THE PAYSTREAK

BOOK 1 SANDON AND CODY September 26, 1896. CHAPTER 1

MINING NOTES.

Taken from the Hills of the Greatest White Metal Camp on Earth.

Work is progressing steadily on the Bluebird.

Mr. Matthews, of Vancouver, was in town recently looking up some mining property.

Pete McPhee has quit the furniture business and will devote all his time to the mining industry.

The muddy state of the water in the creek proclaims the fact that sluicing operations still continue on the Wonderful.

Machinery is being put in the Antoine and active work will immediately commence under the direction of J. C. Ryan.

The Mountain Chief will start shipping ore next month. There is at present about 300 tons of ore on the dump, most of which will find its way to the smelter.

Gus Boetcher is looking at his mining claims this week along with Bob Williams and Gus Schuler. He has some healthy prospects near the Lucky Jim and Wellington.

Messrs. Ceperley and Ferguson of Vancouver paid Sandon a visit a few days ago. The terms they offered the owners of the Lilly B., a claim situated in the Arlington Basin, have not been accepted.

The Queen Bess is shipping 60 tons of ore to Tacoma this week. No more ore will be shipped from this mine until it can be rawhided and then shipped in bulk instead of sacks as in the past.

Work is being pushed on rapidly in the Reed and Tenderfoot. Mr Rafferty, manager of the property was in town recently and says that a shipment of ore will be made shortly. About 10 or 15 tons of ore are already on the dump.

The tunnel on the Argo, a claim situated a few feet above the K. & S. in Sandon, is in about 200 feet. This proposition rivals the Monitor near Three Forks; both for the richness of its product and for the facility with which the ore mined can be handled.

While the men were away to dinner last Monday, the ore-house at the Reco caught fire and burned to the ground. A horse had been left tied to the end of the building and came very nearly being turned into a barbecue, he escaped, however, with a severely burned back. The cause of the fire is unknown although it is supposed that either a candle carelessly thrown down or a spark from the blacksmith's forge ignited the blaze. The loss is estimated at about $500.

On the same day that the Reco blaze occurred, the ore-buildings on the Noble Five caught fire and were consumed. The cause, as in the case of the Reco can only be surmised at.

Surprise

Ore has been struck in the lower tunnel of the new workings on the Surprise. Eleven men are pounding the rock in this property and the force will not be increased until the rawhiding season opens.

Charleston

The Charleston, a claim near the Whitewater, bonded some time ago to J. E. Mitchell of Winnipeg, is showing up well. After sinking a winze from the first tunnel to a depth of seven feet, it was abandoned owing to the too plentiful supply of water, and another tunnel commenced. When this tunnel is in far enough an upraise will be commenced. This property is rich in carbonates.

California

Jim Macdonald of the California was in town to-day looking for a blacksmith, he was successful in his quest, and left on the afternoon train for New Denver. Jim says he expects to strike the lead on the California shortly with the crosscut tunnel they have been running for the past few months. This tunnel will tap the lead at a depth of 150 feet from the surface. He contemplates putting on five more men making eight in all who will obtain employment on this proposition. No ore will be shipped until snow flies when it will be transported to the railway in rawhides.

Building Notes

A large force of men are employed on Ira Black's new hotel. When it is completed it will be the largest and finest hotel in the Slocan.

Work on R. Cunning's hotel is being pushed rapidly along and soon the long felt want of sleeping accommodation will be amply provided for.

The school-house now under construction will be finished by the 5th of next month, when the youngsters of Sandon will be taught the rudiments of knowledge in warmer and more commodious quarters.

The sound of the carpenter's hammer is everywhere heard in Sandon and building operations are being vigorously prosecuted on every side. Some very tasty dwelling houses are being erected and the liveliest and busiest town in the Slocan country is every day assuming a more urban-like appearance than is usually met with in a mining centre. Some twenty buildings, dwelling and otherwise, are now under construction and still more are contemplated.

THE LOCAL CHUTE.

D. R. Young intends to start a paper at Slocan City.

George Shaw returned to Illinois this week.

Bob Stenson is elevating his physical nature at the Hot Springs.

The lodging house of Mrs. Eagan will be ready for guests in the course of a few days.

The packers are busily engaged from day to day transporting supplies to the different mines in the neighborhood of Sandon.

Leighton & Williams, of Nanaimo have opened a real estate and mining office in Sandon.

The Slocan Lake country is full of cheap watches. A watch peddler must have been using them in lieu of poker chips.

Another train will be put on the run between Sandon and Nakusp in a short time. Engine 401 is being refitted for that purpose.

D. McKay, the popular conductor of the N. & S., and his partner J. L. Tipping have made a good strike on the south fork of Lemon Creek.

The hose cart for the Sandon Fire Brigade will be in shortly, when the work of organizing a permanent fire corps will be proceeded with.

Kaslo is commencing to resemble the early days of '93. It is difficult to secure a bed after 6 P. M.; but then this report applys to Sandon and several other Slocan camps and small towns.

A dining room is being built at the Last Chance, the present one being too small to accommodate the force. This property never looked better, and will ship plenty of ore when the snow comes.

J. Austin Powers and wife returned to Salem, Mass., a few days ago. It was a sad return for them as Mr. Powers' father had died just before they reached there. He was one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of that city.

Wm. Beattie, foreman of the Reco who has been down on Lemon Creek inspecting some gold properties in which he is interested, returned to Sandon on Tuesday last. He will resume his duties at the Reed on Sunday next. Billy seems to be enjoying his holiday hugely.

A test of the waterworks system of Sandon was made last Thursday in the presence of members of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, and proved very satisfactory. The efficient state of the system has the effect of reassuring many who had held strong doubts concerning the safety of Sandon should fire break out.

THE RICH RECO.

The Reco group of five claims has recently been stocked under the laws of British Columbia for $1,000,000, and none of the stock will be sold less than par. It is the intention of the company to sell $100,000 worth of stock at present, half of which will be placed in England. In selling stock this company will pay in three months a dividend of $100,000 and they further promise that they will refund the price paid if any purchaser is not satisfied. With a million dollars worth of ore blocked out and another million in sight they feel safe in making this offer. From the small lead on the Reco already $125,000 worth of ore has been shipped that gave returns from 211 to 730 ozs. in silver to the ton. From the large lead $25,000 worth has been shipped that returned from 109 to 182.6 ozs. of the white metal. This establishes the Reco as one of the wonders in silver mining. The company has contracted with the E. P. Allis Co. of Milwaukee for a $50,000 concentrator and tramway plant. It will be placed in position as soon as possible. The original intention of the company was to build the [illegible] near Cody, but they have now decided to erect it close to Sandon. Beside such propositions as the Reco most of the mines in Rossland and other gold camps pale into insignificance. And it is a real pleasure to find a company selling stock at par value, with an offer to take it back if not satisfactory. This is the first time that such a thing has been done in the history of Kootenay.

Strangers always look for the B. C. Restaurant when they come to Sandon. †

The Charge Exploded.

L. A. Thurston who has been employed on the Reed and Tenderfoot met with a painful accident on Thursday last, which, however, may not prove very serious. While taking the tamping from a hole that had missed fire the charge exploded and he received the filling in the face. Both eyes are injured to an extent but it is hoped that when medical assistance can be had that the hurt may not be of such a character as to permanently impair his sight. Mr. Thurston had been working alone in one of the drifts and was not discovered until some time after the accident had occurred.

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P. A. O'FARRELL says that Bostock does not know any more about mining than a wheelbarrow. Bostock's speech in parliament on mining must have hurt some of O'Farrell's schemes.

THE Slocan contributes more than $100,000 a year to the revenue of the Dominion, and in return practically receives nothing. We can only hope that some day it will be our innings.

THIS paper owes no apology for its existence. It is on earth for the purpose of helping the locality in which it is published, and also to help its owner to pursue a luxurious and philanthropic career.

THE PAYSTREAK is the healthiest and fattest journalistic baby its owner has ever presented to an admiring public. It is to be hoped that the same public will never see it cry for the want of monetary nourishment.

KOOTENAY is flooded with drummers and business men from many different cities. These people are looking to make money and if they do not move their establishments amongst us we suggest that a heavy tax be put upon all drummers.

THE constant harping of the press upon the building of the Crow's Nest Railway will probably have the effect of stimulating the construction of that road. Kootenay people are impatient about the delay in building it, but if they will please wait a little longer we will guarantee to have the road finished before all the ore is dug out of this wonderful country.

THERE is no poverty in the Slocan, and it promises to be a world beater in every respect. When capitalists realize the fact fully that the Slocan ores are three times as valuable as the ores of Rossland then will an era of activity and excitement set in that will electrify the world.

THIS journal will keep the world posted, for three dollars a year, upon the many events in Sandon and Cody. It will also advocate anything that will benefit the Slocan, and owes no allegiance to any party or power. It is in the journalistic ring to spar anything to a sickening-thud finish.

THE manner in which the Slocan country has been and is being treated by the dunce-like provincial legislature is disgraceful in the extreme. We will never receive justice until the seat of government is removed to the Kootenay.

THE citizens of Sandon have just completed a school house at their own expense. They have for months past been paying for police protection out of their own pockets. These are true facts that the moss-grown and incompetent government of B. C. may find out about the time of the next election.

FOR the benefit of banking institutions and others we will just state that this paper is owned by R T. Lowery. It will be edited and conducted by John J Langstaff. John comes from the famous county of Bruce in Ontario which is of sufficient guarantee in itself of this journal being run in a manner that will suit the great majority of its patrons.

IN Kansas, and other states of the Union can be found men shouting for a gold standard who have not had $5 in money at one time in many years. They could not possibly be any worse off under a change of any kind, and we wonder they do not take in some sense and give Billy Bryan their support, next November.

The Rabbit Paw.

The Rabbit Paw, a fractional claim adjoining the Slocan Star on the west has been purchased by M. L. Grimmett, R. T. Reilly, of Winnipeg, and others. A company with a million dollars capital with headquarters at Sandon will be formed under the name of the Star Mining & Milling Co. The lead on the Slocan Star has been found within 150 feet of the Rabbit Paw line, and it looks as though it runs through the Rabbit Paw. Three men are at work now running 200 feet of a tunnel to catch the lead at a certain depth.

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TAILINGS.

John Buckley has put in a cash register at the Clifton House.

Geo. Le Duke will open the Palace House in a few days.

A fine cigar store is soon to be opened in the Harris block.

The telegraph rate to Rossland is now 10 words for 25 cents. Formerly it was four bits.

The Sandon school will open next Thursday with Miss Moore, of Victoria as teacher.

Curly Robinson is in Sandon awaiting one of the opportunities that lead to fortune.

Parties have been looking at the Wisconsin this week with a view to buying it.

R. J. Cory, the western agent of the Edward P. Allis Co., of Milwaukee, will leave for Rossland on Monday.

Mr. Macdonald, of Calgary, the popular traveller for the Western Milling Co. is in town. Mac is as lively as ever and just as full of yarns.

Mr. Williams, of Kingston, who represents the McGowan Cigar factory, spent a few days in town, he left for Slocan City where he owns some town property. He is also interested with Gething & Henderson in some mining property on Springer creek.

Sandon is about a mile from Cody, but Cody is about three miles from Sandon——when you have to walk it.

The Epicure in search of dainties can find them at the B. C. Restaurant. †

Switzer and McCluskey of the Hotel Kootenay have a fire-proof cellar in which they have stored many brands from many lands of elevating beverages.

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There is a good opening in the Slocan country for a furniture store. A man had to telegraph he Spokane for chairs. He could not get any in Kootenay, a fact thot does not speak well for the enterprise of furniture dealers.

Send your watches to J. H. Durfee and he will regulate them. †

J.D. Farrell, was the first man to pay cash for a years subscription to this robust journal. It is difficult say who will be the last man to dig up three dollars for an annual interest in the literary trumpet of Sandon and Cody. ‡

Peter LeClair, of Tacoma has bonded the Mascot and an adjoining claim from Mike Kerlin and Alex Waddell. The properties are not far from Sandon and the bond is for $10,000.

The shareholders in the Wonderful company will meet in Spokane, on October 5.

Tom Marks, of Port Arthur is thinking of opening a general store in Sandon.

George Hambly is building an hotel between Sandon and Cody.

George Alexander returned to Kaslo on Friday.

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1. Listing fee to be $50.
2. Evidence to be furnished as to proper incorporation of company.
3. Evidence to be given of good title to mine or principal mines owned and a satisfactory engineer's report furnished.
4. At least $25,000 to have been expended on property in operating expenses.
5. Stock issued as fully paid must be shown to be non-assessable and free from subscription liability.
6. Statement of company's position to be given.
7. Any one or all of the foregoing requirements may be waived by the managing company in cases of the mining committee whose stock is listed on either the Montreal, New York, London or Paris markets, or is otherwise well established.

A correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution writes:

At the office of Consul General Morse in Paris I met John C. Calhoun, the well-known New York financier who bears so honored a name. Mr. Calhoun has been in Europe for two or three months and during that time had been almost constantly with London and European financiers. "I have tried," said Mr. Calhoun, 'to make the fuliest study possible of the financial question as it is viewed on this side of the water. It is the almost universal opinion," he went on to say, "that a silver victory in the United States would be followed, and almost immediately, by the opening of the mints in Europe to silver at the same ratio as that in America. The only government which might hold out is Great Britain, which, being purely a commercial nation and not a producing nation, has prospered so under the gold standard which it has succeeded in forcing on the rest of of the world, at the detriment of the producing countries. But I find out also that it is the universal opinion, both in London and on the continent, that Great Britain cannot possibly hold out, for to do so would mean great inroads into her commercial prosperity."

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Her First Thought.

Doctor—Madam, I much regret to say that your husband has appendic itis.

Wife—Now I know where all my raisins have gone.

Where The Sin Came In.

Miss Polly—Dear me, your father whipped you for telling a lie?

Tommy—Yes.

Miss Polly—And did you deserve the whipping?

Tommy—Yes, ought not to have been found out.

From Different Standpoints.

Farmer—Look how many blossoms are on those trees. If every blossom would bring forth an apple I would be a rich man next fall.

Dr. Bolus—And if every apple were eaten when green, and every eater got a colic, my fortune would be made right off.

Guilty of Something Serious.

Commuter—Our cook is going to stay with us another month.

Suburbs—Gee whiz! How did you manage it?

Commuter—I didn't manage it. She went and confessed to the priest the other day and he ordered her to stay another month as penance.

Couldn't Understand It.

Bobby was very much impressed by the remark of the minister at church that man was made of dust

"Ma," he said after a thoughtful silence, "was I made of dust, too?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Well, how is it that my birthday comes in January? There ain't any dust then."

John W. Plummer, late manager of the Granite Mountain and Delmar mines, died on August 20 in London, England. Mr. Plummer was an Algoma man, having been assistant manager of the Bruce mines in the sixties, and afterwards at Silver and Jarvis Islands, near Port Arthur, for a great many years. His later mining experience has been wholly in the western states where he amassed a large fortune. Mr. Plummer was married in 1872, to Miss McIntyre, a daughter of Governor McIntyre, of Fort William, Ont.

BUTTE.—W. A. Clark has bought the Mayflower, the gold mine recently discovered near Whitehall, and which has created a furore all through Montana. The amount paid was only $150,000. With only four men working, more than $60,000 has been taken out in six weeks, and at present $2000 in gold is being extracted daily. The total expense of getting out the $60,000 was less than $4000, as the ore is simply quarried out of the side of the mountain. The claim was discovered by E. M. Clark, an assayer, in April, 1895, but no work was done on it until a few weeks ago. The limestone is of a flinty character, and though the rock yields from $400 to $600, not a sign of gold can be seen even with a glass.

RAINY LAKE GOLD.

Negotiations are under way for the sale of the Lucky Coon property, Seine river, the Norman Gold mines company of London, and if closed the property will once more be worked for gold. It has been idle for a year. Hillyer and others of Superior, Wis., are leading stockholders. At the Fergusson mine, adjoining the Coon, twenty-five men are at work and several shafts have been sunk into $16 rock, while one of the many veins has been traced for over 1000 feet, varying in width from eighteen inches to double that. The mine is under English control.

Efforts are being made to interest capital in the prospects of the Little Turtle district, Seine river, and it is expected that several sales will soon be made there. Some very large and well mineralized veins have been prospected.

The Randolph mine has not been worked at all, but it shows indications of rich ore. The vein is from five to seven feet in width and gives an assay from $4 to $75 per ton. It can be traced for half a mile on the surface, and was discovered by Edward Randolph in 1894. The Weigand quartz shows more or less free gold. The property is held at $60,000.

R. H. Ahn, superintendent of the Mikado, near Rat Portgage, has just made known the result of another run on Mikado rock. From twenty-five tons $2520 worth of free gold was taken from the plates, or $100 to the ton. Almost everybody here is infected with the gold excitement since these returns. A meeting of the citizens was held last night to organize a mining exchange.

CANADA'S OFFICE IN LONDON.

An English capitalist en route for British Columbia, in an interview with a Toronto reporter, said that he found it difficult to obtain in London information regarding British Columbia, and could find no map of Western Canada except that issued by the Canadian Pacific.

If the gentleman be not mistaken, the Dominion government should lose no time in setting on foot an investigation. If the high commissioner's office is not supplied with good maps of all parts of the Dominion, and if those in charge are not able to furnish information of all kinds regarding Canada, the establishment is sorely in need of regeneration. Or, if the capitalist was unaware of the existance of such a place as the Canadian office in London, it is time steps were taken to let all England know that in London there is an office where all information regarding Britain's chief colony can be obtained.

If the high commissioner's office is so poorly supplied or so little known as the visitor to Toronto alleges, it is poorly qualified to conduct emigration to Canada. The matter demands instant consideration.—Star.

ANACONDA.—The Anaconda Mining company has let the contract for a silver mill that will have a capacity for 500,000 ounces of wetal a month. It will run four furnaces and two ten ton dry tanks, and be fitted throughout with the latest machinery. The company is to erect a general office building, to centralize all heads of departments. Its monthly pay was last week and $200,000 was distributed to 3000 men, somewhat more than the average.

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SEATTLE—The sale of the Quesnelle and Maudi placer locations in the Caribou, B. C. district, by Colonel Fishback and others, arranged some weeks ago, has been closed for $5,000,000. The properties embraced in the deed are those of the Maude Hydraulic Mining company, consisting of 880 acres; the property of the Fishback company, 570 acres, and the Quesnelle river syndicate, twenty miles of the main Quesnelle. J. E. Addicks and B. F. J. Gaynor of New York, representing the Gould interests, are the buyers. Fishback is owner of the Seattle Times, of which A. J. Blethen, lately of Minneapolis, is now editor.

MAY IMPORT ORES.

Those who have been deceived by the prophetic writings of people who have undertaken to sketch the possibilities of the mining industry of southern Kootenay, will doubtless have their eyes opened within the next twelve months. Times without number has the assurance been given that the ores of this district would all be treated south of the boundary. The construction of the Nelson, Trail and Pilot Bay smelters disproved this in due season; but the latest development is that southern [illegible] gives promise of being an [illegible] In the Port Hill [illegible] district, the Port [illegible] company is developing a [illegible] mining properties. This [illegible] in this district? We have a group of eight claims—the Good Luck, East Slope, Silver Tip, Gold Drop, Copper Blunt, Oconook, Copper King, and Queen of All. The ore is copper and silver, running high in both metals. Considerable work has been done. A shaft 25 feet has been sunk on the Good Luck. The vein was two feet wide on the surface and at the bottom of the shaft was six feet wide. On the Copper King there is a tunnel 110 feet and a shaft 40 feet deep, which are connected. The mines are located about one and one-half miles from Oconook." There are now about 50 tons of ore on the dump and the owners are considering the advisability of shipping it to the Nelson smelter. The cost of transportation is only $2.50 a ton, and owing to the lime contained in the ore, it can be treated very cheaply.—Tribune.

ENGLISH CATITALISTS.

There is in Toronto a gentleman whose presence betokens the interest that Canada's mineral wealth is awakening in England. A. Maclean of the great Leadenhall-street, London, England, firm of Maclean & Co., mining capitalists, is the person referred to.

Maclean & Co. have millions invested in the gold mines of South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and the United States, and now, seeking for new worlds to conquer, are turning their eyes towards Canada. Mr. Maclean is here for the purpose of personally investigating Canada's mineral resources. In a day or two he leaves for Rossland, taking in on the way the Ontario gold region in the Rainy River and Lake of the Woods districts.

When seen, Mr. Maclean made the characteristically remark that he did not wish to say anything until he had done something. He stated that he had lots of information to the effect that the Trail district was wonderfully rich in ore, but that, course, of nothing had been proven yet.

Mr. Maclean can't understand the methods by which we do business out here. He does not see the object of calling a share worth $1 and selling it for six cents. He stated, however, that he was pleased, under the circumstances, to see non-assessable companies being formed here. The great trouble in the United States had been that in assessable companies the controlling holders of stock would order an assessable simply for the purpose of crowding the small purchasers out.

British Columbia, Mr. Maclean thinks is splendidly situated for securing English capital, because communication with the Old Land is so easy and inexpensive.

The long ocean journey and the heavy cable rates from England to Australia and New Zealand militated strongly against the mines out there; and, besides, while British Columbia has lots of fresh water, in West Australia the procuring of the fluid for working, and even drinking, purposes was most difficult.

One thing Mr. Maclean thinks Canada needs, and that is a minister of mines. Every colony in Australia has one, and, besides, mining agents in London, Eng., who can supply all information to those seeking it.

[illegible] he went on, "of this country [illegible] We know all about Australia and New Zealand, but most people at home are not sure that British Columbia is a part of Canada. They connect the word 'Columbia' with the mining industry on the the Columbia river in Oregon, which supplies the English with millions of tons of canned salmon. Before I came away I could actually get no reliable map of Western Canada. The only thing I could find was a C.P.R. map, and, in fact, if it were not for the C. P. R.'s efforts, Canada would not be known in England at all.—World.

A GEM WORTH $3,000,000.

The greatest diamond in the world, the most valuable gem ever discovered, is at last to be cut and put on the market. Any lady or gentleman who has an odd $2,000,000 or $3,000,000 lying around loose in the house may now acquire this gem as soon as the cutting process is finished.

In the rough, the diamond was valued at $2,500,000. How much the cutting may enhance this valuation or depreciate it only the future can tell. If it falls into the hands of a particularly skillful man, he may easily add $500,000 to it. If, on the other hand, the cutting is unskillfully done, $500,000 may be cut off with equal ease.

The stone has never been out of the possession of the great financial syndicate, of which Cecil Rhodes is the head, and which controls the entire diamond output of South Africa. It was found by one of the syndicate's workmen in June, 1893, in the Jager Fontein mine, near Kimberly. It is known as the Jager Fontein Excelsior. From the moment of its discovery up to the present time it has been guarded as carefully as the treasure in the Bank of England.

To make its security all the greater, strict secrecy has been observed as to its exact location. It was first kept under military guard at the syndicate's South African place, and then sent under special escort to London. There it has remained ever since. But, beyond the fact that it is in the city somewhere, no one has been permitted to know anything about it. The secret of its location has been kept by the officers of the company and a few trusted employes.

No effort has been heretofore been made for its cutting, because a customer for a two and a half million dollar solitaire is not to be picked up every day. And as the cutting process is very expensive, the syndicate did not care to go ahead with the work until there was some prospect of a sale.

It takes an emperor or a king to secure control of such a stone as this, and the emperers and kings of Europe are rather hard up at present. Who it is that has finally promised to take the Jager Fontein Excelsior off the syndicate's hands is not known. It is rumored in London, however, that like all the other great things in the world, the big diamond is coming to America.

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THE CROW'S NEST PASS.

It is evident that the Dominion government is contemplating the construction of a road through the Crow's Nest Pass into the Kootenay country, now so famous for its gold and silver mines and rich also in coal.

Not long ago it was rumored that the C. P. R. Co. had resolved to build this line and partially abandon the present route through the Rockies. If they ever had such an idea, the reasons for the new line having become stronger as the business in the mining regions has enormously increased, it would not be difficult to persuade Sir William VanHorne to undertake the work. Of course, the popular idea will be, in any case, that he is behind the proposition, and that it is but another of his schemes for inserting his hand into the public purse. However this may be, the railway should be built, and, as the Globe pointed out, the Dominion of Canada should retain control of the pass so advantageously situated, that it may not become a mere right of way for a monopoly.

The next pass in Canadian territory available for a railway, beyond the one now occupied by the C. P. R., is supposed to be the Yellowhead, and it is too far north to serve the country likely to be settled within your lifetime and mine. Much or little as we may trust the C. P. R., Canada cannot afford to hand over both available entrances from the East into British Columbia to the Canadian Pacific. Such a proceeding would leave both ourselves and the golden province of the West at the mercy of a company which, like all other corporations, would not be slow to take the best of it and leave but enough to keep the miners and settlers from moving, with one accord, out of the valleys.

The only other means of relief if such a policy were pursued would be the use of Yankee lines. This is the trouble of which the people of the Kootenay now complain, and of which the manufacturers and shippers of the older provinces have a very good right to complain. All the supplies go in from the state of Washington, and most of the ore goes there to be refined. We are losing all this trade, and to obtain it for Canadians is the good reason for building the road, but it must not be forgotten that we do not propose to build the road or assist in building it and loose the trade as well by reason of excessive freight rates and the seizing of the pass.—Toronto Star.

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THE CONJUROR'S REVENGE.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, said the conjuror, having shown you that the cloth is absolutely empty. I will proceed to take from it a bowl of gold-fish. Presto!"

All round the hall people were saying: Oh, how wonderful! How does does he do it!"

But the Quick Man on the front seat said, in a big whisper, to the people near him: He had it up his sleeve,

Then the people nodded brighlty at the Quick Man and said: "Oh, of course, and everybody whispered round the hall: He had it up his sleeve."

"My next trick, said the conjurer. is the famous Hindoostanee rings. You will notice that the rings are apparently separate; at a blow they all join (clang, clang, clang)—Presto."

There was a general buzz of stupefaction till the Quick Man was heard to whisper: He must have had another lot up his sleeve."

Again everybody nodded and whispered: "The rings were up his sleeve."

The brow of the conjurer was clouded with a gathering frown.

"I will now, he continued, show you a most amusing trick by which I enabled to take any number of eggs from a hat. Will some gentleman kindly lend me a hat? Ah, thank you—Presto!"

He extracted seventeen eggs, and for thirty-five seconds the audience begap to think he was wonderful. Then the Quick Man whispered along the front bench, He has a hen up his sleeve, and all the people whispered it on. He has a lot of hens up his sleeve."

The egg trick was ruined.

It went on like that all through. It transpired from the whispers of the Quick Man that the conjurer must have concealed up his sleeve, in addition to the rings, hens, and fish, several packs of cards, a loaf of bread, a doll's cradle, a live guinea-pig, a five-shilling piece, and a rocking chair.

The reputation of the conjurer was rapidly sinking below zero. At the close of the evening he rallied for a final effort.

"Ladies and gentlemen, he said, I will present to you, in conclusion the famous Japaneese trick, recently invented by the natives of Tipperary. Will you, sir, he continued, turning towards the Quick Man, will you sir kindly lend me your gold watch?"

It was passed to him.

"Have I your permission to put it into this mortar and pound it to pieces?' he asked savagely.

The Quick Man nodded and smiled.

The conjurer threw the watch into tne mortar and grasped a sledge-hammer from the table. There was a sound of violent smashing. "He's slipped it up his sleeve," whispered the Quick Man.

"Now, sir, continued the conjurer, will you allow me to take your handkerchief and punch holes in it? Thank you. You see, ladies and gentlemen, there is no deception, the holes are visible to the eye."

The face of the Quick Man beamed. This time the real mystery of the thing fascinated him.

"And now, sir, will you kindly pass me your silk hat and allow me to dance on it? Thank you."

The conjurer made a few rapid passes with his feet, and exhibited the hat crushed beyond recognition

"And will you now, sir, take off your collar and permit me to burn it in thecandle? Thank you, sir. And will you allow me to smash your spect aclesfor you with my hammer? Thank you."

By this time the features of the Quick Man were assuming a puzzled expression. "This thing beats me, he whispered, I dont see through it a bit."

There was a great hush upon the audience. Then the conjurer drew himself up to his full height, and, with a withering look at the Quick Man, he concluded:

"Ladies and gentlemen, you will observe that I have, with this gentleman's consent, broken his watch, burned his collar, smashed his spectacles and danced on his hat. If he will give me further permission to paint green stripes on his overcoat, or to tie his braces in a knot, I shall be delighted to entertain you, if not, the performance is at an end."

And amid a glorious burst of music from the orchestra the curtein fell, and the audience dispersed, convinced that there are some tricks, at any rate, that are not done up the conjuror's sleeve.

CONCENTRATES.

Street lamps are needed in Sandon. This is a light question.

The water works in Sandon is one of the best wet propositions in the camp.

The streets in Sandon are high grade

All roads lead to Sandon except the wagon road from Denver.

A townsite called Aylwin City has been staked about a mile from the Enterprise on Ten Mile. A building to be used as a store has already been erected. Thos. Reed & Co. will have an hotel in operation some time in October.

Unless the alien labor law is repealed, Laurier threatens to have a similar one enforced in Canada. If such a thing should come to pass it work a hardship upon many people of Kootenay. Just now a citizen of the United States in Canada is entitled to all the privileges that natives are, except voting.

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The paystreak of good grub never pinches out at the Bryan Cafe.

A Curiosity.

A man from Nova Scotia handed Ed. Atherton a cent in payment for a cheap stamp the other day, and Uncle Ed. nearly fell dead as he pushed the coin into the till, and handed the man at the wicket a whole sheet of stamps in payment for the curiosity. This is the first one cent deal that has been successfully consummated in the camp.

Capitalists will do well to bond a few of the choice steaks at the Bryan Cafe.

Mistaken.

"What is that mountain over there?" asked the tenderfoot.

"That is not a mountain, partner," said the trail blazer. "It is a little foggy today, or else you would see that what appears to be a mountain is only a Kaslo man and his jag of ozone."

The cook is always in sight at the Bryan Cafe.

The Rocky Roads in Sandon is one of the latest songs of the night.

The coffee at the Bryan Cafe will invigorate the oldest resident.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will at the expiration of thirtn days apply to the Stipendary Magistrate of West Kootenay district for a license to sell liquor retail at his hotel situated about half way between Sandon and Cody.

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Recently, nearly 200 lots have been sold by the townsite company

Sixty people sleep at Winter's hotel every night.

Johnson & McKinley are putting up a building to be used as dry goods and gents furnishing store.

Green Bros. of Kaslo have purchased one of the best business lots and are erecting a large building to be used as a general store.

The new hotel of W. E. Terrill & Co. is nearly completed, and will be ready for business in a few days.

Currie and McMartin are running their mill night and day, and have orders in for over a million feet of lumber.

The townsite people are grading streets and building a road up Carpenter creek.

Railway avenue, Third and Fourth streets are the names of the principal thoroughfares in this lively camp.

Commercial travellers are almost as numerous as hotel snap seekers.

Thos. Levi has christened his house, "The Park Hotel." The baseball ground adjoins it.

The ground is being graded for four more hotels. McNeill Bros., G. T. Lundy, McTaggart & Madsen, and Adams & Craft, are the names of the landlords. In addition to the above two more hotels are talked of.

The Slocan Star Company is surveying for a flume from Cody creek.

The Noble Five Co's offices are nearly ready for occupancy. The company has about 70 men working on the flume, tramway and concentrator The mill will be a duplicate of the one at the Slocan Star, and is being constructed under the direction of T. Mitchell one of the best builders of concentrators in this western country.

Messers McGuigan, Porter, Sherman, Cutler and other mining men make their headquarters at Cody.

Mr. Thos. Mitchell and family are stopping at Winter's Hotel.

Charley Chambers is boss of the work on the wagon road.

HERE AND THERE.

Pat McNeil who has been ill for some time past with mountain fever is able to be around again. He leaves on Monday next to accept a position in the concentrator near Three Forks.

Don't overlook the B. C. when you want a meal that will make you feel like a new individual. †

Preparations are being made to tap the waterworks system in order to lay the pipes for the water supply for Ira Black's new hotel

The air-compresser plant recently put in the Lucky Jim is working satisfactorily and the work of getting out ore preparatory to shiping when the rawhiding season up is humming along.

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