one, too. No hesitancy would be felt in keeping him. In fact, it would be considered poor business policy to think of dismissing him.

Successful merchants look at advertising from this standpoint. The analogy is a perfect one. Advertising belongs to the same class of expense as does clerk hire.

Why do not merchants dispense with their clerks in order to keep down their expense?

Simply because they could not conduct that business without hired help.

Good advertisements are active salesmen.

Judicious advertising can not help but prove a profitable investment.

L. M. LIVINGSTON
& COMPANY.

General
Merchandise
Groceries,
Provisions,
Gent's
Furnishings,
Hardware.

Brooklyn and Deer Park, B. C.

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Best of Row Boats to Rent at all Hours.

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Baker Street, - - - Nelson, B. C.

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WHOLESALE

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JUST WHAT YOU
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Our well assorted stock includes
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GROCERIES, BOOTS, SHOES,
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Makes Daily trips
TO ROBSON

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Returning, leave Robson
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Manufacturers of

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Cots.

For Sale by all Furniture Dealers.

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Dealers in

Hay, Feed,
Produce &
Vegetables

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MRS. H. Y. ANDERSON, Prop.

Raets: \$1.50 to
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The Dining Room is under the management of
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Good Airy Rooms + + Clean Beds

First-class Bar in connection

St. Louis Beer.....Pabst Beer.....Schlitz Beer

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ALLIANCE HOTEL.

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Railroaders' Headquarters

Fine WINES, LIQUORS DINING ROOM IN CON-
and CIGARS. NECTION.

First Street, Brooklyn, B. C.

Brooklyn Exchange.

AUNE & HOVEN, Props.

Fine Wines Liquors and Cigars
Comfortable Rooms

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Best brands of Wines,
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EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS.

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Bar stocked with Finest Wines, Liquors & Cigars.

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ALL KINDS

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WILL SOON OPEN

Brooklyn to Have a Good Public School.

PETITION WAS SENT IN

Will Be a Great Inducement to Families to Settle Here--More Than Required Number on List.

Brooklyn must have all the latest and the best of everything. In fact, nothing is too good for its citizens and those who have staked out claims in this burg, and believe in it. No well regulated community can expect any degree of permanency unless provision is made for the education of the rising generation. This want has already been felt in Brooklyn and the News is pleased to state that there is no doubt that the need will be supplied at an early date.

Mrs. K. D. Mehan, of this city, who has a family, took the matter up, and with the help of John W. Manuel, the enterprising cigar dealer, has ascertained that over 25 children of school age are now located here--the legal requirement being 20.

Correspondence has been entered into with S. D. Pope, of Victoria, provincial superintendent of public instruction, and Mr. Manuel has forwarded to him a petition signed by a number of heads of families in the city, asking that a public school be established here and a qualified teacher sent to take charge. After the necessary formalities have been gone through with and the usual amount of official red tape unwound there will doubtless be every chance afforded for teaching the young ideas of Brooklyn how to shoot.

It is hoped that the details can all be arranged within a few weeks at the most. In the meantime parents who favor the establishment of a public school, should give their names to Mrs. Mehan or Mr. Manuel, who will gladly add them to the list.

MEN ARE COMING FAST

Bigger Forces now at Work in the Camps.

During the last week between 300 and 400 additional men have been secured by Messrs. Mann, Foley Bros. & Larson, and put to work on the Robson-Penticton branch of the Columbia & Western railway. The agents of the contractors in Victoria, Vancouver, San Francisco, Boston, New York and elsewhere, report good success in securing men for the work, and in a comparatively short time they expect to get all the laborers needed. The price offered is the uniform one of \$2 per day, and the contractors advance transportation to Brooklyn. One agent, located at Boston, wired that he had just sent forward 300 men, and more will doubtless follow.

Fair progress is being made on the work all along the line, and the tote road is now completed for about 25 miles to Christina lake. Progress on this tote road is a little slower just now, as the men have encountered considerable rock work.

Men are strung out all over the contract getting out ties, of which about 300,000 will be required. One-half of these are contracted for by Genelle & Co., and the balance by McPherson Bros. & Stout. Six kinds of timber can be used for this work--hemlock, spruce, red fir, cedar, tamarack, pine. Many men are being added to the force of tie makers continually, some preferring this class of work.

Every camp is gradually but surely increasing the number of workmen employed, and consequently the contractors are beginning to wear a more beatific smile as a rule. As soon as the harvest is over there will undoubtedly be all the help needed. As it is, the daily arrivals will now average between 30 and 50 men.

A BIG CASH DEAL.

The Center Star Mine was Sold for \$2,000,000.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Aug. 12.—The great Center Star mine, says the Rossland Miner, brought the biggest price ever paid for a mining property in the Kootenays. The price is

\$2,000,000, and it is a cash transaction. The purchasers are the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate of Toronto, who own the controlling interest in the War Eagle Consolidated Mining and Development company.

The deal has been in progress over a year, and the property has been carefully examined by some of the most eminent mining experts in the country. Among these was Captain James Morrish, the superintendent of the Velvet. The reports of these experts were unanimously favorable, as they all told the same story of the great extent and permanence of the ore deposits and the large quantities of pay ore in the mine.

On the part of the Centre Star company Oliver Durant, of Spokane, the general manager of the company, carried on the negotiations. They were protracted and many points of disagreement arose during the progress of the deal.

It is stated on behalf of the new owners of the property that the development work will be immediately resumed on a larger scale, and that a large power plant will be installed and as many men as can be accommodated will be put to work. It is stated on the start 200 men will be employed. The mine is in such excellent condition, and so much ore being ready to stope, that it is thought within a very short time the shipments could be made to come up to 500 tons per day, and a little further on this could, by a little extra effort, be increased to double that quantity.

The experts who have examined the property unite in declaring that it is by far the best mine in the camp. The sale is on the basis of \$4 per share, or four times the par value of the shares, as the capital stock was only \$500,000.

Of the 500,000 shares of capital stock, Oliver Durant and Alexander Tarbet, of Salt Lake, own 360,000 shares, Sir Charles Ross, Bart., owns 40,000 shares, and the Patrick Largey estate of Butte, Mont., most of the remaining 100,000. It is stated that Mr. Williamson has invested \$100,000 of his own money with the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate in the purchase of the Centre Star.

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