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THE PAYSTREAK

OOK II. SANDON AND CODY, APRIL 30, 1898. CHAPTER 32

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

harlie Kapp was in town Wed-
ay.

he K. & S. is making schedule
again.

he decorators are at work on the
o Hotel.

rofessor Beaton went to Nelson on
dnesday.

. F. Adams, of Kaslo, was in
don Monday.

ork has been resumed on the
rsite tunnel.

hris. McCrae returned this week
n a trip to Ontario.

an Bongard has retired from the
on business in Kaslo.

amilton Byers has opened a
dware store in Nelson.

aseball will not be very promi-
t in Kootenay this year.

oat mountain, near New Denver,
eing extensively prospected.

he survey of the Mollie Hughes
cut out the Mary Durham claim.

at Hayes and Bob Hammond are
ving in a band of mules from Ver-
n.

ilver is looking up in price and
l continue to do so while the war
s.

The K. & S. have obtained Crown
nt to their Sandon townsite prop-
y.

The steamer W. Hunter has not
en purchased for the United States
vy.

J. E. Mitchell, of the Charleston
ine, Whitewater, was in town yes-
rday.

In a short time it looks as though
iners would be rather scarce in the
ean.

Tough Nut Jack and Billy Mathe-
n are looking for placer in the
ondike.

Miss Maud Atherton, of Windsor,
S., is visiting her brother, Mayor
herton.

Professor Turner, the inspiration
the B. C. News paid us a call on
uesday.

The city is doing some much-
eded work in the way of street-
eaning.

Chinese agriculturalists from Kaslo
re peddling vegetables about the
reets of Sandon.

Mr. Lanning late of Silverton,
assed through Sandon on Wednes-
ay, en route for Kaslo.

White & Cavanaugh have rented
heir sawmill to Batiste Bean, who
as moved it to Kuskonook.

The people of New Denver object
Carpenter creek being used as a
wer by the towns up the gulch.

Miners and workingmen are warn-
d to stay away from Republic. That
mp is only in need of capitalists.

There is plenty of snow in the
ocan this spring, and the high
ater season will be above the aver-
e.

It is said that according to Dominion law no comiques are lawful in Canada. This probably does not apply to Sandon.

What's the matter with some of those daily paper people trying a monthly or annual publication? They would be more appreciated.

It is rumored that Windy Young is going to get out a daily—something after the style of the San Francisco Examiner probably.

Frank Riffle, manager of the Whitewater Deep, has gone to Victoria to spend a week. On his return the mine will be opened up extensively.

Another shooting is reported from Kuskonook. The new town at the end of the road may be able to supply enough necktie socials for the whole Province.

The Kaslo people do not want the C. P. R. to build to Whitewater. They think that it would crush out the K. & S. and cause their city to become a one-horse town.

The PAYSTREAK has not yet completed its arrangements for daily war news. When a satisfactory service can be assured the bulletins will be issued, and not before.

The C. P. R. Company will despatch its steamer, Lytton, from Revelstoke to the Big Bend district about the first week in May. The freight from Revelstoke will be $10 per ton.

The plot thickens in reference to the Mollie Gibson on Kokanee mountain. The ground claimed by Callanan and his partners was re-staked by H. Clever and others during the past week.

The tone of the black jack and stud poker market is more healthy this week. Prices generally have ruled higher and quick action has been obtained upon several occasions.

When Black's Hotel is again opened to the public it will reflect great credit upon J. M. Harris. The king of Sandon is bound to have the best of everything and he generally gets it.

The Klondike boom seems to be dying out, except in some of the Coast newspaper offices. The arrival of the ships with dust from Dawson will revive it for a short time, but the fever will never again be as hot as it was during the winter.

England is prepared for any evil effects accruing from a war between Spain and the States. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "If war comes, we must pray that it will be brief." He had carefully considered the matter, and anticipated no serious injury to British interests. "But in any case," he said, "our resources and the soundness of our financial policy will enable us to bear successfully any strain, no matter how great, that might be put upon the endurance or patriotism of our country."

The Trail Blazer cigar is always in camp at the Denver House.

Call at the Denver House for a Trail Blazer cigar.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met on Monday evening, April 25th with Mayor Atherton in the chair, present Broddy, Crawford. Switzer, Hunter.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Following accounts were ordered to be paid:

Salaries to March 31st	$467.49
Fire Dep't	9.90
Typewriter	40.00
Expense a/c., Telegrams, Express, etc.	6.63
	$524.02

Communication from the Manager of the Bank of B. C. concerning solicitor's fees was referred to the Finance committee.

Communications were read from: Manager of Bank of B. C. regarding credit, also from W. H. Lilly regarding meeting of the License committee. On motion, the communications were received and fyled.

An amendment to By-law No. 4, the Fire By law, which amendment means to provide against the burning of rubbish within the corporate limits, was read a first, second and third time.

The clerk was instructed to write to G. O. Buchanan, to the effect that the council is fully in accord with the object of his mission.

Council adjourned.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Mr Cleland, who has been in Portland visiting his friends there, will return to Sandon at the end of the week, and will hold services as usual in Virginia Hall at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Church—Regular services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. R. N. Powell, of New Denver will preach at both services. Mr. Powell is an interesting and effective preacher and everyone should endeavor to hear him on Sunday next.

Mr. C. N. Haney, B. A., will take charge of the Methodist church services at New Denver to-morrow.

Rev. A. M. Sanford left this morning for Slocan City where he will preach to-morrow to the members of the I. O. O. F.

The Oddfellows of Sandon and vicinity attended divine service in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening last. The church was crowded to the doors. A good musical programme was rendered by the choir and the pastor preached an appropriate sermon.

The annual district meeting of the Methodist church of the Kootenay district will be opened at New Denver on Tuesday and will continue for some days. The annual meeting of the B. C. Conference will be opened on the following Tuesday at Victoria.

The necktie and ice cream social to be held on Monday evening in Virginia Hall promises to be a grand success. The Sandon Orchestra and the Sandon Quartette will render several of their popular selections. Miss Wilson, Mrs. Cliffe, Miss Skinner Miss Cliffe and other well-known vocalists will take part. The choir of the Methodist church will sing choruses.

SANDON ORE SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of ore from Sandon from August 1, 1897, to April 14th 1898, inclusive, were as follows:

Slocan Star,	:	2,937¼ tons.
Ruth,	:	5,185
Payne,	:	10,040¼
Idaho Mines,	:	1864
Noble Five,	:	519¾
Reco,	:	1128¼
American Boy,	:	29
Slocan Boy,	:	45
Wonderful,	:	42
Ajax,	:	58
Majestic,	:	12
Freddie Lee,	:	16
Mt. Adams,	:	15
Last Chance,	:	138¼
Goodenough,	:	35
Cananian Group,	:	20
Sovereign,	:	34
Trade Dollar,	:	15
Queen Bess,	:	20¼
Fountain Fraction,	:	5
Miscellaneous,	:	10¼
Ajax Fraction	:	18
Wonderful Bird	:	4¼
Total,	: :	22,671¾ tons

Ore shipments for the week ending April 28th: Ruth 20, Wonderful Bird 2, Total 22.

Star Mill Started.

The Slocan Star mill started up on Thursday. A large force has already been put on and additions will be made to the force as rapidly as practicable. Large quantities of supplies have been shipped up to the mine during the past few days. A sufficiency of water is now assured and with the present immense showing of ore a long and satisfactory run is a certainty.

Civic Improvements.

During the past week rapid progress has been made on the creek improvements. In the early part of the week a night shift was put on at timber work but this has been discontinued. With the exception of a small section near the Reco Hotel, the excavating is finished, and another week under favorable circumstances should see the work completed.

There is an epidemic of jackleg daily papers in Kootenay just now. Most of them will not live long enough to earn the price of a coffin. In towns where respectable weeklies can hardly live it looks like an insane josh to issue dailies. Of course most of these mushroom sheets are only little rags with a cheap telegraphic hash of war items. They could be nothing else at a profit as the interior of B. C. cannot yet support a real daily paper.

The Duty of the Province.

If the members of the Provincial government desire to avoid a certain pit-fall at the coming general election they will promptly abandon the proposal to grant a subsidy of $1,500,000, or thereabouts, to Messrs. Mann & Mackenzie on their proposed Stickin-Teslin Lake & Kitinat railroad, receiving in return a per caput payment of $1 a passenger and 50 cents a ton on freight carried over the route. The amount of a loan of $1,500,000, added with the cost of obtaining it to the present aggregate indebtedness of the Province, would make our loan obligations altogether too heavy for financial safety And although for several years the payments made to the Province on passengers and tonnage might and probably would equal and more than equal the amount chargable for interest and sinking fund, it is extremely likely—nay, almost certain—that at the end of not more than five years from opening, the northern portion of the proposed railroad would be found quite unremunerative to work, the only substantial revenue, and that perhaps not very large, being then derivable from the more southerly portion of the line running from the coast into the nearer and probably well-mineralized part of Cassiar.

Any large capital expenditure in respect of Yukon railroad construction can only be made safely on such a basis of freight earning as to repay principal and interest in a few years. This the latest Mann-Mackenzie proposal would fail to do, so far as it relates to payments proffered in return for a very big Provincial subsidy. In all probability the really rich placer mining of the Yukon will be practically at an end in five years or less, so large being the present inrush of workers. Afterwards, in so bleak and inhospitable a country what mining opportunities are left, will be taken up only by a limited number of very hardy prospectors, whose freight and passenger contributions would not begin to pay running expenses. The life of any Yukon railway will be short, and the line must therefore be made exceptionally quickly productive. Consequently, if state aid be given, it should be either on the principal of partial ownership, or based upon very considerable yearly ad valorum duties on freight charges, much larger, in fact, than the duties offered by Messrs. Mann & Mackenzie, the receipts from such duties being applied toward speedy repayment of capital as well as towards interest.

There is but one partial exception to this rule, that of the Dominion government, which is certain during the period of the Yukon excitement to make a yearly profit revenue of over a million dollars by customs duties, excise levies, miners' license, royalties, registration fees and liquor license payments.

Hence the Dominion, which has duties to perform towards the people of its Yukon territory, which we of British Columbia have not, can, as it certainly should, undertake the larger part if not the whole of any state charge involved in northern railway construction or subsidizing. The Dominion's profit revenue from the Yukon will in a very few years reimburse a very considerable capital expenditure, and, after all, under proper and well-considered arrangements, the duty of the Dominion to the Yukon may surely be performed at but moderate cost. At any rate the Stickine-Teslin railroad cannot be built and in running and productive order this season. Hence, pending further action of our national administrators, whose responsibility in the matter is large and undeniable, all that our Provincial authorities should and need do, this being necessary to protect our trade, is to build the best possible wagon road from Stickine river to Teslin lake without delay. No sensible man should cavil at or oppose such an expenditure in such a situation.

But it would be quite another thing to borrow $1,500,000, of which, in all probability only a comparatively small sum would by any chance be reimbursed to the Province before the end of the Yukon's brief period of exceptional gold production, under the suggestions of the latest proposal of Messrs. Mann & Mackenzie.—B. C. Mining Critic.

The New York Journal says: "American citizens in Havana are now quite safe—because the American government is not represented there. Our officials being all withdrawn, American citizens remaining are under the protection of the British flag. And note this: While they are under the British flag nothing will happen to them. The Spaniards will not shoot them nor blow them up, and no unfortunate accidents will happen to them. We are not particularly proud of this state of affairs but as it is a fact it might as well be announced for the comfort of those who have relatives in Cuba. Might we not—since we have three years more of McKinley—arrange on some cash basis for putting American citizens all over the world under the care of England?" Perhaps it would be well to recognize British protection in some way. It has been the custom with American citizens for years when in trouble in the Southern Republics to claim British protection, but until now we have never heard of an offer to recompense Great Britain in a substantial way for assistance rendered on such occasions.

The Sandon Hand Laundry and Bath House is still in the lead for fine starch work. Work called for and delivered promptly.

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JOB PRINTING

Is Still Being Worked at

THE PAYSTREAK OFFICE.

There is not much pay in it, but the quality of the work is just as high as it was when Sandon was the Hottest Town in the Gulch. The prices are somewhat despondent in sympathy with the sad condition of trade, and

NOW IS THE TIME

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

THE MOLLIE GIBSON CASE

One suit affecting the title of the Mollie Gibson group, situated on Kokanee mountain, has been disposed of and there is one obstacle less in the way of clearing the title to that enormously rich group of claims.

Last Friday Justice McColl, at Vancouver, after hearing the case two days, granted the motion of the defendant's counsel to non-suit, on the ground that plaintiff's, Callanan et al, did not properly stake the claims, in that stone monuments were used instead of properly hewn wooden posts.

This decision of the court, while not in any way settling the title of the Mollie Gibson, does away with the common supposition that stone monuments are legal posts where timber is to be had within a short distance, which could be hewn and planted at the point of staking. An appeal was taken from Justice McColl's decision and the case may be brought up again on the same pleadings.

To understand the case of Callanan et al vs. George et al, a history of the staking of the Mollie Gibson must be given. George is supposed to be the original locator of the group. He was grub-staked by Col. Ray, and while prospecting made the big discovery. P. W. Willey was with him and three claims, the Florence, Mollie Gibson and Aspen, were staked in Willey's name, who afterwards transfered to George the Mollie Gibson and Aspen, keeping in his own name the Florence.

Callanan et al, some time later, staked the Charleston, Nashville and Westminister, covering with the Nashville and Westminster the same ground as that held by George with the Mollie Gibson and Aspen. It was to get possession of this ground that Callanan brought suit.

Hinging on this suit are others, and it is not probable the Mollie Gibson will be out of litigation for some years to come. When this case is finally decided Col. Ray will sue George for his interest in the property, and following this will probably come a suit by Rufus Pope, who, early in the life of the property, bought it on an $80,000 bond. He never made the second payment on the bond because, it is claimed, the property became involved in litigation before the payment fell due. This is denied by Callanan et al, they claiming that Pope threw up the bond before litigation started. On top of Pope's action will come one by Bruce White, who holds an option on the properties, given by Willey and George

Just where it will all end is a question no one can decide. The Mollie Gibson has probably the best showing of any property in the Slocan. It is little short of marvelous. There are walls of galena that stand 40 feet high, and assays have gone as high as 7,000 and and 8,000 ounces of silver to the ton. During the winter 100 tons were rawhided down to Grey's landing, and the returns went over 200 ounces silver and 25 per cent. lead. There is a 15-foot lead and the vein is a true fissure.

ON COPPER RIVER.

San Francisco.—George Miller, a Californian, now on the Copper river, writes a letter in which the hardships are interestingly pictured, as the following extracts will show:

We have been sneaking up the river whenever we dared ever since I wrote the last, and have finally succeeded in getting everything up except the camp, which we expect to move the first decent day. We have not dared to poke our head around the corner for the past two days for fear we would get our whiskers blown off. I believe I made the remark in this letter that some of the boys had frozen their ears, etc., but I had so far escaped 'Tis different now, for I froze my ears with a heavy cap pulled down over them and a scarf tied over the top of that. It is almost impossible to go on the river during a heavy wind without freezing one's self in some way or another. The Indians here tell us it will take us 20 to 30 "sleeps" to strike timber again, which means so many days. I imagined that I knew what cold weather was, but have come to the conclusion that I never knew anything about it since I have struck Copper river winds. We start from camp, a distance of a mile and a half, without any ear flaps, mittens or coats, but before we strike the river all these appliances and some more, too, are hitched on, and before we are in the wind 10 minutes our faces whiskers and mustache—are a solid chunk of ice.

As we progress we learn that no white men ever travel this river. No one but Indians and miners (prospective) ever venture against these winds They are perfectly fearful, for as I said before, about five days out of the week it is utterly impossible to hold your feet on the river. There has been a party on the river who went up about two months ahead of us, and are camped a couple of miles above where we are cacheing our goods, a part of whom are returning to civilization, and that part tell us that they have been camped on the top of 19 feet of snow and no wood, other than elder, which is a kind of brush thet does not grow very tall.

The wind blows so we will not be able to pitch our tents, so I suppose we will have to rough it for the next few camps I don't imagine that sleeping out on top of 18 feet of snow and the wind blowing 80 miles an hour and no wood to burn will be very comfortable, but I guess I am equal to the occasion, since I have gained about 40 pounds. Bill says that I never worked harder than on this sledding in Alaska. Nearly all the boys are getting fat on it, but a few are going down. My appetite stays with me. We have added considerable to our pile, and possibly we will be able to stick it out now for a year from now. They keep turning, there being three at this camp, besides several before. At this point a man by the name of Clark has become weak-kneed and turned back.

We started up the river again to-day, but on reaching it found that we had undertaken more than we were able to accomplish in the limited time we had, for the wind was blowing a perfect hurricane there, so we had to turn back We have made a portage across the country for about eight miles, and have camped about a mile and a half from the river behind a point in the mountains out of the wind and in good timber. The reason there is no timber on the Copper river is on account of these terrible winds, which blow everything out by the roots.

When Adam in bliss
Asked Eve for a kiss,
She puckered her lips with a coo,
Gave a look so ecstatic,
And answered emphatic,
I don't care Adam if I do.

What Your Free Yankee Eats.

The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat writing to that journal on the subject of the adulteration of food products, sums up the existing situation as follows:

We eat artificial eggs.

We dust powdered black walnut on our food under the impression that it is pepper.

We drink an infusion of molasses and flour which is called coffee.

We swallow gypsum and Prussian blue with our tea.

We pour caraway seed, salicylic acid and glycerine into our stomachs in the name of beer.

We use cotton seed oil on a salad and think it is olive oil.

We spread olemargarine fat on our bread, believing that it is butter.

We are befooled and befuddled on every hand by the purveyors of food and drink until we are never safe from imposition at the table.

THE CORNISHMEN.

Sir Jonathan Trelawney, Bart, who was Bishop of Bristol in 1688, was committed to prison with other bishops by James II. for disagreeing with His Majesty upon a religious point. "The people of Cornwall," says Macaulay's History of England, "a fierce, bold and athletic race, among whom there was a stronger provincial feeling than in any other part of the realm, were greatly moved by the danger of Trelawney, whom they reverenced less as a ruler of the church than as the head of an honourable house and the heir through twenty descendants of ancestors who had been of great note before the Normans set foot on English ground. All over the country the peasants chanted a ballad of which the burden is still remembered:"

A good sword and a trusty hand,
A merry heart and true;
King James' men shall understand
What Cornishmen can do.

And have they fixed the Where and When,
And shall Trelawney die?
Then twenty thousand Cornishmen
Will know the reason why.

Out spoke the Captain brave and bold,
A merry wight was he,
Tho' London Tower where Michael's hold,
We'd set Trelawney free!

We'll cross the Tamar, land to land,
The Severn is no stay;
And side by side, and hand in hand,
And who shall bid us nay?

And when we come to London Wall,
A pleasant sight to view,
Come forth! Come forth! yet cowards all,
Here's better men than you.

Trelawney he's in keep and hold;
Trelawney he may die!
But twenty thousand Cornishmen bold
Will know the reason why.

THE RAT AND THE CAT.

Cliff always has a story ready instead of an excuse when he fails from duty. He failed to come to time on the payment of a bill for $3.25. When the matter was forcibly brought to his attention and he was told to recollect that he had promised to pay on a certain date, he made no excuse, but told this story:

"Down in Vehgineyh, sah, der wuz a big gray rat what done fell inter a bar'l o' whiskey, sah,

"Now, dis yere rat done think his time come foh shuah. He swum en paddled 'bout in dat good drink until he wuz losin' his bref. He was jes' 'bout ter give up. He sez, sezzee, ter hisself' 'Marse Rat, you's done: you's a dead rat foah shuah. 'Pears to me yeh mout's well say yeh pra'rs."

"Jes den up pops Marse Cat en peers ober de bar'l

"'Hey, dar, Mars Rat, you's 'bout likely ter be a cohpse in a few minutes'

"'K'rect, Marse Cat,' gasped de rat, wh' wuz mighty weak 'bout dis time.

"'Now, Marse Rat, 'low me ter make a proposition. What'll yeh do ef I done help yeh out'n dis yere heap o' trouble?'

"Marse Rat peeks up some little. 'Marse Cat,' he says, 'on meh honah as a Vehginyeh rat, sah, I'll done 'low yer ter eat meh in hoff an houah, sah.'

"'Dat's a bahgain, sah,' says Marse Cat, en he hooks out Marse Rat en lays him, weak en shibberin' on de flo'. Marse Rat he wuz mighty wet en soaked, en Marse Cat he think he 'low him ter dry out 'foah eatin' of him.

"Bimeby Marse Cat he begin to nod, en he drap off ter sleep. Dis wuz Marse Rat's 'tunity. He picks hisse'f up en moseys off into his hole en wuz home wif his family.

"By dis time Marse Cat he done wake up.

"No Marse Rat. Den Marse Cat he done grow mad all ober. He march ober ter Marse Rat's home, en he knock on de doah.

"'Who's dar?' asks Marse Rat.

"'Me, Marse Rat You come right out'n dar en lemme eat yeh. Yeh promised me on yeh honah as a Vehginyeh rat, sah.'

"'Dat's k'rect,' Marse Rat he done answer, 'but I 'fuses to come out'n yere en be et up. I prefuhs, sah, ter stay heah, sah.'

"'Didn't yeh, on yeh honah as a Vehginyeh rat, sah, promise yeh life, sah, ter lemme eat yeh, sah?' says Marse, Cat, very 'dignant-like.

"'Yes, sah, I did, sah,' answered Marse Rat, 'but yer mus' reckerleck dat I wuz in licker at de time, sah.'"

NEVER MIND.

If the world does not quite suit you,
Why repine?
Will your caring change the matter,
Friend of mine?
Take life easy - it is better,
You will find,
Take no trouble, laugh it off, and
Never mind.

Eat your hard crust easy-hearted,
With a jest,
Frowns nor tears will help the matter—
Let it rest.
Troubles will not come so thickly,
You will find,
If unlooked for; laugh them off and
Never mind.

Silent Fifty Years.

Miss Experience Guilford, of Blue Hill, Me., made a vow more than half a century ago that if she were not allowed to marry the man of her choice she would not speak a word to any one though she lived to be fifty years old. Her father, and then her mother, died, and her home was changed several times, but throughout all this period she kept her word. The fifty years of silence was to have come to an end one day last week. The day was named for a reunion of the family. Three generations have grown up during these fifty years. Miss Guilford, dressed in garments she had not worn for half a century, and standing before her people, opened her mouth to speak. But though she made a violent effort, and grew red in the face in the attempt, she could not utter a word. Her vocal muscles had become atrophied from long disuse and refused to work. She is now undergoing treatment in a Boston hospital to restore her speech.

During the old days of Sweden there were several best men, says the Philadelphia Press, and the term was applied in its full literal sense. The duty of the best men in those times was to defend the groom and his prospective bride from a rival, who, accompanied by several retainers, was sure to appear while the wedding procession was on its way to church and make a tubborn fight for possession of the woman.

The Scandinavian warrior considered it beneath his dignity to court a maiden's favor by gallantry and submission, and therefore generally preferred to wait until she was on her way to be married to another man, when the attempt was maid to carry her off by main strength. It was then that the best men—if they were the best men—came into good play. Hence the custom is still preserved in the "best" man of to-day.

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SANDON, B. C., APRIL 30, 1898

"There is a hot time in the old town tonight" is a song that will apply to Havana for the next few weeks.

THE head offices of the C. P. R. have not yet been removed to the Parliament buildings at Ottawa. Van might save time if they were.

IT is only a matter of time until we and our subscribers are all dead. Only those who pay up will meet us on the yellow metal streets of Paradise.

THE Union Jack and Old Glory are stuck on each other. They have been in each other's company very much of late, so much so that people are commencing to talk about it.

THE boats bringing Kloudike gold down the coast this spring will have to look out for Spanish cruisers, as the Dons no doubt are aware of the yellow dust that will be in sight in the mouth of June.

THE Redistribution Bill is a disgrace to the bungling amateurs who are guiding the legislation of this province at Victoria. If they would work more for the interest of British Columbia and less for their own ends the reward would be greater and the production of profanity decreased, especially in Kootenay.

"DIVERTING TRAFFIC."

FOLLOWING is a dispatch from Victoria which explains itself:

When the Southeast Kootenay Railway company's bill was before the committee today, the promoter, Mr. Hume, offered an amendment allowing the road to run to a point within half a mile of where the Kootenay river crosses the boundary line. Dr. Walkem objected to this on the ground that it proposed to have the ground cover the territory of the Kettle River railway scheme, against which the house had pronounced, as diverting traffic to the American side. He moved to make the distance five miles instead.

This policy of the Turner government, under the pretense of preventing the "diverting of traffic to the American side," is the sickliest and most obnoxious that well can be imagined. There are two cities on the coast whose merchants do not show enterprise enough to reach out and get the business of the Kootenays because it might mean the expending of a little energy and perhaps a few dollars in the way of advertising. With every conceivable advantage as wholesalers, they have permitted their more energetic competitors from across the line to capture the trade from under their noses. And now, to further protect those sleepy cities, and force the trade of the Kootenays into Victoria and Vancouver channels, every effort is being made to use the government through which to shut out all business ventures that might possibly be the means of diverting business from those channels.

The people of Kootenay do not object to the coast cities getting all the business they can; the mines of Kootenay are rich enough to contribute liberally to the upbuilding of those cities, and our people would favor them if, in return, they were accorded fair treatment and business consideration. But we must insist on legitimate business tactics. The inland cities of Rossland and Nelson are rapidly coming to the front as wholesale points for Kootenay, and the business cannot be diverted from these cities by the greedy, narrow, mossy tactics of the rival cities of the coast.

The wealth of the Kootenays has been demonstrated. It is known what is here. All that is needed is the facilities resultant from railroad competition to help in the development of this vast wealth-producing section. Capital stands ready to build into the country and provide these facilities, without government aid of any kind. All that is wanted is the granting of a charter by the government. And here we have the ridiculous spectacle of a government, supposedly wise and civilized, refusing to allow the development of its own country because of the possibility of its "diverting trade to the American side."

Such a policy would do credit to a semi-civilized country, but is too narrow and thin for this province. If British Columbia can not make laws to protect its interests in a legitimate way, and by a tariff on imports and exports when needed, and business energy on the part of her merchants, keep the business in its proper channels, then we ought to lose, not only trade and traffic but the right of self government.

THE ROAD TO BOUNDARY.

D. C. Corbin will, whether he obtains a charter from the Dominion Government or not, build into the Boundary country. The failure to obtain the charter may change the route over which he intended to build, but he declares he is determined to get into that country no matter what the opposition is. The route which he favors now is the building of a branch from some point on the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway, south of Marcus. Then he will proceed westward, following the banks of one of the streams that rise in the vicinity of Republic, tapping that camp. Then it will run north on the west side of Curlew lake and up Curlew river to Kettle river. Then it will be constructed up Kettle river to Midway and perhaps down that river to Carson. In case a Dominion charter is granted it will be an easy matter so build across the line into British Columbia. Mr. Corbin says it is not his intention to build at once into Republic, as he wishes to see a little more development of mining properties on the Colville Indian reservation before this is done. The capital for the construction of this road is at hand. The possibility of a war with Spain will not affect the arragements that he has made for financing the scheme in the least. It is his opinion that in time he will be able to overcome the opposition to his building into British Columbia. The opposition to his entering the Kettle River country, he says, came principally from the Canadian Pacific Railway.

THE FIGHTING RACE.

"Read out the names!" and Burke sat back,
And Kelly dropped his head.
While She—they ther call Lim Scholar Jack—
When down the list of dead.
Officers, seaman, gunners, marines,
The crews of the gig and yawl,
The bearded man and the lad in the 'teens,
Carpenters, coal-passers—all."
Then, knocking the ashes from out his pipe,
Said Burke, in an off-hand way:
"We're all in that dead man's list, by cripe!
Kelly, and Burke, and Shea."
"Well, here's to the Maine, and I'm sorry for Spain."
Said Kelly, and Burke, and Shea.

"Wherever there's Kellys there's trouble," said Burke;
"Wherever fighting's the game,
Or a spice of danger in grown man's work,"
Said Kelly, "you'll find my name."
"And do we fall short," said Burke, getting wud,
"When it's touch and go for life?"
Said Shea: "It's thirty odd years, bedad,
Since I charged to drum and fife,
Up Marye's Heights, and my old canteen
Stopped a rebel ball on this way.
There were blossoms of blood on our sprigs of green—
Kelly, and Burke, and Shea—
And the dead didn't brag." "Well, here's to the flag!"
Said Kelly, and Burke, and Shea.

"I wish 'twas in Ireland, for there's the place,"
Said Burke, "that we'd die by right,
In the cradle of our soldier race,
After one good stand-up fight.
My grandfather fell on Vinegar Hill,
And fighting was not in his trade;
But his rusty pike is in the cabin still,
With Hessian blood on the blade."
"Aye, aye," said Kelly, "the pikes were great
When the word was 'clear the way!'
We were thick on the roll in ninety-eight—
Kelly, and Burke, and Shea."
"Well, here's to the pike and the sword and the like!"
Said Kelly, and Burke, and Shea.

And Shea, the scholar, with rising joy,
Said, "We were at Kamilies;
We left our bones at Fontenoy,
And up in Pyrenees,
Before Dunkirk, on Landen's Plain,
Cremona, Lille and Ghent,
We're all over Austria, France and Spain,
Wherever they pitch a tent.
We've died for England from Waterloo
To Egypt and Dargai;
And still there's enough for a corps or crew,
Kelly, and Burke, and Shea."
"Well, here is to good, honest fighting blood!"
Said Kelly, and Burke, and Shea.

"Oh, the fighting races don't die out,
If they seldom die in bed,
For love is first in their hearts, no doubt,"
Said Burke; then Kelly said:
"When Michael, the Irish Archangel, stands,
The angel with the sword,
And the battle-dead from a hundred lands
Are ranged in one big horde,
Our line, that for Gabriel's trumpet waits,
Will stretch three deep that day,
From Jehosaphat to the Golden Gates—
Kelly, and Burke, and Shea."
"Well, here's thank God, for the race and the sod!"
Kelly, and Burke, and Shea.

—Joseph I. C. Clarke, in the New York Sun.

A book small enough to about cover the thumb nail of a man would be a curiosity in any circumstance, but when it is the smallest volume in the world it is easy to understand why it is very valuable. This mite of a book is five-eighths of an inch long, seven-sixteenths of an inch wide and three-eighths of an inch thick It has 205 pages of closely printed matter The letters are so small that a pin-point would obscure one of them, and a magnifying glass is necessary to enable one to read them

The type of the title page is about the size of this that you are reading now The book weighs about a quarter of an ounce and is valued at $750, which makes it worth more than its weight in gold. It was printed in Italy, in the town of Padua, and on the Salmin press.

The man who is afraid to look his faults squarely in the face will never get rid of them.

PERISHED IN THE SNOW.

The Body of John Trewick Found on the North Fork.

To be caught in a snowslide and buried beneath thousands of tons of snow is sad enough, but even this would be a happy ending as compared with the fate of John Trewick, who was caught in a slide on the north fork of Carpenter creek, about seven miles from Three Forks, on February 22nd. At the time of the slide it was believed he was buried beneath the avalanche, and as there was no possibility of his being found alive, and the danger to a rescuing party so great, no attempt was made to find the body.

Last week a trip was made to the fatal slide by a pary of miners, and on the top of the snow was found the body of the unfortunate miner It was covered with snow by the party, who returned to Three Forks and notified the brother, who came here at once from the Palouse country, and last Saturday a party went to bring the body to Three Forks.

Judging from its position on the snow when first found it is supposed that Trewick managed to escape the slide and sought shelter in the cabin close by, and it is believed that while asleep the cabin gave way under the weight of snow and he was caught under the timbers His shoulder was broken and arm dislocated, and one knee cap knocked off. It is thought he remained in the cabin a day or two until hunger forced him to make an attempt to reach help.

On the snow beside the body was found a pocket knife, pair of scissors and a piece of canvass, with which it is evident Trewick was attempting to make snowshoes that would enable him to travel better, but hunger, exposure and pain soon overcame him.

The body was drawn seven miles over the snow, on a rudely constructed sled, to Three Forks, and on Monday was interred in the New Denver cemetery.

Deceased was a Mason, but as there are no Masonic lodges in Sandon or New Denver, he could not be given a funeral with Masonic services, but the following Masons were in attendance: G. F. Dorothy, Robt McTaggart, Butte No. 22, Mont.; Jno Foster, Shadagee 31, Quebec; J. H. Hawke, J. A. Caldwell, J. A. Duncon, Kaslo 25, B C; L. A. Wright, Webster 141, Utah; C M Wilson, Uinka 7, Utah; Geo. Munson, New Hope 720; J. E. Woods, Boulder 41, Mont; Wm. de Cox, Grand Orienta 22, City of Mexico; J. A. Tweedie, Alta 195; Escanaba, Mich. Tom and Harry Trewick, brothers of the deceased are of the Masonic fraternity at Sprague, Wash.

TO ONE ABSENT.

A echo of the sea yet haunts the shell,
Though far it lie from cliff, or beach, or wave,
It still repeats the message ocean gave,
Subdued and softened by love's mystic spell
To tender cadences by night and day.
Remote from scenes where it was wont to dwell.
So I would ask, though thou art far away,
As yearly shall that singe the distant sea,
To be remembered, and would deem it well
If in thy absence there abides with thee
A haunting echo in thy heart of me.

—Henry C. Wood in Munsey.

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THE DEACON'S BLESSING.

So you write to ask my blessin', now the governor has sent
Notice of the early move of your militiby regiment.
My, it makes my blood run swifter, like as when I was a boy,
An' marched off all gay an' smilin' with the Seventh Illinoy;
War seemed like a summer picnic, just as now it seems to you,
But the revelation followed, as the truth is bound to do.
Still, I shall not try to keep you, though I understand it well;
Go, an' taken my benediction: "Do your best an' give 'em——."

Tain't in swearin' terms I write you; solemn times ain't made to stave.
An' I calculate this epistle is a sober one with us;
There ain't nothin' low nor wicked in my heart when my boy goes
Out for fightin'—may be dyin'—in his blue militiby clo'es—
Nothing that could shame or grieve him, or his mother that we laid
Years ago there on the hillside, underneath the maple shade;
No; I'm rev'rent an' I'm earnest when I say good by an' bless
You to go an' do your duty—march an' meet 'em—give 'em ——

Such I call the proper merit of the coward bound that creeps
Death-armed on his friendly victim when that friendly victim sleeps;
That, whatever is its terrors, fits, it seems to me, the case
Of a nation that considers treachery a savin' grace,
Which for years an' years has always turn't an' pilloried th' oppressed—
Killin' them by stealth at night time, an' a-starvin' out the rest.
Which has made a waste Gomorrah where its blightin' power fell—
Is it wrong for me to tell you to go out and give 'em ——?

Son, your daddy is a deacon, an' he knows the proper way
Of a staunch, professin' Christian to lead Bible class an' pray;
You are up there in the city, I am here at Palmer Bend;
You know just how many blessin's, if I had 'em, I would send—
Just how many moral precepts your old soldier daddy would
Be a-minded to recite you; but I'll only say: "Be good;"
Be a good boy an' a soldier, an' when shot an' fire an' shell
Fly about you'll know I'm prayin', so you fight an' give 'em ——.

—Chicago Record.

EAST CANADIAN NEWS.

Lieut. Joly de Lotbiniere, son of the Minister of Inland Revenue, who has been in active service in the frontier trouble in India, where he was severely wounded, is returning to his home near Quebec, to recuperate.

The Grand Trunk Railway will commence about the 1st of May to lay 80 pound rails between Toronto, Hamilton, Niagar Falls and Pt. Huron, Buffalo, Fort Erie and Windsor. This will give employment to a large staff of men throughout the summer season.

Mr. Alexander Aikman, aged 77 years, died at the residence of his dughter in London, Ont. Mr. Aikman was for many years a member of the County Council of Halton. He was a descendant of United Empire Royalists, and was always a staunch Conservative.

Gen. Sir Wm. Seymour who is to succeed Gen. Montgomery Moore as commanding officer of the British troops at Halifax, will sail for Canada at the end of May, with Lady Seymour and his suite. Major Mortescue will be his secretary, and Capt. Ferguson his aide-de-camp.

A singular apparition is creating great excitement at Mille Roches, a few miles from Cornwall, Ont. A woman's hand appears at a certain hour in the afternoon, in a pane of glass in John Martin's house. Hundreds of reliable people have seen it. The hand is clearly defined and has an unintelligible inscription beneath it.

Owing to the war scare in the United States it is likely that Canadian summer resorts will be crowded this coming season with Americans. Already applications for rooms are pouring in to many of the summer hotels at Coburg, Port Hope, along the St. Lawrence and in Muskoka and other popular resorts.

The report of the marriage of Julia Arthur, the talented and beautiful young Canadian actress, who recently made such a hit as Clorinda in "A Lady of Quality," to Mr. Benjamin P. Cheney, one of Boston's most gifted millionaires, has been confirmed. The marriage was contracted some three weeks ago, but has been kept strictly secret until now.

A young fisherman, aged 18 years, named Wm. Williams, living at Battersea, Kingston, drowned himself on Sunday afternoon in Dog Lake. He took a boat and rowed out into the middle of the lake; he then tied a stone, which he had taken with him, to a rope, which he fastened round his neck and then dived into the water. His friends on shore saw his actions, but were unable to reach him in time.

Hon. A. S. Hardy, Premier of Ontario, is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. The late election campaign was a great strain upon him. He and Mrs. Hardy have gone to Dannsville, United States, for a few weeks. Hon. Geo. Ross will preside over the Cabinet during the Premier's absence, and the Hon. J. M. Gibson will perform the duties of Attorney-General

Mrs. Henry. Arnold, aged 28 years, the wife of a farmer living in Maidstone township, near Windsor, Ont., either fell or threw herself into a cistern in the yard, where her body was found by her husband on his return home after a short absence. She had been suffering from nervous prostration for some time, and it is thought that she committed suicide during such an attack.

At the 15th annual meeting of the Canadian Wheelman's Association, held at Toronto on Good Friday, nearly 100 clubs were represented Mr. T. A Beament, of Ottawa, a young lawyer of 28 years, was elected President, defeating Dr. Balfour. of London, by a few votes. It was decided that the Provincial meet be held at Peter orough. Winnipeg will get the national meet.

Cardinal Tascherean, of Quebec, died on Tuesday, April 12th, at the age of 78 years. He will be buried in the Basilica in that city, on Tuesday next, the body being embalmed Cardinal Elzear Alexandre Tascherean was a member of one of Canada's oldest and most distinguished families, the head of which family, Thomas Jacques Tascherean, came from Touraine and settled here early in the 18th century.

Mr. Bernard McEvory waited upon the Board of Control, Toronto, this week, in order to get a two-page city advertisement for the new periodical, entitled "Our Lady of Sunshine," which is being brought out by the Morang Company, in order to do away with the impression created by Rudyard Kipling's well-known poem, in which Canada is represented as a land of eternal snows. Montreal and Quebec have already contributed. The Board responded by granting $200 for an advertisement in the paper.

Arthur E. Morris, of Hamilton, was struck and instantly killed at South Parkdale, Toronto, by an express train. Young Morris and a companion were walking along the tracks, when, to avoid a west-bound freight, they stepped to another track. As they stood watching the train pass, the express thundered down the track they were on at the rate of 40 miles an hour. The express sounded its danger whistle, but as Morris' back was to it he probably never noticed it, and so was struck down. His companion just got off the track in time. Morris was a sailor 22 years old.

Mr. Denis Clifford, a large real estate owner of Montreal, was killed by a blow from Joe O'Meara, the well-known lacrosse player. It appears that Mr. O'Meara sister, a widow, rented a house from Mr. Clifford. There had lately been some trouble between the landlord and his tenant, and Clifford had a seizure put on the effects in the house. O'Meara was in the act of removing some of the goods when Clifford ordered him to stop, whereupon a heated conversation followed, during which Clifford received the fatal blow, dying almost instantly. O'Meara and two other men, named Sidney Elliott and Michael Hubbard, have been arrested. Mr. Clifford was about 78 years old.

Dr. W. S. Richardson, of Toronto, who has been living in Dawson City since last summer, in a letter written to his father, states that there will be a great deal of fever and scurvy in the Yukon district the comming summer, owing to the lack of proper food. He says: "Although there is so much gold in this country, it cannot be denied that that there are hundreds of men who will not earn enough to provide them with food when their present supply is run out. . . . . Money has been subscribed here liberally, but one cannot treat patients with gold dust or feed them on it. . . . . I can assure you there is no spot in the world that needs the service of a few nurses and supplies of food so urgently as this district does. The situation next summer will be awful. . . . . The matter admits of only one way of solution and that is by an appeal for help. . . . . This is the toughest country white men have ever attempted to pioneer, and nothing will ever make it any better."

Inspector Constantine, Superintendent of Mounted Police in the Yukon, has sent a report to the Government about the state of affairs in Dawson City The letter left that place about the end of January. He says: "The expenses of working mines here are very great On some of the richest claims it has cost more to take the gold out than its value. . . . . The reports which have appeared in the papers outside have been very misleading . . . . An old miner who last winter worked a lay on one of the richest claims on the Eldorado and who got as high as $90 to the pan, did not make as much money as he would have done had he worked for wages at $15 per day for the same time. This was owing to the large amount of waste dirt that had to be handled to get out the thin rich pay streak." He also says that provisions are very scarce and that there is only about enough to last to June 1st on short rations, and asks that relief be sent down the river at once, so as to reach them before their present stock is exhausted.

Captain Howard, harbor master of Montreal since 1881, died on Sunday last, aged 72 years.

WITH THE DIPLOMATS.

There was an historic scene in the White House a few weeks ago that was overlooked in the excitement of a probable war, and the diplomatic fencing necessary thereto. It will be remembered that because of the natural impatience and impetuosity of youth, the Chase art school of New York sent a telegram to the President reading thus:

"To h—l with diplomacy."

Private Secretary Porter, with some misgivings, presented the dispatch to the the chief executive, who read it, but made no comment, Porter then sat down to indite a reply. He was going into the situation at length, when Senator Foraker strolled in and asked what was up. Porter showed him the dispatch and his reply.

"Oh, that will never do," replied the Ohioan. "You want to be as epigrammatic as the art school was. Let me take the pencil."

Foraker considered for a moment, nibbling the end of the pencil. Finally he seised a telegraph blank and wrote:

"White House, March 25.—Chase Art School be damned. —McKinley."

Porter was delighted with this, but when he attempted to get McKinley's O.K. the scheme fell through.

The impassionate orator who was addressing a New York audience paused a moment.

"But the question may be asked," he said, "'Are we prepared for war?' Are our harbor defenses sufficiently strong and formidable to resist successfully an attack from ironclads?".

"They are," answered an excited engineer in the audience, "I have carefully examined all our fortifications and means of defense. There is not a fleet in the world that could come within shelling distance of the city."

"Then," said the orator, in a voice that shook the building, "give us war—bloody war! I am ready!"

"He's a fine young man," remarked Colonel Stillwell—"a very fine young man."

"But isn't he disposed to be rather shy?" inquired the girl to whom he was talking.

"As to that I really couldn't say; I nevah had the pleasure of playing poker with him."

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MINING RECORDS.

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

LOCATIONS.

APRIL 18—Blue Jay, Goat Mountain, M Murchison.

APRIL 20—Klondike Fraction, Galena Farm, Frank Re.

APRIL 22—Old Dominion Fractional, Queen Bess Proprietary Co., Ltd.

APRIL 25—Max Fractional, New Denver, J H Strickland.

ASSESSMENTS.

APRIL 19—Lake View, Eagle.

APRIL 22—Silver Key.

APRIL 25—Monitor, Monitor Fraction, Hustler Fraction.

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APRIL 19—Keef, Black Knat Fraction, Naoma Fraction, Deerslayer, Chatham.

APRIL 26—Lady Jane, Sincher.

TRANSFERS.

APRIL 19—Florence ½, D Johnson to Wm McDonald, April 18, $100.

Florence ½, Wm McDonald to T W Fitzgerald, April 18, $50.

APRIL 20—Tip Top ⅓, Maggie, Nellie D, Thos Madden to Anthony D McGinty, March 1, $150.

Nellie D, Maggie, Tip Top ⅓, Comet ⅓—mortgage, A D McGinty to B C Riblet, April 15, $200.

Carrie ½, N Fitzstubbs to Louise W Berens, April 15, $300.

APRIL 25—Willa, Wm Ward Spinks to The Willa Gold Mining Co. Foreign, March 25.

High Rock ⅓, Wm A Allen to Peter McLaren, Jan 28.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

APRIL 15—Torpedo, Thomas Blench.

APRIL 16—Grizzly, Ralph White.

APRIL 18—Hurricane Fraction, Angus McDonald; Westmont Fraction, P Stratford.

APRIL 12—Havannah, R T Nicholson, Jno McLaughlan, R C Graham.

ASSESSMENTS.

APRIL 16—Bird's Nest, Silver Tip, Polly, Manor.

APRIL 20—Early Bird, Keno.

APRIL 22—Caledonia.

TRANSFERS.

APRIL 14—Superior 1/6, Frank Thompson to T J Lloyd 1/18 and J J Moore 1/19.

APRIL 19—Vallectos ½, Thos Tobin to Henry Stege.

Neury ½, Russell Ormsby to Henry Stege.

Highland Lassie ½, Rudolph Kurtzals to Frank Anderson.

October, Thos Lloyd to same.

Cosmos ½, Walter Horn to same.

California ½, Ed Quillan to same.

Drake, John Vick to same.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

APRIL 18—Lakeside, S W Peterson; O'Higgins, J J Godfrey.

APRIL 19—Boulder, A G Erickson; Belfast, R A Cameron and John Mitchell.

APRIL 21—Deserter, A F Adams; Osgood, O Johnson; Laberee, Alberta, John Holm.

ASSESSMENTS.

APRIL 18—Zoa, Iron Hand.

APRIL 19—Last Chance, Bay, Little Ike, Heather Belle, Elated, Surprise No 2.

APRIL 20—Boots, Oneida, Roy, Bay View.

APTIL 21—Black Jack, Surdan, Copper Nuggett.

APRIL 22—Myrtle R.

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APRIL 20—Linnet Fraction, Robin, Wild Swan, Humming Bird, Skylark Fraction.

APRIL 21—Hamburg, Lady of the Lake, Little Mamie.

TRANSFERS.

APRIL 16—Early Morning, Sunrise and Victoria, 1/9, W B Strathearn to H B Scholey and O A Sutherland, $100.

APRIL 18—Wisconsin ½, Wm Hennesey to Shirley Davis, $250.

Lucky Strike ½, Mary Hennesey to same, $250.

Crow's Nest, Martin Knight to Hall Mines Co, Ltd, $10.

APRIL 21—Emarel, High Rock, Custer, 1/12, O G Laberee to Ole Johnson.

Copper Nugget 1/12, John Peterson to same.

No 11, Guy Reeder to Leviathan Gold Mining Co, Ltd.

APRIL 22—Gold Boy, Aggie, ½, R S Whelen and O B Masterson to C Hibbard.

Aggie, Gold Boy, Silver Dip, Nickle Plate, C Hibbard to A B Clabon.

Same ½, A B Clabon to Wm Davis.

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He—What is that Mrs. Fortyover is singing?

She—Something about the happy days when she was in her first childhood.

SKIN GAMES.

The gamblers of Alaska have adopted a new code of laws for the protection and successful operation of their various "skin" games. Or at least they have invaded the sancity of American jurisprudence, and invoked the authority of law for the purpose of robbing those who have been induced to make a bet simply for accommodation, although under protest of taking any chances.

E. H. Simpson, who has been running a restaurant on the trail 12 miles from Skagway, is now in this city, and relates the following incidents that came to his knowledge while in business there.

"There's many a poor sucker who has been systematically robbed at Skagway and Dyea, and on the trails leading to the passes. It is not the acts of a highway robber, where force of arms is the strength of the agent, but the insidious dickerings and subsequent intimidations of a company of sharpers, that are responsible for these crimes.

"I never heard of a country before where a man was forced to invest in a game of chance for fear of the law. But Alaska is such a place, and the scheme has been worked to an alarming degree. Not always, however, did this class of sure-thing men meet with unqualified success in this bold venture. A man's money is, at times, about as valuable as his life On an occasion when a person is laboriously working his way down White pass, with all of his worldly goods carried in a leather wallet, one of those times is likely to be then. In that case, the victim who has been buncoed resorts to measures of retaliation that are dangerous to be encountered.

"On the trail six miles from Skagway I saw a Klondiker fleeced out of $300 as slick as a whistle. But they tackled the wrong man that time, and because none of the conspirators were killed was owing more to their good fortune than to judgment. The individual failed to recover his money, but got enough out of their hides to give him partial satisfaction. He shot three of the scoundrels, but, luckily for them, only flesh wounds were inflicted.

"The affair came about in this way: A game, played with six dice, was set up by the side of the trail, at a point where packers, teams, etc., customarily halted. A gang of 'cappers' and 'boosters' numbering 12 or 15 were on hand. Out of mere curiosity, a man who had not the slightest intention of gambling was standing silently by.

"'Gentlemen,' said the keeper with a most inspiring and confidential air, here is the chance for any man to win $100, $200, $300. This is a simple proposition of chance. There is no percentage in the throw of these dice. It's the same as heads I win, tails you lose. Well, here, to show you people, I will do the square thing; just lift that box, partner, you needn't bet a cent.'

"'No, I don't care to gamble. I'm not a sporting man,' answered the unsuspicious miner.

"Come, now, be frank about this matter. I want to show the people here how the game is played, you need not invest a cent.'

"The man faltered, and again protested against taking any part in the game. Being further prevailed upon he finally raised the box that concealed the mysterious cubes. He won $300. The gambler very ostentatiously counted the money out in greenbacks and offered it to the amazed gentleman. He refused to accept it. Again the sharper argued.

"'Well, here then,' he continued, 'if you'll dig up $300 I'll give you $300. I don't want to give $300 to a hobo. Show me $300 and you can take this money. You may have the money, but I want to see it.'

"The man immediately reached down into his pocket and extracted a roll of bills, taking out $300.

"'Now, look here, let me see those bills. Put them down on the table with mine and try your hand another time if you win, you take the whole business.'

"At the same time the victim parted with the greenbacks, although earnestly refusing to take any chances with the dice. The $600 was in the gambler's possession, but the 'sucker' would not raise the box again. He absolutely declined to do so.

"'Say,' said the gambler roughly, 'do you know the laws of Alaska that govern gambling? If you don't pick up that box I can deputize any disinterested person to do it for you.' At that moment a 'booster' being designated, came forward and lifted the box. The result was adverse to the interests of the Klondiker, and his $300 was gone. He threatened to shoot if the money was not refunded, and would have done so then had not he been surrounded and prevented from reaching for his weapons.

"Not three minutes after that, stepping back a few paces, he pulled two revolvers and opened a fusillade of shots into the paralyzed crowd of gamblers. One was shot in the hand, the fleshy part of another's cheek was furrowed, a third had the skin of his abdomen grazed, and the hat of a fourth was punctured. They all hid behind trees and rocks, while the enraged unfortunate loaded his pistol and discharged it at them three times. Several shots were fired back, but they did not take effect."

ROSSLAND MINING NEWS.

A. W. McCune has sold the Ore-or-no-go to the Nickle Plate Company, which in turn expects to transfer the property to the B.A.C.

M. R. Galusha is in the city, and in talking about the recent strike on the Jumbo stated that there was three feet of good looking shipping ore in sight.

Work in the Velvet's shaft has been suspended, owing to the large amount of water which was getting into the workings. Operations, however, are going on in the drifts.

B. F. Gillespie, manager of the Tom Payne Consolidated, is engaged purchasing supplies and tools preparatory to going to work on the property. There are still from four feet to six feet of snow on the mountains, and work will be somewhat retarded on that account.

Two noteworthy strikes—one in the Iron Mask, the other in the Evening Star—enlivened the past week, but the most interesting announcement is that the War Eagle expects at once to commence shipments of 100 tons a day to the Trail smelter. With this addition the output of Rossland camp is sure to jump at once well above the mark of 2,000 tons per week.

The tunnel on the Sovereign, on Lookout mountain, is now in about 125 feet, and a two-foot body of ore has been opened up. The mineral is an iron pyrites, with a little copper, although the latter is not present in very large quantities. Assays run from $5 to $15, and Gus Peterson, one of the owners, who was up recently, says that an average is close to $10.

Monday morning saw the revival of work on the Columbia and Kootenay, and the inauguration of the development work which the British America corporation will undertake on the properties which it has secured in the camp at an expenditure of nearly $1,200,000. As there were 80 miners employed just before the property closed down, it is altogether probable that this number will soon be reached, if not exceeded. C. H. Stickney has accepted the foremanship of the group.

M. F. Barasch, engineer of the Lillooet-Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields, has authorized the announcement that it is the intention of his company to resume operations on an extensive scale on the City of Spokane in about a month. Probably 25 or 30 men, and perhaps more, will be employed. "The company intends to start work again on its properties all over the Province," said Mr. Barasch, "and besides reviving the development of its holdings in this locality it expects to acquire further properties in the camp, on which active work will be undertaken."

BOUNDARY CREEK COUNTRY.

Free gold has been found on the Our Hinnie on Christina lake.

A contract has been let to run a tunnel of 200 feet in the Summit claim.

Development work is being done on about 30 claims on Baker creek, Christina lake.

Prospectors have commenced to arrive at Cascade City to do their annual assessment work, and the indications are that the Christina Lake district will witness more development work than ever before.

Last week Con Crosgrove, while doing development work on a property in the immediate vicinity of the Humming Bird claim uncovered a 12-foot ledge of high grade ore. The new strike is likely to prove a bonanza.

The buildings on the Sunset, in Deadwood camp, have been completed. They are about the coziest and most convenient mining premises in the district. Mr. Macfarlane, the manager, is making active preparations to renew development on the property, and he intends to employ a large force of men.

Operations have been going on all winter on the Donald claim, on Flat creek, seven and a half miles from Illecillewaet. The property is under bond from the original owners, D. Wolsley and W. H. Caldwell, to a Vancouver company. Seven men are now at work, who are running a tunnel to strike the shaft, which has been sunk 80 feet on the vein. The proposition is low grade, but a very large ore body has been exposed during development, and there is every indication that this property will turn out a very valuable one.

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ident at Odessa sends some notes
conversation with a vetran Si-
an gold digger of great wealth
n Tomsk, the chief center of a
l producing district very like
ndike.

e predicts a great future for gold
ning in Siberia, as the surface so
has only been scratched. Towns
springing up like mushrooms
the population increasing by
s and bounds.

The governmen' stipulates that a'l
d gathered be assayed at their
ces and that 10 per cent of the
proceeds go to the Crown. Other-
e everyone, including foreigners,
absolute freedom to work his
im as it pleases him.

Up to the present only primitive
thods have been employed by the
jority of prospectors, but now,
nks to the energetic action of the
ssian government, a new gold
ning era has begun.

In South Siberia gold digging is
rried on under most favorable con-
tions. The climate, as compared
th the northern provinces, is mild,
d operations may be pursued all
e year round.

On the other hand, in northern Si-
ria it is customary to light big bon-
es and thaw the ground in winter.
he work is very laborious with the
ntiquated implements at the dis-
sal of the miners. Only when
pring comes are the great heaps of
arth which have accumulated dur-
g the winter's operations washed,
nd the precious metal extracted.

"Foreigners," said my friend, "as
rule succeed better than the Rus-
ns, because they bring technical
nowledge to bear upon their work,
hereas the Russian is ignorant of
e most elementary principles of
old mining, and is at a great dis-
dvantage compared with the Belgi-
ns and Germans here, who do their
ork thoroughly with most encour-
ging results."

The British America Corporation at Rossland.

It is stated that the British Ameri-
a Corporation will work the Great
Western steadily. The shaft has
eached the 100 foot level, and the
edge continues to show a good body
f ore with satisfactory values. The
haft is of double compartment, and
Superintendent Moynahan is now at
work steadily sinking and timbering.
Since the British America Corpora-
ion took charge, the shaft, besides
being thoroughly repaired, has been
unk practically thirty feet. The
drawback at present is lack of power
for drills. At present the drills are
being operated by steam, but the
boiler capacity is hardly more than
enough to work the pump and the
hoist, so that drills are hampered for
motive power. Now that the British America Crrporation has secured the Columbia and Kooteday mine, more properties are to be worked in the vicinity. Arrangements are now being made to commence operations at once on the Royal George, on the east side of the Columbia and Kootenay mountain. For the present work will be confined to stripping the claim by surface sluicing, a method but little used heretofore in the Rossland camp. Milk creek will be dammed and its waters diverted so as to flow over the claim, and by washing away the surface soil, expose the mineral formation. There is a very promising lead of copper ore on the Royal George, and as soon as the property has been prospected in this manner a shaft will be started to open the ledge.

Once Sir John Macdonald went to speak against a reform candidate in a North Ontario constituency. When he mounted the platform, after having taken too much strong drink and being shaken over a rough track on a train, he became sick and vomited on the platform while his opponent was speaking. Such a sight before a large audience disgusted even many of his friends, and the prospect for the conservative cause that day was not bright. The opposition candidate, whom we will call Jones, ceased speaking, and John A. rose to reply. What could he say, or how could he act to redeem himself and gain respect or attention? "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen," he began. "I don't know how it is, but every time I hear Mr. Jones speak it turns my stomach!" The conception was so grotesque and so unexpected, that the audience went off into fits of laughter, and disgust was instantly turned into general good humor and sympathy.

The protection afforded by the British flag is greater than any other country at the present time. A British subject can go to any portion of the globe and feel secure, as great respect is shown a Britisher. A singular incident recently occurred in the City of Mexico, where a Chinaman got into an altercation with a native of that republic over a laundry bill. The Chinaman was placed under arrest, although the Mexican was the aggressor. When the matter came up for hearing, the Chinaman said to the judge: "Me allee same Englishman, me born in Hong Kong," and explained that he wanted to see the British Consul. This request was granted, with the result that the Chinaman was discharged. If it had not been for the intervention of the Consul, the Chinaman would, without doubt, have served a term in prison, as the Mexicans have no particular love for the Mongolian race, and their courts are not free from prejudice.

Smoke Trail Blazers.

An important ruling has been given in the Dominion parliament whereby the C. P. R. has been refused a universal charter for building branch lines in British Columbia without specifying the route to be covered. Aulay Morrison, member for New Westminster, on behalf of the Kaslo & Slocan railway, was chiefly instrumental in securing this ruling. The C. P. R. cannot for long monopolize the destinies of the west, and sooner or later it will feel the effect of keen competition from other transcontinental roads, more especially in the mining centres of south-eastern British Columbia.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes has shut himself away from the world in a quiet Surrey village with his sister. Meanwhile his fame has mounted, his Jameson raid blunder is officially forgotten, and the shareholders of the South Africa Company are about to re-elect him to their board. Great Britain at the same time is hoping for great things in South Africa, where Krugar is her only opponent. Sir Herbert Kitchner's victory in the Soudan has been hailed with delight, and his success approves the forward policy in Africa. The outlook is beautifully bright.

In the commons last week, Hon. Mr. Sifton, minister of the interior, stated that up to March 31st last, only 10,875 miners' licenses had been issued for the Klondike country. At $10 per license the sum is a long way short of the $1,000,000 estimate placed on the boom by Mr. Sifton. The Senate's action in hoisting the Teslin lake railway bill was all that was needed to knock out an already tattering and overestimated excitement. The Grit commons will have another kick coming against the Tory senate.

She—What is a burlesque?
He—A take-off.
She—A take-off of what?
He—Clothes, generally.

Teacher—Have you learned the Golden Rule, Tommy?
Tommy—Yes'm. It is to do to other people like they would do to you.

She—I hope you can come next Thursday. We're having some music and a supper after.
He—Oh, yes, I'll come; but—er—I may be late.

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The War.

Up to date the Spanish-American war has been a very tame affair The Spanish navy is somewhere in the neighborhood of Cape de Verde and the American navy is around the placid waters of Key West harbor. Both powers seem thoroughly satisfied with the strategic advantage of the positions of their respective navies. So far most of the fighting has been done in the style usually adopted by American pugulists—by telegraph.

Outside of capturing a few defenseless Spanish merchantmen the United States navy has done nothing worthy of record and President McKinley seems to be spending a good deal of his valuable time writing dissertations on the etiquette of war.

The Spanish are also carrying on active hostilities through the medium of the press. The Spanish navy is taking a good deal of satisfaction out of blocking the entrance to the Mediterranean—though how this is to have any effect on the Key West contingent is not clearly explained.

Great Britain is using her influence in every way to help United States. She has declared coal contraband of war which practically beats Spain on the go in as the Dons have no coal either in Spain or Cuba and as ships of all nations are now prohibited from carrying coal to any Spanish port their warships must soon become useless.

In the meantime the Cubans run a good chance of starving to death. Advices from Havana state that they are completely out of beef and the supply of onions is running short. All the necessaries have gone up to prices never heard of before, and if something is not done at once many will perish of hunger. Families of means have stored large supplies of provisions in their houses. All Cuban families who are leaving are urged to stay, the offer being that they will be respected and protected. General Blanco has given instructions to arm all men and even boys of 14 are being taken in. Large numbers of Cubans have joined the insurgents around Havana. Lieutenant Bowan, of the United States army has landed in Cuba and is now in Garcia's camp arranging to land American troops. It is more than probable that Eastern Cuba will be the scene of the first engagement.

In the meantime the war much resembles Mark Twain's duel—brick bats a half a mile.

A Three Forks Contract.

The Provincial government, in its usual munficent manner, appropriated the magnificent sum of $50 to improve the wagon roads, trails, bridges, etc., in the neighborhood of Three Forks. As the people of Three Forks were unprepared for such an unusually large grant considerable comment has been occasioned. It is said that no tenders were called for and no specifications given as to the work done. The town is now in a hub bub as to how the money was spent and charges of wastefullness, extravagance and corruption are heard on all sides. The government should be more careful in handling such vast sums.

Kaslo's first daily hove in sight yesterday. It is published by the B. C. News. Brer. King yet to hear from.

Smoke Trail Blazers.

Notice to Quit.

Tinhorns, grafters, boosters, bums, hoboes, pimps and the numerous other species of that class which is not considered requisite for the well fare or prosperity of a community have been notified to leave town or go to work. A few went to work on the civic improvements, the majority left on short notice for other parts, and the remainder are languishing in the city gaol with a first-class chance of studying geology in Kamloops.

Notice.

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And further take notice that action under Section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

A. R. HEYLAND.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1898.

Application for Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date we will apply to the License Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a license to sell liquor by retail in the Ivanhoe Hotel

MOORE & ORAXINS

Sandon, April 16th, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that thirty days from April 4th I will apply to the Corporation of Sandon for a licence to sell liquor by retail in the Clifton House.

JOHN BUCKLEY

Sandon, March 26, 1898.

Application for Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from April 4th we will apply to the License Commissioners of the Corporation of the City of Sandon for a license to sell liquor by retail in the Palace hotel.

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