THE PAYSTREAK

BOOK 1 | SANDON AND CODY, July 31, 1897. | CHAPTER 45

FREIGHT RATE CUT

A Reduction in Charges of Over Twenty Per Cent.

MAY HAVE A RATE WAR

The C. P. R. Makes the Reduction Next Wednesday and the K. & S. Will Meet It.

Some good to Sandon has already come out of what Financier Lowery facetiously described in his New Denver Ledge as "A Visit From the All Mighty," meaning the recent tour to this district by the high muck-a-mucks of the C. P. R.

Freight rates are to be reduced over 20 per cent. after next Wednesday. That is, in brief, the announcement the C. P. R. will formally make next week. THE PAYSTREAK can also announce, as the result of enquiries made yesterday of those in authority, that the K. & S. road will meet this cut and make its rates as low as the C. P. R. as soon as the latter are announced.

The importance of this very large reduction of freight rates to the people of Sandon, both to those who deal in goods and those who buy them, cannot be over-estimated. It has gone out to the world that while Sandon is undoubtedly the center of a district of great mineral wealth, yet it has one great drawback in the cost of living. This has not been the fault of the merchants, but of the railroad companies. A reduction of 20 per cent. in the cost of commodities will wipe away this blot upon Sandon's escutcheon of burnished silver.

The determination of the C. P. R. officials is to make Sandon a "common point" with all the Kootenay lake points, instead of a special point with special freight rates. After next Wednesday the rate to Sandon will be the same as to Nakusp, Nelson and Kaslo. These figures will help you to understand the change that will be made:

The old rates to Sandon per hundred on the several classes of freight were: $2.18, $1.87, $1.54, $1.22, $1.13 and so forth.

The old rates to Nelson, Kaslo and Nakusp were: $1.83, $1.59, $1.34, $1.09, $1.02 and so forth.

The new rates to all Kootenay lake points, including Sandon, will be: $1.89, $1.58, $1.26, 94c, 85c, 73½c, 51c, 48c, 43c, from coast points. Sandon will also take Kootenay lake points rates for all eastern points. This, as will be seen by a comparison of the old and new rates, is a very material reduction.

The wiping out of the arbitrary rate to Sandon from Nakusp and lake points, and thus placing Sandon on a common footing with them, is a move that the C. P. R. ought to have made long ago. It would not have been made now, however, but for the visit of General Manager Whyte and his unsatisfactory interview with the K. & S. people in regard to the new depot here. Then it was that the principle of retaliation grew luminous in the minds of the All Mighty and ominous for the K. & S. The rates charged by the latter on through freights from Kaslo will be absorbed by the Great Northern and the O. R. & N., its principal connections, for it is determined to meet this cut and to keep the pace the C. P. R. is setting for it. It may even go its competitor one better, and in the fight that results freights will come down to reasonable if not altogether cheap rates.

MINERAL IN PLACE.

Jordan & Adair have opened the Filbert dining parlors.

The Reed and Tenderfoot tunnel is in 600 feet and working on the lead.

The Silver Cord is doing development work under Brinsley Walton, who owns a half interest. It is above the Noonday and is looking fine.

Capt. R. C. Adams of Montreal, owner of the Adams group, was in town this week. The force of men on the mine has been increased, and it will be shipping shortly.

Timber is being gotten out at Buchanan's mill, Kaslo, for the Montezuma concentrator. The timbers are all being shaped ready for fitting together when the road and tramway are in condition to allow of transportation.

W. H. Brandon and his brother Daniel were up from Slocan City to look over their Canadian group during the week, and showed some fine galena, rich in gray copper, from the Adams claims. They have seven men at work and a tunnel in 77 feet.

Bart Signoretti, "Lucky Bart," the discoverer of the Lucky Bart mines in Jackson county, Ore., and Siskiyou county, Cal. His friend, M. Hubbard, wants to see him here, so has put his name on the subscription list of THE PAYSTREAK, and expects his friend shortly.

In surveying the Bolander claim about a mile above Cody, on Cody creek, about half of the Charleston claim was taken in, which included the entire length of the ledge on which the strike of fifteen inches of clean galena was made about the middle of last May. The survey also took in part of the Gray Eagle, Pembrook and Rover claims. Four distinct ledges have been located on the Bolanded.

Bogus Subscription Agent.

People who subscribe to out-of-town newspapers would do well to send their cash to the home office of the newspaper. Robert W. Wilson was in Sandon early in May and collected several subscriptions for the Mining and Scientific Press of San Francisco. Copies of the publication subscribed for not being received, a letter was written to the home office. A reply, dated July 22, has been received that the said Wilson was not authorized to collect subscriptions for the journal named.

The Election Next Year.

The British Columbia Electoral League is beginning its work for the provincial general election of next year by sending out circulars asking for assistance to insure every qualified person being placed on the register of the provincial voters. The work of the league is to be conducted without regard to party politics.

FOR THE TOWN BAND.

Subscription List Being Circulated to Buy Instruments.

The suggestion of THE PAYSTREAK to organize a town band met with very general encouragement and promises of subscriptions on every hand. The meeting Monday was adjourned to Wednesday evening, when the following signified their desire to join the organization: H. L. Bailey, G. M. Spencer, Thomas M Duffy, James A. Griffith, J. B. Cliffe, W. S. Cliffe, Frank Kennedy, George A. Stevens, A. Walker, D. McKinnon, John Gable, J. M. Gore, Frank C. Sewall, J. D. Luttrell, W. H. Todd and William Karr.

Several other musicians have expressed a desire to join, but have not yet signed their names. It is believed that at least twenty will be on the list by Monday evening.

A subscription list to purchase the instruments has been prepared and will be sent out today. Messrs. Harris and Kelly have already signed it for one-tenth of the whole sum subscribed or $50. The instruments for a band of fourteen will cost from $300 to $350.

SANDON AND CODY IN BRIEF.

Many thanks are due the Hon. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., for the late improvement in the railway mail service.

A. B. Dockstader has resigned the position of station agent at Cody, and George B. McDonald has accepted the place.

Mrs. Matthew Guthrie has come to Sandon from Spokane, and will assist her sister, Miss N. E. Dryden, who has opened a ladies' furnishing store, the Elite, four doors below the Sandon hotel.

Secretary Sandilands of the Sandon Club collected a large stack of entrance fees for that organization during the week. Its success is beyond peradventure. Quarters for the club will be decided upon during next week.

McMillan & Fowler have purchased the saw mill at Cody from W. E. Terrell & Co., and are running it to its full capacity. A. J. McMillan lately comes from Montana and Allen Fowler from Rossland. Both are experienced lumber men.

The first camping party of the season left last Friday for a week's outing on Slocan lake, at Eight Mile creek. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hays, Mrs. H. Cooley, Mrs. R. J. Broddy, Miss Mary Macdonald, Messrs. Charles D. Hunter, Robert Maguire and Bruce White.

A Flurry in Silver.

According to New York quotations silver got down two or three days ago to its lowest notch, 57⅛. But there is no cause for alarm in this. No orders have been received from any European countries for silver for mintage. The fiscal year in most of them ends in July, and orders may be expected early next month. Another reason for the drop is that China has been making some heavy interest payments in silver. Leading London bankers believe that there will shortly be a reaction to a higher and steady figure.

Go to Church.

Rev A. M. Sanford, Methodist minister, will preach in Spencer's hall the coming Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., and at Cody at 3:30 p. m.

Rev. Dr. Robertson of Toronto, superintendent of Presbyterian missions of the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, will preach tomorrow morning in the school house and in the evening at Three Forks.

Cody's Town Band.

There are twenty-six women in Cody and not one of them rides a bicycle. They occupy their leisure moments in other ways. There are twenty-seven babies in Cody.

The "Peacemaker" Here.

George McL. Brown of the C. P. R, whose official title is executive agent, which has been translated by the newspapers into "peacemaker," was in Sandon yesterday accompanied by Robert Kerr, traffic manager of the western division of the C. P. R. They left in the afternoon for Slocan lake, and while waiting at the depot admitted that they were struck by the total lack of proper accommodations for the public. They could give no information, however, as to when the new depot would be begun, as that was in Mr. Marpole's department. "Is it tomorrow or Monday that the carpenters are to be here?" asked Mr. Kerr of Mr. McL. Brown. The latter smiled, but declined to commit himself further. Mr. Kerr expressed his pleasure at the reduction of freight rates, and hoped that it would meet with public appreciation.

INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. Robinson joins the Klondyke exodus tomorrow.

M. L. Grimmett was down to Denver and Slocan City Thursday.

Frank Bowser, in the custom house, Vancouver, is visiting Attorney Christie.

Dan McGillivray has secured a 15 mile contract on the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

W J. McCulloch, of Hamilton, Ont., representing Wood, Vallance & Co., is in Sandon.

H. M. Adams, traveling agent of the O. R. & N. Co, came to Sandon Wednesday and left for Rossland yesterday.

Special Police Officer G. H. Lloyd leaves for Calgary next Monday. He expects to be gone ten days and to fetch back his family with him.

Dr. J. Wilson of Wingham, Ont., and J. H. Currie, of the Currie mines, who was a former resident of Wingham, were in Sandon this week.

Charles Kane, one of the proprietors of the British Columbia News, Kaslo, was in Sandon the early part of the week. He says Kaslo is a nice place to live if you have plenty of money.

S. S. Titus, treasurer of the Noble Five Consolidated Mining and Milling Company and president of the First National Bank, Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Messrs. Rand and Booker, of the same place, and large holders of Noble Five stock, have been looking over that property this week.

N. S. Stout, general manager of the Dominion Express Company, of Toronto, and G. Ford, superintendent of the Western and Pacific division of the company, Winnipeg, were in Sandon last week, and stayed over two days because they found the Hotel Goodenough so comfortable. "It is goodenough for a prince," was the panning compliment of Mr. Stout.

A Correction.

In our editorial on the progress of Sandon, on the sixth page, the printer left out a few lines and thus made the statement in regard to the Payne tramway incorrect. The Payne began last week the construction of its three-rail tramway, but it is the Reco aerial tramway that is to be 3000 feet long, and it is the same company, and not the Payne, that is building the concentrator.

Looks Like Mean Business.

The Carbonate gold mine, three miles from Sproul's, recently gave an option on the property to the representatives of English capital. On Tuesday what is believed to be a rich strike was made, and the company coolly advised the capitalists that the option was off There may be a lawsuit about it.

Tenders Wanted.

Sealed tenders are requested from practical and responsible miners for driving one hundred feet of tunnel at the Reed and Tenderoot mine. Tenders to be mailed to undersigned at Sandon, to be opened August 15. For other particulars inquire at Bartlett Bros. office. Successful bidder will be notified by mail.

J. J. RAFFERTY, Mgr.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned as hotel keepers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on by William Robinson, who will pay all liabilities and collect all accounts.

Dated at Sandon this 27th day of July, 1897.

CHAS. J. HASTINGS,
WM. F. ROBINSON.

GOLD FROM THE YUKON.

Several Tons, More or Less, on Every Boat.

Sixty-eight passengers on the North American Transportation and Trading company's steamship Portland reached Seattle and civilization on Sunday last direct from St. Michael's, at the mouth of the Yukon river in Alaska. The passengers were mostly miners, and they came direct from the Klondike placer mining districts. The men brought back one and a half tons of gold in nuggets and dust, which is worth in round numbers $1,000,000. From San Francisco to the furthermost point in Alaska the coast is wild with the excitement growing out of the fabulous finds in the Klondike, which is a river emptying into the Yukon in the Northwest Territories. It is 50 miles by river from Forty Mile, on the Alaska boundary, to the scene of the recent finds and about 40 miles in a straight line.

Kaslo Items.

E. T. Stephenson has opened in the drug business in his new store on the west side of Front street.

Hall Bros. will occupy apartments next door to Stephenson's drug store as a barber shop.

A new sidewalk is being laid from Fourth to Third streets on the west side of Front street.

Dr. Rogers and Dr. Hartin have made arrangements, which will soon be completed, for a hospital in Kaslo. A building on a most advantageous site, has been secured and is now being repaired and remodeled to suit its new purpose, and it is the intention to have the hospital open for the treatment of patients by the middle of August. It is to be a private institution with the usual rate for subscribers.

Jumped His Bail.

Ole Gilson, a miner and a native of Finland, got on a tear and in a quarrel threatened to shoot the other fellow. Chief Hamilton came along and was for arresting him, but Ole resisted and again brandished his gun. He was hauled off to the caboose, however, and the charge of threatening with a weapon and resisting an officer were preferred against him. He was released on $50 bail, which he put up himself. Since then he has not been heard of and it is believed that he has skipped thinking that he was getting out of the scrape cheaply at $50.

Three More Tunnels.

The Reco-Goodenough is preparing to have a greater output of ore ready for the aerial tramway and concentrator. Three more tunnels have been started, which will make five on each lead. Two of them, one on each lead, will empty into the tramway house. These tunnels will be far advanced by October 1st, the date for the completion of the aerial tramway and the concentrator contracts.

Go to The Denver for well furnished rooms.

The Sandon Laundry for first class work. In the rear of Spencer's hall. Clothing mended and buttons sewn on carefully.

When in Kaslo don't forget that you can get a first class meal at the Royal Cafe.

JAMES KELLY
J. R. BURTON

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In Any Quantity

Anthracite, Canmore, N. W. Blacksmith or Stove Coal.

KELLY & BURTON

Cody Avenue, Sandon.

A CORDIAL

Invitation is extended to the ladies of Sandon to call and inspect our new store,

THE ELITE,

Four doors below the Sandon Hotel.

Miss N. E. DRYDEN

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SPECIAL Lines in RINGS, DIAMONDS, Opals, Rubies, Emeralds, Pearls, etc. Which will be sold at the Lowest Price. We keep the largest, and best assorted STOCK in town.

And the reputation of a reliable JEWELLER is at the back of every article sold.

The JEWELLERY TRADE is largely one of CONFIDENCE, so that when you buy from a party without BUSINESS standing and reputation to lose, you run all the RISK, and pay the highest price for a useless or imitation article.

We have a reputation at stake, and will maintain it by selling the

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G. W. GRIMMETT,

Jeweler and Optician

G. B. MATTHEWS

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Stationery,
Confectionery,

Cigars and Tobacco.

THREE FORKS and SILVERTON

J. J. MADIGAN.

DAILY - STAGE

—FROM—

THREE FORKS TO CODY.

Morning:—Leaves Three Forks at 8 o'clock Leaves cody at 11 o'clock.

Afternoon:—Leaves Three Forks at 1 o'clock. Leaves cody at 4 o'clock.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between George Le Duke and Edward Montgomery, known as the Palace Hotel, is by mutual agreement this day dissolved, George Le Duke having sold his interest to Edward Montgomery, who will carry on the business, assume all indebtedness and collect all bills of the late firm.

GEORGE LeDUKE,
EDWARD MONTGOMERY.

Dated at Sandon, B. C., July 23, 1897.

The Argo Mines of Sandon

(Limited Liability.)

CAPITAL, - $100,000.00.

1,000,000 Shares par value of ten cents. The above Company is formed to acquire and work the ARGO and BELT Mineral Claims, adjoining the Sandon townsite. Mines are Open for Inspection, only a few minutes walk from the town. Limited number of shares for sale at ten cents.

Apply at once to

Leighton & Williams

Mining Brokers and Operators.

NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of July, 1897, it was ordered that James Ferguson Armstrong, official administrator of the county of Kootenay, be administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of William Hibbits of Stevens county, in the state of Washington, U. S. A., deceased, intestate.

Every person indebted to the said deceased is required to make payment forthwith to the undersigned.

Every person having in possession effects belonging to the said deceased is required forthwith to notify the undersigned.

Every creditor or other person having any claim or interest in the distribution of the personal estate of said deceased is required, within 30 days from this date, to send by registered letter addressed to the undersigned, his name and address and the full particulars of his claim or interest, or a statement of his account, and the nature of the security (if any) held by him. After the expiration of the said 30 days the administrator will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard to those claims only of which he shall have had notice.

Dated at Donald, B. C., this 17th day of July, A. D., 1897.

J. F. ARMSTRONG,
Official Administrator, Donald, B.C.

Certificate of Improvements.

BLUE JAY MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located—Between the Galena and Maud E. mineral claims on Noble Five mountain.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for the Last Chance Mining and Milling company (foreign), free miner's certificate No. 97,311, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1897.

A. S. FARWELL.

Date of first publication, July 10, 1897.

Certificate of Improvements.

CLIMAX MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located—On Carpenter creek, about one and one-half miles above the town of Cody.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for Robert Wingate, No. 77,516, Johanna Erp Brockhausen, No. 76,831, and Otto Heper, No. 79,585, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 23d day of July, 1897.

A. S. FARWELL.

Date of first publication, July 31, 1897.

Certificate of Improvements. Notice.

BOLANDER MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay district. Where located—On Cody creek.

Take notice that I, Jas. F. Leahy, free miners certificate No 84,[illegible], intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 20th day of July, A. D. 1897.

JAS. F. LEAHY (trustee).

Date of first publication, July 31, 1897.

Merchants Advertise in the Paystreak Because It Pays.

The Leader

Emporium of Fashions

Have received a consignment of the latest styles in

Summer Hats

Comprising the Jubilee, Yale, Gibson, Puritan, Newport, Varsity, and numerous others.

Ladies' Furnishings, Fine Silk Hosiery, Underwear, and everything in the line of Fancy Dry Goods.

Millinery executed in the finest styles of the art.

Dressmaking a specialty and up-to-date.

We are bound to lead in styles, and all work entrusted to us will receive our special attention.

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Watchmakers and Jewellers

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. Pianos and Sewing machines.

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Etc.

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DR. A. S. MARSHALL

DENTIST.

KASLO, - - B. C

Will be at Hotel Belmoral, in Sandon, once a month.

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Agents for

The Phoenix Consolidated Mining Co. Limited Liability.

Dry Belt Mining and Milling Co. Limited Liability (Cordelia.)

Selkirk Mining and Milling Co. Limited Liability.

Room 5 Black's Hotel.

SANDON, B. C.

NEW DENVER

P Stratford's hotel at Enterprise, on Ten Mile, was opened for business on Saturday last with great eclat.

A daily Canadian mail service was established in the Slocan yesterday. All things come to those who wait.

The money is available for New Denver's school when the deeds of the building lots are received at Victoria.

James Currie, of New Denver, and Dr. Wilson, of Wingham, Ont., went down the lake Tuesday on an extended tour to Nelson, Ymir, Rossland, etc., intending to be away some time.

Slocan lake is one of the prettiest spots on earth. In a few years to come it will be looked upon as not only a great mineral producing section, but a section whose senic beauty will attract thousands annually to its shores for a summer's outing or a winter's rest.

A beautiful piece of photographic stone was recently found by Nate Franklin near the big glacier at the head of Kokanee creek. It is now in the possession of William Glynn who will be pleased to show it to those who appreciate the works of nature.

W. M. Clayton and son, of Victoria, are in the city looking into the advisability of building a large boat house on the lake shore. They are experienced boathouse men of the queen city, and will, if given the necessary support, bring into Denver a large supply of excellent pleasure boats. Here is a chance for the much-talked-about boat club.

Joseph Cough had an interesting encounter with a bear up Wilson creek last week while prospecting single-handed in the woods. He espied a cub a few days old, and picked it up intending to take it to camp with him. The little creature gave the alarm and in a moment the mother animal was after him. It clawed him once but he managed to get away, and, throwing the cub to the ground, sought shelter behind a tree. The mother bear was averse to quitting him so cold, but he managed to keep the tree between them and finally fought her off with an axe.

SILVERTON.

Battersea & Co. are opening a general store on Lake Ave.

F. J. Diebscher, the Silverton tailor, is building next to Burn's meat shop.

H. Clever, the New Denver butcher, will open a branch shop here immediately.

Rumor reports another rich strike near the Fidelity, but confirmation is lacking.

Mr. Owens, who has been confined to his room in the Thorburn House for some days, is recovering.

Doering & Marstand, of Vancouver, shipped a car load of keg beer to the Slocan recently and have established a warehouse in Silverton.

Dave Kirk, late of New Denver; will open a jewelry store here as soon as lumber can be put together. At present he has located his work bench in the shaving parlors of Wm. Bouch.

The owners of the Fidelity have four men developing their property and report $100,000 worth of ore in sight. The report that this property had been jumped by New Denver parties is denied.

The Victoria Hotel opened for business on Tuesday, under the management of Mrs. E. McConnell and Miss L. Purcell, two ladies well-known in Montana and California. The Victoria is a credit to the country. With its forty plastered rooms, elegant furniture, electric bells, and other modern improvements it cannot fail to secure a large share of the trade in this district.

Ed. Boyce, the upholder of the rights of workingmen, addressed a large gathering of miners in McKinnon's Hall last Saturday. His address was full of advice and common sense, and was listened to attentively. He pointed out that lack of harmony amongst themselves was the curse of the working class, and asked why it was that miners who are daily creating wealth for others cannot create it for themselves, He spoke under the auspices of the Miners' Union, and the chair was filled by President Williamson.

AINSWORTH.

The Neosho made a shipment of rich ore last week and is looking more favorable than ever with development.

The ledge on the Albion was struck last week at 390 feet and is now being crosscut. It is 40 feet wide at this level.

G. M. Parsons, foreman of the No. 1, received distressing news of the illness of his wife last week and left immediately for his home in Nova Scotia.

Work on the Highlander tramway is progressing rapidly and the track has been cleared and ties laid for the greater part of the distance. The machinery for the concentrator has arrived at Five Mile Point and the work of installing the plant will be commenced shortly.

Considerable real estate has changed hands lately and a good deal of building is under way and contemplated. John Gardner, of No. 1, has a nice residence under way; A. L. Stalberg is building an assay office, and Wm. Lingard and Phillip McGregor will build residences in the near future, besides which a number of other buildings will be started in the near future.

On the Black Diamond everything looks more favorable than ever, four ore teams now being kept busy carrying the product down the hill. A shaft house has been built on the Little Donald and the work generally is being carried off vigorously. At the 60-foot level drifts both ways have been driven 30 feet and at 145 feet 75-feet have been run north and south showing the ore continuous everywhere. On the Black Diamond the upper and lower levels have been connected, making a continuous passage throughout the whole workings and making the already remarkable showing even better than ever.

A good deal of dissatisfaction is felt here about the way the town has been treated by the government with regard to their school. There are now some 30 children on the roll here, and yet no adequate provision has been made for school accomodation. One of the school board has endeavored to communicate with the provincial authorities on the subject, but so far has not had the satisfaction of obtaining an answer. It seems a shame that a community which pays as much into the Provincial treasury annually as Ainsworth does should not at least be able to have the benefit of good schools.

TROUT LAKE CITY

The townsite company are opening and grading several streets.

Mr. Magee of the Kootenay Lumber Co., contemplates putting in a lumber yard here.

The officers of the Wagner group were in town last week on their way to visit the mine.

Men are clearing the lots for Wilson's store, part of the lumber is on the ground and Mr. Graham, of Trail will build it.

The contract for the record office has been let and work will commence in a few days. It will be completed in less than six weeks.

John Stobart and E. L. Kinman have located two very promising claims near Haskin's point and about two miles from the lake. The lead is strong and well defined with good values in gold, silver and lead.

Another promising group is the Silver Ball located on Five Mile creek, about five miles from the lake. The ore is cube galena and gray copper. The owners, Johnston & Co., are workers and will begin developments as soon as supplies can be taken up.

The wagon road to the landing will soon be impassable, two wagons upset Monday and buried thir contents in the mud. With 20 four-horse teams on the road and 130 tons of delayed freight lying at Arrowhead and Thompson's Landing that they are unable to touch, something ought to be done to raise the blockade.

Jas. McMahon and Dr. McKechnie have been opening up their claim and are very much pleased with its appearance. It is on Surprise creek and situated about one mile from the Horne-Payne townsite. They have a splendid chance to take out ore easily and are sinking directly upon it. They have also cut out about a mile and a half of trail.—Kootenay Mail.

WHITEWATER.

Frank Fortin went out to Marcus on Friday last to purchase ten pack animals and a team of draft horses which he will put to work on the Jacckson road.

Contractor Carlson put 45 men to work at the Whitewater last week to extend the wagon road to the mouth of No. 10 tunnel.

E. W. Cummings went up on Friday last to lay out the concentrator site at the Jackson mines. The wagon road is now completed and in good condition and it is the intention to go ahead with the concentrator immediately.

Bartlett Bros. have 30 pack animals at work in Whitewater Basin now and brought down the first car of ore from the Ibex Saturday for shipment to Pueblo.

A.E. Arnold is surveying the townsite of Whitewater and it is the intention of the owners to place lots on the market in the near future. There are four interests in the townsite, Geo. Alexander and David Moore one-third each, and Isaac Waldron and W. R. Winstead one-sixth each.

The Alpine Group.

A payment of $10,000 was made this week on the Alpine group. This group is owned by Stege, Clever, Heakman, Crawford and Fass, and is under bond to A. Dick and A. B. MacKenzie for $60,000. Development work is proving the property to be rich in free milling gold ore.

The Pilot Bay Smelter.

Contrary to the positive statements made in some Kootenay papers the Bank of Montreal has not sold the Pilot Bay smelter to tha Omaha-Grant Smelting company. The smelter is, or will be sold, but not to the Omaha-Grant people.

The Thompson Group.

The balance of the bond, $30,000 due in September on the Thompson group, will be paid next week. The property will be stocked and placed on the market in London, England.

Paterfamilies—Clara, I see that the front gate is down this morning.

Clara (shyly)—Yes, papa, you know love levels everything.

Don't overlook Wilson s Hotel when you are in Slocan City. †

WM. BENNISON. JNO. COVER. H. E. COVER.

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HIDE NOT YOUR LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL.

THE PAYSTREAK is evidently widening, for more copies of last week's issue were purchased for the purpose of mailing to friends in distant parts than ever before. We have to modestly acknowledge, however, that this was not so much due to the enlargement of the newspaper from eight to twelve pages, as to the amount and character of news that made this enlargement necessary.

The news printed last week in the PAYSTREAK conclusively showed the marked progress that Sandon is making in every direction, and this progress is eminently flattering to those interested in the growth of the town. Being men of progressive ideas they do not believe in permitting their light to shine under a bushel, therefore they distributed THE PAYSTREAK to inform the rest of the country of Sandon's rapid advancement.

More of this was shown in last week's issue than in any town in British Columbia can boast of. To briefly summarize it, there were the definite steps being taken to incorporate the city of Sandon, and this, to outsiders, has a greater significance, probably, than it has to our own people. It marks the rapid rise, step by step, of a mere prospective mining camp to the dignity of a municipality. It implies prosperity and stability. and gives a prestige to the place.

The movement for the formation of a town band shows that Sandon people are strongly endowed with that local pride which is among the greatest incentives to the building of large cities, and also that it has among her people men of sufficient musical culture to make an organisation that the town can be proud of.

It is well-known that the workers in our mines have $25,000 a week to spend, and that Sandon possesses all the attractions of the old time mining camp, but last week's issue also shows that we have here also those of refinement and social culture, for the club that has been organised is on a scale that will place it on a footing for dignity and comfort with the clubs of the east. It will be an institution to which the visiting capitalist and tourist will feel it an honor to be invited.

Pointing in this same direction are the notes on the new residences, with the whirr of the the lawn mower beating on the clear summer air. First came the necessaries of existence, the shelter of a shack; then the comforts of a cottage and the decencies of separate rooms; then the slumbering instincts of art and adornment, the love of luxury of color, and the gaiety that prosperity brings were awakened. The cottage verandahs are this summer smiling with clinging vines and potted plants; the piano and the guitar, and the sweetness of woman's voices are heard from the houses on the hills in the evenings; the temporary bachelor shack is giving place to substantial homes.

There are other notes of the tide of progress to be found in the increased water supply, and a triple system of water mains and hydrants that will give Sandon one of the best plans of fire protection that has ever been devised. The electric force is also to be increased, so that every business and every home may be supplied with cheap light.

All this progress, too, has a substantial basis in the development of Sandon's mining industry. Last week the Payne mine began its three rail gravity tramway of 9000 feet long, and the erection of a large concentrator in the proposed city limits.

This is but a brief summary of the activity of Sandon as recorded in one week. The paystreak is evidently widening all the time, and THE PAYSTREAK is keeping up with the times in faithfully recording this march of progress and prosperty. To stimulate the interest of our friends at a distance in the place you have made your home, is therefore an easy matter. Mail them your local newspaper regularly.

MR. HARRIS is going to a large expense to give the town an ample supply of water for fire purposes, with new mains and plenty of hydrants, but where are the firemen? It is said there is a volunteer brigade. Has anyone ever seen it at drill?

PLENTY OF HYDRANTS.

And of Water Also. But How About the Fire Brigade.

Very few towns will have so excellent a water system, especially for the purposes of fire protection, as Sandon will have when Mr. Riblet's plans are carried into effect. It will have three good sources of supply, the present one fr m Tributary creek, a pipe line from Sandon creek, and a flume from Carpenter creek to supply the Reco concentrator. One engineering feature worth especial note is the pipe line from Sandon creek. This will be joined to the flume from Tributary creek which supplies the electric light plant, and at such a grade that it will be both a waste pipe and a supply pipe. When the stream is cut off from the power house in the day time the waste from Tributary will empty through this pipe into Sandon creek; when the supply in Tributary creek gets low the pipe will automatically supply the deficiency, for power and fire purposes only, from Sandon creek, the water first passing through fine screens in a large tank to catch the tailings from the Slocan Star concentrator. The pipe line will be underground, so that no fire or falling trees can at any time interfere with it.

A number of additional hydrants are to be erected to give fire protection to the new residences. There will be one on the Wonderful trail to protect the houses on that hill; another on the K. & S. track that will bring the sawmill within range; another close to the C. P. R. depot which will protect the Reco concentrator from below, Black's hotel and buildings in the immediate neighborhood from the back; another on Slocan street near Hammond's livery stable; the next on the corner of Ivanhoe street, and the next near the power station to cut off a fire coming up from below.

Reco avenue is at present well supplied with hydrants. Should the present water supply be found insufficient or unavailable, by means of valves in the power house, the other systems, which will be of very high pressure, can be immediately connected and utilized.

The next two months are going to be the most critical for fire of any of the whole year. What is needed as an adjunct to this excellent supply of water is a thoroughly well drilled volunteer fire brigade, with hose and other appliances in complete order and first-class condition. There is a fire brigade, and there is hose and reel. Whether the brigade is well organized and frequently drilled, and the hose in a good condition, are matters that it will pay every citizen to carefully look into.

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GLADSTONE AND DISRAELI.

The Ways of the Two Great Premiers Were Curiously Unlike.

I heard nearly all the great speeches made by both the men in that parliamentary duel, which lasted for so many years. My own observation and judgment gave the superiority to Mr. Gladstone all through, but I quite admit that Disraeli stood up well to his great opponent and that it was not always easy to award the prize of victory. The two men's voices were curiously unlike. Disraeli had a deep, low, powerful voice, heard everywhere throughout the house, but having little variety or music in it. Gladstone's voice was tuned to a higher note, was penetrating, resonant, liquid and full of an exquisite modulation and music which gave new shades of meaning to every emphasized word. The ways of the men were in almost every respect curiously unlike. Gladstone was always eager for conversation. He loved to talk to anybody about anything. Disraeli, even among his most intimate friends, was given to frequent fits of absolute and apparently gloomy silence.

Gladstone, after his earlier parliamentary days, became almost entirely indifferent to dress. Disraeli always turned out in the newest fashion, and down to his latest years went in the get up of a young man about town. Not less different were the characters and temperaments of the two men. Gladstone changed his political opinions many times during his long parliamentary career, but he changed his opinions only in deference to the force of a growing conviction and to the recognition of facts and conditions which he could no longer conscientiously dispute. Nobody probably ever knew what Mr. Disraeli's real opinions were upon any political question or whether he had any real opinions at all. Gladstone began as a Tory and gradually became changed into a Radical. Disraeli began as an extreme Radical under the patronage of Daniel O'Connell and changed into a Tory. But everybody knew that Gladstone was at first a sincere Tory and at last a sincere Radical. Nobody knew, or, indeed, cared, whether Disraeli ever was either a sincere Radical or a sincere Tory.—Justin McCarthy in Outlook.

When Blondin Was Afraid.

One of Blondin's favorite jokes was to offer to carry some distinguished spectator across the rope with him on his back. Everybody naturally refused, and the great equilibrist, with a genial smile, would say, "I am sorry you are afraid I should drop you." But he was hoist once with his own petard.

He was exhibiting in Paris and was about to cross the Seine on his rope. Cham, the great caricaturist, had come to make a sketch. Blondin, recognizing him, at once invited him to cross with him.

"With pleasure," replied Cham, "but on one condition."

"And that is"— queried Blondin.

"That I shall carry you on my back," answered Cham.

"Not if I know myself," answered Blondin.

"Ah," triumphantly exclaimed Cham, "this time, M. Blondin, it is you who are afraid!" — Washington Post.

Where Pope Lived.

Mr. Labouchere is gratified at being able to put an end to skepticism about his Twickenham house being built on the site of Pope's villa. In making repairs recently a stone was found, on which was carved the inscription: "On this spot stood until 1809 the house of Alexander Pope. The grotto that formed the basement still remains. 1848."

WHAT POSED HIM.

The Mythological Centaur and the Proper Medicine Man.

The man with a valise and an umbrella had bought one or two cheap volumes of fiction, when a more pretentious publication on a counter near the door caught his attention. It contained a number of elaborate pictures of mythological characters, and he was glancing rapidly through it when one of the pages attracted his especial interest. He lingered over it, turned several leaves and then went back. After he had started away and gone as far as the door the fascination again proved irresistible, and he was soon gazing thoughtfully at the same page.

"Can we do something more for you?" asked the clerk.

"You learn a great deal about what's in these books, don't you?" he asked.

"We naturally become familiar with the contents in the course of time," was the answer.

"Well, it will probably be exposing my ignorance for me to ask it, but I wish you would tell me what that is," and he turned the book around so that the salesman could see. "I never had much chance to study up on natural history," he added apologetically.

"That, sir, is a centaur," was the answer.

His curiosity was not yet satisfied. He dropped his head over on his shoulder and looked at the picture with one eye.

"I suppose," he resumed, "that this thing wouldn't bother me so much if I hadn't recently gone on the road for a patent medicine firm. That has given me an interest I never had before. And you know whenever a man has just taken up a subject it's hard for him to get it off his mind. I don't believe that I ever will get over being puzzled about that centaur."

"In what way?"

"Supposing he got sick?"

"Well?"

"Whom would they send for, a regular physician or a veterinary surgeon?" —Washington Star.

Culture Alone Not Sufficient.

In our days culture has been proposed as a substitute for religion and poetry offered as a better guide for our lives than the loving word of God. "More and more," says Matthew Arnold, "mankind will discover that we have to turn to poetry to interpret life for us, to console us, to sustain us. Without poetry our science will appear incomplete, and most of what now passes with us for religion and philosophy will be replaced by poetry." But it were as well to offer moonlight instead of warm sunlight, for poetry and culture are largely a reflection of religion, and history shows us that they cannot long survive its absence. Men of a vaguely speculative bent and a more than ordinary share of refinement, like Matthew Arnold or Emerson, may here and there be found, who think they find in culture all that they need to direct and purify their lives. Æsthetic movements and Brook Farm experiments may, when they are successful, beget an elevating influence for a time, but in the end culture, left to itself, will become the culture of Nero and Petronius Arbiter and society that of Herculaneum and Pompeii.—American Quarterly Review.

A St. Louis Experiment.

The advanced or advancing women of St. Louis are to have a billiard room of their own, with the incidental accompaniments of a bowling alley, a place in which to read the papers and a mysterious something or somethings rather vaguely described as "other features." All this is to be provided as a strictly business venture by a man who has hitherto sought only the patronage of masculine players of the scientific game, and to his new establishment he proposes to admit any woman, whether alone or accompanied by a husband, brother or sweetheart. Nothing is said about friends or mere acquaintances, but it is probable that they, too, will be allowed to enter when properly introduced and professing an inclination to assume in proper time one or the other of the nearer and dearer relationships. The experiment has as yet been tried in only one place—Vienna. There it is said to have worked well, and St. Louis is watching with interest to see what the developments will be on American soil. —St. Louis Correspondence.

A Bat In a Tomb.

A queer story is told of a naturalist who died in 1860 and was buried at Blankney, in Lincolnshire. Among his pets was a large gray bat.

This bat was permitted to enter the tomb and was sealed up alive with the corpse of his dead master. In 1866 the vault was opened, and to the surprise of all the bat was alive and fat.

On four different occasions since the relatives of the dead man have looked after the welfare of his pet, and each time it has been reported that the bat was still in the land of the living, although occupying quarters with the dead. It was last seen in 1892.—Pearson's Weekly.

Waller wrote his most pleasing poetry of Saccharissa. After she rejected him he, in a letter to a friend, said, "She is only a redheaded drab anyhow."

Don't overlook Wilson's Hotel when you are in Slocan City. †

Mountain Poetry.

Sam Brown, while near the head of Ten Mile creek a few days ago, ran across a large blazed hemlock tree. Sticking in the tree was a prospector's pick, with one side of the eye broken, and a very blunt point. Written on the blaze were the following unsigned verses:

Rugged miner, pause a moment
For a pick without a choke;
If you want to use it, take it,
May it make your heart rejoice.

But, "you say" its blunt and busted,
And its face is "marred and scarred,"
Never mind; 'tis like its owner,
Take it, if you want it, pard.

No? Don't want it? Well then, leave it
Sticking in the tree,
It may serve to tell a story
To some others such as we.

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GOLD HUNTERS

Clondyke, or Bust! Is The Cry as They Rush Northward.

The steamers Portland and Queen left Seattle last week crowded with gold seekers bound for the Clondyke; The George W. Elder leaves to-morrow and if more steamers were available they would have plenty of patients.

The most vigorous plan of the many proposed for the gleaning of wealth from the mines of the Yukon, and the men who will flock to them, will be carried out by an organization of 20 employees of the Seattle & International Railroad. The 20 have combined, each depositing $600 in a common fund. Robert Moran has agreed to build for $5,000 in 90 days a steel-compartment boat, 60 feet in length by 12 feet beam, to be launched in six inches of water. He has guaranteed that the boat will be in such shape that the 20 men in the company can easily put the parts together on Lake Linderman. The boiler will have a pressure of 250 pounds to the square inch, and the engines will be 40 horse power. A speed of 10 miles per hour is guaranteed. The cargo capacity will be 20 tons. The 20 railroad men will pack the steamer across the summit and set it up on the Upper Yukon. Ten men will stay by the steamer, doing a transportation business, and 10 will go prospecting. A sawmill will also be carried in, and the boat so arranged that it can be beached, and will furnish power to operate the sawmill. The company will go prepared to do 10 year's business.

PROVISIONS FOR A YUKONER.

All sorts of advice and information is heard at every hand upon the subject of an outfit for a prospector headed for the Yukon. While the miners and prospectors who have been to Alaska invariably advise intending gold hunters to take an outfit weighing from 1,500 pounds to a ton and a half. it is a fact that very few of those who are going and those who have already departed have taken anywhere near the amount advised. What the result of this failure to follow the advice of those who have had experience in the Yukon cannot be known until next spring, when the icy fetters of the frozen Arctic region release the prisoners of the winter and give their stories to the world. Many of those who are starting now are doing so with an entire capital of not over $300, whereas the returning miners advise a man not to think of going with less than $500 to $750, or even $1,000. However, conditions of transportation and supply are changing almost daily, and the Yukoners are relying on improved facilities which the old ones knew nothing of. The main items of a model outfit have been compiled as follows:

Bacon, pounds	150
Flour, pounds	400
Rolled oats, pounds	25
Beans, pounds	125
Tea, pounds	10
Coffee, pounds	10
Sugar, pounds	25
Dried potatoes, pounds	25
Dried onions, pounds	2
Salt, pounds	15
Pepper, pounds	1
Dried fruits, pounds	75
Baking powder, pounds	8
Soda, pounds	2
Evaporated vinegar, pounds	½
Compressed soap, ounces	12
Soap, cakes	9
Mustard, cans	1
Matches (for four men) tins	1

Stove for four men.
Gold pan for each.
Set granite buckets.
Large bucket.
Knife, fork, spoon, cup and plate.
Frying pan.
Coffee and tea pot.
Scythe stone.
Two picks and one shovel.
One whipsaw.
Pack strap.
Two axes for four men and one extra handle.
Six 8-inch files and two taper files for party.
Drawing knife, brace and bits, jack plane and hammer, for party.
200 feet ⅜-inch rope.
Eight pounds of pitch and five pounds of oakum for four men.
Nails, five pounds each of 6, 8, 10 and 12-penny, for four men.
Tent, 10x12 feet, for four.
Canvas for wrapping.
Two oil blankets to each boat.
Five yards of mosquito netting for each man.
Three suits heavy underclothing.
One heavy mackinaw coat.
Two pairs heavy mackinaw pants.
One heavy rubber lined coat.
One dozen heavy wool socks.
Half dozen heavy wool mitts.
Two heavy overshirts.
Two pairs heavy snagproof rubber boots.
Two pairs shoes.
Four pairs blankets (for two men).
Four towels.
Two pairs overalls.
One suit oil clothing.

Besides these things each man procured a small assortment of medicines, and each is provided with several changes of summer changes.

The above outfit cost in round figures as follows:

Groceries	$ 40 00
Clothing	50 00
Hardware	50 00
Total	$140 00

Fare to Dyea and incidentals bring the expense of prospectors up to about $175 each.

BEWARE OF THE FROZEN NORTH.

A despatch from San Francisco, dated July 22nd, says:

The Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha arrived from Unalaska Bay, with 500 tons of concentrates from the Appollo mine, at Unga, and a bar of bullion from the same source. She brought no gold from the Clondyke. Capt. Hays, speaking of the Clondyke, said:

"The fact that the new gold fields are 2000 miles from St. Michaels, and that the difficulties of transportation are innumerable can not be too forcibly impressed on intending prospectors. The newspapers would be responsible for the loss of many lives and a great deal of suffering and hardship, if they did not strongly advise the public that the river Yukon, now that the mountain torrents have ceased running, is very low, and much of the 500 tons of supplies now awaiting transportation cannot possibly be conveyed to the destination for some time."

Messrs. Sloss, of the Alaska Commercial Company, are equally frank. One of the firm said:

"What we most fear is that the excitement will cause many people to rush northward without properly considering how they are to live through the winter after they get there. We have now about 5,000 tons of provisions on the Yukon, and are sending as large additional quantities as possible, but we are not able to say whether the supply will be equal to the demand, nor when the supplies will reach their destination, with any certainty. The sternwheel steamer with which the Excelsior will connect will be the last this season. It will reach Dawson with a barge in tow about September 1st, and must immediately return, as the river usually freezes over early in October. It is for this reason principally that we have declined to carry more than the usual complement of passengers on the Excelsior this trip. We could easily have constructed accommodations for another hundred, but preferred to utilise the space for supplies to feed those already there and on their way."

GOLD SHIPPED IN BARRELS.

A Whatcom tailor has received the following letter from his brother in Alaska: "Things are booming, and the country is immensely rich, much better than is reported. Anything you hear, you believe it. I saw coal oil cans full of gold at one claim, and there are about 500 just like it. The claims would average about 500 feet square, with about 5 to 8 feet of pay dirt; saw them clean one sluice box and the gold was visible in piles. A fellow ran his shovel handle through it and worked the gravel and sand out, and when he got through he had a pile about the size of my hat. (How's that?) But this is a hard country, and no pudding for anybody, and generally when a man strikes it he gets out of the country. The boat left two days ago, and one store closed to make ready to ship the gold. There was so much they shipped it in barrels. Well, I don't expect to get many barrels, but I do expect to get one small one. The wages are $15 for miners and $10 at ordinary work per day."

VALUE OF YUKON GOLD.

A despatch from San Francisco says: Assistant Weigher W. A. Underhill, of the Selby Smelting Company, says of the gold from the Yukon:

"It is a fact that the Yukon gold is not as valuable as that produced in this state. We have found that there are from 50 to 100 points more of base metals in the northern product. The base metals are iron, lead and a few others, and there is a large quantity of silver also. We look principally for the gold and silver. It is the iron that gives the Yukon gold its fine rich color. Of course, the other metals decrease the value a little. The nuggets from the Yukon are worth $17 and $18 per ounce, and the gold dust is worth $15 to $17 per ounce. With the California gold the value is about $1 an ounce more: that is, nuggets run from $18 to $19, and gold dust never less than $17 per ounce."

News From Clondyke.

Frank Fortin received last week a letter from his brother, Phil Fortin, who left the season last spring for the Yukon country. Phil left Whitewater March 5th, and after spending a while at the coast left Seattle March 16, Juneau March 26, Dyea April 16 and going by Lynn canal and the White Pass arrived at Dawson City in June. He reports the diggings of the Clondyke rich beyond belief and that the men who went in last summer have as a general rule made good stakes, but lays great stress on the dangers and hardships of the trip to and existence in the country. Provisions are scarce, flour is anywhere up to $75 a sack, beans worth almost as much as the nuggets they mine and bacon not in the market at any price. Work at from $10 to $15 a day is plentiful for those who have a year's supplies but the miners will employ no one otherwise as food and not men is the scarcity. Phil and his partner took in 2500 pounds of provisions with them, which, after having them packed to the head of Chilcot pass, they hauled down to Stewart river on sleds and to Clondyke on a boat which they made themselves. They now hold one full claim, a half interest in another and a quarter in a third, and consider the result most satisfactory, but advise those who are doing well in the Slocan to stay there, and those who have not sufficient means to carry them through any emergency to stay a long way out of Alaska and the Clondyke.

Where the Yellow Grows.

John Wallace, who discovered the Whitewater, near Nelson, some years ago writes to a friend from the Clondyke on May 14. He states that up to that time he had not found any very rich ground, although 45 men had taken out about $2 000,000 in dust from two creeks running into the Clondyke. He says that bacon is $1.50 a pound, flour $1.3 and miners shovels $20 each. He also says that the weather last winter was mild, the thermometer never going below 72° during the entire season.

Gone to Clondyke

James McDonald, who recently made a stake out of the California, left New Denver, Sunday, accompanied by Andrew Tunks for the Clondyke. It is their intention to take in a years supplies, and give the country a fair trial. They are two square men and a host of friends wish them luck in their sphere of operations.

Lady (to drunken beggar)—Are you not ashamed to beg?

D. B.—Yes, ma'am, but I'm full, when I'm sober I'm a burglar.

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AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

The Methodist Church Building Fund Largely Benefitted.

The Concert given in Spencer's hall on Tuesday evening for the building fund of the new Methodist church was a remarkable success. Probably the number of tickets purchased to help along the good work was in excess of the accommodation of the hall, for it was crowded clear up to the doors, and many, unable to obtain seats, went away. The programme had evidently been arranged with nice diplomacy, as such things should be, in order to interest the greatest number. Some of the performers were probably flattered at the honor of being invited to appear, and others because they had so many friends who delight to listen to them.

Particularly was this the case with the younger performers. Everybody was interested in them, and on their part they doubtless felt it the proudest moment of their lives. It was interesting to watch the faces of the parents when their little one was on the platform, to see the shadow of deep anxiety swept away by applause, only to return of a deeper shade when there was a slight declamatory stumble or hesitation, and then the burst of glad sunshine when the piece ended. Only loving parents know this exquisite joy.

Rev. A. M. Sanford, the pastor, came forward and spoke his piece while the orchestra was tuning up, modestly giving that as the reason for his appearance. From the performances of the children that were to appear, he thought the parents might obtain some inkling of the embryotic abilities that could be developed to make them useful in certain spheres, as parents were always curious and anxious as to the walks in life the footsteps of the young should be trained for.

He told a good story to illustrate this. A father, to test the possibilities of his son, placed on a table a silver dollar, a Bible and a bottle of whiskey. He soliloquized that if the boy chose the dollar he would make a good tradesman, if the Bible a good preacher, if the whiskey a good-for-nothing. The boy stepped forward like one of Portia's lovers before the fateful caskets, but with none of their timidity. He first put the dollar in his pocket, then tucked the Bible under his arm and finally tucked away a good horn of the whiskey. The father was delighted. "He will make a successful politician," was his conclusion.

As told by Mr. Sanford this story provoked rears of laughter. The pastor then acted as the chairman, introducing each number with brief and sometimes witty remarks. The orchestra, composed of Mrs. Spencer and Messrs. Bailey, Duffy and Griffiths, played the grand march "Lonsdale," and were warmly cheered. The three gentlemen will be prominent members of the Sandon Cornet band now in course of organization, and this was but one of many opportunities residents have had of judging of their abilities as instrumentalists.

The whole programme, which was broken in the middle for the enjoyment of a feast of ice cream and cake, was as follows:

Grand march, "Lonsdale" ..... Orchestra
Recitation, "The Polish Boy," Miss Emily Jones
Glee, "John Daly's Dog" ... Sandon Quartette
Recitation, "We Little Boys" ... Guy Baxter
Recitation, "Little Dutchman," Frankie Tous
Banjo duet, "Bluebird" ..... Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Spencer
Song, "Terrel's Lovely Dell" ..... Mrs. Cliffe
Recitation, "Little Boy Blue" ... Nina Hayes
Song, "The Old Folks at Home" .. Gus Bassett

PART II.

Waltz, "Over the Waves" ..... Orchestra
Song, "Twinkle Little Star" ..... Alice Moffatt
Recitation, "The Starfish Dance" ..... Clarence Smith
Recitation, "Papa's Letter" ..... Violet Jones
Song, "The Banner of England" ..... W. Cliffe
Song, "There's Only Room for One," ..... Sandon Quartette

Of the whole of those who assisted in this excellent programme, it can be justly said "And the least was the greatest among them." Tiny Nina Hayes recited one of Eugene Field's poems describing what the little boy sees in the dark when tucked up in bed. She acted every line of it as vividly as if it was her own personal experience told without the constraint of an audience of strangers. In fact, the audience seemed to stimulate her as it does an experienced actress. She made the good points tell, waited for the laughter and applause, and resumed with an easy grace that was remarkable in one so young. Could the genial author have heard it and witnessed the artful artlessness of the pretty by play, his laughter would have been mingled with gentle tears, as was the case with most of the mothers present.

Perhaps the best of the acting was when the little tot received an enthusiastic encore. She immediately came forward to respond to it, although it was evident she was enjoyably flurried by her success, and was undecided what to give. She essayed "Little Boy Blue" by the same author, and although hesitating at first she again demonstrated her remarkable mimic talent. The other children did exceedingly well, but little Nina is entitled to "all the space."

The Sandon quartette, which is composed of Messrs. Gable, Grimmett, Griffiths and Fellows, made a hit in "John Daly's Dog"—a number of hits, in fact, the personalities injected into it being particularly enjoyed. As encore song they gave "The Soldier's Farewell" and "The Three Black Crows."

Mrs. Cliffe has a handsome stage presence and was elaborately gowned, and as she has an eastern reputation as a soloist, Sandon criticism of her voice and method might be deemed an impertinence. She has a high soprano voice, and her singing was much enjoyed—especially by the ladies.

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Not that the above are the first shipments from the property. Last year there was about a car load shipped, and then skipping to 1894 there was in that year nearly $5000 received from shipments. But today marks the beginning of the property as a regular shipper, there being another carload in sight and lots more beyond that. There is also about 15 tons of concentrates ready to go out, but none will be sent to the mill until there are 30 to 40 tons ahead.

How this happy state of things was arrived at is an illustration of the mere luck there is in mining development, even when it is being conducted under the watchful eye of a manager as experienced and thoroughly capable as H. Callahan. Callahan is the vice-president of the company, and was working on the Noble Five last year. He spent the winter with his family at Spokane and on May 16 came to the American Boy as general manager.

He started his men to continue the No. 2 tunnel, in the history of which is to be found the exemplification of the luck before referred to. This tunnel broke at the grass roots with good ore, and run as wide as two feet in some places before a length of 50 feet was reached. There a break was encountered, but after a time ore was again met with for about 50 feet, when another break, or horse, was struck. Mr. Callahan drove alongside that horse for 125 feet, when the foot wall made a turn and a shute of ore was struck of the finest grain of steel galena. From there on for another 50 feet there is ore all the way and in the face.

But at the point where the shute was discovered Mr. Callahan started to stope, and in getting to the hanging wall, working back toward the entrance, found rich ore on it. He had not supposed there was any ore on the hanging wall. In fact he had passed all this ore on it for a distance of 125 feet, believing it to be the horse. This ore body is from eight to eighteen inches wide and is of very fine grain. The formation, with the gange between the walls, is similar to the Payne, but the ore is much finer in grain. Last Wednesday, however, a little cube galena was struck in the stope where the body of ore on the hanging wall was discovered.

There are three tunnels on the property that are run on the Last Chance ledge, and one, No. 4, which is a crosscut to intercept the ledge. The Noble Five ledge also runs through the property, and there is another ledge between those two, but Mr. Callahan says: "We do not see any need of further prospecting when we are getting ore and shipping it."

Fifteen men are employed at present, all working in two of the tunnels, the No. 2 tunnel, already described, and the No. 4. There are three stopes in No. 2 tunnel, and Mr. Callahan has a very simple and ingenious water blast air pipe running into the workings, the water from the mine being utilized for the purpose. Opposite this tunnel, across the gulch, there is a tunnel on the Black Hawk claim, in about 50 feet on the lead. On the other claim belonging to the company, the Random Shot, no work has been done, but assessment work will be done this fall. Connecting No. 2 with No. 3 tunnel there is a winze of 68 feet, and a tunnel of about that length out of which mixed ore has been taken. These workings are full of water just now.

The No. 4 is a large new tunnel, 4½x7 feet, which is intended for a main tunnel for all the workings on the American Boy claim. This is on the Frank fraction, lower down and out of the gulch. In the other tunnels work is impossible after January 1st, when the snow starts to slide, but they will all be connected with this tunnel and work can then be continued all the year round. At its entrance will be a large ore house and blacksmith shop, all shedded over to protect it from the snows. This is a crossent and is in 50 feet. Mr. Callahan is driving it with a double shift, making about a foot a day, and expects to strike the ledge in from 100 to 150 feet, which will give a depth from the surface of 400 feet.

The American Boy was located in 1892 by Tom McGuigan, who did his first assessment work that year. After this H. Callahan, J. J. McGuigan, P. Burns and others came in as part owners, and later a company was incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington, the property comprising the American Boy, Black Hawk, Random Shot and Frank fraction.

No property in the camp looks more promising than the American Boy at the present. In the stope in No. 2 tunnel the ore is 18 inches wide at the bottom, and runs from 10 inches to three feet of solid shipping ore. Then the property has such a vast territory to work over. It has 3200 feet of ledge and can get to a depth from the surface in the American Boy of 2000 feet.

Mr. Callahan is feeling good about it. There is an aerial tramway and other projects in the air, and he is "sighing like a furnace" for a customs smelter to be built at Sandon. His wife and family come next week to camp on the mountain until the novelty wears off and then to go to Cody, where Mr. Callahan will build a substantial residence.

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