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BOOK II. SANDON AND CODY, MARCH 12, 1898. CHAPTER 25

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

Sandon has a bank account.

Pat Gannon is in Fort Wrangel.

Miss Dryden has removed to Cody.

Kaslo is making a play for a county court.

Mrs. Barber leaves next week for Kuskonook.

Gone Klondike is the best name for insanity.

This is Lent. Cut your whiskey down 20 per cent.

Dave King does not own the Kuskonook Searchlight.

Mrs. Weaver, of Three Forks, has gone on a visit to Spokane.

Spain has been pounded to a finish by the American newspapers.

Carloads of beautiful ice from Bear Lake are being stored in the city.

Ed. Cummings, of the Hotel Slocan, Kaslo, was in Sandon on Thursday.

The Knights of Pythias will give a grand ball about the middle of April.

Jim McDonel, of the firm of Pyne & McDonel, was in Sandon last week.

It is rumored that the Sandon variety theater will be opened on Monday next.

Look out for Frank Sewell. If he gets his eye on you it will cost you two plunks.

Jim McDonel took out twenty men this morning to work on the Crow's Nest road.

E. J. Matthews, B. C. representative of the Omaha Grain Co., was in town on Friday.

Telephone connection has been made between the C. P. R. depot and the Payne tram.

H. Giegerich, the well-known merchant took a look at his Sandon business this week.

There is a war between the two papers in Kaslo, but the militia has not yet been called out.

Banker Mytton, E. M. Sandilands and L. Alexander gazed at the matchless scenery of New Denver last Sunday.

Pete Annance is said to have made $3000 in one week at Skagway. Must have worked his hold-out with a steam engine.

Messrs. Atherton, Harris and Grimmett went to Victoria last Sunday on behalf of what Sandon wants from the Legislature.

One of the mysteries of Three Forks is the frequent walking of the railway track by a couple of its most prominent young men.

White & Cavanaugh are piling lumber adjacent to the K. & S. track in order to avoid any inconvenience from bad roads later on.

The K. & S. announces that it has met the C. P. R. cut in rates to all points. It will soon be cheaper to travel than to stay at home.

The K. & S. telegraph line went down between the station and the Payne tram during the violent wind on Friday morning.

The Sandon Fire Brigade turned out for practice on Thursday evening. Two streams were thrown in an expeditious manner from the hydrant at the electric power house.

William Walmsley, of the Star hotel, has sold his interest in that institution to his partner, Hugh McGee, and intends going to the Klondike.

Victoria appears to be after the Klondike trade hot-footed. By yesterday's mail we are in receipt of a whole bundle of phamplets issued by their Board of Trade.

Quite a number of people have left Sandon within the last three months without paying their debts. Credit should be restricted in the future as there are still some dead-beats left in the burg.

Low prices prevail in Sandon on nearly everything except whiskey. It is wonderful how the price of that staple liquor commodity keeps its spirit on the top shelf.

British Columbia should soon have about enough newspapers. Five new publications were sprung on the public in one week recently. This is one thing in which it is hard for the public.

The Rev J. Wooldsworth, Superintendant of Methodist Missions, visited Sandon on Wednesday and in the evening gave a very interesting address in the Methodist church on the missionary operations of the Canadian Methodist Society. He left on Thursday C. P. R. train for Slocan City.

By the returns it looks as though the Ontario government had been let out. A poor mining and timber policy beat them. The eastern people have at last begun to realize that land that won't grow hay may have a value.

Dr. Milloy returned on Wednesday from Toronto and resumed business at the old stand in the Reco Hotel. He reports having spent a pleasant winter in the effete and dollar-grasping east, but had no regrets to express about leaving.

The C. P. R. and Intercolonial have patched up their end of the rate war. The situation is still unaltered in the west and some of the American roads are asking Congress to withdraw the bonding privilege from Canadian roads.

Word comes from London that the Bank of France has advanced the price of gold. The market is weak on rumors that the Indian import duty on silver will be raised, and the Bank of France has taken action to prevent the further export of the white metal.

The Bachelor Club of Sandon entertained their friends yesterday evening with a ball in Virginia hall. The attendance was quite large, many being present from outside points. The affair was one of the social successes of the season.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met on Monday evening, 7th inst., Ald. Mighton in the chair. Other members present: Broddy, Crawford, Switzer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Finance committee reported progress regarding temporary loan.

Committee appointed to purchase supplies for the Fire Dep't reported having made the necessary purchases. A movement to secure proper fire alarm was also reported.

Police Magistrate Lilly and Chief of Police Doolan presented their monthly reports, both of which were accepted and fyled.

Ald. Broddy introduced a bylaw for the purpose of governing public morals.

The salary of the Chief of the Fire Dep't was set at $15 a month.

The council as a committee of the whole reported favorably on bylaw No. 8, the Public Health bylaw, which was then read a second and third time.

Bylaw No. 9, the Public Morals bylaw was read for the first time.

The meeting was then adjourned.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Anglican Church—Rev. C. F. Yates will preach to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in Spencer's hall.

Presbyterian church—Regular services in Virginia hall morning and evening. Rev. J. A. Cleland.

Methodist Church—Rev. A. M. Sanford, Pastor. Regular services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach the second of a series of sermons on "Miracles," during the morning service and in the evening will give the second of a series on "Historical Chareters."

SLOCAN MINES.

The Dardanelles is again shipping ore.

Noble Five stock has risen to 20 cents.

Supplies are being rawhided to the Noble Five.

The Wakefield, on Four Mile, commenced work again last week.

The new owners will take charge of the Whitewater on April 1st.

The Hussler, near Three Forks, has been a steady shipper all winter.

The Payne tram is working like a charm and the C. P. R. now handles two cars a day.

It is rumored that T. L. Mitchell will resign the management of the Montezuma mill.

Galena properties are still in demand, judging from the many inquiries being made for them recently.

The resumption of work on the Noble Five with a force of 30 men will cause the town furthest up the gulch to freshen up. Tom McGuigan is foreman.

Canada should have a high duty upon lead and its products. Talk it up gentle and despondent reader and you will yet be able to wear diamonds and pay for this paper without paralyzing your bank account.

Kelly & Edwards packers and forwarders McGuigan Basin, have dissolved. Kelly takes the packing outfit and Edwards will in future handle the teaming branch. Business will be carried on as usual by each in the separate lines.

Superintendent Bates of the Montezuma has resigned and leaves shortly for Seattle. The affairs of the company will be for the time being in the hands of President Hughes.

Reports are current of a good showing now being exposed in the Cariboo-Rambler property. A lower tunnel has been run and from this a drift to get under the present workings shows continuous ore for some sixty feet, though not yet under the main ore body. The walls are perfect and the ore appears to be getting better with every foot gained on the drift.

SANDON ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from Sandon from August 1, 1897, to March 5th, 1898, inclusive, were as follows:

Slocan Star,	:	2,970 tons.
Ruth,	:	4,505
Payne,	:	9,240½
Idaho Mines,	:	874
Noble Five,	:	519½
Reco,	:	1048½
American Boy,	:	29
Slocan Boy,	:	45
Wonderful,	:	42
Ajax,	:	58
Majestic,	:	12
Freddie Lee,	:	16
Mt. Adams,	:	15
Last Chance,	:	944
Goodenough,	:	35
Canadian Group,	:	20
Sovereign,	:	34
Trade Dollar,	:	15
Queen Bess,	:	204
Fountain Fraction,	:	5
Miscellaneous,	:	10½
Ajax Fraction	:	18
Total,	: :	19,819½ tons

Ore shipments for the week from February 26 to March 10th, inclusive, were as follows: Payne 150, Ruth 140, Last Chance 80, Queen Bess 15, Ajax 15, Reco 60, Total, 460 tons.—K. & S.

Scab prices and scab newspapers are a curse to any mining camp. They are the wedges that get under living wages and cause them to slide down the dump of serfdom. Miners, for their own safety, should beware of scabs and those who patronise them.

Journalists should be compelled to to take out papers the same as lawyers and doctors. If that were the case the world would not be pestered with such fakirs as D. R. Young. His rag recently reported the Payne sold for three million, and that miners would get $4.50 a day in the Slocan. Such lies are an injury to the country.

Just Like Hell.

Distance lends enchantment, but it does not seem to apply in the case of Skagway. In fact the reverse is true. The stories of crime and pestilence brought down from there are bad enough when they reach here, but they seem to grow in magnitude and seriousness as they travel east. Two men who went from the east to Skagway with a view of going in business there were discouraged at the outlook and were recently interviewed at Denver upon their return.

They told the reporter of the paper that the condition of affairs at Skagway is most deplorable and demands the intervention of the government to prevent the miners from going to the Klondike country by that route. They did not suggest any other route but they put in an emphatic protest against going that way. The men said that the place is overrun with the worst sort of criminals, who do not stop at murder to get enough money to buy provisions to keep body and soul together.

The report says that the trail from that place is lined with rude coffins containing the remains of poor miners who froze to death on the trail. Hundreds of dead horses and mules that lost their lives by losing their foothold and rolling over the cliffs, are lying where they fell. All the water that is drunk in Skagway comes in contact with the frozen bodies of the animals before it reaches the camp, to be used for cooking and drinking purposes.

The sufferings of the miners was said to be intense, and the lawlessness of the camp can hardly be depicted. Men are dying at the rate of fifteen or twenty a day. A person is taken ill in the morning and is dead by night. The mortality is increasing and the people are terror-stricken. When spring comes the pestilence will be feartul. People going there are going into the embrace of death.

Many of those who can find purchasers for their supplies are disposing at a loss and returning to the States. There are, so the report says, no less than 8000 persons living in tents at Skagway, and actually dying for want of food. There are hundreds of them living at the foot of the pass, waiting to get over. But they will be able to get no further for three months. The pass is in such a deplorable condition that even the Indians will not attempt to carry provisions across it.

There are hundreds of men in that camp who are willing to work all day for three square meals, but there is absolutely nothing for them to do. They cannot even get a job chopping wood, for there is no wood to chop. The prices charged there for everything are almost beyond belief. The other day two men got off the steamer at the wharf and were stopped by an officer, who asked them to show their tickets. While they were getting them out of their pockets they put their satchels on the wharf, and the owners attempted to collect 25 cents apiece for the temporary use of the wharf. Lodging is $1.50 per night. Almost all the toughs in the country are there. Seattle has a good many of these gentry, but is not a circumstance compared to Skagway.

There is not the slightest semblance of law and order in the place. Daylight hold-ups are numerous. One day a marshall was standing on the corner and saw a man held up. He went to his assistance and was filled full of shot by the robbers. Then they coolly finished robbing the man and walked away. The unfortunate marshall was carried out of the city and buried by putting a quantity of moss over him. Nothing was done about it and there was no attempt to ascertain who did the killing.

There are no less than 1400 horses and mules on the trail leading out of Skagway. They were killed sliding off in their efforts to cross. The pass when it is traversable is unsafe, for if a man or a horse makes a misstep he is gone If a pack animal slides off feet first it is possible to save the pack, but it is necessary to shoot the animal, as it is impossible to get the beast on again. If the animal rolls down the mountain side the pack is lost and the horse is killed in the descent. Almost all the water used in Skagway is polluted by coming in contact with these animals, and in a measure is responsible for most of the illness and deaths in that place.

The weather up there is so bitterly cold that men freeze before they know it. One man froze his feet and toes. When the bandages were removed to dress them the toes fell off. It is no uncommon sight up there to see men with fingers, ears, nose or toes frozen off. When these members become frozen they invariably drop off. The sides of the trail leading across the mountain from Skagway is lined with improvised coffins, containing the remains of miners who either lost their lives by starvation or froze to death. It is impossible to bury the bodies of man or beast up there now. The ground is frozen so hard that it would be practically impossible to dig a grave. As the death rate averages about twenty a a day, it would be out of the question to dig graves for so many. When a man dies the body is put into a rough box and left on the snow until it melts, when graves will be dug. There are hundreds of these rude coffins along the pass.

A Special Consignment from San Francisco of 34 dozen pair of Gloves, including California Buckskins Asbestos, Horsehide, Australian Goat skin, Genuine Seal-skin, Fireproof Horse-hide, at the Post Office Store.

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OFFICE.

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Hottest Town in the Gulch.

The prices are somewhat despondent in sympathy with the sad condition of trade, and

NOW IS THE TIME

To lay away a supply for the good times that are likely to come upon us suddenly and without warning.

EAST CANADIAN NEWS.

The manager of the Traders' Bank at Glencoe died suddenly of apoplexy on Thursday morning.

C. Amey, of Ottawa, claims to have discovered three placer locations in the Michipicoten gold district.

The Bank of British North America is to open a branch office at Dawson City to compete with the Bank of Commerce.

Alderman Charles Baxter, of Windsor, has resigned his seat in the city council and gone to seek his fortune in the Klondike.

Lady Abbott, the wife of the late Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John Abbott, died on Friday at the residence of her son in Montreal.

Mrs. Richard Rolley, aged 63 years, committed suicide early Thursday morning by hanging herself with a plough line. The reason is unknown.

Roderick McDonald, of Toronto, who has been in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway for 40 years, was killed by a train on Thursdry morning, while attending to the semaphore at the Humber, where he was section man.

The great railway rate war is causing a great deal of talk. The cut ranges from 50 to 75 per cent. of the former rates, and as a result the fares between certain points in Ontario and Quebec are lower than railway men ever remember them.

The Canada Mutual Mining & Development Company, Ltd., which has its headquarters at Toronto, shipped this week its first car load of ore, weighing 25,000 lbs., from the Gladstone galena group, on Silver creek, about seven miles east of Northport.

A boy named James Gates, aged 16 years, who was employed in the law office of Ritchie & Co., Toronto, forged his employers' check for $100, cashed it and started for the Klondike. He travelled as far as North Bay, when he changed his mind and returned home.

One of the heaviest snow-storms of many years visited Ontario and Quebec the beginning of this week, causing traffic to be impeded. In some parts of Quebec city there was absolute suffering as the milkmen and bakers could not get around to serve their customers.

The amateur highwayman, who has been holding up travellers near Stratford, Ont., the last few weeks, has been captured by the local police. He is a young man named Thomas Bell. The two youths, who were his companions during his exploits, have both been arrested.

An avalanche of snow destroyed on Tuesday night, two houses at South Quebec, which were situated directly under the cliff, opposite the G.T.R. sheds. Four persons were killed, Emile Angers aged 50, his two little boys aged three and five years respectively, and a little girl named Flossie King aged 11 years. Several others sustained serious injuries.

A beautiful service in memory of the late Miss Frances Willard was held in Cooke's church, Toronto, on Tuesday night, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. A large number of people were present, many of whom had met the late leader of the great temperance movement on the occasion of her last visit to Toronto, some few months ago.

Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, died on Thursday. This eminent divine was born in Dungarvon, County Waterford, Ireland, 1828. In 1888, he was appointed by the Holy See, to be Bishop of Kingston, so he was forced to resign his Irish benefice and come to Canada. His insurance, amounting to $30,000, is nearly all left to Regiopolis College.

A dreadful fire occurred on Sunday night in the township of Rama, three miles north of Sebright, in which Mrs. James Arthurs and her two boys, aged twelve and 9 respectively, were burned to death. A daughter, aged 18 years, will also probably die from her burns. It is surmised that the conflagration had its origin in a fire which was left burning in the stove when the family retired for the night.

Stanislaus Francis Perry, M.P. for West Prince Edward Island, died at Ottawa on Thursday. The deceased went to Ottawa some two weeks previous to the recent opening of Parliament, but was taken sick almost immediately of low fever from which he never recovered. In politics he was a stiff Liberal and, if he had lived, it is said by those who know, that he would soon have been appointed to the Senate.

The Government at Ottawa has received a proposition from the Rothschilds offering to construct a line of narrow guage railway from Pyramid Harbor over the Dalton trail to Rink Rapids on the Lewes river. They also offer to construct precisely the same railway as is called for in the contract with McKenzie & Mann, for a grant of 1,000,000 acres of land, which is only about one-third of what McKenzie & Mann contracted for.

The knell to the hopes of Canadian oilmen has been sounded by the Government at Ottawa, and coal oil is now to be admitted into Canada at certain ports in tank ships. This means that that octopus, the Standard Oil Company, will now have everything its own way. By the strict rules that the Government imposes, it is evident that the framers of our laws recognize the danger attending the bringing in of such ships. It is too bad that such an important industry should meet with such treatment from the hands of the Government.

Another gold field has been discovered in Cape Breton. Investigations have been made during the last few months in new districts, where heretofore no particular interest was taken. The Whycocomah district of Cape Breton was one of the regions visited by an expert, with the result of finding a vein of quartz in Salt Mountain, Inverness county, which is reported to be almost inexhaustible. The vein exposure on the surface is almost 280 feet broad and three miles long. Samples of the ore taken out of the tunnel have been assayed by Mr. Hersey of McGill University and run as high as $141 to the ton.

The deputation of representatives from commercial bodies, which waited upon the Ottawa Government with reference to the opening up of a wagon road or pack trail from Edmonton to the Yukon, did not meet with the success they hoped for. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to them said that the matter had already been engaging the attention of the House, and the decision had been arrived at that it was advisable to send out an exploration company next summer to ascertain what the country was like and if it was suitable for farming purposes, so that it would offer inducements for unsuccessful miners to settle there and to farm land. Continuing he said: "The greater part of those going to the gold fields were doomed to disappointment in advance, but they would be able to compensate themselves for their lack of success in mining, by turning their attention to agriculture."

THE PASSENGER WAR.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—To-day's Evening Telegram says editorially: "Good luck to the C. P. R. Canada's sympathies will be entirely with the C.P.R. in the fight which it is making to secure a lion's share of the traffic to the Yukon. It is not in the interests either of Canada or of the C.P.R. that a dollar should go to an American line if the C. P. R. can divert the dollar to its own coffers.

"The Grand Trunk has business interests which encourage it to send traffic to the Yukon via American routes. These interests are entirely opposed to Canada's interests. It would be unreasonable to expect the Grand Trunk to be patriotic and to lose money by allowing passengers to travel over the C.P.R. It would be just as unreasonable to expect Canada to take the business view of the question and to therefore withdraw its sympathy and support from the C.P.R., which in the fight has no interests which are not the interests of Canada.

"Canada for business reasons is the ally of the C. P. R. in this fight just as the Grand Trunk for business reasons is the ally of the American lines. The Grand Trunk's interests are identical with the interests of American roads, and the interest of Canada will be best promoted by a C.P.R. victory over the whole combination."

The First Railroad to the Arctic Sea.

The first railroad running to a port on the Artic Sea is the continuation of the Vologda railway, in Russia, which is now finished to the port of Archangel on the southeastern corner of the White Sea, and at the mouth of the river Divina. This new line, which was opened some weeks ago, is nearly 400 miles in length. The Vologda-Archangel Railway passes for the most part through deserted or sparsely populated regions, or across "tundras" and marshes, which are sometimes 50 feet in depth. The whole nature of the country through which the new line passes was unfavorable to its construction. Marshes and patches of bog and swamp had to be filled in; the newly made embankments were continually giving away, and had again to be built up until the necessary stability had been obtained. Six iron bridges and numerous bridges of wood were required. The wooden bridges are built upon piles driven in some cases to a great depth beneath the surface. The new line is of military as well as commercial importance, for it must play a leading part in the opening of the northern provinces of Russia. It will furnish an outlet, for instance for the deposits of petroleum which exist in Northern Russia, but have not been worked on account of the lack of transportation.

ALMOST A MILLION.

Collector of Customs Johnstone reports the following exports and imports in the Nelson district for the month of February. The exports are not up to the million and a third mark of January, but it is claimed that they would have equalled that sum were it not for the blockade occasioned by snow on the Kaslo-Slocan railway, which prevented the marketing of considerable ore:

Exports—The mine, ore 8,001 tons, $370,925; matte, 667 tons, $578,213; total, $949,138. Animals and other produce, $310; manufactures, $6,558; total exports, $956,006.

Exports from the mines were divided as follows: Gold, $489,450; copper, $109,879; lead. $65,531; silver, $284,278; total, $949,138.

Imports—Dutiable goods, $60,635; free goods, $4,751; total, $65,386. Duty collected, $17,422.41.

The duty was collected at the following places: Nelson, $7,317.77; Rossland, $5,191.39; Kaslo, $3,161.38; Trail, $891.89; Nakusp, $430.52; Waneta, $412.91; Sheep Creek, $16.55.

IS NOT A VALID LOCATION.

Judgement in a peculiar mining case was given Saturday by Justice Walkem in the supreme court. In August, 1897, the Sheep Creek Star claim was located in the West Kootenay district by a man named Madden. In staking it out he, unknowingly, placed his initial post in United States territory, the claim lying right at the boundary line. In June, 1895, Connell staked out Boundary No. 2, covering nearly the same ground. Madden applying for a certificate of improvements, Connell filed an adverse claim. Justice Walkem to-day held in Connell's favor on the ground that as by the mineral act a surveyor has to begin at post No. 1, the Sheep Creek Star is not a valid location as its initial post was in foreign territory and therefore was not a boundary post within the meaning of the mineral act. An appeal will be taken.

Work on the Wakefield was renewed last Friday, and will be pushed as fast as possible.

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FACTS THAT WON'T BE CONSIDERED

E. J. LIVERNISH and Dr. Wills are in Ottawa talking with the Government about the wants of the Klondike. Livernish believes that the suffering from lack of provisions will not be very great this spring. The government is called upon to see that plenty of provisions are on hand for next winter, as it is then that the pinch may come for the enormous population. He believes if the simple truth were brought home to many a poor fellow now preparing for a trip to the Yukon, much suffering would be spared. The truth is that the output and probable wealth of the Yukon is vastly exaggerated. It is safe to say that up to last summer the country had not yielded more than $2,500,000. Last year's gold output is well within $1,500,000. The winter work for the present winter will not bring more than $6,000,000. The largest estimate offered by any responsible party is $10,000,000 as follows: Bonanza creek, $4,000,000; El Dorado creek, $4,000,000; Hunker creek, $400,000; Bear, Dominion, Sulphur and other creeks, $1,000,000, and small creeks and side-hill claims, another $500,000. He reports that every dollar thus far extracted from the Klondike has cost one dollar. More than one-half of the men who went to Klondike last year must year must be written down as failures. They are poorer than when they went in.

M'KENZIE & MANN'S SNAP.

COMMENTING on the McKenzie & Mann Yukon railroad deal the Edmonton Bulletin says: "By the bargain with McKenzie & Mann those gentlemen get the selection of 85 blocks of land of six by twenty-four miles in the Yukon district and six years in which to make their selection. British Columbia is of much larger area than the Yukon, has been a field for prospectors for nearly forty years, and included richer mines than any of the Klondike, and yet 85 locations of the size mentioned could be so located as to cover every mine of gold or silver in British Columbia that is paying or that ever paid for working. Although the area of the Yukon district is very large, unless its rich gold deposits are very much more widely distributed than anything the world has yet seen, Messrs. McKenzie & Mann's 85 locations can cover every paying prospect found in that district during the next six years. This being the case what is there left to offer for the further extension of the proposed railway northward to the northern end of Teslin lake, or southward to the British Columbia coast, (both of which extensions are necessary if the line is to be a success in reducing the cost of working and living in the Yukon to a reasonable basis) to say nothing of the aid necessary to induce the building of the only all-Canadian route for the sole advantage of Canadian trade. People will naturally be anxious to hear how further railway construction in or towards the Yukon is to be provided for before granting practically all value in the gold fields to the present enterprise, which, however urgent it may be, is, to say the least, incomplete."

UNLICENSED INSURANCE COMPANIES.

There has long been complaint among Canadian fire insurance agents that bnsiness is being taken away from them by the representatives of American companies that are not licensed to do business in the Dominion. These companies have not made the deposit at Ottawa that is required by law, and yet they have men in Canada "pilfering" business, as one agent in Vancouver said yesterday. In the Kootenay this "pilfering" is marked. There is one American company especially that has no license to do business in the Dominion which is complained of. It has agents in Spokane, who go into the Kootenay and get good risks by quoting a lower rate than licensed companies. These agents are not local men, and, as they live in a foreign town, it is difficult to reach them through the law. The Insurance and Finance Chronicle, of Montreal, referring to this matter in its last issue says:

"The open defiance of the law of Canada by a certain disreputable class of American fire insurance companies calls for more severe measures being taken to suppress this evil. A case was recently heard by Judge Desnoyers, presiding at the Special Sessions in this city, which will serve to make the law better known to the public. It is fully known to those companies, by whom the law of Canada is audaciously set at naught. The case was reported as follows: Wm Labrecque was fined $25 and costs for delivering fire insurance policies of an unlicensed insurance company. It appears that Labrecque represented an American insurance company which had not made a deposit with the Canadian Government in order to be allowed to carry on such a business in Canada. The charge was preferred by Mr. Harris Cohen, who had taken out a policy for $1,200. If Mr. Cohen's premises had been burned, the policy was of questionable value, as the company had not a license for Canada. The Judge said it was a very serious case, but as the accused had apparently acted in good faith, he would reduce the fine After this public warning, there will no longer be any excuse for this class of law- reakers, and we shall expect the full penalty to be imposed. The Judge said 'it was a serious case.' It is certainly very serious for foreigners to be setting the law of Canada at defiance It is also very serious for some of our citizens to be running the risk of being unable to collect their insurance in the event of a fire. The old saying, 'Penny wise and pound foolish,' applies with especial force to a man who, in order to save a few cents in the cost of his fire insurance, buys a policy which is absolutely worthless—except as an exhibit of foolishness and a warning to others."

CANADA'S BARREN LANDS.

An instructive lecture on "The Barren Lands of Canada" was delivered before a large audience at the biological building of Toronto University by Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, of the Dominion Geological Survey. Several fine views of the north country were shown. Taking the 3,500,000 square miles of Canada, the lecturer said there were between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 square miles which would produce neither grains nor forests of a commercial value. A tract of about 750,000 square miles of this country contains fur-bearing animals, and is known to the Indians as the bare and treeless plains, or the barren lands. Of these about 300,000 square miles are in Arctic islands, 50,000 in north-western Labrador, and 400,000 west of Hudson Bay. The barren lands are three times as large as the British Isles, and are generally a great rolling plain, broken by stony ridges—a dreary, barren country. In this territory about 2,000 Esquimaux live by fishing and hunting, and in summer about 500 Chippewayan Indians make hunting trips there. The chief animals are the Arctic caribou, musk oxen, white wolves, wolverine, foxes and white bears. Whitefish and lake trout are plentiful.

Though the lands are barren, the rocks from Tobaunt lake to Baker river are to a great extent mineral bearing, similar to the gold, silver and copper bearing rocks along the Lake of the Woods and the northern shore of Lake Superior. There is evidence of many thousands of miles of rich copper bearing districts. Besides copper and lead, gold, silver and nickel are to be found there, along with immense quantities of iron.

Mr. Tyrrell has accumulated evidence to show that the barren lands contain great mineral wealth, and can be reached with little trouble and expense by way of Hudson Bay. As to the climate, it is not really so severe as in districts in Siberia, which are inhabited.

MEXICO MINING LAWS.

When a man in Mexico desires to prospect he obtains a right to do so by first securing from the land office an exploration, which consists of 2,000 square meters of land. The notice for application for such exploration is published for three months in the official paper and an extra month is allowed for filing and hearing of adverse. Each exploration is divided into claims of about 328.8 square feet. If no contest is entered the application is forwarded to the city of Mexico and an absolute title is issued to the applicant, which holds good as long as the taxes are paid upon the land. The tax levy is $10 per year upon each claim, payable quarterly. For failure to pay taxes when due a fine of 50 cents per claim is imposed for the first month's arrearage, and if not payed before the expiration of the second month the holder is fined the amount due for the entire quarter. Failing to pay taxes at the end of three months the holder's title is forfeited and the land reverts to the government. The land cannot be relocated until so declared by the government and notice given in the official paper. A lead cannot be followed outside of the boundary line of the exploration. There are no fractional mining claims, and in order to secure a small but desirable piece of ground it is necessary to apply for a full exploration and pay taxes upon the same. To incorporate and operate in Mexico it is necessary to translate the articles of incorporation, bylaws, plans, etc., into the Spanish language, forward the same to the City of Mexico for the approval of the government officials and thence to the land office of the district in which you propose to operate.

WAITING FOR LEGISLATION.

It has been given out that the Omaha & Grant Smelting Company are withdrawing from the field of active operations in West Kootenay, hence the closing down of the Lucky Jim mine, in the Slocan, and the Tariff at Ainsworth. This report, however, is denied by the company's representatives in this district. The closing of the Pilot Bay smelter and the shutting down of the Lucky Jim and Tariff is due to the fact that the company would rather operate these under more favorable conditions and is only waiting for the Dominion Government to do something to foster the lead industry. The company believes something will be done and is only waiting until then.

SLOCAN HOTEL

Newly opened in New Denver, is one of comfort, luxury and ease. The rooms are elegantly furnished, the building hard-finished, the dining-room warm, light and tastefully decorated, and the tables laden with all the viands fit to eat. It isn't necessary to talk about Henry Stege's bar. It is too well known.

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NEW DENVER ITEMS.

Jacobson & Co. will close the Windsor Restaurant on and after April 15th.

Cashier Beer of the Bank of Montreal is spending a few days on the coast.

The force on the Emily Edith has been increased to 30, with no Sunday work.

Mrs. Hill, of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting her brothers, the Messrs. Aylwin.

Wharton's sawmill is to be refitted with modern machinery and its capacity increased to 20,000 feet a day.

A. W. Bowlby, formerly of Alvinston, Ontario, will hear of something by writing to Box 20, New Denver.

Palma Angrignon will turn on the electric light some night this week. A good service can now be depended upon.

Patrick Gallagher has sold his outfit for bridge and railroad building to the C.P.R. and contemplates leaving for the north.

Pete Linquist and Danny McCuaig are doing work on the Woodstock, Black Eagle, Mayflower and Sabbath, all Ten Mile claims.

The Newmarket hotel will be reopened on the First of April by H. Stege and Thos. Avison, who have leased the building for a period of two years.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Athletic Club to make the coming entertainment on St. Patrick's day a success. Bills are out and are circulated in all the neighboring towns.

A petition praying for a protective tariff on lead is in the hands of Messrs. Rashdall & Fauquier, and is at their office, where it can be seen by all miners who desire to sign the same. This is a matter that should receive the attention of every man of the Slocan, and ought to be signed by everyone having the interests of the section at heart.

Since the matter has been more liberally considered the general expression of opinion in New Denver is that the celebration proposed for May 24th ought to be called off to allow Silverton to do the right thing. It is now proposed that New Denver assist in every way possible to make the Silverton celebration a thorough success. This is in consideration of the fact that Silverton has ever been so liberal in its patronage of any event held in New Denver. It is suggested that the celebration be held here on the First of July.

Monday an election was held in New Denver, and it was a lively affair. True, it was only for fire wardens, but the interest was quite as great as if the offices to be filled were those of big salary and long pull. Six candidates were placed in the field and 65 votes were cast. In previous years it has been difficult to get 10 men out to vote, and considerable pressure had to be brought to bear on three citizens to persuade them to stand as candidates. The candidates nominated on Monday, and the votes received were as follows: H. T. Bragdon, 45; C. W. Aylwin, 44; J. Millward, 38; Amos Thompson, 27; T. H. Hoben, 27; H. Clever, 15. Messrs. Bragdon, Aylwin and Millward receiving the highest number of votes, were declared elected for the ensuing year.

AROUND NELSON.

A. H. Holdich, analytical chemist of Nelson, says that tungsten, a rare mineral, exists in that neighbo hood.

Work on the J. R. C., located on Toad mountain, is being energetically pushed. A shaft is being sunk and the ledge is being opened up.

Work on the Delight group on Toad mountain is progressing favorably. A force of men is engaged in development work and is drifting along the ledge with a considerable body of ore in sight. Owing to the difficulty of getting in supplies the force of men will not be increased until spring, but as soon as the snow goes off, the force will be increased, and shipments of ore to the smelter will begin.

Young & Townsend are making good headway with their contract for tunneling on the Golden Dale, on Toad mountain. The full breast of the tunnel is in highly mineralized quartz. Two feet of this is charged freely with copper and galena, and two feet more almost as much. Specimens of silver glance from the property runs over 300 ounces in the white metal. The Golden Dale has a ledge showing a width of from 40 to 60 feet.

ROSSLAND NUGGETS.

The Velvet shaft is down about 140 feet and two cross-cuts are being run. Fred Linberg has 18 horses rawhiding ore. During the past month 330 tons have been shipped to the Nelson smelter.

On the Cliff the tunnel and shaft have been connected by a 65-foot upraise, and the work of stoping into the tunnel will now begin. The completion of this upraise makes available a good-sized body of shipping ore.

Four tunnels are being run on the Good Friday, on different ore veins. The rock is very hard but men are working steadily. It is not probable that the work of cross-cutting the veins will be commenced for 60 or 90 days.

The Victory-Triumph is also among the fortunate properties, in that the paystreak of ore has widened to 20 inches, and another body of fine ore has been encountered alongside of it. The tunnel is now 195 feet.

Another event of the week was the strike on the Coxey, in which a 15-foot ledge was passed after being in 200 feet. It is thought the main ledge will be reached after about 200 feet more of work. The tunnel is now in 400 feet.

The 700-foot level on the Le Roi has been almost reached, and work is continuing on the various levels. During the past week there were 1,157 tons of ore shipped. A few shares of stock were on the market this week at $7 60.

On the Sunset No. 2 three eight-hour shifts are at work, and better ore than has recently been encountered is showing. They are now sinking on the No 1 shaft. The last three assays showed $38 in gold, while the ore of the previous week ran $34.

All interest in mining circles centered last week in the strike of a fine body of ore from 10 to 12 feet wide, on the Jumbo, and no sooner had the report become current than a notable stiffness in the stock resulted. In fact, some of it was withdrawn from the market altogether.

A dispatch from Montreal states that one of the largest mining deals for some time, has just been consumated by O G. Laberee, of Rossland, in placing 2,000,000 shares of the Big Three Gold Mining Company's stock in Montreal, thereby giving the control of the company to the purchasers, which are composed of some of the strongest financial men in Montreal. The Big Three company owns the Southern Belle and Snowshoe on Red Mountain and the Mascot on Columbia and Kootenay mountain.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

A force of men will shortly be put to work on the Last Chance in Smith's camp.

A big strike is reported on the Jennie May claim, up the North Fork It appears that last week a vein of quartz carrying stringers of gold was struck at the bottom of the 60-foot shaft on this property.

Work will be commenced on the buildings for the Sunset mine in Dead wood camp as soon as the snow leaves. After the buildings have been erected a force of men will be put at work developing the mine.

The boiler and machinery of the Golden Crown mine, Wellington camp, was all in place last week and steam up. A force of men will be put to work at once in the shaft and development carried on much more rapidly with machinery than could be done heretofore. On the tunnel about 290 feet has been run, and it is expected the lead will be tapped at 300 feet.

A hoist, pump, Rand drills and air compressor have been ordered for the Knob Hill, which will be put in place as soon as they arrive. The compressed air will be taken by pipes from the Ironsides, and both properties worked with power furnished by one boiler. Development work will be pushed on this claim as soon as the machinery is in place.

ROSEBERY RIPLETS.

Four men are employed grading the site for the sidetrack and buildings for the sampler. The lumber will be on the ground this week.

Mrs. Capt. Seaman has returned to Rosebery after three weeks spent in Nelson. Mrs. Christie has also returned from a visit to the coast.

Geo. Rogers, who has been spending some weeks in Nelson, returned to Rosebery this week to take charge of the store of Thos. Struthers, who left on Wednesday for Toronto and eastern cities on a five weeks visit on business and pleasure.

C. P. R. ANNUAL REPORT.

Montreal, March 2.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Annual Report announces that the Crow's Nest Pass line will be completed to Kootenay lake before the end of August. A temporary connection will be made with Nelson, by means of a train ferry, whereby a through train service may be established, pending the completion of the railway along the shore of the lake, to that point, a distance if 60 miles. The maximum gradients through the Rock and Selkirk ranges of mountains are only 1 foot in 100, or barely one-half the maximum of any other railway crossing either of these ranges.

The Company also announces that it is necessary to move on westward from the Columbia river at Robson, the western end of the Canadian Pacific Railway line, so as to reach the Boundary Creek district, about 100 miles distant. During the present year, authority will be asked to make this expenditure.

The Company also announces the purchase of the Columbia and Western Railway extending from Robson to Rossland, for the sum of $800,000. Along with this purchase the Company has acquired the smelting works at Trail Creek and about 270,000 acres of land in the vicinity.

The Montreal Gazette commenting editorially on the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's annual statement, finishes as follows: "The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is only 18 years old. When its project was published, people thought it would never be executed. The System to-day comprizes 7,676 miles of road, owned and operated, and two steamship lines on the Pacific. It has assets representing a value of $245,000,000, earns $24,000,000 a year, and is paying dividends where some thought it would not earn axle grease. Its story is one of the most wonderful in the annals of modern business enterprise.

The secton of a certain Scotch country parish was lately much exercised at the appearance of a strange old gentleman, who, when the sermon was about to begin, took an ear trumpet, in two parts, out of his pocket and began screwing them together.

The sexton watched him until the process was completed, and then going stealthily up whispered: "Ye manna play that her? If ye dae, I'll turn ye oot!"

Tommy—A lighthouse is a sign of rocks isn't it, paw?

Mr. Figg—It depends on whether you are referring to the seashore or the drama.

AROUND GRAND FORKS.

The McIntosh syndicate have secured options on several well-known North Fork properties.

Jacob Paulsen and others have crosscut the lead on the Old Faithful which lies near the Surprise on Lone Ranch creek on the Reservation.

The English syndicate which had an option on the Grand Forks townsite holdings in this city which expired on Feb. 2nd, have paid $1,000 for an extension of time until March 5th. A representative of the company was expected to be in Rossland on the 24th inst.

A big strike is reported on the Jeannie May claim up the North Fork. It appears that last week a vein of quartz carrying stringers of gold was struck at the bottom of the 60-foot shaft on this property. The Jeannie May is one of a group of three claims owned by John Joyeaux and the Shannon Bros.

J F Hemenway, manager of the Old Ironside mine in Greenwood camp, reports everything running smoothly at the Old Ironside, and the result of the crosscut which was commenced sometime since is proving very satisfactory, having struck the ore chute again which they have been out of for some time. The lead is five feet across and covers the entire breast of the crosscut.

Teacher—Come, come Dick; what comes after ten?

Dick—Eight, nine, ten—er—I dunno.

Teacher—Bobby, can you tell Dick what comes after ten?

Bobby—Yes'm, jack, queen and king.

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MINING RECORDS.

The following is a complete list of the mining transactions recorded during the week in the several mining divisions of the Slocan. Those of New Denver were as follows:—

ASSESSMENTS.

MARCH 4—Fawn, Mountain Boy.

MARCH 5.—O K Fraction.

TRANSFERS.

MARCH 3.—Bell View No 2, Henry E Sharpe to Otto Bremner, Jan 29, $1,500.

Sandon, Lone Star all interest, The Dominion Developing & Mining Co to The British Columbia Gold Trust Jan 17.

M[illegible] Oro 1/6, Kaslo 1/6, Alma No 2 1/6, M[illegible] u 4/6, J S Parke to D E Sprague, Feb.

Kewaun[illegible] Alfred Lemieux to Geo Baker, Feb 7.

Joseph ½, Little Ben ½, Queen Ann ½, Sir Frederick ½, Frank Johson to Geo Baker, Oct 25.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

MARCH 1—O K, Joe Blanchard. C & S, Mike Johnson.

ASSESSMENTS.

FEB 28—Last Chance.

MARCH 1—Indication.

TRANSFERS.

FEB 19—Globe, D Graham to J McPhee.

Agreement of C H Green to pay J McPhee $850 if he succeeds in disposing of Eureka, Yosemite, Homestake, Scottish Chief, Echo and Parrot claims for $18,000.

Agreement of J M McPhee to pay to E H Tomlinson $585 in event of disposal of Victoria Globe, Eureka, Yosmite, Homestake, Echo, Scottish Chief and Parrot claims.

Klondyke, W W Harris to Jennie Harris.

Copper Star, D W Harris to same.

FEB 28—Hewitta, Agnes and Lulu ½, B F Shields to Mrs M L Martin, $1,200.

Last Chance ½, Angus Benton to Andrew Thisted.

Power of attorney from Barbara H Kerr to Thos Harris.

MARCH 2—Last Chance ½, Jacob Kelson to Andrew Thisted. $75.

Total Wreck 1/6, Wm Anderson to Frank Alstrom

Grey Copper, Thos Harris for B H Kerr to Jennie Harris.

MARCH 3—Henry Chas Fowler to H Williams, $500.

Hazel, declaration of H Williams, of Toronto, that he holds the above claim in trust for the subscribers until such time as a company is formed.

MARCH 4—Hillhurst ½, Ronald McLachlan to Alexander McFadden.

Power of attorney from C Aspland to Alfred Stalberg.

Ainsworth 1/6, Jacob Kelson to Thos Hulsizer.

Spokane Kaslo, Spokane Kaslo No 2, Acme and American all int (under Execution Act), Sheriff Robinson to H Giegrich.

THE VALUE OF KLONDIKE MINING CLAIMS.

In his latest letter from Dawson City, which is dated December 15, Mr. John D. McGillivray, correspondent of the New York Herald, says: "While, no doubt, the gravel deposits of this country are as extensive as any that have been discovered in the world, they cannot, so as has been proven, be said to be of high grade. No such diggings as those in the best gulches of California in early days, and in Australia, Montana, Idaho and Colorado, have been discovered, although hundreds of creeks have been prospected and probably not less than 10,000 claims have been located in Alaska and the North-West.

"There is nothing so remarkable in the pay found in Eldorado, the richest of all the creeks so far discovered. The best pans found there do not compare with many that were found in California and elsewhere. It is true that the pay is more evenly distributed than was usually the case in California and other diggings in the Western States, and this makes the whole creek rather remarkable for the total amount of gold contained in its deposits. But in all of Eldorado there are not over three, or at most four, miles of rich ground, and some of this will probably not come up to the general reports of the richness of the creek.

"On Bonanza, the second richest creek in the Klondike district, a few claims have proved rich enough to drift. It is now claimed here by men in the best position to know that at most more than 100 claims on Bonanza have been shown to be valuable. Those would cover a length of a little less than ten miles of the creek.

"During the last few weeks the North American Transportation and Trading Company has purchased for the Cudahy-Haley Klondike Mining Company, of Chicago, 12 claims on Bonanza for $865,000. All of these have been proved of value, and six are reported as among the richest on the creek. At this rate the whole 100 claims could be purchased for about $7,000,000.

"Aside from these claims on Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, there are none in the Klondike district in the many creeks which have been located which are claimed to be as good as the average of Bonanza. There are any number of surface prospects that give promise of good mines, particularly on Hunker and two of the branches of India River, but the fact that the most promising claims in these creeks don't command more than a few thousand dollars shows that their value is at best only prospective.

"Yet in all this Klondike district, on every creek that has been prospected, there has been proved to be large quantities of ground that will in time pay to work and will yield large sums in gold. Some of these creeks may prove to be as rich as Bonanza or even Eldorado, but so far there is no proof of that.

"There have been located up to the present time some 3,000 claims, about 2,500 of which are 500 ft. long, and the others 100 ft. This means that between 250 and 300 miles in length of creeks have been located.

"Within the same district are other creeks which will doubtless in time be taken up, and it is safe to say that when the cost of working has been considerably reduced and improved methods introduced a large part will pay and pay well.

"Estimates as to the amount of gold contained in Eldorado and Bonanza creeks may be pretty accurately made when nearly all the mines shall have been prospected next spring. So far as is now known the only mines of proved value on Eldorado are about 30 of the first 47 mines, which extend up to the forks of Chief Eldorado. Above that but few good claims have been found. A large part of the mines in Bonanza from No. 43 above to No. 70 below discovery, or 114 in all, have been proved of value."

AN AMERICAN'S VIEW.

Canada Justified in Prohibiting Aliens From Locating Claims.

Wm. H. Heath, who returned from the frozen north by the steamship Cleveland, reports that the steamer had a very rough time of it on her trip. More than two days were lost in snow storms, and on Thursday at Seymour narrows, the vessel for an hour and a half was almost stationary trying to make headway against the tremendous tide. Indeed, Mr. Heath states that the steamer was gradually being carried back little by little towards the rocks by the tide until it was decided to turn her round and wait until the tide changed. Mr. Heath predicts some terrible disaster yet owing to the fact that all sorts and conditions of vessels are going up from the United States ports, some of which are utterly unfitted for standing the least rough weather.

"It looks," he said, "as if any who chose to attach a tow of wash tubs to a tug could get them all filled with passengers, so eager are people to try their luck after gold."

However a little experience of the trail has had the effect of curing the gold fever in a great many instances, for on the Cleveland alone were 40 men who had sold their outfits for what they could get and abandoned all idea of getting over the trail, owing to the enormous number of people who were trying to get through. There is a great deal of sickness at Skagway, Mr. Heath reports, and numerous deaths, for on the same night that young Grant died there were eight deaths reported, one of these only a few tents away from Heath's camp. The trouble is that men who do not understand cold weather go there with an enormous amount of warm clothing, and when toiling along the trail the exertion causes them to prespire so freely that when they stop to rest a chill sets in and sickness results.

Though an American, Mr. Heath says that the unneighborly restrictions which the United States have put in force should be met by Canada's simply refusing to allow aliens to take up mining claims until the Americans come to terms and give Canada fair treatment.

A READY EXPLANATION.

A Washington man is accustomed to using what he considers a very choice product of the distiller's art. His preference for the liquor in question has been approved by a number of connoisseurs in such matters, and he began to suspect that a colored man in his employ had added his indorsement in a manner tacit, but sincere.

The compliment was a high one, for the colored man has long been employed in the culinary department, and he had a sense of smell and a keenness of taste which many a gourment might envy. The demijohn which contained the liquor emptied with such surprising rapidity that its proprietor concluded to adopt radical measures. In the absence of direct proof, he decided to try strategy. He allowed the demijohn to become empty, and, instead of filling it again, put the liquor in bottles in a cupboard and labelled them "poison." The word was printed in heavy black letters, and a skull and crossbones were added, of a size calculated to make an impression on the most stolid. He kept an eye on the cupboard, too, and one night, as he came home from the theater, he caught the colored servant just in the act. Seizing the bottle in mock terror, the employer exclaimed:

"Great heaven! Do you know what you are doing? Don't you see that what the bottle contains is marked poison?"

The colored man held it off and looked at it. Then he smelled it, and, with a look of melancholy replied:

"'Taint poison, sub. I's done been fooled ag'in'."

"How dared you tamper with it, whether you knew it was poison or not?"

"Boss, it was dis-a-way. F'um de way you acted about dat demijohn in de cellar, I done thought yoh had yoh 'spisions ob me, an' it made me melancholy, for sho'. I's been tryin' foh mos' two weeks now ter commit suicide ont'n dat dar bottle!"

THE TRAIL SMELTER.

The British Columbia Smelting & Refining company has transferred the smelter at Trail to the C.P.R. company. When the big plant will resume operations cannot be stated. The transfer of the Columbia & Western railway will follow in a few weeks. Rumors of the expected transfer have been rife, and they were twisted into all sorts of shapes. The Rossland Miner, however, is authority for the official announcement that the transfer has been made and dates from March 1, and the property has been turned over to W. H. Aldridge, acting for the C.P.R. The British Columbia Smelting & Refining Company does not go out of existence. It remains the same, for Mr. Heinze still retains large holdings in the vicinity, including the big sawmill at Trail, his logging camps up the river, mining properties, townsites and one-half the land grant.

Prospect Wasn't Pleasing.

An aged citizen of a rural neighborhood who could never rid himself of chills and fever, but went shivering through the hottest days of summer, came at last to his deathbed. He did not seem particularly pleased as to the prospect of relief, and to comfort him his good wife said:

"John, you've been a-shakin' an' a shivering' all your life but you'll get warm there."

"For the Lord's sake, Mary," said the shivering man, "don't talk so. Which way does yer think I'm a-goin'?"

Tommy, aged 4, had been taken with a slight attack of prevarication, and his father, wishing to impress upon his infantile mind the sin he had committed, related the story of George Washington and the cherry tree, concluding with the remark that little George was a good boy and never told a lie. Tommy sat in deep thought for a few moments, and then said: "Say, pa, toodn't little George talk?"

Reggy—Miss Gnace, youah always in my mind, dutcher know.

Miss Grace—Goodness! that is worse than living in a flat.

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In Montana Mines.

Livingston, Mont.—Mining operations in the old Independence district, adjacent to this city, have been pushing during the past few months as never before. A large number of abandoned mining claims, located in this district, were secured last season by E. H. Coules, a representative of a Boston syndicate. Under the direction of Mr. Coules, new and improved mining machinery was set to work on the properties and because of the modern methods adopted in saving the gold, properties which under the old system it was impossible to make pay are now turning out large quantities of the yellow metal. The group secured by Mr. Coules includes both placer and quartz claims, and development work recently made shows some of them to be rich. A portion of the placer diggings worked by Mr. Coules are located in the dry bed of a former stream adjacent to the Boulder river, sands of which are reported rich with yellow metal. A large force of men will be put at work operating and developing the properties during the coming summer.

The new stamp mill recently erected in the Natural Bridge district was started up the first of the week and is now turning out gold at a rate entirely satisfactory to the owners. About 30 tons of ore will be operated on every twenty days. The ore averages $20 per ton at present and mining experts estimate that when the main tunnel is pushed in farther on the level that it will average much better. There are now 1000 tons of ore on the dump. Development work has opened up the lead nearly 300 feet, which exposes large bodies of free milling ore. The mill will be run continuously. The outlook for the Natural Bridge district is very encouraging and the rich strikes made of late indicate that it will soon become a producer of considerable importance.

On the Mesaba.

Hibbing, Minn.—At the Pillsbury mine, the shaft is sunk as far as it will be this year, the pump station has been cut out and drifting has been commenced. The foundations for the new engine and boiler house have been laid and the former building is rapidly nearing completion. The machinery for both is expected in the near future; about 50 men are employed.

At the Day mine two shifts, day and night, are being worked. About ninety men are employed and ore is being stocked at a rapid rate.

At the Burt mine about sixty men are employed, all working day shift. About 300 tons of ore are being hoisted.

At the Rust about sixty men are employed and the stock pile grounds will be filled before the opening of navigation.

About 150 men are employed at the Hull mine, and about 900 tons of ore per day are being stocked.

The Penobscot is employing about 100 men and about 400 tons of ore per day are being hoisted.

The Mahoning Ore Company is employing only a few men test putting for samples. Williamson & Campbell have a small force of men here building a warehouse and office preparatory to commencing operations on the extension of the Wright and Davis road.

In the Coeur d'Alene.

Wallace, Idaho.—The sale of the Black Bear and the resumption of work on the Granite were the two important events in the Coeur d'Alene during the past week. At the time of the general strike in 1892 the Black Bear was one of the leading properties on Canyon creek, employing about 125 men. In the following year J. F. Seiberling & Co., agricultural implement manufacturers, went into the hands of a receiver, and it was only a few weeks ago that the property was sold. Larsen & Greenough, owners of the Morning mine at Mullen, were the purchasers, and have already set sixteen men to work running a lower tunnel. It has about 1000 feet to run, requiring three or four months' time before the ore body is reached, and nothing else will be done in the meantime except to put the mill in shape for work.

Joseph Keane is the new owner of the Granite, having bought it at sheriff's sale last fall. A lower tunnel is being run on it, which is nearly to ore. If the weather is not so cold as to check the water and stop the air compressor, the ore should be cut at the end of the month. During early days when McAulay & DeLashmutt owned the Granite it employed from 60 to 100 men and it is reputed to have produced $600,000 worth of ore.

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Newspaper Aids to Swindling.

A general protest is going up from British Columbia and adjacent sections against the efforts of the London press to promote fraud in mining deals. Through some sub-rosa arrangement with dishonest brokers the most absurd statements as to mineral finds are published without editorial qualification, thus leading the uninformed to invest liberally in wild-cat mining operations. As an illustration of this the London Standard recently published a cablegram to the effect that certain quartz samples from Klondike, when beaten out on an anvil, showed a value of $300,- in gold to the ton!

The ignorant or enthusiastic asses on the London press would doubtless cheerfully announce the finding of a mountain of pure gold, where the precious metal could be sliped off like cheese all ready for the Government stamp. Having, by a course of vile exaggerations, built up public opinion into the belief that the wildest experiences of Sinbad the Sailor and his cave of diamonds are commonplace compared to Klondike, they now have little difficulty in showing that discoveries to match have been made. Thus the great bunco-steering game goes on. When the reaction comes it will be impossible to enlist foreign capital in mining enterprises of merit in this or any other country. The pendulum will swing the other way.

A Fake Story Travels.

The absurd fiction that a party headed by Mr. Behnsen, late of Victoria, gathered in one day $50,000 worth of Klondike gold, has now reached London, and has been given an immense circulation by the Daily Mail. It will probably induce hundreds of unfortunate Britons to make for the far north under fallacious hopes of fortune. The story, though in London ascribed to a Victoria correspondent, really emanated in Vancouver, and it is needless to say, quite without foundation in fact. Mr. Behnsen and his friends had at last accounts won little or no gold, though they were fairly hopeful as to their prospects.

The War Cloud.

American intervention in Cuba is no more a breach of international law than British, French or Russian interference in Crete, or in the quarrel between Turkey and Greece. This may be admitted but does not prove that it would be wise in the Americans to carry intervention in Cuba to the length of a war with Spain. An easy victory is not assured to them. Spain has shown desperate tenacity in her struggle with the Cuban revolt. The heart of her people would be thoroughly stirred by a war with the United States. Her finances are fearfully embarrassed, it is true; she may be on the verge of bankruptcy; but the example of the French Revolutionist is not the only instance which shows that a nation reduced to extremity may find resources in despair. The seamen of Barcelona are probably not inferior to those of the United States. At Trafalgar the Spaniards fought bravely, and better than their French allies. Spanish resistance is likely at all events to be stubborn enough to saddle the United States with another pension fund.

Might be Him.

"Man," writes a contributor to one of the reviews, "with his restless, active intellect, in his search for knowledge, has gone down to the bowels of the earth, and with his herculean mind, stands as a Colossus of Rhodes, with one foot upon terra firma and the other planted in the Milky Way"

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Dated this 7th day of January, 1898.

A. S. FARWELL.

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