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ALBERT POINT MYSTERY

Cleared up After the Lapse of Several Months.

It will be remembered that shortly before the str. Lytton tied up for the winter, her officers brought down word that the body of a man had been discovered at Albert Point, a few miles distant from the head of the lake. Provincial Officer Fauquier at the time chartered the Arrow and cruised along the shore in the neighborhood of the point, but his search was unavailing, because of the snow.

Last Saturday, however, word was again received that the melting snow had uncovered the body, which could be easily discerned from the water. Officer Fauquier at once organized a search party and early Sunday morning departed for Albert Point on the Arrow. A short stop was made at the Hot Springs to secure a person said to have spoken to deceased a short time before his death, but the party could not be found. As the boat approached the point, the body was observed with the back towards the water, reclining on its right side, and close up to a large rock, not above 50 feet from the extremity of the land. A landing was speedily effected, but the sight that awaited the searchers was ghastly beyond description, and proved almost too much for some, who then wished themselves far from the spot.

The body was in a forward stage of decomposition, but the odor arising therefrom, fortunately, was but slight. The skull was entirely devoid of flesh or hair, while the throat was equally as bad. One hand had rotted away, and the fingers of the other dropped off as the remains were turned over. Beneath the clothing the flesh appeared quite natural, though sadly emaciated. As stated above, the body was resting on its right side, with the right leg and arm bent beneath. The clothes consisted of rough hob-nailed lace shoes, grey woolen socks pulled up over blue overalls, dark grey tweed suit and common wool underclothing. The shirt was of dark material, with a white stripe, and lying about a foot farther up the rock was deceased's black felt hat.

An old sail was procured and the remains stretched thereon, preparatory to an examination of the clothes being made ere the remains were enclosed in the coffin. In the pockets of the overalls and vest were found a quantity of tobacco, matches, a white bone-handled clasp knife, and a slip of paper with the word "Peter" written thereon in pencil; and some figures. In the coat pockets were a spool of cotton, some buttons, string, and a couple of pieces of rag. It was in the hip pocket of the pants were the means of identification were found. A small red pocket book was emptied out, and upon being dried two papers were discovered. Both of these bore the name of P. Johnson, One was a poll tax receipt and the other a hospital receipt, from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, clearly showing that deceased had been employed on that road during construction. The receipts bore the dates of Oct. 23rd and Oct. 31st, 1893, respectively.

From the position of the body, Johnson had evidently lain down in an exhausted condition, and had expired, without a struggle. His coat was folded up beneath him, presumably to soften his hard couch. No food or money were found on him, and it is thought he had attempted to walk to the head of the lake, but the difficulties had proven too great for him. To reach the spot where found he must have clambered over a series of precipitous and ragged bluffs, while before him remained a weary tramp of many miles before assistance could have been obtained. On the return voyage the following document was drawn up and attested by six witnesses: "We, the undersigned, having viewed the remains of one supposed (by poll tax receipt and hospital receipt found on body) to have been P. Johnson, are unable to form any conclusion from the decomposed state of the body as to the cause of death." Upon arriving here the boat was met by a large concourse of people, who followed the remains in respectful silence to the cemetery. There a decent burial was accorded the body, in accordance with the beautiful liturgy of the Episcopalian Church.

Many enquiries have since been made as to the identity of the deceased, not a few claiming acquaintanceship with him. All were baffled, however, with the description of the clothes, excepting one man, who established his claim by means of the knife and shirt. From him it was learned that Johnson was a Swede, about 28 or 30 years of age, and of an erratic disposition. He had worked on the Nelson & Fort Shepherd road, and then came up to the Nakusp & Slocan Railway, working on the McLean contract till the end of December. He then stopped at the Prospect House for a short time, afterwards leaving for the Hot Springs on the Lytton. There his actions end, so far as the clues go. Deceased had relatives on the American side.

WILSON CREEK.

Various Improvements Effected in That Hustling Burg.

Messrs. Nault and Muirhead departed for Wilson Creek early Saturday morning, the latter having come in on Wednesday. At the townsite a great deal of work has been accomplished, but much yet remains to be done. Mr. Nault's store has been erected and the goods put into shape. The first consignment consisted of seven tons, conveyed to the townsite from the head of the lake on a scow. The store building is large and well built, having living apartments overhead, while the stock carried is varied and extensive.

The hotel which is of two stories and 50 feet in length, apart from the kitchen, is almost ready for the roof. It is to be fixed up in first class condition, each room being tastefully papered and decorated, while all the fixtures will be substantial and good. An office is to be erected at the side of the hotel.

No clearing has yet been attempt- on the townsite, because of the snow which is still on the ground. So soon as practicable a force of men will be employed and the work rushed through.

The steamboat wharf was completed over a week ago, to deep water. This will permit of any boat tying up thereto at any season, while its capacity is sufficient for all the requirements of the ploce.

Mr. Nault has received the contract for putting in a Y switch at that point for the N.& S.R., necessitating upwards of 1,000 feet of grading. This will give employment to a small gang of men.

It has been decided to give the townsite some definite name, but just what it will be has not been fully resolved on.

Fish in the neighborhood of the creek are abundant, whole shoals of them being noticeable frequently. The trout run as high as 20 pounds in weight.

The mineral resources of the country within five miles of the place are rapidly coming to the front. During the past week another strike of paying ore was discovered not two miles distant. The ledge is well defined and traceable for some distance.

Curley Robinson is once more in the restaurant arena. He has leased the Great Northern Hotel dining room, in Kaslo, and is serving meals that will tickle the palate of any ordinary individual.

TO THE PEOPLE OF NAKUSP.

A Voice From Among the Denizens of Trout Creek.

Editor of Nakusp Ledge:

SIR,—Perhaps a few lines from the neighborhood of Trout creek to the citizens of Nakusp would not come amiss on this occasion. For a short time then. O ye people, forget the price of silver and cease to speculate as to the possibilities or probabilities of the continuation of the ever-present and all-important Nakusp & Slocan Railway, and, in the spring time of the year, turn your thoughts to another of our many resources; to the Arcadia of West Kootenay—Trout creek and its environments.

All the way from the foot of the Upper Arrow Lake to the head of the Lower Arrow Lake the river's banks are parcelled out in protoplasmic ranches, waiting but for the touch of the magician—man—to convert their seeming sterility into the full-grown fruit-bearing tree of horticulture—to say nothing of agriculture. About 30 half sections have been pre-empted during the past six months and considerable more than half the owners have been in residence during the winter. Tracts of timber-covered country, and prairies, with wild hay luxuriantly covering their virgin soil, which, until lately, knew only the simple tepee of our dusky foreloopers—the Siwash and his family—are now besprinkled plentifully with the log cabin of the settler.

In no place within this mountain-begirt province has nature scattered her gifts with so lavish a hand. In most places the timber, although superlative in quality, is not so thick as to discourage the intending settler; and on a great many ranches cultivation can be commenced at once with little or no preliminary clearing. Deer and grouse are plentiful, and the magnificent fish which abound in the river form no insignificant quota to the larder of the embryonic rancher. Here, at least, one can hold aloof from the ghastly struggle for "Government appropriations" for wagon roads, and stand calmly by, and with a superior smile let the votaries of red tape and boodleism stalk round like a lewd spectre with unwholesome breath, making all things it comes in contact with infected with its own sickly and phthysical organization.

Trout creek is almost perihelion in this respect. Situated on one of the finest waterways in North America, the facilities for import and export are almost incalculable. The land is extremely well suited for the cultivation of garden produce and fruits, but it is doubtful whether an attempt to raise cereals in any quantity would be attended with success. From the nature of the soil and the situation and climate, hops should be grown to perfection and of a superior quality to the American article.

For those who sneer at 19th century pastoral idyls, it may be of interest to state that gold has been found in more or less paying quantities in most of the creeks which water this fertile tract. Yes! the dusky-hued Siwash has retired in favor of the product of latter day civilization; the tomahawk has given place to the axe; the birch bark canoe is superceded by the three-cornered cracker-box of the white man; and the rancherie fades into the mysterious, ever-vanishing past before the comfortable house which rewards the active sinews of British muscle.

No more, O ye people of Nakusp, will you be dependent on the coast for the luscious cabbage or the succulent turnip; no longer will you import your beef from the North-West; no longer will youbuy your hay and potatoes in Okanagan and Palouse; no longer will the milk you use be extracted from the genus "Tin;" no longer will the velvet-skinned peach, the toothsome pear, and the crisp, sweet apple have to be brought from California and Oregon. No! All will be produced within 30 miles of the threshold of your future city; and Nakusp is certain to be the brightest jewel in the crown of fair British Columbia—a self-producing, self-consuming community: in fact, the Utopia of the moral north. A SETTLER.

Trout Creek, April 6, 1894.

Mineral Act Amendment.

Col. Baker, Minister of Mines, has given notice of motion to amend section 50 of the mineral act by inserting the following in its stead:—"50. Every conveyance, bill of sale, mortgage, or mining interest, should be recorded within the time prescribed for recording mineral claims: Provided the same be signed and executed within the mining district within which the mineral claim is situate, and should the same be signed and executed without the district in which the mineral claim is situate, that the conveyance, bill of sale, mortgage, or other documents of title shall be recorded within three calendar months from the date of signing and execution thereof: Provided, always, that the failure to so record any such document shall not invalidate the same as between the parties thereto, but such documents as to third parties shall take effect from the date of record, and not from the date of such document."

ANNOUNCEMENT.

For Member of the Legislative Assembly

West Kootenay Electoral District.

THE undersigned announces himself as a candidate for member of the Legislative Assembly from West Kootenay District, subject to the action of the convention to be held at Nelson on April 12th, 1894.

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KASLO ASSAYED.

What the People of the Baby City are Doing.

The Times has removed into Green's building on West Front street.

When in Kaslo call on Billy Kellem and get a square meal for 25cts. †

The Hotel Slocan is now under the guidance of E. E. Phair, of Nelson.

The Palace Hotel was robbed of a quantity of liquors and cigars the other night.

Lake Woolford reports a rich strike of high grade in one of the workings of the Dardanelles.

J. W. Barker has secured possession of the Kaslo brewery and will commence operations at once.

The Times thinks there are too many hobos in town and wants them to seek new towns to loaf in.

O. G. Dennis has been appointed mining recorder here. The office at Ainsworth will be abandoned.

When in Kaslo stop at the Great Northern Hotel. Rates reasonable. Headquarters for Hudson Bay Co.'s goods. †

A Portland man proposes to light the city by electricity. His proposal will be taken into consideration by the Council.

The steamer Nelson will soon be placed on the Bonner's Ferry run, and the Spokane will ply between Kaslo and Nelson.

T. W. Gray has succeeded A. Bishop as manager of the wharf. The latter still retains his express and steamboat agencies.

The Government has given $250 to Kaslo's fire brigade. When they pay the $1,754 rebate on licenses George Kane's smile will be a yard wide.

An agitation has been inaugurated here to confine the demi-mondes to a certain section of the city. As it is now they are scattered in every direction.

In the contest for the most popular young lady in the district, Miss M. Ediams of this city, defeated Miss McDonald, of Nelson, securing for herself a fine watch.

At the primary election here for delegates to the convention at Nelson, 171 votes were cast and the following gentlemen elected: A. Cameron, A Goodenough, R. F. Green, S. J. Henderson, A. McKay, R. McDonald, and S. P. Tuck. At Watson 16 votes were cast and M. Flagen elected delegate.

The Times advocates lynch law for the miscreants who perpetrated the dynamite outrage at Northfield a few weeks ago. The editor is fresh from Montana and he forgets that in Canada every man gets a fair trial, and it is time enough to hang him when a judge and jury have found a verdict of guilty.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1894.

HISTORY OF THE KOOTENAY.

A complete history of the Kootenay country, from the earliest days to the present time, is being compiled by R. T. Lowery. Experienced men with valuable information would confer a favor by sending their address to this office.

A bill has been introduced into the British Parliament providing for the execution of the international agreement relative to the Behring Sea fisheries.

Supplementary estimates, to the amount of $24,510, have been brought down in the Local House. Of this Kaslo's Fire Brigade gets $250, and the Kaslo wagon road $3,000.

There is a row brewing in the Dominion Parliament over the management of the New Westminster penitentiary, boodling being charged. Messrs. Mara and Mulock want a thorough investigation.

An extra of the B. C. Gazette contains a list of collectors appointed under the Elections Act for the province. W. J. Goepel and N. Fitzstubbs are named as the collector and distributing collector respectively for West Kootenay.

British Columbia and the North-West are receiving numerous additions to their respective populations of late, chiefly from England and the United States. A special train of 28 cars, containing settlers and their effects, recently left Kansas City for Edmonton.

Hon. J. H. Turner, R. P. Rithet, H. D. Helmcken and J. Braden have been nominated to contest the quadruple constituency of Victoria City in the interests of the present Government at the approaching provincial elections. The oppositionists will find it difficult to overcome the phalanx.

On Saturday the sympathizers of Houstonian doctrine will assemble, by duly elected delegates, at Nelson, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the South Riding of the district in opposition to Hon. Mr. Davie's Government. It is nuts to doubloons that J. Fred Hume gets the coveted plum.

The Legislature has been dealing of late with a Government measure, entitled the Fraser River Bridge Bill. This piece of legislation calls for a provincial bonus of $18,000 per annum, extended over seven years, towards the cost of erecting a steel bridge over the Fraser at New Westminster—an undertaking of the greatest moment to the citizens of the Royal and Terminal Cities.

According to the Dominion estimates, this province fares but sadly at the hands of the Federal financiers, and as a result the entire provincial press is in revolt. Less than $200,000 has been appropriated for public works of all descriptions, half of which is to be applied to Victoria harbor and fortifications at Esquimalt. $6,500 has been set apart for improving navigation on the Columbia river.

Wedding Bells.

The Vancouver Weekly World of March 22, remarks that in addition to the host of weddings that have taken place in that city this season, may be mentioned that of Fred. C. Allen, well known in connection with Diplock's stationery establishment, and Miss Alice Smitheringale, of the Terminal City. The knot was tied last Saturday, at Christ Church, by Rev. Mr. Tucker, in the presence of a few friends. The happy couple have taken up their residence on Hamilton street.—The lady in question is the youngest sister of C. E. Smitheringale, of THE LEDGE.

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

15th March, 1894.

THE following definition of the Mining Divisions established in the West Kootenay District is substituted for the description of the said divisions published in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th of December, 1893:—

WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Mining Divisions.

1. REVELSTOKE MINING DIVISION.—Commencing at the intersection of the 51st parallel with the west boundary of the district; thence northerly, following said boundary of said district to Canoe River; thence southerly along the east boundary of said district to the watershed between Carne's Creek and Illecillewaet River; thence following the westerly watersheds of the North Fork of the Illecillewaet River, South River, and Fish Creek to the 51st parallel; thence along the southerly watershed of Akololex River to the Columbia River; thence south-west to the west boundary of the district; thence northerly along said boundary to the place of beginning.

2. ILLECILLEWAET MINING DIVISION.—Bounded on the west by the Revelstoke Mining Division; on the north and east by the eastern boundary of the district; on the south by the following line: Commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of the district, on the watershed between Fish Creek and Lardo River; thence westerly along the south watershed of Battle Creek to Fish Creek; thence north-west to east boundary of Revelstoke Mining Division.

3. TROUT LAKE MINING DIVISION.—To include all the country on the rivers, streams, and tributaries thereof flowing into Trout Lake and Lardo River south to a point half way between Kootenay Lake and Trout Lake.

4. LARDEAU MINING DIVISION.—Bounded on the east by Trout Lake Mining Division; on the north by Revelstoke and Illecillewaet Mining Division; on the west by the west boundary of the district; on the south by a line commencing on the west boundary of the district, on the watershed between Mosquito and Fost Hill Creek; thence following the south watershed of Fost Hill Creek to Upper Arrow Lake and the north watershed of Kooska-nax River to the south-west corner of Trout Lake Mining Division.

5. SLOCAN MINING DIVISION.—Bounded on the north by Lardeau Mining Division; on the west by the west boundary of the district; on the south by a line forming the south watersheds of Bowman Creek, the West Fork of Slocan Lake, and the north watersheds of all streams flowing into Kootenay River between Slocan River and Balfour; thence northerly, following the watershed between Slocan Lake and Kootenay Lake and Lardo River to south-west corner of Trout Lake Mining Division.

6. TRAILCREEK MINING DIVISION.—To include all the country on the rivers, streams, and tributaries thereof which empty into the Columbia River between the International boundary and the mouth of the Kootenay river, excepting the country on Salmon River and the streams and tributaries thereof.

7. GOAT RIVER MINING DIVISION.—To include all the country on the rivers, streams and tributaries thereof flowing into the Kootenay River between the International boundary and Kootenay Lake.

8. AINSWORTH MINING DIVISION.—To include all the country on the rivers, streams and tributaries thereof flowing into Kootenay Lake north of Goat River Mining Division, except that portion of the Lardo River included in Trout Lake Mining Division.

9. NELSON MINING DIVISION.—To include all the remaining portion of the West Kootenay District.

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TOUGH TOWNS.

Contributed by the Traveling Editor and Financier.

In Kaslo, not long ago, we were seated by the fire in the cabin of an old prospector, when the conversation drifted from silver to cemeteries. We had just stated that we had abandoned the idea of buying the townsite of Nashville for a private cemetery, as we had come to the conclusion that in such a peaceable country an editor's cemetery would only be filled with weeds instead of full grown corpses, when the old prospector spoke up and said:

"I have been in many a mining camp on this continent, but this one takes the hot cross bun for being the most peaceable I have ever struck. The first man has yet to be shot in Kaslo, and no man has climbed the golden stairs with his boots on. It was different down in Arizona. Here is a bundle of letters that once belonged to my partner. He was a native of Germany, and we had been together quite a bit. One morning a party of us started out from camp on horseback, and my partner was about 100 yards ahead of me. Suddenly a rifle shot rang out on the morning air and John fell from his horse, mortally wounded. I jumped behind a rock and laid low, so the Indians would not see me. When the balance of our party came up, I went to where John was lying on the grass, with his life's blood oozing from a nasty hole in his chest.

"Kneeling beside him, I took his hand in mine and asked him how he felt. He said, 'Partner, I'm a goner! When you go back to the cabin, you will find two bundles of letters. Send the one tied with a piece of buckskin to my mother—you know her address—and tell her—God bless her!—that I died like a man. The other package, tied with a blue ribbon, you can burn. They are from the woman I loved, long, long ago.' We buried him where he fell, and like many another brave man he sleeps beneath the flowers of far-off Arizona. I did not burn his sweetheart's letters, and here is one of them that was saved from the Kaslo fire."

We looked at it. It was written in a beautiful hand, evidently by a lady of refinement; and as we glanced over the contents, we felt a sort of pity for the poor girl, who still waits, perhaps, for the lover that will never return.

"But," said the old prospector, "I started to tell you about a town that was about as tough as anything this side of Hell, Texas. It was called Arenburg and was situated on the Colorado river. In those days everybody was armed. A man would have two big six-shooters in his belt, and the experts would shoot a man dead without taking them from the holsters. It was about dark when I reached Arenburg on my first trip and stopped at the leading hotel. The clerk advised me to put everything I had valuable in the safe. He intimated that the town wasn't rough, but that it might be at any moment. I took his advice and went to bed. About 2 a.m. I heard a great noise on the street and several shots fired. I did not get up to investigate the racket, but did not sleep much more that night. Before breakfast I strolled about the town, and in a beautiful willow grove saw two men hanging from a tree. They were very dead, having been lynched the previous night.

"The sight did not improve my appetite, and when I told the landlord about it he laughed, and said it was nothing—only a couple of horsethieves strung up by cow-punchers. After dinner I was watching a game of faro in the saloon, when one of the players shot the dealer dead. I began to think the town was tough, and I was sure of it after supper, for another man was shot dead in a fight in the barroom. That was enough for me, and I left town the next day. I don't mind a little excitement, but when a small town has two lynching bees and two successful shooting matches in one day, it is time for a peaceable man to pack his blankets and get away. If he doesn't he is liable to get hit with a stray bullet and die from lead poisoning."

The ice is commencing to jam on the upper river, and is expected to drift out in a few days.

R. Lane has been the most successful fisherman so far this spring, he having a string of 11 trout registered to his credit for one day's work.

Chief Engineer Hathely, of the str. Lytton, returned from his winter's quarters at Salmon Arm, on the Arrow Monday. He is now engaged putting the Lytton's engines in shape for her season's work

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NUGGETS OF NEWS

That Pan Out Rich in Interest to the General Public.

Work has been resumed on the Wellington.

F. S. Barnard has purchased the Sarah Jane claim for $1,500.

Upwards of 300 men are yet employed among the mines in the Slocan country.

A considerable quantity of new machinery has arrived at New Denver for Wharton's sawmill.

Fifty-five tons of ore were shipped from the Idaho and Reco mines last week, valued at $6,600.

A new townsite, in the neighborhood of the Trail creek mines, is to be placed on the market.

New Denver people are agitating for a bridge over Carpenter creek canyon, to be built by the Government.

Capt. Moore, of St. Paul, Minn., has bonded the Lincoln claim, situated about 1½ miles from Sproule's, for one year, for $36,000.

A syndicate of American capitalists represented by G. J. Atkins, is negotiating for the purchase of the Noble Five group of mines.

Many of the mine owners are arranging for the shipment of ore over the N. & S.R., so soon as that road is completed to Three Forks.

George Hughes has secured a controlling interest in the Best mine at a stiff figure. He has also, it is said, purchased a share in the Idaho.

The Nelson Tribune is conducting a bitter onslaught on Gold Commissioner Fitzstubbs, asserting that he has outlived his usefulness and calling upon him to resign.

The Nelson Hydraulic Company has a bonanza in its placer ground on Forty-Nine creek. Experiments by panning promise pay dirt to the amount of $600 per day when everything is in order.

R. E. Lemon and C. E. Sealey have purchased the Richmond property, in the Slocan, and a half interest in the White Elephant. They adjoin the Northern Bell and both claims show large bodies of clean ore.

New Denver will virtually be the headquarters for a large proportion of the mining men this season, a number of whom having signified their intention of taking up their residence in the place. With strong prospects of a bank opening up there the permanency of that burg is assured.

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Wednesdays,	5:40 p.m.	Thursdays,	8 a.m.
Thursdays,	5 p.m.	Fridays,	3 a.m.
Saturdays,	5:40 p.m.	Sundays,	8 a.m.

Passengers from Kaslo, to make close connection with the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, for points south, should take the steamer Nelson, leaving Kaslo at 3 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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LEDGE CROPPINGS

Baseball is all the rage here at present.

The water in the lake has risen a good foot during the past week.

New Denver has an expert watchmaker; send your work there. †

Gennelle Bros'. sawmill was started up Saturday. A good season's work is in prospect.

A flock of wild fowl, consisting of seven swans and 21 geese, were observed on the bay Friday.

Once more a fresh meat famine prevails in town, while the supply of other necessaries is decidedly low.

Paddock, of New Denver, is an expert watchmaker, of over 20 years' experience. Send him your watch. †

What remained of the ice on the bay completely vanished before the warm rays of the sun and the stiff breeze of Sunday last.

Mrs. Vail and child departed last Saturday to join her husband in Fire Valley. The lady was a guest at the Nakusp House all winter.

The Union Sabbath school are indebted to R. Glendenning for two attractive looking racks for holding the Bibles and hymn books.

J. Ehrmanntraut and C. Aylwin returned from the Hot Springs Monday, per str. Arrow, feeling much better for their treatment thereat.

D. A. McDougald is receiving much benefit from his course of treatment at the Hot Springs, the medicinal qualities of which cannot be too highly spoken of.

J. Walsh did not arrive in with the mail until yesterday noon, because of the wretched condition of the roads. He was obliged to leave a sack, containing 110 pounds, at the head of Slocan lake, being too heavy to pack on his back.

An effort is to be made to get a Church of England clergyman stationed here during the summer, so as to permit of attention being paid to New Denver, Three Forks, Fire Valley, etc. Substantial financial assistance is promised at this point.

The steamer Marion came down from her winter quarters at the Hot Springs on Thursday evening last, having in tow the pile driver and scow. Next day her crew commenced driving piles on the extension to the railway wharf, a work that will keep them engaged for some time.

C. Holden arrived down from Trout Lake on Thursday evening on business, returning next day. He and his partners are making good headway with development work on the Black Prince and other properties which they own in that district. The showing of ore improves as they drift in.

More people are stopping at the Hot Springs than ever before, the tents of the visitors being scattered all over the place. With the completion of Capt. Sanderson's hotel, the conveyance of the water thereto, the establishment of baths, and the laying out of a fine park, a resort for invalids will provided, the superior to which will not be found.

Painful Accident.

A painful accident befel J. W. Oleson last Saturday afternoon. He, with a number of others, was engaged cutting cordwood at the point for the steamboats, under J. T. Nault's contract. In an unguarded moment he slipped on a log, and his descending axe, gliding past the wood, struck his right foot with full force, sinking through the boot and severing the bone connecting the big toe about half way up the instep. The wound was immediately bound up and Oleson conveyed to the Prospect House on a litter, where, in the absence of skilled assistance, the patient received as practical attention as possible. The wound is an exceedingly painful one, but whether the bone will knit together again is difficult to say.

Improvements to the Arrow.

Messrs. Vanderberg and Yingling, proprietors of the little steamer Arrow, contemplate making many improvements to the boat, in order to suit her for the passenger traffic. With her present screw, 33 in. stroke, she can make 10 knots per hour, with but half her steam pressure in play; but they purpose putting on a 40-inch wheel, which will enable her to cover 11 knots in the same time. The fore part of the steamer is to be partitioned off into a cabin and nicely fitted up for passengers, while the remainder will be put in better shape for the handling of freight. It is the intention of the owners to make the round trip between Nakusp and Revelstoke twice a week during the summer, calling each way, at Lardeau and Thomson's Landing. An office will be established in town, where tickets, at low rates, will be sold, and arrangements made for extra trips, towing, etc.

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