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The Crawford Mill.

Mr. W. Pellew Harvey has advice that the Mechanical Gold Extractor Co. of New York, have despatched a mill to him. It will be erected in Golden with the intention of shewing by actual practice what can be done in the way of saving gold. It is not necessary that the existing gold be free. The process is simple and inexpensive and has many advantages over the old system of amalgamation.

Hospital Subscriptions.

To the list of promises to this fund should be added that of Capt. Gordon for $50. This was overlooked in last week's issue.

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS for the work of erecting hospital building will be received by the Secretary until
12 O'clock August 19th.
Plans and specifications can be seen at the Kootenay House on and after the 13th August.
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LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Mr. John E. Askwith left for Ottawa on Sunday last.

Rev. Mr. Ross of Donald went up river on Tuesday.

Messrs. Archie Langlain and W. McTaggart came in this week.

The caulitlowers grown on Mr. Jno. Gibson's ranch are perfection.

Mr. A. G. M. Spragge and Rev. J. C. C. Kemm were in town this week.

Mr. Robertson and Capt. Gordon took a run down from the ranch this week.

Mrs. Dainard is having a dwelling house erected under the superintendence of Mr. R. F. Wilson.

Gold Commissioner Cummins and Lieut. T. B. H. Cochrane were noticed in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Jas. Henderson, Golden, has received the contract for building the new manse at Donald.

Mr. Patrick, D.L.S., Calgary is here and finds plenty of work. Good men are always in demand.

Mrs. Shaw and child came in on No. 2 last Thursday and left for Thunder Hill on Friday morning.

St. Paul's Church, Golden, Aug. 13. Morning service and holy communion. Evening service as usual.

The vegetable crop in and around Golden is excellent. Cabbages, potatoes and cauliflower are in a flourishing condition.

Silver has risen slightly since our metal report was printed. It has touched 75¼ cents in New York and 34d. in London.

Mr. Fred M. Wells came in from Houser lake last week and brought some rock from that section along with him for assay.

There has been a great change in the weather this week. The thermometer has fallen considerably and so has the Kicking Horse river.

The directors of the Bobbie Burns Mining Co. are expected up from Victoria this week, they will then proceed to the McMurdo basin.

Our friend Chas. A. Warren, Esq., is having an addition made to his store and is busily engaged paying out freight for imported goods.

Messrs. Wm. Clements, Dan McNeish, Bert Low, Dave Dickie and Barney O'Rourke are to be numbered amongst this week's arrivals.

Bishop Sillitoe, New Westminster and Rev. J. C. C. Kemm passed East on Tuesday en route for Field where confirmation service will be held.

Messrs. F. Owen and Geo. McCabe went out into the McMurdo district on Tuesday. McCabe will bring in 1000 lbs of quartz and have a mill test made.

Mr. Douglas, of Kennedy & Douglas, Mr. Jackson, of Moore & Mowat, and Mr. Manchester of Ottawa, all representing tailoring firms have visited here this week.

Work is being pushed ahead on the Alexander Block. The warehouse under way for Mike Carlin will be a very commodious one. Mike has taken the two stores in this block.

We regret to hear that the Misses Mollison of Field have had a severe loss this week. Mr. Mollison their brother died on Monday last, universal sympathy is expressed for the bereaved.

Messrs. J. C. Pitts and Geo. Neilson were at the meeting re hospital on Thursday. Mr. Neilson has about $270 on his list and Mr. Pitts about $50. So the subscriptions are getting along nicely.

Messrs. J. R. Costigan, F. W. Padmore, I. S. Freeze, and F. Dick, all of Calgary, came in on Thursday and left for the upper country on Friday.

Mr. D. D. Mann, of Montreal, also went up the river on Friday.

Hewett's Mussettes gave two entertainments in Golden this week, both of which were much enjoyed and appreciated. The houses were well filled on each occasion, thus shewing that the entertainment was worthy of the patronage given.

Rumor has reached town of a trouble in the Upper Country with the Kootenay Indians. It is said that Supt. Vowell has been telegraphed for and that the Attorney General's department has had official intimation concerning trouble of a serious nature. More anon.

We would call the attention of all our readers to the Qualification and Registration of voter's notice in this issue. It is important that all who are not sure if they are on the list of voters for East Kootenay should apply for form on which to make formal application for admission to it. Mr. Moodie has the necessary papers and would be glad to distribute to any person requiring same. The only requirement is that the applicant has resided in the Province one year, the district two months and that he is 21 years of age.

We are sorry to have to record the suspension of work on the North Star mine. With a confirmation of this report we have had no particulars, but have enough facts to lead us to believe that the sole trouble is the great question of depressed prices in the silver market. Congress will have met ere this and whatever is decided with reference to the Sherman Act will abate somewhat the critical position of the white metal. As things stand no one knows what may come next and it is hardly to be wondered at that silver companies throughout the world are acting just as the North Star Mining Co. have done. Besides the low price of silver which undoubtedly has decided the management in their prompt action, we believe the prime movers in this deal are anxious to have time to shape the "Company" and to place future operations on a very sound basis. The North Star is just as good as ever and one of the best mines in Kootenay, the present closing has nothing to do with the mine as a mine.

Reading Room or Mechanics Institute.

Golden is gradually growing and will grow, at the present moment there is no amusement provided of a nature to suit the literary taste of the inhabitants. Is it not possible to make a move and do something in the way of establishing an Institute here? The cost would be nominal if it were taken in hand by the majority and the benefits are more than we would like to state. There are many towns much smaller than this in the Province, in which one can find a Reading Room and we think it pretty nearly time that steps were taken to organize and put these suggestions into practice. We should be glad of the ideas of some of our readers on the subject and will readily and willingly enter heartily into the scheme if supported ably by those who should be interested —"The Public."

The President's Message.

The President's address is too long to be published here, but the summing up may be of interest as it contains a recommendation for the repeal of the Sherman Act:

Whatever else the people have a right to expect from Congress they may certainly demand that legislation condemned by the ordeal of three years' disastrous experience shall be removed from the statute books as soon as their representatives can legitimately deal with it. It was my purpose to summon Congress in special session early the coming September, that we might enter promptly upon the work of tariff reform, which the true interests of the country clearly demand, which so large a majority of the people as shown by their suffrages desire and expect and to the accomplishment of which every effort of the present administration is pledged, but while tariff reform has lost nothing of its immediate and permanent importance, and must in the near future engage the attention of Congress, it has seemed to me that the financial condition of the country should at once, and before all other subjects, be considered by your honorable body. I earnestly recommend the prompt repeal of the provisions of the act passed July, 14, 1890, authorizing the purchase of silver bullion, and that other legislative action may put beyond all doubt or mistake the intention and ability of the Government to fulfill its pecuniary obligations in money universally recognized by all civilized countries.

The President's message was listened to with intense interest by the members of the House, and the conclusion of its reading was greeted with applause, not confined to any section of the chamber.

A Herald Washington special shows the poll of the Senate and House on the Sherman silver law as follows: For unconditional repeal, 39; for conditional repeal, 20; opposed to repeal, 14; noncommittal, 10; total, 83. Of the five senators not here accounted for, Mr. Morgan is absent, Mr. Beckwith has resigned, Mr. Perkins has not been sworn in and the seats of Mr. Mantle and Mr. Allen are contested. The House stands—For unconditional repeal, 137; conditional repeal, 125; opposed to repeal, 16; noncommittal, 24; total, 302.

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A WORLD MAN ON THE WING.

Richness of Ore Samples Sent to the World's Fair.

Fort Steele, in my opinion, will be much better known to the outside world in a few years than it is at the present time. Having given distances this far, and with what other information I learned that has already been published, it is to be hoped that some one will be benefitted thereby. The valley may be 10 miles wide hereabouts but, as I said in my last, it is a difficult matter to decide as it is a junction of valleys. Some might place the distance at 20 miles. That southwards, to the boundary at Tobacco Plains, is about 65 miles. Whenever I give the distance of one place to another, it is what I believe to be as nearly correct as it is possible for people to judge. During the past year I have had occasion to think that there are some terrible fibbers in British Columbia. For instance, I have asked the distance to a certain place. Nine miles was the reply. I took out my watch, noted the time and walked 15 minutes. Here I may state that I can walk three miles per hour with ease, and it is the general way in which I measure distances over trails, but the next party puts the distance at five miles. I looked at my watch again, walked briskly for two hours, met another man and asked him the distance, when, to my astonishment, I was told that it was somewhere about seven miles. No matter where I am travelling, on foot, or with a horse, I ask every man, woman and youngster that I meet the distance to the point I am heading, just for the fun of it and to see how opinions vary.

I met a man a few days ago who has been worrying through my letters for over a year; his first words were, "For Heaven's sake, Tome, when in —— are you going to let up writing about farms and mines? For a time I thought you would never get through telling us about Cariboo; then you took the coal mine fever, and you are forever writing about what some old mossback has accomplished; but I expect now that it will be Kootenay mines straight for the rest of the year." I replied that he reminded me very much of the boy who, on a very cold day hired a horse and buggy, for which he paid $3. After being out for some time he suffered so much with the cold that he thought crying would help him out. Just then he met a gentleman who asked "What's the matter?" The boy replied that he was cold. "Well," said the kind-hearted man, "why don't you get out and run awhile and warm yourself up?" The young fellow, whose nationality I don't care to give, in answer said, "I paid $3 for this rig, and I want my money's worth." I reminded my friend that if he wasn't after his money's worth and didn't like what I wrote about, he needn't read it. I also reminded him of the man, the boy and the ass, and of the fact that the World is read by many more people than any other two papers in the Province, and that among these are to be found various opinions. Some like to read one thing, some another. Many were delighted with the story printed not long since entitled Burke and Hare, whilst a few pitched at me like a mother-in-law, and said that I "should be ashamed of myself to be representing a paper that would print such a horrible tale!" Some readers admire the editorials greatly, declaring that they contain the choicest English and the brightest of ideas, others say they are not worth publishing. Some people like the City Editor, and are pleased to see him "making his mark" on the World, "for," say they, "we knew him when he was a little boy and we hoed potatoes in the same field," others say he is "too smart" and that they would "like to pull his long hair." Our manager is the finest man in the Province with hosts of people, but like the tree with good fruit, having many clubs beneath it, he has many enemies beneath him. Were I to tell of all the fault finding I would have a difficult matter to deal with; so I will quit right here, after mentioning that the writer has to listen to about two hours advice in every twenty-four. This at first annoyed me, and I was prepared to fight to a finish about every other day, but now I am delighted to have as many as possible tell me how the World should be run, and it will always be taken in good part. One gentleman told me that he was surprised that I had flown so long a time, and by his repeating the following story to me, readers can judge for themselves his reason. A Yankee orator was once making a speech, and as he waxed eloquent he said. "O if I only had the wings of an eagle I would fly to the remotest corners of this vast republic, and," — Here he was interrupted by an average American boy, who shouted, "Shut up, you old fool; you would be shot for a goose before you 'flewed' a mile." So long as I can suit the management of the World by stating plain facts about the resources of our glorious Province, I will be fully satisfied. Take away our mines, and instead of our rich soil (the products of which are attracting the whole world) give us barren land, and there would be but little besides salmon and gossip to write about. The World circulates and is read in every civilized land where the sun shines, and it is information about our resources that will still attract people from foreign shores to ours, which is admitted by those who know to be one of the most favored lands in the world to-day. The more I see of it, the more —

I love her grassy hills,
Her thousand bright and gushing rills,
Her sunshine and her storms;
Her rough and rugged rocks that rear
Their hoary heads high in the air
In wild fantastic forms.

I love her rivers deep and wide,
Those mighty streams that seaward
glide,
To seek the ocean's breast;
Her forests and her valleys fair.
Her flowers that scent the morning
air,
All have their charms for me.

In writing of British Columbia's resources I have always tried to give accurate information. True, sometimes; and again on matters I have to rely on my own opinion, which may sometimes be far from the mark, and they differ; and as I am travelling from one section to another hurriedly, reasonable people can readily understand that to be placed in my position is a very responsible one. I feel sorry to know that any one has been offended; but as I write what I believe to be true, I have nothing to retract; I will run before so doing.

I have very little to add about mines in this letter; but, as an instance of the richness of some samples of ore sent to the World's Fair, and assayed by W. Pellew Harvey of Golden, I will give the following.

Spillimacheene Mountain contributed one case of ore which assayed 58.50 per cent copper, another case 75 p.c. copper, Jubilee Mountain samples going 67 and 59.31 p.c. copper. Windermere Mountain samples from 37 to 50 p.c. copper. The highest assay in lead made by Mr. Harvey fell to the Vermont Creek claim, with 80.35 of that metal to the ton. These claims are in East Kootenay. The record in silver as may be supposed naturally fell to West Kootenay, the claim being Lake, on Four Mile creek, Slocan, with 535 ounces silver and 47p.c. lead; Payne claim, 512 ounces silver, 52 p.c. lead; Dardanelles, 479 ounces silver, 72½ p.c. lead; Wellington, 471 ounces silver, 45 p.c. lead; Bonanza King, 450½ ounces silver, 57 p.c. lead, and the Silver King, near Nelson, 444 ounces silver and 23½ p.c. copper.

Fairview camp, in Osoyoos, holds the record for gold ore, which is said to be a splendid exhibit. When the Minister of Mines' report appears it will contain a full account of the assays, as well as practical information from a metallurgical point of view on the value of the various ores for smelting purpose.

From the boundary I took passage on the steamer Nelson for Kaslo, the largest town in the Kootenay country. I noticed that there were not so many idle men lounging around to see the boat tied up as there were on my arrival there last April, and that there was a good, substantial wharf and many other improvements, that have been reported week after week by the World's resident Kaslo correspondent, who, I think, has been very faithful in giving the news of Kaslo and the mines, and thereby relieving me from going into details. In fact, his being stationed in the country has enabled him to write with exactness; and as it was the end of June when I left West Kootenay, what I intended writing has been so well threshed out that I do not purpose now to take the course I intended.

To write of the beautiful scenery alone in the Kootenay country would fill pages, and such space is not at my disposal; nor could I do it justice if it were. I would like, however, to call attention to the trip from Golden to Fort Steele and return as a tourist route. It would be hard to imagine a more delightful trip, and tourists will find the Dickens a very comfortable steamer, and the captain and crew most obliging. Excellent hunting grounds are easily accessible along the Columbia, and fishing in the lakes is unsurpassed.

I omitted to make mention of the St. Clair hot springs when writing of the Windermere section. They are about 17 miles from Windermere, half a mile from McKay's ranch, on St. Clair creek, at the head of a canyon 800 feet deep, and with perpendicular walls. They have been regarded by old settlers and Indians as possessing wonderful curative qualities. Miners and prospectors often camp at the springs for weeks. Parties not wishing to camp out can stay at McKay's ranch, where they will be provided with good accommodation. Mrs. McKay is an accomplished cook. This can be attested from the fact that A. D. Scroggy, the energetic C.P.R. agent at Seattle, stated that he got one of the best meals he ever ate in his life while there, and he is a judge. I need not refer to the Fairmount Hot Springs again, only that all can be seen and enjoyed on a trip through.

Skeletons Found.

A few days ago while workmen were engaged excavating for a foundation under the Swinford terrace, on the corner of Fort and St. Mary streets, they dug up two human skeletons, which were lying together about three feet under the surface. The terrace was built twelve years ago and the bodies must have been buried several years previously. The nose on one of the skeletons was perfectly formed, and had the appearance of being petrified. —Winnipeg Free Press.

Balfour's Idea Of It.

London, August 3.—A meeting was held to-day at the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London, for the purpose of considering the financial and business situation. The meeting was presided over by the Lord Mayor, Sir Stuart Knill. The gathering was largely attended. Among those present were the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, formerly president of the Board of Agriculture, Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, of the firm of Robarts, Lubbock & Co., bankers, Hon. Thos. F Bayard, American ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Daniel Horton, and the leading bankers of London. Mr. Balfour made an an address. He disclaimed political motives and alluded to the anxiety which was connected with the currency changes in India, and action that might be taken by the United States Government. The gold standard, Balfour declared, would never satisfy commercial wants, while a double standard alone could prevent dangerous oscillations in trade. He condemned the isolated action on the part of individual states, and recommended an international agreement fixing the ratio of value between gold and silver. In the course of his address Balfour denied that the advocates of bi-metallism aimed at the inflation of the currency. This might be true, he said, of some of the bi-metallists connected with the Western States of America, but it did not apply to the bi-metallists of Europe, who believe that the adoption of bi-metallism would prove the safest commercial policy. In the event of a European war, the debt-standard would, according to Balfour, be found very advantageous. The meeting adopted a vote of thanks to Balfour for his address.

The Coinage Crisis.

London, Aug. 3 —In the House of Commons to-day Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett (Conservative). member for the Ecclesall division of Sheffield, asked the Government whether since the stoppage of the free minting of silver in India there had been as stated a depression in the value of securities held in England to the amount of £130,900,000, whether the supply of gold was not insufficient to the monetary requirements of trade, and what measures the Government proposed to avert a financial crisis.

Prime Minister Gladstone replied that he did not know how to ascertain the truth of the assertion that a decline of the amount referred to had taken place in the value of securities held in England. He did not believe that the supply of gold was insufficient for trade requirements, and he could not announce measures to avert a crisis that he did not believe would occur.

Bush Fires.

The smoke from the fires now raging in the timber on the slopes of the Rockies has enveloped the town in a blue mist all day, while the smell of burning timber was plainly perceptible in the cool of the morning. The timber limit belonging to Major Walker has suffered considerable. It is believed that the Stony Indians started the fire originally. Herald.

The Colonies and India, which is supposed to keep a friendly eye over all the dependencies of the Empire, after an existence of twenty years or thereabouts is beginning to discover that Canada is one of them. It is possible now to find an occasional Canadian reference. For many years the Straits Settlement, or even British New Guinea, afforded greater interest to this colonial journal than the Dominion of Canada with its five millions of civilized whites. It had endless gossip about South Africa, Tasmania or Barbadoes, but rarely indeed a word about a country greater than all its favorites combined. We are glad to see this neglect being corrected. —Free Press.

Three Good Appointments.

On July 21st a new deal was made by which the oldest and best-known official in West Kootenay was relieved of part of his official duties. T. H. Giffin of Nelson is no longer mining recorder and assessor and collector of taxes. Instead, he is a "district registrar under the Supreme Court Act." Hereafter he will wrestle with contentious lawyers instead of with perverse prospectors. We are of the opinion that the new job will not be to his liking, even if it does relieve him of much laborious work. No official in Kootenay is held in higher regard by the people with whom he has come in contact, and no official performs his duties in a more conscientious manner. He is succeeded as mining recorder by W. J. Goepel of Nelson and as assessor and collector by O. G. Dennis of Kaslo. Mr. Goepel is a thorough business man, and the money he has spent in mining in West Kootenay has surely taught him the intricacies of the mining laws. He has large and varied interests in the district and will make a first-class official. Mr. Dennis has been long enough in office not to need an introduction. As an official he is popular, simply because he is not above the people whom he serves. At present he is acting as mining recorder at New Denver, and the people over there were getting up a petition praying that he be permanently stationed at that place. Mr. Dennis will make as efficient an assessor and collector as Mr. Goepel a mining recorder, and if the government continues to make such appointments in this district, the people will have no just cause for complaint. —Tribune.

A Promising Location on Houser Lake.

The most authentic news of a find in the Duncan River country is that furnished by "Dick" Gallop of Balfour, who has spent some time prospecting along the shores of Houser lake. Last month he ran across good looking ground at a point six miles above Duncan City and back from the lake about a mile and a half. On prospecting it he found three parallel veins, one of them fully twenty feet wide, the other two being between eight and ten feet. The ledges appear to be well defined, stratas of clay lying between the vein matter and the walls. The large ledge was crosscut in three places, showing the ore body to be at least twelve feet wide. Picked specimens of the ore assayed all the way from 500 to 600 ounces in silver, and samples carefully taken ran from 62 to 108 ounces. A tunnel was run in on the big ledge for twenty feet without using powder, so easy is the vein matter to work. The ground is about 900 feet higher than the lake and is easily reached with pack animals. —Nelson Tribune.

The Frenchman Apologized.

London, Aug 4. —The Bangkok correspondent of the Times telegraphs as follows: "By Admiral Humann's command the captain of the French gunboat Lion has made an unreserved apology to Capt. McLeod, of the British cruiser Pallas, for having steamed down, with crew at quarters and guns out upon the Pallas, which was lying outside the blockade line. Capt. McLeod's prudence and coolness alone averted an armed conflict. This and another similar instance of the Lion's conduct justified the Pallas in preparing to prevent being taken at a disadvantage."

London, Aug. 3. —A despatch from Bangkok dated Thursday night says: "Nothing has been done yet to carry out the presumed instructions to the French officials to raise the blockade. Residents are still anxious. The opinion is that Rear Admiral Humann is receiving orders through Saigon, where the forward party is delaying in the hope that events may enable France to increase her demands."

NEWS NOTES.

Several finds of grey copper are reported from the Lardo.

W. P. Carmichael, a pioneer of Toronto, is dead, aged eighty.

Lord Randolph Churchill is reported to be in very bad health.

The Vancouver cricket club will not visit Winnipeg as intended.

Canada captured 95 prizes out of 105 as against the world for fruit.

The discovery of mineral soap is a sensation in California.

The Reading railway has defaulted payment of its interest and bonds.

The number of people flocking to St. Anne de Beaupre this year is enormous.

A pleasure yacht with eight persons aboard sunk near Troy, N.Y. All were drowned.

Failures during the week number 436 in the United States against 150 last year, and 34 in Canada against 24 last year.

A French sea captain has made formal complaint that he was robbed of his ship and cargo by natives of Cape Breton island.

The Minister of Railways and Canals expects that the Canadian Sault St. Marie canal will be ready for traffic May 1st, next year.

There are now five vacancies in the Senate, one each in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward island.

J. Seagram's Ochello, which ran second to Martello in the Queen's Plate race at Toronto, on the Queen's birthday, has died of rupture of the bowels.

Statistics just prepared show the value of the fishery yield of Canada for the past year to be $18,041,171, a decrease of $33,007 as compared with the previous year.

An English clergyman was recently compelled to disclose the nature of the communication made to him by one of the parties in a divorce case, the plea of privelege not being admitted.

United States bonds are worth so little in the market that the National banks are finding it profitable to issue circulation against them. Relief from the present tension is in this way looked for.

Lord Aberdeen.

London, Aug. 4.—Lord Aberdeen, the new Governor-General of Canada, was tendered a banquet last night by the leading citizens of Aberdeen. His lordship, in replying to a toast, dwelt chiefly on Canada and the energy with which her people had built up their institutions. The remarkable point about the great progress made was the fact that it was done right beside so powerful a rival as the United States. Canada, he added, understood, and would prove the advantages of a steady, safe and gradual advance. She also understood and appreciated the benefits arising from ample autonomy combined with a vital but absolutely unhampering connection with the British Empire.

New York Stocks.

New York, Aug. 5 The stock market this morning showed a reactionary tendency, the pace set late yesterday having proved too fast to last. As a rule the leading issues opened slightly lower and then made a further decline as compared with yesterday's finals. The loss in ten minutes after the opening of business was ¼ to 1 per cent.

The French in Siam.

New York, Aug. 5.—The Herald this morning prints the following cable from Bangkok: "The Laigon papers say that there was some severe fighting between the Siamese and the French on July 20th on the Mekong river. It is said three hundred Siamese were killed, while the French losses were slight. The latter have occupied several more islands."

British Naval Manouvres.

London, Aug. 5.—The umpires in the naval contest between the red fleet, commanded by vice-Admiral Fairfax, and the blue fleet under the command of Rear-Admiral Fitzroy, have decided that the red fleet, which was assumed to be a fleet of the enemy, failed in its objects and have awarded the victory to the blue or defensive fleet This is the first time in the history of British manouvres of this kind that the defensive has won.

Down With High Prices For Electric Belts.

$1.55, $2.65, $3.70; former prices $5, $7, $10. Qualty remains the same—16 different styles; dry battery and acid belts—mild or strong current. Less than half the price of any other company and more home testimonials than all the rest together. Full list free. Mention this paper. W. T. BAER & CO. Windsor, Ont.

Metal Report.

We are indebted to the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York for the following quotations:—

NEW YORK, July 28, 1893.

Silver. The demand for silver for shipment has been very large for countries other than India. The supply has been increased as the mints declined to buy. Prices, London 33⅜d., New York 70c.

Copper. Market inactive at 10½c. per lb. G.M.B.'s in London £43 to £43 7s. 6d.

Lead. Market has been irregular although there is very little of it to be had and smelters are firm in their ideas and hold back expecting prices to be higher. We have to quote 3.50c. to 3.62c. per lb.

EAST KOOTENAY ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

Qualification and Registration of Voters Act 1876.

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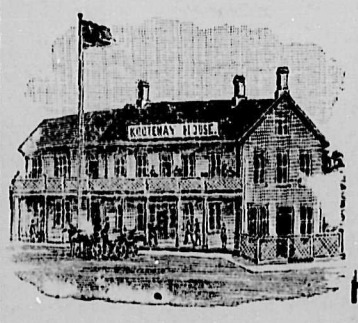

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FORT STEELE BRIEFLETS.

There is to be a townsite laid out opposite Fort Steele on Mr. Levett's land, which will be plotted immediately and sold on the most liberal terms; also the owner offers one lot free to the first five families that wish to settle there.

Mr. Wade and family are settled on the new townsite, and intend starting a dairy farm. We all wish them every success as they are a very desirable class of settlers.

During the past week the weather has been very hot.

Haying has just commenced and all are busy.

Mr. James Brady has returned from Spokane Falls and brought with him an assayer named Weeks, who will remain at Thunder Hill mine and do the assaying. Mr. Brady reports dull times at the Falls.

Mr. James Cronin who came in by last steamer, will do some development work on his claim near Moyea lake.

Mr. A. McVittie has gone to Golden but will return shortly.

Col Baker is expected here next week.

H. B. Alexander, with an expert, is examining placer properties near Perry Creek.

Judge Rouleau, Lord Norbury, Douglas Dick and Lieut. Cochrane, came in per steamer Gwendoline.

Charles Levett has added a new bar to the Steele House; the hotel is full of guests.

M. Phillipps, Indran agent, has gone to Windermere to fix up some Indian matters.

It is reported that the Windermere copper mines have been sold to an English syndicate, and that the Last Chance will likely be bought by the same parties.

Instructions have been received by Mr. Leslie Hill to close the "North Star" for the present, but it is hoped that it is only temporary, and that when matters are arranged it will be opened again with a large force of men.

Mr. Hanson has moved his saw mill from Windermere, and will put it up on the west side of Kootenay river near Bale ranch.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the E. E. K. Co's ground.

The Sherman law, which Congress is expected to repeal, is an act directing the purchase of silver bullion and the issue of treasury notes thereon. It was approved by the President July 14th, 1890, and went into effect 30 days after its passage. By the first section of the act the Secretary of the Treasury was directed to purchase from time to time silver bullion to the aggregate amount of 4,500,000 ounces, or so much thereof as might be offered each month at the market price thereof, not exceeding $1 for every three hundred and seventy-one & twenty-five hundredths grains of pure silver, and to issue in payment for such purchases of silver bullion treasury notes of the United States in denomination of not less than $1 nor more than $1,000. Section 2 made such treasury notes legal tender in payment of all public and private debts, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract, and further enacted that they should be receivable for customs, taxes and public dues, and that upon demand of the holder of any of these treasury notes, the Secretary of the Treasury should redeem such notes in gold or silver coin at his discretion, "it being the established policy of the United States to maintain the two metals on a parity with each other upon the present legal ratio, or such ratio as may be provided by law." Section 3 directed the coinage each month of two million ounces of the silver bullion purchased under the provisions of the act into standard silver dollars until July 1, 1891, and after that date the coinage of as much silver bullion as might be necessary to provide for the redemption of the treasury notes issued under the terms of the act.—Vancouver World.

AGRICULTURAL MATTERS IN THE UPPER COUNTRY.

We have endeavored to obtain a few notes as to what is doing in these matters in the Upper Country, and have pleasure in appending the following:

At Winfield Park ranch, belonging to Mr. Brownrigg, the crop of oats looks particularly well. Mr. Brownrigg broke up a fair amount of ground last autumn, and his crop on it looks very promising. On this ranch the question of irrigation is so very simple that Mr. Brownrigg has a decided advantage over many of his neighbors.

The next ranch is at Wolf creek, 34 miles distant. This ranch goes in principally for cattle raising, and more and more attention is given to getting a good crop of hay than to grain raising.

The hay crop has not looked so well for years and haying should commence in a few days.

Wasa, the residence of Mr. Hanson is reached after a journey of but four and a half miles from the last mentioned ranch. Here is at once noticed an air of improvement, Mr. Hanson being one of the energetic class -always improving. Besides owning and running a saw mill, stopping house and store, he has a small band of stock, and rejoices in the possession of by far the best garden in this part of the Kootenay district. Vegetables of all kinds have been in full swing for several weeks, and the corn and tomatoes should be ripe in a few days.

Mr. Hanson has just purchased an adjoining piece of land from the K. V. Co., which will increase the size of his meadows and make him safe against a hard winter.

Mr. Mathers has a ranch on the opposite side of the Kootenay, a few miles further down, which is particularly well off as regards meadows; he also has a good crop of oats. Mr. Mathers also owns a saw mill which is now working near Fort Steele.

At Fort Steele up to the present little has been done in the way of farming though Messrs. Galbraith and Levett have some nice looking potatoes; however, Mr. Galbraith having now got his irrigation ditch started, which will supply the whole place with water, we may expect to see the various residents on the townsite surrounded by their own vegetable and flower gardens, as the soil, undoubtedly, only needs moisture to produce crops equal to any in the district.

From Fort Steele the roads branch out in one direction to Cranbrook, the property of Col. Baker, where Mr. French, Col. Baker's manager, reports the crops never looked better; also we hear very good reports on the same subject from the mission; in the other direction the road now being extended past Bull river, passes the ranches owned by Messrs. V. Baker and F. P. Norbury. Mr. Baker goes in chiefly for stock raising, and though his hay crop is backward there is every reason to believe it will be up to the average. Mr. Norbury has a fine crop of oats and is breaking new land year by year, being in one of the most favorable situations in the country his ranch, undoubtedly, has a great future before it.

Besides the above ranches Messrs. Pete Boyle and Roger Moore give most encouraging accounts of their crops.

The calf crop throughout the country will, undoubtedly, be small this season owing to the past severe winter but on the whole the upper district never appeared in a more prosperous condition, and as the country is now being rapidly opened up by steamboat communication, and railroads shortly to be built, the settlers in this portion of the district may well feel satisfied with what the future appears to have in store for them.

GOLDEN HOSPITAL.

A public meeting was held in the Kootenay House on Thursday evening to receive the report of the committee appointed at the meeting held in the School House on June 11th, and to arrange for future action.

The following gentlemen were among those present: Capt. Gordon, W. Miller, C. W. Bubar, E. Plowright, G. Mattick, Capt. Armstrong, J. F. Armstrong, C. A. Warren, J. C. Greene, F. Lang, H. Connacher, W. McNeish, W. Tait, J. Marshall, M. Dainard, F. Glover, Mr. Woodley, A. P. Cummins, A. P. Patrick of Calgary, G. E. Manuel of Donald, and W. G. Neilson of Beaver.

Mr. J. F. Armstrong having been called to the chair, the secretary explained that since the last meeting the committee had succeeded in obtaining from the Prov. Government the offer of $2,000 towards the building expenses, a free site from the Dominion Government and a liberal response to the call for subscriptions, the amount promised being about $1,200 with one or two places to hear from. The secretary also stated that the building site had been chosen and duly surveyed by a Dom. Land Surveyor, and that building plans were being prepared by a firm of architects in Calgary who had supplied a rough sketch of the proposed hospital. The sketch was submitted to the meeting and appeared to be generally approved.

After a general informal discussion it was decided to form the Golden Hospital Society, the present committee with the addition of Mr. Jas. Brady to represent Thunder Hill, being unanimously elected to act as trustees for the first year. The management will at once call for tenders for the erection of the building, which will be pushed forward with all possible despatch, and will also take prompt steps for the engagement of a doctor. Judging from the evident interest expressed by those present and the many promises of future support our hospital bids fair to be a great success. The hands of the present management will be greatly strengthened by the prompt payment of all subscriptions to Mr. H. Connacher, Sec.-Treasurer.

Our Gold Districts.

More than usual attention is being given by mining men throughout the Province to the gold districts of the Middle Fork and McMurdo. A company is in course of formation at Victoria to take over a very promising property, the Bobbie Burns, and we hear of several other individuals who are becoming interested in the various gold ledges around. We would remind any gold seeker that here are many good prospects awaiting development and that it is lack of capital and this alone which has so far interfered with progress.

Passenger List.

Up River, Aug. 5. - Messrs. Hon. J. Lascelles, Jones, Arinsow, G. Alexander, A. McVittie, Mr. and Mrs. Hastie, Mrs. Huckle, Mrs. Brown.

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" 12:00	50	Galena " arrive	3 2 50	" 19:00
" 7:00	100	Windermere " "	5 00	Wed. and Saturday 10:00
" 4:00	113	Adela " "	5 50	" 15:00
Wed. and Sun. 18:00	118	" Tramway leave		" 15:30
" 16:00	128	Thunder Hill, s. Port arr.	7 00	" 17:30
" 15: 0	130	Canal Flat, " "	7 00	" 18:00
Sunday 15:00	"	" Stage leave		Thursday 7:00
" 7:00	166	Wasa "	11 00	Friday 7:00
Saturday 12:00	180	Fort Steele "	12 00	" 10:00

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