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NEW YORK SUFFERS A TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST

Windsor Hotel Burned and Many Lives Lost.

FIRE SPREAD RAPIDLY

The Building Was Crowded and all Avenues of Escape Were Cut Off by Seething Flames.

New York, March 17—Flames, which originated from the igniting of a lace curtain, burst forth from the second floor of the Windsor Hotel at 47th and Fifth Avenue, shortly after 3 o'clock, just as the St. Patrick's Day parade was passing the building and in a few minutes they had leaped up to the roof and enveloped the entire Fifth Avenue and 47th Street fronts of the hotel. Ten minutes later the flames were roaring through the interior of the hotel and all means of escape by means of stairways and elevators was cut off and there was the wildest scene of excitement within and without the building. Hundreds of the guests and employes were in the hotel when the fire broke out and for many of them, to escape with safety was impossible.

Probably from ten to fifteen lives were lost within half an hour and thirty or forty other persons were injured in jumping from windows and in rushing through the roaring flames in the corridors and on the stairways. Many who were injured died later at nearby residences and at the hospitals, and others, who made wild leaps to the stones, were so badly injured that they are still hovering between life and death. It may be 24 hours or more before the complete list of fatalities may become known and it will be longer than that before it can be ascertained definitely how many charred bodies are in the mass of fallen masonry that marks the spot where the hotel stood.

The flames could not be checked and in two hours from the time that the fire broke out, the entire structure was in ruins, and the streets on three sides of the building were filled with debris from falling walls and tall chimneys, while the streams of water being poured upon the interior of the ruins had no other effect than to fill the air with clouds of scalding steam, making it impossible for any one to approach near enough to search for missing bodies.

The fire was the most spectacular affair of the kind that could be imagined. When it broke out, Fifth Avenue was crowded with people watching the St. Patrick's Day parade and every window in the front of the hotel, facing Fifth Avenue, was filled with people watching the marching men in the streets. The day was all that could be desired and large numbers of people were on the streets on that account, a fact which interfered not a little with the movements of the firemen and police. As soon as the flames were first discovered shooting from the windows, that part of the St. Patrick's Day procession which was near the building came to a halt and in a few minutes the parade was disbanded, for the police came rushing towards the fire from every directions, and as far as they were able, drove the people from the streets One alarm after another was turned in and the first of the fire engines were not long in appearing upon the scene and they caused a wild scramble among the paraders and spectators as they rushed along the street and got into position for service. In addition to the regular guests of the hotel, the windows were crowded by a large number of spectators, residents of this city, who had congregated there to witness the parade.

Soon after the first alarm was given people in the lower floors of the hotel, those who had easy access to the street, commenced to pour out of the building in great numbers, but it very soon became apparent that a great majority of the occupants of the hotel were either panic-stricken or were unable to make their way to the ground floor. Windows were thrown up on every side and guests, mostly women, in all stages of terror, made their appearance and commenced to make frantic appeals for help to the crowd below. As the flames gathered around them, they became more and more terror stricken and presently several of them stood up on the narrow window sills and beckoned to the spectators below that they were about to leap to the streets. The men collected upon the sidewalks ready to offer any assistance they could and in the meantime a number of women left the window sills and dropped to the streets. In the most cases efforts to catch them and break their awful fall were unavailing for they struck the sidewalk and in most cases broken limbs were the result. As soon as the firemen could get their scaling ladders into position they climbed the sides and entered at every window where there was an unfortunate guest appealing for assistance and many cases of heroic work were witnessed by the throng in the street. At the corner of 47th Street and Fifth Avenue, directly across from the hotel, stands the home of Miss Helen Gould. At her direction the injured were carried in and were attended by physicians and nurses whom she had sent for. In the meantime the chief of police had telephoned to every hospital in the city asking that assistance be sent to the fire sufferers. Ambulances forced their way through the crowds as quickly as possible and the injured people, who had made frightful leaps from windows, were placed in them and removed to the hospitals. Several occupants of the hotel appeared at the windows of the sixth and seventh stories, and even on roof, and made their leaps to the street from these points. Very few of them escaped either instant death or injuries which resulted in their deaths a short time later. Meantime the entire building was burning. Within 40 minutes after the fire first broke out, the walls on the Fifth Avenue side showed every indication of falling and presently with an awful crash they struck the asphalt covering of the street in front of the hotel and caused the hundreds of people who were standing there to scatter. This weakened the walls on 46th and 47th Streets and they followed a moment later. When the walls fell, the bricks and mortar, twisted griders and corrugated iron filled the streets on three sides of the hotel. The door steps and iron fences in front of the houses on the opposite side from the hotel were wrecked by falling walls and the amount of debris piled in the streets was so great that travel will be impeded for several days. The northeast wing continued to burn for half an hour after the walls of the other part of the building fell. The firemen continued to play streams upon the flames, also on all adjoining buildings including Miss Gould's residence, which seemed in imminent danger of catching fire. But the flames were brought under control before they could reach any of them.

There were many thrilling scenes in the hotel during the early stages of the fire. As soon as the fire broke out, a bell-boy discovered the flames while passing the fourth floor, immediately over rooms occupied by President McKinley's brother, Abner McKinley and his family. The boy pulled a chain attached to the fire alarm, but the chain broke and then he cried out the alarm and ran to the floor below. The blaze was then lapping up everything on the Fifth Avenue end of the building and the lad, when he got to the floor above the main hall, ran into the dining room and gave the alarm to the guests there. When the boy reached the ground floor, W. F. Leland, the propertor, was in the hall and the boy shouted to him that the building was on fire. On Mr. Leland's instructions the clerks tried to save all books and papers and the boy then rushed down the distant stairway and alarmed the women who were at work in the laundry. It is believed that all of them escaped.

One of the most daring rescues effected by the firemen occurred on the fifth floor in the Fifth Avenue side. An elderly woman was seen at a window and two firemen succeeded in reaching the window immediately underneath One of them climbed up the coping over the window on which he was standing and then stepped over to where the woman was waving her hands despairingly. He then swung the woman clear of the window and landed her safely in the arms of his companion, who with the assistance of several other firemen, passed the woman down to the street.

Among those reported missing are the daughters of Warren Leland, the well known hotel proprietor and owner of the Windsor Hotel; Mrs. Alfred Decordova, wife of the well known Wall street banker and broker and Mr. and Mrs Shepherd Myers, of London, England. Mrs. Warren Leland is reported as being fatally injured and Mrs. Kirk, wife of the Chicago millionaire soap manufactorer, is dead from injuries received in jumping from a window. When the fire started a large number of persons gathered on the roof of the hotel. Six of them simultaneously jumped to the street; one man was instantly killed and the others fatally injured. The St. Patrick's Day parade was passing the hotel at the time of the fire and the paraders and the crowd assembled to look at them interfered with the work of the firemen Three women jumped from the roof of the hotel on the 46th Street side. All were killed.

SOME BIG STEAMERS.

San Francisco, March 17.—The Union Iron Works have been awarded a contract for two of the largest freight steamers ever built in the United States. They are for the American Hawaiian Steam Navigation Company, with headquarters at New York, in which Dearborn & Co. and Filbert & Co. are interested. The company is to ply its craft between New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Honolulu, and the probabilities are that the route will be extended to the Philippines. The first steamer is to be turned out in April, 1900, and the second one at a later date. Each will have a carrying capacity of 8 500 tons. The first will be 410 feet long, 51 feet beam, and depth of 32 feet. Her engines are to develop 2,500 horse power.

MRS. FREDRIC DEAD

London, March 17.—Mrs. Harold Frederic, widow of the well known American correspondent, who died in London last October, died today of cancer.

St. Louis, Mo., March 17.—Tommy Ryan has been matched for a 25-round battle with Dan Creedon before the club offering the largest purse. The boxers are negotiating with the Memphis Athletic Club.

INVITED TROUBLE AT THE WRONG TIME

France Was Weak When War Was Wanted

MINISTER'S STATEMENT

A Year Ago the Naval Bases Were Not Prepared to Make a Defence.

Paris, Mach 17—In Chamber of Deputies today, during a debate on the naval estimates, M. Lockroy, sketched the Government programme and gave a curious insight into the unpreparedness of the navy during the recent Anglo-French crisis. M. Lockroy said he regarded the defence of the maritime frontier quite as important as the defence of the Vosges frontier and that, while France desires peace and would earnestly strive to perserve it, a strong navy must be in readiness to repel aggression. The Minister of Marine then proceeded to reveal a number of startling facts relating to the condition of the French arsenals at the critical juncture in relations between France and Great Britain some months ago. He quoted from the letter written by General Desbordes last year, declaring that "Not one of our naval bases is able to fulfill the functions for which it was established or capable of making a defence to save the honor of French armies." "Today, however," said the Minister, "our coast defences are so much improved that we can speak of conditions of nine months ago as of the distant past. The difficulty at that time was an almost absolute lack of men. At our principal ports only one third of the batteries could be manned on first day of mobilizaiton, and most of the shells have no fuses."

M. Lockroy declared he would never hold back the truth from the Chamber: "These facts have been obtained after painful inquiries, but there are men behind the guns everywhere now."

PRINCESS KAIULANI IS DEAD.

Daughter of the Royal House of Hawaii Has Passed Away.

Honolulu, March 10, via San Francisco, March 17.—Princess Kaiulani died March 6 of inflammatory rheumatism, contracted several weeks ago while on a visit to Island of Hawaii. She was daughter of Princess Miriam Likelike, a member of Hawaiian royal family. Kaiulani was born in 1875. In 1891 she was proclaimed heir-apparent by Liliuokalani, who was on the throne of Hawaii. The funeral of the dead Princess will occur on Sunday March 12, from the old native church and will be under direction of the Government. The ceremonies will be on a scale befitted the rank of the young Princess. The body is lying in state at Aniashua, the Princess' old home. Thousands of people of both native and whites have gone out to the place and the whole town is in mourning. Flags on Government buildings are at half mast, as are those on the residences of the foreign consuls. Bishop Willis, of the Church of England, will conduct the funeral services.

MORE AID FOR GENERAL OTIS.

The War Department Has Ordered Three Light Batteries to Manila.

Washington, March 17.—The War Department has ordered sent to General Otis three light batteries and half a dozen Hotchkiss guns to be used as mountain batteries. The General cabled last evening for these, saying that 72 horses should accompany the three batteries. These batteries are needed where it is impossible to move the heavier artillery now in the Philippines. The Hotchkiss guns can be mounted on mules which can be secured in Manila and throughout the Philippines and taken through the paths and over mountains where it is impossible to move heavy artillery.

WENT THE LIMIT.

Paris, March 17—Ex-Lieutenant Boisson, alias Durand, formerly of a French infantry regiment, who was arrested in this city February 5, on the charge of carrying on an illicit correspondence with a foreign Government involving military secrets, was today sentenced to five years imprisonment, to pay a fine of 1,000 francs and to be placed under police supervision for 10 years. The court in pronouncing sentence said it regretted that the law did not allow more severe punishment to be inflicted on the prisoner.

SPOKE THE CARNAVON BAY.

Queenstown, March 17.—The British steamer Lucania, which arrived this evening from New York, reports speaking at noon, off Browhead, the overdue British ship Carnavon Bay, Captain Griffiths, from Tacoma, September 17th for Queenstown.

QUEEN REGENT HAS SIGNED THE TREATY

Spain's Endorsement Has Been Given.

NO OFEICIAL REPORT

It is Probable That the French Ambassador Will Advise President McKinley of the Signature.

Washington, March 17.—The first news of the signature of the Peace Treaty by the Queen Regent of Spain was conveyed to Secretary Hay and the officials of the Administration through the bulletin of the Associated Press. The Secretary was naturally gratified at the action which he had expected would follow the course of the Cortes. The action makes it possible to exchange ratifications and thus complete the treaty within the time set by the treaty itself as the maximum. The protocol was signed August 13 last at the White House by the President and Ambassador Cambon. December 10 the treaty was signed at Paris by the Commissioners. February 5 it was ratified by the United States Senate after a considerable struggle. February 10 the President gave it his signature and today, seven months and four day after the signing of the protocol, the Spanish Queen Regent gave her formal assent and signature. Official news of the action at Madrid was not converyed to the State Department before the close of the Department for the day. M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, called at the Department about 10 minutes to four o'clock and in the absence of Secretary Hay, called upon Assistant Secretary Hill. He told the latter that he believed the treaty had been signed. It now seems probable that to the Ambassador will be confided the honor of closing up the task which he set about seven months ago, of bringing two great nations, then at war, to a state of peace. Usually the rule is for a nation situated as is Spain to send a special envoy, charged with the duty of exchanging the ratifications. In this case the wish of the United States Government will be consulted and there is little doubt, in view of the kindly regard entertained for the Ambassador by the President, that he will elect to have M. Cambon to act for the last time as the representative of the Spanish Goverument and make the exchange. The signing of the treaty cannot in any manner affect the status of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of Aguinaldo for the United States Goverrnment is doing all that it can to secure their release. Still it is apprehended that the Spanish Government, being able to address itself directly to the United States Government as soon as the ratifications are exchanged, will not neglect to press the matter upon the attention of the State Department and perhaps will solicit authority to assume direct negotiations with the insurgents, looking to the release of the prisoners. The hope is entertained, however, that it may be unnecessary to decline such a request for by that date the insurrection may have been quelled. If the Spanish Government should insits, however, some disagreeable questions may be raised, involving the formal recognition of the insurgents by Spain, in which case perhaps, it might claim the right to deal directly with Aguinaldo.

RENEWAL OF RELATIONS.

London, March 18.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard, after referring to the ratification by the Queen Regent of the Treaty of Peace between Spain and the United States says: "Official relations between the Governments will now be promptly renewed. It is rumored that the minister to the United States will be Senor Don J. Brunetti, Duke D'Arcoes former Spanish Minister to Mexico, whose wife is an American.

HE DROPPED INTO ETERNITY.

Execution of Murderer Provost at Port Arthur. Yesterday.

Port Arthur, March 17.—"I submit, but you are hanging an innocent man; you are only doing your duty, but I am innocent." These words Oliver Provost spoke to Radcliffe, the hangman, when the latter requested him to hold out his arms to be pinioned before the march to the scaffold this morning. Oliver Provost, condemned to death for the murder of Rene Duebin and Ferdinand Corrier on the 10th of February, 1897, was hanged in the presence of about 25 witnesses, including all the officials. No demonstration marked the execution other than the gathering of a crowd of men and boys to the number of 150, on the street near the gaol. The march to the scaffold began sharp at 8 o'clock, and was led by the sheriff, followed by Provost, dressed in a black serge suit, supported on either side by Turnkey Conner and Radcliffe and Rev. Father Neult and Goal Surgeon Macdonald. During the march Provost's face bore a haggard, yellowish appearance, his lips moved rapidly in prayer, but no sound came from them. The movement of the lips increased as the steps to the scaffold were reached and the ascent began. Arrived on the scaffold, words at first low, but ever increasing in volume and vehemency, fell from his lips addressed to the Virgin Mary and Jesus, praying for mercy. On the march he walked with a step faltering, but not sufficient to give those assisting him any trouble. During the adjustment of the black cap and noose there was no cessation of the prayer. All preparations at the scaffold were quickly made by Radcliffe and within a half minute from the arrival of the party on the scaffold, the trap was sprung. The body shot down out of sight and instantly the rope was taut. Descending the steps and passing around to the side where a couple of boards had been loosely nailed, Radcliffe quickly went to the inclosure, followed by two doctors, who four minutes after the trap had been sprung, pronounced life extinct, the pulse having stopped beating. The body was allowed to hang for 30 minutes, when it was taken down and placed on a couple of boards beside the machine that had taken his life. The neck was found to have been broken and death was instantaneous.

SEEKING AN HEIR.

London, March 18.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says: "It is rumored here that Emperor Francis Joseph, when the period of mourning for the late Empress Elizabeth is ended, will marry Princess Marie Isabelle de France, sister of the Duc D'Orleans, with a view of securing the Austro-Hungarian throne to a direct descendant. The Princess is in her 21st year."

MUST BE AMENDED

HYDRAULICING LAWS RETARD FLOW OF CAPITAL.

Mr. Justice Martin Sets Aside a Lis Pendens in Bayne vs. B.A.C. and Le Roi.

Victoria, March 17.—Morley M. Ogilvie, a son of the Commissioner of the Yukon, arrived here from the northern gold fields today, on his way home to Ottawa. He left Dawson City on the fifth of February and has made a leisurely trip out, visiting the Stewart River and other districts. Mr. Ogilvie states that in his opinion the hydraulicing regulations must be amended if capital is to be interested in that form of mining, and that particular exception is taken to the reservation of alternative five mile stretches. The past winter, he says, has been one of the mildest in many years.

In the Supreme Court Chambers this morning Mr. Justice Martin heard an application in Bayne vs. British America Corporation and Le Roi to set aside a lis pendens registered against the Le Roi mine. The plaintiff and several other shareholders in the old Le Roi Company representing 9,000 shares, seek to hold the British American Corporation liable to them for profits made in reference to the sale of the property. An order was made setting aside the lis pendens on the defendants giving security for each share held by the plaintiffs.

TELLS WHAT THE BILL MEANS.

Lord George Hamilton On An Indian Government Measure.

London, March 17.—Lord, George Hamilton, in answering a question in the House of Commons, today, said the Indian Government imposing duties upon bounty fed sugar was to prevent the vast indigenous trade, based upon free enterprise and industry. Being undermined, they subsidized products of foreign countries. He said that if general disposition was shown to debate the subject fully, he was ready to postpone official approval of the act until it was discussed, although the act would become operative on Monday. He further explained that according to the law by which the bill was passed by Legislative Council, the measure would become operative immediately after the Viceroy should approve of it. But should Secretary of State for India later signity his disapproval, the act would cease to be law. Public opinion in India, he said, in conclusion, unanimously approved of the bill.

REAL ESTATE MARKET ACTIVE.

Agents Report a Brisk Demand For All Kinds of Property.

No better criterion of the financial condition of a community can be had than the transactions that take place in real estate. In this way Nelson can congratulate itself on being in a very prosperous condition for real estate dealers and property owners report a lively demand for lots in every part of the City and deals are going through every day. There is scarcely a vacant house in the City and there is no difficulty in renting anything at all desirable as a residence. Building lots have been changing hands rapidly and for good figures. In fact prices everywhere realized are very encouraging and real estate men say that Nelson was never in such a good position.

One of the large business blocks on Baker street is on the market and a deal to secure it is under way.

Yesterday Alex. Stewart sold a lot on the south side of Vernon street, near Thorpe's Soda Water Factory, for $1100 cash to Gus Thomas, who will erect a residence, and also three lots on the corner of Mill and Hendryx streets to W. Cookson for $630 cash

JERRY WON'T HAVE THE JOB BE WANTS

Mineral Exhibit at Paris a Dominion Affair.

NO PROVINCIAL DISPLAY

W. D. Scott Will Look After the Interests of British Columbia—Expected in Nelson Shortly.

British Columbia will not have an individual exhibit at the Paris Exposition and none of the Nelson gentlemen who have been after the commissionership will secure it. The following article has been sent to the South Kootenay Board of Trade and will explain the situation:

Mr. W. D. Scott, one of the members of the Canadian Board of Commissioners of the Paris Exhibition of 1900, arrived in Victoria yesterday, and will be in the City probably for the balance of this week.

The local Government have undertaken the collection of the different exhibits which are purely of a Provincial character, the principal being minerals, fisheries, timber and school exhibits. The location of the exhibition ground in Paris is in the very heart of the city and on this account the total space covered by the exhibition will be limited. The total space allotted by the Commissioners to the Home Government is 35,000 square feet, and of that space the Home Government has allotted to Canada 39,100 which is situated in the Trocodero Gardens, and the balance of 12,000 is in the different Imperial buildings.

It will be noticed from the very limited space that it is altogether out of the question for each Province to have separate space for their respective exhibits, the whole having to be treated as a Dominion exhibit. For instance, the whole agricultural display of Canada will be in one block, and all the minerals in another, making one grand exhibit of the resources of Canada.

The Prince of Wales, who in chairman of the British Royal Commission, in his openng address at Marlborough House, said that he wished to impress upon the Commission the importance of seeing that all articles sent to Paris, whether their value be great or small, should be the best of their kind. They will be judged in comparison with similar things produced in other countries, and will be exposed to the severest criticism. It should also be remembered that this is not so much an occassion for competition of British exhibitors among themselves as for competition between Birtish and Irish competitors and those of foreign countries. For this reason the display of similar or identical objects by different exhibitors should be avoided as much as possible and efforts should be made to secure variety to making the most of the space at our disposal. It is difficult to avoid some duplication when several manufacturers of similar articles wish to show their goods, and it would be invidious to give the preference to one out of many, but it ought not to be impossible either to form joint exhibits, giving as complete a representation as possible of particular industries, or for manufacturers to come to some agreement among themselves which would bring about the same result. Such a plan, though it might call for some self-sacrifice on the part of individuals, would secure a degree of completeness which could not otherwise be attained, and would go far to promote the common interests of the industry as a whole.

The Commissioners, in making a rough sub-division of the space for the different industries, have estimated that the following may be allowed; for agriculture in all its branches, something like 7,000 square feet; mines and quarries, 3000; education and instruction, 1,000; forestry, 2,000. These are practically the spaces that the people of British Columbia are mostly interested in, and as before remarked, on account of the very limited space, the exhibit in each branch should be shown as a collective one from the whole Province.

I expect that the different Boards of Trade and Mining Exchanges, as well as private individuals interested in the different branches of industries, will render the local Government every assistance in their power in preparing an exhibit that will do justice to British Columbia and to Canada as a whole.

NO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

London, Macrn 17.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Liberal Unionists held yesterday, the Duke of Devonshire announced that the present Government would not create a Catholic University in Ireland.

Nelson's freight traffic has now grown to the large amount of one thousand tons a day. Over two hundred men are employed handling it.

The Great Northern Express Company has opened an up town office at the corner of Ward and Baker, a convenience which the people doing business with the company will greatly appreciate.

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UP IN NANAIMO.

They have a curious discussion going on up in Nanaimo. Perhaps it would be more correct to describe it as uncommon. It has got into the City Council, and concerns school teachers. The aldermen are exciting themselves over the question whether school teachers have the right to employ their leisure time in commercial pursuits. It is somewhat high sounding, but doubtless what is meant is whether teachers have a right to eke out their incomes by, say, keeping a set of books during their idle hours, or engaging as salesmen when out of school. This is a large, deep, and broad question, not to be settled offhand. Time was when a man could do as he liked with his own, and a very happy and altogether satisfactory time it was. But in these days of refined theories it is doubtful if a man has a right to wink, without considering the effect of the vibration on some other man in the next town or county.

In Nanaimo it is held that the teacher as such is well paid, and that to add to his income by spending his idle time in other pursuits is to take the bread out of the mouth of some other person. He should not put himself into competition with others, but confine himself to his own occupation. For this he is given a generous salary and short hours. The short hours and the short year are specially designed to afford him ample time to recuperate his exhausted energies, in order that he may always be in condition to discharge his duty to his pupils.

That is the Nanaimo view of it. Another Nanaimo view doubtless is that everybody has a right to dispute everybody else's right to push his way in the world in the manner most agreeable to his circumstances and wishes. It is all supremely silly, but quite in line with the advanced socialism of the day. But to get back to the teacher. We had never understood that short hours for school and the numerous holidays were provided out of consideration for the teacher. We had always supposed that these were regulated entirely in the interests of the children. The Nanaimo discussion may settle some things, but it is unsettling others.

WILL NOT RETRACT.

Several weeks ago the following paragraph appeared in correspondence sent from British Columbia to The London Empire:

"This is a nice country! They tax a man's Sunday suit and clean shirts, and some poor men who arrive here with a few clothes and no money, not being able to pay the duty, cannot get their clothes through the Customs until they have earned enough money. This is the way Canada treats settlers from the old country, charging them 35 per cent. of the value of their clothes, not only on new ones but also if they have not worn them for six months."

The Miner took exception to the statement, and believing that it would have an injurious effect among readers of The Empire in England asked that journal to correct or withdraw it. This it refuses to do. The editor says that his correspondent would not have written as he did if, as a settler, he had not been obliged to pay duty on the clothes he brought with him from England. When referring to the matter at first, The Miner was charitable enough to suppose that the correspondent had been made the victim of some official irregularity; but it will not admit as much now, and has no hesitation in declaring the whole story a deliberate fabrication.

It is not true that Canada taxes a settler's "Sunday suit and clean shirts," it is not true that "poor men who arrive with few clothes and no money" are obliged to work for money enough to get their clothes through the customs. Canada does not treat settlers in that manner, and we doubt if an instance of the kind can be cited even through error. If this particular correspondent had any trouble with the customs officials, we have no doubt whatever he brought it upon himself by his own conduct. But trouble or no trouble, the impression given by the paragraph is a false one. That the editor supports his ignorant or malicious correspondent is perhaps not surprising in the light of his own knowledge. He says "it is for British Columbia to see that its customs officers are honest." British Columbia has no customs officers, honest or dishonest. No Canadian Province has anything to do with the collection of customs duties. That is exclusively a Federal function. The charge of customs robbery, therefore, is made, not against British Columbia but against Canada. In either case, however, it is false, and we believe utterly without foundation of any kind. It would be more to the credit of the editor of The Empire, who professes to be "one of Canada's warmest friends," if he repudiated a correspondent who does not speak the truth of Canada.

The Miner respectfully but firmly disclaims an extract attributed to it in a recent issue of The Victoria Times. It does not recognise the words, and therefore cannot assign them to their true origin. But they did not appear in The Miner. It would be as easy for this paper as for others in British Columbia to make a bid for the favor of the multitude by throwing up its cap for a British Columbia mint; but there are many things that go to the proper consideration of that question, and being less clever or confident than its contemporaries it is not yet by any means sure on all of them.

The Victoria Globe has private advices from Ottawa that the session of Parliament which opened on Thursday will be the most important, in that it will be the biggest in events, since Confederation. In passing through Winnipeg Sir Hibbert Tupper said it would be one of the most important since Confederation. There have already been several most important sessions since confederation, and we do not see the least reason in the world why there should not be another.

COOKED THE DOG.

City Solicitor Abbott's Excuse For Being Delayed.

That was a queer excuse City Solicitor Abbott gave the city council last evening for being late at the meeting, says the Rossland Record. His neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson had yesterday been presented with a fine blooded fox terrier pup by a friend. It was taken home, and as Mrs. Richardson was going out in the afternoon, she admonished the Chinese cook, in the best Chinese language she could command, to take good care of the dog and not let it get away.

When she returned in the evening, not seeing the adored fox terrier about, asked John were it was. He marched her into the kitchen and showed it to her—killed, skinned, greased and stuffed, all ready for the oven. The sight was more than she could bear. It actually made her sick, and in her desperation she flew out of the house and over to her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott's. When she was sufficiently recovered she told her troubles.

Mr. Richardson came home later and found his wife gone and the poor cook weighed down with grief. He explained as best he could that the "missee was much sick," and had gone away. Not being able to make out what was the trouble Mr. Richardson left the house to search for his wife.

At this juncture Mr. Abbott spied him, and called him over, when all was explained, and this was the city solicitor's excuse for being late at the council meeting.

Meterological Report,

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

DATE	DAY	HIGHEST	LOWEST	SNOW FALL	BAROMETER
Mar 11	Saturday	39.0	33.0	0.02	27.85
Mar 12	Sunday	40.0	30.0	0.03	27.70
Mar 13	Monday	41.0	24.0	0.00	27.75
Mar 7	Tuesday	38.0	29.0	0.00	28.00
Mar 15	Wed'day	41.0	23.0	0.00	27.90
Mar 16	Thursday	42.5	19.0	0.00	27 90
Mar 17	Friday	50.0	21.0	0.00	27.85

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Neelands' Shoe Emporium.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Pursuant to the Creditors Trust Deed Acts and Amended Acts.

NOTICE IS hereby given that Samuel J. Mighton, of Nelson, B. C., heretofore carrying on business as Tobacco Merchant at Nelson, B. C., has by deed dated the 10th day of March, A. D., 189, assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution, and all his real estate, to Hugh R. Cameron, of Nelson, B. C., Agent, in trust for the benefit of his creditors. The said deed was executed by the said Samuel J. Mighton and by the said Hugh R. Cameron, on the 10th day of March, A. D., 1899, and all persons having claims against the said Samuel J. Mighton are required, on or before the 10th day of April, A. D., 1899, to send to the Trustee full particulars of the same, duly verified, together with the particulars of the security (if any) held by them.

Notice is hereby further given that after the said 10th day of April, A. D., 1899, the trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the trust estate amongst those creditors who are entitled thereto, and whose claims have then been lodged with him, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and that he will not be responsible after said date for the assets of the said trust estate, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons, firm or corporation of whose claim he had not notice at the time of distribution.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the said Samuel J. Mighton will be held at the law office of Macdonald & Johnson on Baker street, in the City of Nelson, on Monday the 20th day of March, A. D., 1899, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 10th day of March, A. D., 1899.

MACDONALD & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the said Trustee

C. D. J. CHRISTIE

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Having leased the premises lately occupied by Lillie Bros., we will open Monday, March 20, with a First-class Stock of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishings. Stock is fully assorted, consisting of Dress Goods (in all the latest shades), Silks, (A full range of Taffetta Silks for Blouse Waists.) Muslins, Prints, Hosiery, Gloves, Laces, Ribbons, Small Wares, Towelings, Table Linens, Table Napkins, etc. Everything New and U-to-date.

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Boarding and Domestic arrangements under the management of Mrs. Green.

Ladies or girls wishing to attend any school received.

Highest references. Terms on application

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Dairy Ranch near city—Offers wanted.
House to let on Stanley street.
Money to Loan—Real Estate and Chattel Mortgages.
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ANOTHER INVENTION OF A NELSON CITIZEN

Charles G. Evans Has Patented a Novel Device.

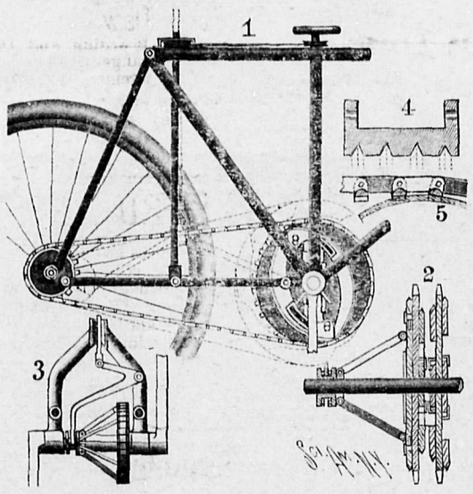
BICYCLE DRIVING GEAR

He Seems to Have Hit Upon an Idea That Many Have Attempted, But Always Without Success.

Yesterday The Miner told of the invention of Thomas Moran of Nelson, which made air reservoirs of the tubes of a bicycle and mechanism to supply compressed air for a whistle, air brake and an ever ready pump with which to inflate the tires. Another Nelson man, Charles G. Evans has come prominently to the front with an invention by means of which the driving gear of a bicycle may be changed to any degree of speed between two extreme points. Mechanical men have been working for years to perfect a practicable changeable gear and if Mr. Evans has the right idea the result of his genius should be of great value to him.

A recent number of the Scientific American gives a detailed description of the device which is a tribute to its importance. In the accompanying cut, Fig. 1 is an elevation showing the device applied to a bicycle. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the sprocket-wheel. Fig 3 is a fragmentary front elevation showing the means for controlling the sprocket-wheel. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of a link of the sprocket-chain. Fig. 5 is a detail section showing the action of the sprocket-chain on the sprocket-wheel.

From the top bar of the bicycle there extends downwardly a vertical front brace, forked at its lower end to carry the crank shaft. From the rear end of the top bar there extends a diagonal brace likewise forked and joined to the fork of the previously mentioned brace. The rear wheel is held in a fork pivoted to the rear end of the top bar. For the usual back stays of the bicycle, toggle-pins are substituted, which are pivotally connected with a forked, link-controlling rod running vertically through the top bar. On the rear portion of the top bar is a nut engaging a thread on the link-controlling rod. The nut is good to receive a band which runs to a pulley carried on the front portion of the top bar and



A NELSON MAN'S CLEVER INVENTION.

operated by a hand-weehl. The hand-wheel also controls a rod, which runs through the front brace, and which is provided at its lower end with a bell-crank lever, engaging the sprocket-operating devices (Fig. 3.)

The main driving-wheel consists of two sprocket-sections, as shown in Fig. 2, on each side of which sections, extension plates are held to slide. These plates are pivotally connected with links, which are in turn pivoted to a collar sliding on the crank-shaft and engaged by the lower member of the bell-crank lever, shown in Fig. 3.

By turning the hand-wheel in the front portion of the top bar, the rod extending through the forward vertical brace will be caused to operate the bell-crank lever in order to adjust the sprocket-wheel. When the hand-wheel is turned in one direction, the collar of the crank-shaft will slide and cause its links to force the extension plates radially outward, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1. When the hand-wheel is turned in the opposite direction, the extension plates will be retracted.

The sprocket-chain, as indicted in Fig. 4, consists of links, the under surfaces of which are formed with four V-shaped grooves running longitudinally with the chain and designated to engage the edges of the extension plates. When the plates are extended in the manner before described, they will grip the four V-shaped groves of the chain links as shown in Fig. 5. Simultaneously with the extension of the driving-wheel, by means of the hand-wheel, the toggle links between the rear wheel and the crank-shaft will be raised by means of the rod pivoted to their inner ends and connected with the hand-wheel, the toggle-chain between the rear wheel and the crank shaft will be raised by means of the rod pivoted to their inner ends and connected with the hand-wheel by the band passing around the rod-nut and the hand-wheel pulley. In this manner the variations in diameter of the driving wheel and the change in position of the rear wheel are compensated for.

It will be observed that the gear is not limited in its changes to a fixed set of speeds, but that the adjusting devices and the construction of the driving sprocket wheel enable the bicycle to be geared to any degree within the two extremes.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sherwood left Thursday for Victoria where they will visit for about 10 days.

Walter J. Askew has gone to the Boundary Country where he will look up a location and engage in the broking business.

The subject for the evening sermon by Rev. C. W. Rose in the Baptist church tomorrow will be "The call and Rejector."

Mayor Neelands was compelled to again take to his bed yesterday. He has had a second relapse and is quite ill, although it is hoped not seriously.

S. E. Coulton, of Ymir, was married yesterday at the Nelson Hotel to Miss Edna McDaniel of Hall Siding. Rev. Robert Frew performed the ceremony.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Nelson Free Library Association will be held on Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. J. Roderick Robertson.

The Ledge says: The Rev. H. S. Akehurst, of Nelson, will visit New Denver this week and preach at both morning and evening serivces of the Church of England on Sunday next.

Emma Johnson and Agnes West, two disreputable women, were fined $5 and costs by Police Magistrate Crease yesterday for disorderly conduct on Baker street. One common drunk was also find $5 and costs.

Capt. Gaudin, who conducted the inquiry into loss of the Ainsworth, recently in Nelson, is quoted as follows on his return to Victoria: "He says no lives would have been lost had not the crew so hurriedly deserted the vessel."

The Miner contains more live advertising today than was ever contained in any paper of the same size published in Nelson. It is recognized by the enterprising business men of the City as by far the best advertising medium and that is why it is so liberally patronized.

The residents on the north side of Victoria street between Ward and Josephine, and those who are compelled to pass the City Hall on Victoria street, are still wondering when they are to be given a sidewalk. They claim that other portions of the City are being attended to while they are being neglected.

Joseph I. Henager in jail in this city charged with incest committed at Rossland, elected trial by jury before Judge Forin yesterday and his case was set for the next assizes. W. D. Brewster, the alleged Trail defaulter, was not ready to elect because he does not yet know whether or not he can secure bail.

This evening at the Crystal Rink a benefit will be given the Hall Mines Smelter Band. The band will be present from 8 until 11 o'clock and skating will continue for that time. An admission fee of only 25 cents will be charged and it is expected that a large crowd will be present as it will probably be the last skating of the season.

The patient and mild mannered Fernie Free Press says: The mail service between Fernie and Nelson don's seem to be working very well. Quite frequently we have received papers and letters a week older than those arriving by a former mail—from the same points. What the cause is we cannot say, but the matter should be looked into at once.

Mr. Samuel Lovatt, of Pilot Bay, was in Nelson yesterday looking very much worried. Despatches from Victoria last Friday announced that he had received an appointment as coroner and the mails afterwards brought him a commission as Notary Public. He knows he is a Notary Public but he isn't quite sure whether or not he is coroner.

Martin O'Reilly & Co., will open the doors of their dry goods establishment in the Bank of British Columbia block, Monday morning at 7 o'clock. Their stock of goods arrived Thursday and yesterday they were busy arranging them for the shelves and tables. Their stock is complete in every respect and the new store will be a welcome acquisition to the retail houses already in Nelson.

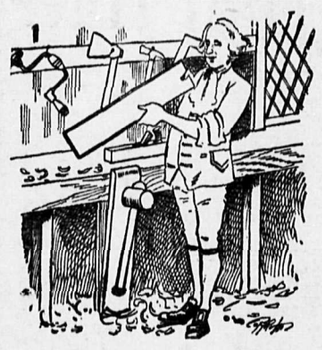
The Hume Hotel was opened just one year ago yesterday, St. Patrick's Day, 1898. Since that time, up to and including yesterday, 4,814 persons have registered at the hotel. The hotel opened with Horace Hume, who still has the position, as manager, and Charles Prosser as chief clerk. Mr. Prosser is still there, as is also George Ball, the head chef. Mr. Hume and Mr. Prosser are now well known among those who travel through Nelson, and are popular hotel men.

There has been only one real good curling contest at the Crystal Rink this winter and that occurred yesterday afternoon between rinks skipped by Mike O'Brien and John Miles. All the players were Irishmen and none of them had ever before curled. They went to the rink without rubbers and two or three of them carried skates, thinking they were a necessity. There were many falls and some of the members of the two rinks were fit candidates for the hospital after the game was over. Mike O'Brien won, the rinks and scores being: W. Diamond, Robt. Bates, John Macdonald, M. O'Brien, 12; vs. Alex. McKay, R. B. Esnouf, J. W. Pittock, John Miles. 4.

You may not believe it, but it is true and P. E. Lamont is responsible for it. It happened yesterday. There were two dogs, both of them with green ribbons around their necks. They were traveling about together and in their rambles found a yellow dog without any decorations in honor of St. Patrick. They didn't stop a moment but both got after the yellow dog and when they had finished with him he made a vow he would never again appear on St. Patrick's day without an Irish sign.

Mr. C. C. Chipman, Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, came over from Victoria on Sunday and spent yesterday looking into the affairs of the Company here. Before returning to Winnipeg Mr. Chipman in expected to visit Nelson when it is believed the contract for the erection of the new block at the corner of Baker and Stanley streets will be awarded and arrangements made for starting the work.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The South Kootenay Rifles had their semi weekly drill last night and received their first instruction in bayonet exercise in which they made satisfactory progress. The drills are being well attended and great interest is being shown by the members of the corps. There are still two or three vacancies and those desiring to join should apply early. The dilatory action of the military authorities in forwarding the uniforms and the rest of the equipment is not tending to make that body popular in the Kootenay.



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Information regarding Creston may be had of GEO. M'FARLAND, Agent Nelson, or from

Creston Townsite Co.,
CRESTON, B. C.

If You Never Had the Grippe

Don't cultivate it. Better pay $10.00 a pair for your Shoes than go through it—its cheaper. But you can't pay so much as that here. If you Grip on to a pair of our $3.50, $4.50 or $5.50 Slater Shoes you'll not have the Grippe.

LILLIE BROS., = ABERDEEN BLOCK.

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Some of the Choicest Jewels ever received in the Kootenays arrived yesterday and are now on sale. I make a specialty of fine watch repairing.

J. J. WALKER,
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The West Kootenay Brick & Lime Company, Ltd.

Capital $50,000.00, divided into 50,000 shares of $1.00 each.

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Issue of 5,000 (10 per cent. guaranteed) Preference Shares. Also 7,500 ordinary shares of $1.00 each, payable as follows: 25 cents on application, 25 cents on allotment, and the balance when called for, no call to be made until three months after 22nd February, 1899.

The subscription list for this issue will open at 10 a. m. on Monday, March 13th, and close at 3 p. m. on Friday, March 31st, 1899. Applications for shares, accompanied with the amount payable on application, should be made to the bankers of the company (where prospectuses and forms of application can be obtained) or at the office of the company. Copies of the memorandum and articles of Association of the company may be inspected at the office of the company's solicitors.

Paints, Oils, and Brushes.

We ask the Painters to test the quality of our goods, and our prices.

Nelson Hardware Co.

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In the lead again this spring. Their Stock of Groceries is complete, both

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Their shelves are heavily laden with all the delicacies in Canned and Bottled Goods. They are noted not only for carrying the Fancy Stock of Nelson, but also for carrying the Stock Suitable to Supply the Wants of any Kitchen or Camp. They carry by far the Largest Stock in Nelson, and defy competition. Their prices are uniform, taking no advantage on any one article above another.

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Monday, March 20th.
One Night Only.
Miss Clara Thropp
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IBSEN'S DOLL'S HOUSE.
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Seats on sale now at Canada Drug & Book Co.

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J. M. LAY, MANAGER.

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BOSTON CAPITAL INTO THE SLOCAN

The Arlington to be Pushed to the Front.

DEAL MADE IN SPOKANE

One of the Most Promising Properties in the Slocan District—Frank Watson Does the Work.

A deal has been consummated in Spokane which will introduce Boston capital into the lead district of the Slocan and will doubtless bring one of the promising properties of that part of British Columbia immediately to the front as a great mine. The Arlington mine is the property in question. Who the Boston capitalists are is not announced at present but there is every assurance that the deal is a go.

The Arlington mine is one of the richest silver properties in the vicinity of Slocan City. It has been owned for about two years by a Spokane company which was organized by Frank Watson. The property comprises the Arlington and Burlington claims and was located by Robert Cooper and C. E. Fielding who have ever since retained interests in it. In 1896 John A. Finch had the group under bond and did considerable work upon it without finding the main lead, his tunnel, as subsequent development proved, having been run in the wrong direction. Later on the mine lay idle for many months until Frank Watson came along and after looking it over concluded that it was one of the richest showings he had ever seen and took a bond on it for $50,000. Then followed the formation of the Spokane company.

The property has seen hard times. The company was hampered for lack of funds and the Arlington was away up Springer creek where no road had ever been built and shipment of ore was therefore expensive. Then there were conflicting interests and dissensions among the stockholders and the result was slow development and a rapidly accummulating debt. In all 1200 feet of work was done, most of it being accomplished under the direction of Frank Watson who was in charge of the work when the wheels were running smoothly. This development reached a depth of 175 feet and opened up a wonderful body of ore which is authentically reported to show 30 feet in thickness. The company made shipments which yielded 240 ounces silver and 16 to 20 per cent. lead. It is said that the ore is growing heavier in lead as depth is gained.

Last summer the company found itself in such straits that it became necessary to give a mortgage on the claims. The Bank of British North America furnished the money. The mortgage, was later transferred to Ross Thompson of Rossland. Work on the mine was almost entirely suspended. It was when matters were in this tangle that Frank Watson began to work for the redemption of the mine. He began the arduous task seven months ago and has just completed it. The terms of the deal are that a new company is to be formed to be known as the Arlington Mines, Limited, with headquarters, probably in Spokane. The capitalization is to be 1,000,000 shares and 750,000 shares will go into the treasury. The remaining 250,000 shares will be issued to the stockholders of the old company at the rate of one share for every four held in the old corporation. The new company assumes the mortgage and has arranged to pay it and all other outstanding debts of the old company within 30 days. The Boston people take up sufficient of the treasury stock to place $50,000 at once in the treasury of the company and have guaranteed that the same amount will be forthcoming later if needed to make a paying mine of the Arlington.

These terms have been agreed to by the unanimous vote of the stockholders of the old company present at a recent meeting where 768,000 shares of the 813,000 shares issued were represented.

"Within 30 days" a stockholder is reported, as saying, "work will begin on the Arlington with a large force of men. The development will be upon a large scale, with all the necessary machinery and the plans of the company include the early erection of a concentrator. Frank Watson paid a visit to Victoria lately and secured from the Provincial Government $2500 with which to complete the road which the Government started to build up the creek from Slocan City to the mines. Work on this will begin as soon as spring opens up. Much credit is due to Frank Waston for putting this deal through in the face of discouragements. The company has been so torn with internal troubles that no reconcilliation seemed possible and most of us thought the Arlington was a dead duck. But Watson saved the mine although it took seven months of scheming and manouvering and harmonizing to bring it about."

It is rather a new thing for Boston capital to take up silver and lead propositions. Copper investments are the favorites in the Massachusetts city. But the profits which Slocan shippers pay are attracting attention of eastern capital and Boston has made money enough in mines to know that a venture of this kind is safe. Those who know the Alrington say that the mine will be shipping ore within six months and should begin to pay profits soon after.

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New York, March 17.—Bar silver, 59⅞; Mexican dollars, 47½.

Copper dull, $17; exchange, $17½.

Lead, quiet; broker's $4.20; exchange, $4.45 to $4.50.

Tin steady; Straits, $23.80 to $23.90; plates steady.

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The new coke ovens at Fernie are in process of construction. Fifty are being added to the north end of those now in use and a row of another hundred will be built on the west side of the present fifty. The Free Press says a large amount of stone and sufficient fire brick for about a hundred ovens are now on the ground.

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Of mining operations at the New Denver camp The Ledge furnishes the following paragraphs:

Negotiations are now being carried on with a view to securing the Towser, a claim adjoining the Silver Cup group. The owners of this claim are Dave Ferguson and Jack Knowles.

The Beatrice will soon add materially to the shipments made from the Trout Lake district. Something over 125 tons of high grade ore are now lying on the dump awaiting the moment when the rawhide trail is completed, when a force of seven men will commence work, and it is expected that their operations will result in keeping the property on a shipping basis.

The Nettie L. will be worked steadily from this out, future operations aiming at placing the property in a position to become a permanent shipper. Dan Cameron has the contract for the completion of a piece of tunnel which will represent a further outlay of $1,000. The present appearance of the ore body in the Nettie L. justifies the claim of the owner that it is one of the biggest things in the country.

One of the most promising properties in the camp is the St. Elmo. This claim together with the Yankee makes up the St. Elmo group, which adjoins the Great Northern to the northeast. During the greater part of the winter, Hugh McPherson and Neil Swinton have been busily engaged doing development work and taking out ore. They made a shipment some time ago of five tons, and the satisfactory result of 113 ounces silver, $3.80 gold and $17.09 lead, making a total value per ton of $85.18.

Quite recently a bond was secured by James Dixon on the Silver Queen, a property situated on the Great Northern ledge. Mr. Dixon represents Vancouver parties, and secured control of the property from Jack Stabuer at the following figure: $500 down, $500 on the 1st of June, 1899, and $24,000 on the 1st of June, 1900, making a total of $25,000, the amount of the bond. The Trout Lake Topic says the Silver Cup is a fine property and is very considerably developed. A crosscut tunnel of 170 feet in length has been driven, showing up, where the vein was encountered, 10 inches of solid ore besides a very large body of concentrating ore. Mr Dixon intends commencing active operations on the claim shortly, and it is confidently expected that another shipper will be added to the list before snow flies next fall.

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Silverton ore shipments, shipped today from Vancouver mine, 20 tons; Comstock (concentrates) 20 tons; total 40 tons. Previous to this, since 1st January last, 943 tons.

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE COMSTOCK CONCENTRATOR.

Editor Nelson Miner:

I see in the issue of The Tribune of the 15th inst. a somewhat sensational account of alleged troubles between the Comstock Mining Company, whose property is on Four Mile Creek, and Thomas Mitchell, who recently erected a concentrator for the Company. The key of the concentrator was indeed taken possession of by Mitchell for a short time, and held by him under circumstances which it would take too long to explain; but it is now, and except for a few hours has been, in the possession of the Company, who are at present drawing ore from the mine to the mill and concentrates from the mill to the wharf here. The third payment on the contract price has been paid to and accepted by the contractor, less a small deduction retained by the company until certain defects will be remedied by the contractor. There is also a dispute between the Company and the contractor as to whether the mill has been doing its work as efficiently as it should, but that is not an issue between them, yet at least, as this is only being enquired into. Nothing has yet developed between the Company and the contractor to cause such an article to be written as that which appeared in the columns of your contemporary. A. B. C.

Silverton, March 16, 1899

CALGARY'S ABATTOIR.

On his return to Calgary from the East, Mr. P. Burns confirmed the report that he intended to build a large cold storage and slaughter house at that place. The Daily Herald says: "When it is considered that this firm supplies the entire Kootenay country, and also ships to Coast cities it will be easily understood that the proposed plant will be quite extensive. The buildings will be of the latest and most approved plan. Both the cold storage and slaughter house will be equiped with up to date appliances. the pay roll will be quite considerable, which will benefit Calgary, and the buildings will be a benefit to our city. The industry will be one of the most importaat in the West. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather permits. Mr. Burns while East visited the larger packing houses and examined the different methods of operating them."

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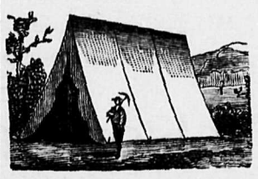
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