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British Columbia's resources are in the control of gentlemen who know how to distribute with the glad hand.

Sandon's City Council asked the local legislature for $600 to clear the creek outside the city limits. An answer was received recently through O. G. Dennis, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, stating that the government had no money on hand and would not have any until July. In other words, they would not do anything for Sandon before the elections. The appropriation which was made early in the session has all been spent. We understand that Three Forks got some $50 of it. Sandon people were promised about all they cared to ask, but up to date these promises have failed to materialise. New Westminster, Nanaimo, and other uncertain constituencies are getting all kinds of government money. Some of the one-street towns in solid divisions do not have to ask for appropriations. The progressive and active district of Slocan, which pays more taxes in proportion to population than any other country on earth, Cuba, Spain and Armenia not excepted, gets practically nothing.

Dan Mann and Bill Mackenzie get $1,600,000 for building a lath track somewhere between hell and Bobcaygeon. The same gang get another million or two for building the V. V. & E. In all, the government is giving away some five million dollars for building railroads which it should build and operate for the people; and in most cases the roads could be built for less than the bonus anounts to. How this money is divided it is hard to say. There is a large rake-off somewhere.

Our legislators could not find $600 to improve Carpenter creek. Sandon may be flooded out, drowned or washed to kingdom come for all they care; or the citizens may do the government's work and cash up for it themselves - just as they like.

All this may not be edifying but it is instructive. Our council is at fault. They should change their tactics. Let them ask for $600,000. not a paltry $600. By the time the different pluggers and cappers in Victoria got their rake-off there would probably be about enough left to fix the creek.

The members of the local legislature are the gentlemen who are asking for re-election.

A Bad Bargain

Mackenzie & Mann will receive $4,000 a mile from the Provincial government for building the Stickeen Teslin railway. But the road will not be completed before the end of the summer of 1899. The only redeeming feature of this iniquitous grant is that a provision has been made by which the Province shall receive 4 per cent. of the gross receipts of the railway. It will be interesting to note what success the government will have in collecting this per centage. If no better results are obtained than so far have been achieved in the arrangement that the Province has for a share of the gross receipts of the Nakusp and Slocan and the Shuswap & Okanagan railways, it will have been a waste of time to make such a provision.—Miner.

For the latest styles in Neckties, call at the Post Office store.

BISSELL HEARD FROM.

Back on the Sound—Didn't Know he was Dead.

A letter received yesterday from E. C. Bissell, who was supposed to have been one of the victims of the snowslide disaster on the Skagway trail, says:

"I found on arrival at Victoria Sunday that I had been killed in the snowslide at Chilcoot pass, but I flatter myself that my bump of caution is too well developed to get caught in a snowslide."

The letter is dated from Tacoma, where Mr. Bissell intends to locate for the present. This final assurance that E. C. is still in the land of the living will come as a considerable relief to his many friends in Sandon.

Blood is Thicker than Water.

Says the Montreal Witness: "British people the world over who remember how the American sailors of the United States fleet in the harbor of Apia, Samoa, drifting to their own destruction before the hurricane, cheered the British sailors, who, inch by inch, worked the great British warship to safety in the open sea in the face of the gale; who remember how the American ships at the capture of Taku forts, at the mouth of the Peiho, could not refrain from joining the British in their fight from pure brotherly feeling; who remember how, after the bombardment of Alexandria, the American men-of-war there sailed round the British victors and cheered them, will heartily rejoice over the success of their American cousins."

According to the statements of leading railway men, and they should be able to judge, the war has not, as yet at all events, proved the bonanza for Canadian trade which in some quarters was looked forward to. The general trade is good in Canada, but this is not due in any way to the war. Mr. G. M. Bosworth, general freight manager of the Canadian Pacific, says: "The Canadian Pacific, and one might say all the Canadian roads, of course, are doing a very large business at present. That is because this has been a magnificant spring in Canada. If not one gun had been fired in all Cuba this would have been a busy season for Canadian railways. But if these guns had been fired up along the Northern Atlantic seaboard it might have made them still busier."

The internal dissentions which handicap the Spanish government at this crisis are in marked contrast to the unanimity with which all political parties in the United States congress unite to vote millions for the prosecution of the war. The Spaniard boasts of his patriotism, the American puts his hand in his pocket and produces the evidence.

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History of Mining Prospects.

Mining is singularly peculiar in the instance that it is an industry which writes its own history on the world's page of social progress. From the earliest times and down through the ages to the present date this fact holds good, both in the old and new worlds. The prehistoric operation of ore bodies in early and modern times is an interesting branch of the geologist's work, and the records made show the advances accomplished, as well as the failures made. Every prospect shaft or tunnel stands as a monument of success or failure. The permanent marks thus made tell in future for or against the industry, unless obliterated or filled up, which circumstance rarely happens. It is this lasting evidence of mining operations which is so often pointed to as being due to the risk and speculative nature of the mining industry, when at this date uncertainty only belongs to the prospect and early stages of discovery and exploitation in the operation of a properly managed mine.

In our cities and towns or even in agricultural life, there is no such record left of the many failures in all lines of trade and in the professions, except in the instance where a church is converted into a store or laundry or put to some other use than regenerating the morals of its members. A party goes into business and makes a failure, and in a few months another takes his place in the same or another line of trade, and all evidence of the failure is gone, but the unsuccessful prospector who sinks a test pit or drives a tunnel is not always so fortunate as to have his failure jumped by a party with more capital or courage, and leaves behind him lasting evidence of his work and misfortune. Instances are common where a prospector expected to discover one mineral and, quite unknowingly, he was mining another of equal or more value from that which he expected, or he was told so by some one with more knowledge of ores or minerals of the value of his discovery.

The mining industry, even in its prospecting stage, is not attended with greater risks (when the operation is conducted by a miner or prospector of experience and intelligence) than the risks taken in trade or business, although, from the facts before mentioned, the history of the failures is written on the page of nature in a lasting and permanent way, which makes them appear more numerous than they really are in proportion to ordinary trade risks and failures.

Coal Oil for the Yukon.

There will be no scarcity of coal oil on the Yukon next winter, if the Standard Oil company carries out its intention of distributing 200,000 gallons of the liquid at the various camps. It is now preparing to make this shipment, and has purchased in Seattle a river steamer and barge. In a few days a large schooner will arrive which is to carry the enormous shipment to the mouth of the river.

Dawson was very short last year of petroleum. To a certain extent candles are used in the mines and cabins of the Klondike, but Dawson even fell short of candles, and the price per candle jumped to $1. This was due to an underestimate in ordering candles and oil, and the failure of the river boats to reach Dawson.

The river company which is to handle the big oil shipment on the Yukon is the Moran company, which will shortly launch a big barge to be known as the Petrolea, which will be towed by the Oil City. The company has contracted to deliver the boats at St. Michaels in time for the opening of navigation.

Mr. John McLean, of the Standard Oil company was seen by a Post-Intelligencer reporter, and said:

"The Standard Oil company has decided that to carry on its Alaskan business successfully a river steamer of its own is necessary. At least 200,000 gallons of oil will be used on the river during the coming winter. The steamer will carry nothing but oil, and will make deliveries at Rampart City, Circle City, Forty-Mile and Dawson. The oil will be sold to wholesalers. It will be transported from Seattle to St. Michael in a schooner, which will arrive here about May 15th. The river steamer will be fitted with every precaution against fire, and the oil shipment will probably be made with less danger than on the regular steamers."

Hence there should be an ample supply next winter of at least one urgent necessity of the hardy toilers of the Yukon.

Americans? No Such Thing.

"The only thing you don't see on this street," said a conductor of a street car on West Broadway, "is an Amurican. But there ain't no Amuricans, anyway, except the Indians and a schoolma'm told me t'other day that the Indians came from Norway about 4,000 years ago. She said they found some bones in West Virginia just like some bones they found in Norway, and under the same distance of ground, so I presume the hill builders—those people that lived in mud houses are the real Amuricans. But them, too, were yellow, and came from China, so there ain't no Amuricans, and never has been," concluded the street car conductor complacently as he went into the car to collect a fare from some foreigner.

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

A DELIBERATE SUICIDE.

Ben Rankin Kills Himself in Sandon—A Woman in the Case as Usual.

Probably the most deliberate suicide ever committeed in British Columbia was that of Ben Rankin, who killed himself in the Bartlet hotel Wednesday morning.

Rankin, whowas pretty well-known in the Slocan, came to British Columbia from Calgary a little over a year ago and located in Slocan City. A few weeks ago he came to Sandon and has since, and up to the time of his death, been staying at the Bartlett.

Though of a morose disposition he was generally considered a rather level-headed and sensible man, and by no unusual or irrational utterance betrayed that he contemplated any precipitate action. On the day previous to his demise he went about as usual and during the evening engaged in a friendly jumping contest in front of the Bartlett house, watched the hose-reel practice and incidentally engaged in a little black jack About midnight, in company with J. W. Lowes, he had supper at the Palace Cafe and shortly after returned to the Bartlett, engaged in a few moments conversation on the usual topics of the day and a few minutes before two o'clock borrowed a lead pencil from Jack Lowes and retired to his room, No. 3, just above the bar. Conversation lagged and they who were sitting about the club room became drowsy when they were suddenly startled by a loud report which they were at a loss to explain. Some attributed it to the bursting of a champagne bottle, others to some defect in the waterpipe and a few jokes were being engaged in about Spaniards when they were suddenly brought to seriousness by a groan from the floor above. Lowes rushed to Rankin's room and found him lying on the bed with an ugly wound in his breast from which blood was flowing. Dr Power was called instanter, but pronounced the wound fatal and the unfortunate man died in a few moments without speaking.

The disposition of the articles of clothing and other arrangements about the room showed a most deliberate and premeditated case of suicide Coat, vest, shoes and hat, with very evident care, had been neatly arranged on a chair close beside the bed An open grip lay against the wall, within four feet of the victim's head and a heavy 44 calibre Colts navy revolver lay among a few articles of linen and underwear where it had been evidently thrown after effecting its fatal mission. Two envelopes were lying on the dressing stand one addressed to "My Friend, Jack Lowes," containing the decease's watch, a large gold Waltham, with a heavy plated chain attached: the other, with a heavy gold ring of rather unique design enclosed, addressed to J. K Larsen, of Slocan City The addresses on both envelopes were written in large, firm, legible characters, betraying no tremor of emotion although evidently performed immediately previous to the overt act of self-destruction No other letters were found about the apartment, but the coat contained a pocket book, empty so far as legal tender was concerned, but holding a few love letters, a photo of a woman with an unprepossessing face bearing the unmistakable stamp of the wanton, and some P. O. money order receipts, the collateral for which had been sent to Mrs B J. Rankin, High River, Alberta, and later to the same name at Sand Creek, Mont The obvious cause of the man's despondency and final rash act was traceable to a letter of recent date in which the object of his adoration disclaimed all feelings of honest love toward her ardent admirer, expressing regret that she should have been the means of casting a shadow across his path and declaring a firm intention to forthwith cease all communication with a man of whose affections she was altogether unworthy.

Coroner Brouse was summoned and arrived on Wednesday evening's train. A jury was empanelled, the evidence thoroughly gone over, and a verdict of suicide rendered, with the usual temporary insanity clause added as a matter of courtesy.

DENVERITES AND NEIGHBORS

Work commenced on the Springer creek road last Tuesday.

Slocan City is moving slowly forward—on a far more substantial basis than last year.

James Currie has gone to Trout Lake City to take charge of C. B. Hume & Co.'s store.

A fierce fire in the brush along the bay destroyed a half hundred cords of wood Sunday.

In compliance with an order from Policeman Forbes the hotel bars are closing on Sunday.

After three days laying up for improvements the Str. Hunter is making regular trips on the lake.

The Chapleau will ship another car of ore to the Nelson smelter just as soon as it can be packed to the railroad.

Jeff Davis was last week elected mayor of Grand Forks by acclamation The new mayor and council favor a wide open town.

The first lawn tennis game was played on the Hospital court Saturday afternoon. The rackets worked hard and the balls rolled high.

The New Denver band will go to Kaslo on the 24th. They were advertised to play at Silverton, but the committee was unwilling to pay the price.

The R E. Lee group of five claims has been bonded by L. Alexander to an English company, for a figure in the neighborhood of $100,000. Work on an 80 foot cross-cut tunnel will commence in a few days.

Earliest Miners of the World.

The earliest miners and metal workers of whom we have record were the Aryan peoples of Euro-Asian origin, who, though, of pastoral and arboreal habits, were familiar with the metals and worked with them—at least with the metals gold, silver and bronze, says the Mining and Scientific Press. Chaldeans and Assyrians, as we now know from the cuneiform inscriptions which go back 3,000 B.C., were undoubtedly expert in the use of metals, while the Egyptians had an intimate knowledge of the arts and sciences. In the brick and other inscription recently discovered, artisans are seen at work with curious details of their methods and tools. Potters, indeed, had attained eminence in their art, and the Egyptians had certainly a knowledge of chemistry, as the samples of their glass blowing and the stone pictures of tools, forceps, blow-pipes, etc., proved.

Gold was largely used at an early period—between 4,000 and 5,000 B. C., as we find from some newly discovered and ingenious weighing balances. Many centuries older than the pyramids, which date from 50 to 60 centuries back, we have examples of engineering in Memphis which could not have been constructed without tools and necessarily an acquaintance with metals. The word "metals" is of Semitic origin—the Hebrew word "metals" to forge, indicates an early acquaintance with the fusing of ores and the malleability of metals. How these early primitive people discovered the use of things must, of course, have been through their needs, particularly after they left their pastoral and tent life and began to build cities. The Arabs are credited with being early acquainted with the alloys, though alchemy, as a science, dates only from the sixteenth century.—Western Mining World.

Sinking is continued on the Deer Park. There has been no important change in the showing which remains very encouraging.

GOLD FROM BURNT PASS.

Mike Shick, of Rossland, has returned from a prospecting trip into the Burnt pass country, bringing with him some of the finest free gold specimens that have been brought into camp this spring. The rock came from the Big Mike group, about eight miles up McRae creek from the head of Christina lake, where Mr. Shick located five claims on the trip from which he has just returned.

To Get Rid of Rats.

The best way to get rid of rats and mice is not to poison them, but to make them thoroughly tired of the locality and so induce them to leave. They are generally too smart to eat poison, even when it is prepared for their benefit in the most seductive fashion, but they are not so particular about tartar emetic. When a little of this is mixed with any favorite food they will eat as greedily as though the physic were not there, but in two or three hours there will be the most discouraged lot of rats about the place that anybody ever saw. The tartar will not kill them, it only makes them deadly sick If you put your ear to their holes you can hear them trying to vomit. Sometimes they will crawl out and walk about like a seasick man, so ill that they do not seem to care what becomes of them. But it disgusts them with the whole vicinity, and as soon as they are able to travel you see them no more.

Had Seen Enough.

A young fellow who drank much more than was good for him was advised by his friends to take the gold cure, but he refused. "But," protested his friends, "your physician says that if you keep on drinking you will surely go blind. Now, the question is simply this: Do you prefer being cured of the drink habit and retaining your sight, or do you prefer to keep on drinking and go blind?" The young man paced the floor for some time, and was in a brown study. Finally he turned to his friends, and, with a resigned expression of countenance, replied: "Well, I guess I have seen about everything."

Lord Aberdeen Resigns.

The resignation of Lord Aberdeen as governor-general is announced, his lordship being anxious to return home this fall instead of waiting until his full term of office is completed It is said that Earl Selborne, the under secretary of state for the colonies, is likely to be hiss successor.

Austria is the only country in the world which never places a woman in prison, no matter what the crime she commits.

Instead of being locked up, the female malefactor is sent to one of a number of convents, devoted to the purpose, and is kept there during the time for which she is sentenced. The courtyard stands open all day long, the only bar to egress being a nun, who acts as dookeeper, just the same as in the ordinary convent.

The Toucher—I was on de Maine.

The Touched—Poor fellow! When it was blown up?

No'm. When it was at de navy yard.

The Very Sword.

A Scotsman, on a recent visit to Dublin, went to see a private museum, which was advertised to contain the oldest and queerest antiquities in the world.

The Irish showman brought out a large sword and said:

"This is the sword that Balaam slew his ass with."

The Scotsman, being well up in Bible history, here interrupted and said:

"Balaam did not slay his ass; he only wished for a sword to slay it."

"Oh!" returned Pat; "then this is the very sword he wished for."—Spare Moments.

Teacher—Boys, what's a napkin?

Bobbie—Something we use when we have company.

The Cubans are in the position of the Arkansas lawyer in his first case. "What we want in this case," he remarked with impressive solemnity, as he began his address to the jury, "is justice—justice of that kind which regards alike the rights of the tallest and most majestic archangel on the throne of heaven and the meanest and most despicable wretch who broils upon the burning coals of hell.

It is said that in Australia there is a hotel where rhumatic patients congregate. Whenever a whale has been taken the patients are rowed over to the works in which the animal is cut up, the whalers dig a narrow grave in the body and in this the patient lies for two hours, as in a Turkish bath, the decomposed blubber of the whale closing around his body and acting as a huge poultice. This is known as the "whale cure for rheumatism."

"What is a furlough?" asked a Columbus (O.) teacher.

"It means a mule," was the reply of Mary.

"Oh, no, it doesn't mean a mule," replied the teacher.

"Indeed, it does. I've a book at home that says so," said Mary.

"Well, you may bring the book to school, and we'll see about it," said the teacher, now thoroughly interested.

The next day Mary brought the book, and in some triumph opened to a page where there was a picture of a soldier standing beside a mule. Below the picture were the words: "Going home on his furlough."

Foster—I see in the paper that Nicola Tesla says that the more a man sleeps the longer he will live.

Felton—That's true enough. I lived in Philadelphia one year and it was the longest year I ever experienced.

The report was out that Clangingharp had enlisted.

"When do you go?" I asked as we met at the Silver Dollar.

"When do I go?" said Clang as he reached for a clove. "I don't intend to go at all, I only threatened to go, just to scare my wife Oh, war is a God-send to the hen-pecked—I haven't been treated so lovy-dovy since our honeymoon!"

A Kansas farmer who could not get harvest hands put this notice upon his fence: "Harvest hands wanted. Hired girl pretty and genial. Cabinet organ music in the evening. Pie three times a day. Three spoons of sugar with every cup of coffee. Hammocks, feather beds, or leather divans at your option for sleeping. Rising hour 9 o'clock in the morning. Three hours' rest at noon. Come one—come all."

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THE RICH SLOCAN.

THE value of the Slocan as a mineral district can easily be seen by reading all of this article.

The total production of mines in B C. for the years we know of up to 1898 amounted to $112,413,485, namely: Gold placer, $59,317,473; gold lode, $4,300,689; copper, $521,060; coal and coke, $36,626,585; building stone, $1,350,000; other metal, $25,000.

Kootenay's production of 1897 surpassed the one of 1896 being $4,002,935, while the one in 1897 amounted to $6,765,903, divided among the different districts as follows:

	1896.	1897
Ainsworth Division	$ 343,626	$ 440,545
Nelson	545,529	789,215
Slocan	1,854,011	3,289,686
Trail Creek	1,243,360	2,097,280
Other points	14,209	157,977

Last year the shipment of ore and matte from port of Nelson alone reached 55,271 tons, valued at $4,613,524. So far the shipments this year amount to 33,000 tons, valued at $3,250,000.

The ore shipments from the Rossland mines from January 1st to April 23, 1898, amounted to about 24,000 tons, making the total shipment from this camp since January 1st, 1898, 96,000 tons.

Some idea of the extent of the industry may be obtained from the following comparison of figures given in W. H. Carlyle's report, bulletin No 2:

Total number of tons smelted to July, 1897	27,080
Ounces of gold	45,234
Silver	67,793
Copper	1,265,382

Gross value received by smelters, $1,007,007; average net value per ton—gold, 1.67 oz; silver, 2.5; copper, 2.37.

THE furnishing of war news to an excited and clamorous people is one of the greatest fakes of modern times. Very little of the stuff that is telegraphed to bulletin and daily paper readers is true. The craze must be satisfied and it will be just as long as the unsophisticated hand out their money. War news is never reliable until it has become a matter of history. Just now literary war liars are in clover, but how they will burn after death dinks their fertile imaginations.

As the elections draws near aspirants for legislative honors are bobbing up like frogs in a green tipped pond. We notice that it is a very difficult matter to procure good men for members, but you can put out your hand, almost anywhere, and touch ambitious creatures who would like to have M.P.P. after their names and get a chance to finger some of the spoils at Victoria.

GREAT damage has been done by forest fires in the Slocan within the last few years. In the future they should be done away with. If they are not, all our beautiful mountains will soon be as bald as the heads in the front row at a ballet performance.

TAKES THE LE ROI.

The British American Corporation Pays $3,000,000 For It.

It is now certain that the Le Roi mine of Rossland has passed into the hands of the British American corporation, the great English company that has been placing so much capital into the Rossland camp. The deal was closed in Spokane last Friday, where the papers were signed, and the first payment of $500,000 was made in Rossland Saturday. The rest of the purchase price, $2,500,000, will be paid in installments, extending over a period of about three months.

Following are the principal stockholders and the amounts they will receive, at $6 per share, which is the gross price of the sale:

Name.	Shares.	Amount.
Valentine Peyton	72,000	$432,000
I. N. Peyton	70,000	420,000
W. W. D. Turner	40,000	240,000
W. J. Harris	39,000	234,000
W. M. Ridpath	38,000	228,000
George Turner	32,000	192,000
J. G. English, Danville	21,500	129,000
D. W. Henley	20,000	120,000
J. M. Armstrong	20,000	120,000
W. A. Peyton, Danville	16,500	99,000
Mrs. W. W. D. Turner	15,000	90,000
E. D. Sanders	15,000	90,000
Frank Graves	14,000	84,000
C. L. English, Danville	13,500	81,000
L. F. Williams	13,000	78,000
H. M. Casey	4,000	24,000
L. D. Gass, Danville	4,000	24,000
W. J. C. Wakefield	3,000	18,000
R. B. Blake	3,000	18,000
J. B. McLaren, Vancouver	3,000	18,000

This list covers 466,500 shares of the capital stock of the company The remaining 43,500 shares are scattered in smaller blocks than any here mentioned, and it is said that the majority of this, which might be termed the floating stock, is held in Spokane. An inspection of the list will show that fully four-fifths of the purchase price of the mine, or $2,400,000, will find its way into the hands of Spokane people. In considering the benefit that Spokane has derived from Rossland's biggest mine, the dividends paid in the past must also be considered. The mine has paid 23 dividends, footing the handsome total of $825,000.

Speaking editorially of the deal the Miner says: "The purchase by the British America corporation of the Rossland interest of the Le Roi Mining & Smelting company closes up the largest mining deal yet made in British Columbia. The price to be paid is $3,000,000. In securing such a property as the Le Roi the B. A C. has added a splendid mine to its collection, and one that will for some little time, at least, be its principal source of revenue and dividends It will serve to make an excellent showing until the other properties of the company are placed on a dividend-paying basis. At present the Le Roi pays dividends to the extent of $50,000 per month, or $600,000 per annum. This is at the rate of 20 per cent per annum on the price of the property, $3,000,000.

MR. MARTIN CONDEMNED.

The Rossland Labor Council last week passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this council that Hon G. B. Martin, a minister of the crown in this Province, during a debate in the British Columbia legislature did deliberately and maliciously slander the white race in general and the people of Anglo-Saxon origin in particular, especially Canadians, in that he said in effect that he had employed a large number of men and that he was free to confess that a Chinaman was superior to any of them, particularly those who claimed to be Canadians, and

Whereas, It is the opinion of this council that the language of a minister of the crown should be more dignified and patriotic; therefore be it

Resolved, That this council emphatically condemns G. B. Martin's utterances and will strenuously oppose any ministry that retains such a man in its cabinet.

DON'T LIKE CARIBOO LAKE.

Robert McCann and Jay Benn returned yesterday from a prospecting trip in the vicinity of Cariboo lake, says the Miner of Rossland. They report that there is plenty of iron capping along the borders of the lake, but they saw nothing that seemed to them worth staking at a point that is so remote from transportation The iron capping is similar to that in the vicinity of Rossland. There are a number of bald faced grizzlies along the shore of the lake. but as the two prospectors had not lost any grizzlies and were without any firearms, they gave them a wide berth. Once when Mr Benn was going along the ledge of a cliff his hat was blown off by the wind He started down the declivity after the missing head gear and when he had gone a short distance he saw two of these fierce animals where his hat was. Quickly he retraced his steps to the place from whence he had started and waited patiently until the bears had gone when he secured it. They say that where there appears to be only one lake on the maps there are really two. The showing of mineral is not very good, and it is doubtful if they will ever visit this section again, as it is rather a difficult country to prospect in.

THE LILLY MAY SOLD.

The Lily May company, Rossland, at the meeting of its stockholders, formally ratified the sale of the property to the English company just formed in London by Harry White to operate a number of Rossland properties. The deal is for a cash payment of $50,000, and 10 per cent. in the stock of the new company, which will be capitalized for £500,000. A part of the cash payment has already been made, and the balance is to be paid on or before the 15th of June.

Teacher—Can you tell me, Johnny, which travels fastest, heat or cold?

Johnny—Heat, of cours. Anybody kin ketch cold!

HAD NOTHING TO SAY.

You want to be a soldier, Jim? Well, I don't blame you, lad
The fever that has hit you now once monked with your dad,
I know exactly how you feel, you're achin' fur a scrap,
An' want to go an help to wipe ol' Spain from off the map
When I was young an' full o' nerve, in eighteen sixty-one,
I wasn't satisfied till I was coupled to a gun,
An' now that you're a feelin' in that same ol' hostile way
An' want to emulate your dad, I've not a word to say.

I hope you've reckoned up the cost, an' reckoned it up well
Fur war, as Gen'ral Sherman said, ain't fur removed from hell!
You'll find it ain't no picnic, Jim; you'll soon find out that you
Won't have a bit of nerve to spare in pullin' of you through.
It ain't no pleasure day affair when shells begin to howl,
An' comrades lay in blood an' pain a wreathin' in the dust,
An' bullets jest like maddened bees, zip past in fiendish way,
But if you have a mind to go, I've not a word to say.

I guess your mother won't object; I heard her say last night,
She wished she only was a man so she could go an' fight.
'T'll be an' orful trial, though, fur her to see you start,
An' one that's apt to rip the stitchin' of her heart,
Jes' tell her in a manly way that you are bound to go,
That you're true blue American from top clear down to toe,
An' if she asks you what I think, jes' tell her that's O. K.
That we have had a talk, an' I have nothin' fur to say.

I want to tell you, howsoever, boy, that this ain't no surprise,
I've seen the sparks of loyal pride a dancein' in your eyes
An' I've been waiting fur a week to hear you make your talk,
An' show your daddy that you come of good old fightin' stock.
An' now, to close the matter up, I'll tell you, further Jim,
Your daddy would have knocked you out if you'd a waiting said him.
If, when you heard your country call, you'd made a coward play—
I'm proud o' you! that blow you, boy! That's all I've got to say.

—Denver Post.

WHEN THE REGIMENT LEFT.

She bravely bade her Horace good-by,
That girl with the auburn hair,
And smiled through the tear that dimmed her eye,
That girl with the auburn hair.
And she kissed him, and kissed him and kissed him,
That girl with the auburn hair.
And she kissed him, and kissed him and kissed him.
And kissed him, and kissed him and kissed him,
And his brother comrades had to assist him,
To leave that girl so fair.

—Chicago Tribune.

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UNCLE JIM AND THE SPIRITS.

Uncle Jim wuz a reg'lar believer in sperits—the once that make
A business o' pesterin' people an' keepin' 'em wide awake;
That rock the chairs an' creek the stairs, an' rattle blinds, an' sich,
An' holler over the housetops when the nights air dark as pitch.

Of course, we boys believed him—we knowed thar were ghosts in white
That left their graves in the churchyard to skear up the folks at night;
An' all that he said wuz gospel, an' we'd huddle aroun' his chair,
An' think we could see the goblins jes' gallopin' through the air.

The folks in the town all knowed him—laughed laughed at the tales he told
'Bout sperits walkin' aroun' his bed, an' dead men diggin' fer gold;
An' they made it up they'd fool him; so they come to the house one night,
Jest when he wuz tellin' them awful tales 'bout the goblins dressed in white:

Down from the roof fell a dollar—in the middle o' the floor,
An' Uncle Jim—he grabbed it, an' torter looked fer more.
"This here's from yer Uncle William, who owed fer his graveyard lot;
I know that he sent it to me, fer it's powerful—powerful hot."

—F. L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

AN UNFORTUNATE IDEA.

The manager of the Ambiguity was appallingly busy. The Ambiguity itself gave him at the moment no cause for anxiety—"Diana Undraped," the new burlesque, was a howling success, and seemed, such a hold had it taken on the British public, like running through a couple of seasons. But the Ambiguity was not the only pie in which the manager in question had a finger. Within the next week he had to produce a new musical comedy in the North—if the piece was a success it was, of course, to be brought to the Ambiguity later—a new prima donna was waiting to see him in one room, and the last fashionable divorcee—who had a craving for tights and more notoriety—in another, a rising dramatist had an appointment in another part of the theatre to hear his opinion on his libretto, which he felt confident would make any theatre's fortune if only suitable music could be found. Lastly, the Weekly Blaster had just made an unwarranted attack on the new Ambiguity piece and himself, and the manager had to make up his mind whether it would be cheaper to take a libel action against the offending organ, which, of course, though expensive, would be worth at least another six months' run to "Diana Undraped," or give the critic's own special flame a principal part in the new provincial production, and thereby get the Blaster into a more favorable frame of mind.

The fact that he wanted to get away to the Continent for a long holiday, which, with a legal action pending would have been certainly impossible, had almost decided in favor of the policy of conciliation when his secretary came in with a message that Lady Carnborough wanted to see him, at the same time handing him a card.

"Show her up," said the manager, curtly.

"I beg your pardon, sir," said the secretary, "but wouldn't it be better to ask her ladyship to wait or to come back again later? There are so many people who have been promised——"

"Show her up," said the manager. "The others must wait or come back." He had jumped somehow to the conclusion that her ladyship, who, as everyone knows, is one of the prettiest women in society, had quarrelled with her husband and wanted an engagement; he had had applications of the kind before, but never from so famous a woman as Lady Carnborough, and he knew that if it was as he surmised the chance was not one to be missed.

But he was doomed this time to disappointment. Lady Carnborough, looked her very best in an unindescribable gown of some strange shade of blue, only stopped to enquire whether she was speaking to the manager of the Ambiguity, and then came straight to the point.

"You have a girl in your theatre called Rose Ross?"

The manager bowed.

"She appears in the Carnival scene of 'Diana Undraped,' wearing a mask, and —er—very little else."

"She has a very good figure," said the manager.

"I understand that some people think so," said her ladyship, coldly; "Lord Carnborough is of the number."

"Ah!"

"His lordship spends all his evenings at your theatre, and his days in raving about this—er—Rose Ross, and yet up till the present he has never, thanks to the mask, seen her face, it is her figure that has captivated him. When he talks about her—you understand, to his friends, between him and myself the—er—subject is naturally never mentioned—he declares that she has the finest figure in the world. That is where the women of the stage have the pull over us other women. If they haven't a single good point about them, a man will be sure to discover one, if they have any pretence to appearance the other sex will exalt them into Venuses. Now, as a matter of fact, I am sure that my figure is quite as good as this young woman's, and if only I could get my husband to pay any attention to me at all, he would be the first to admit it. My difficulty is to call his attention to it, and that's where I want you to help me."

"I'm afraid," began the manager, "——I don't quite see."

"You will in a minute. This Rose Ross wears a mask all the time she is on the stage."

"Precisely; she is only on in the Carnival scene, you know."

"And she has no acting to do, nothing to say?"

"Not a line. I don't engage her to act. Her role is to be looked at."

"Precisely, now I want you for one night to let me take Miss Ross's place."

"But, my dear madam——"

"You say there is no acting required, and no one sees her face. There remains then, only the question of figure."

"I do not think there would be any fault to find on that ground, your ladyship, only——"

"Only my quest is unusual? Very well, then read this." She took a note from her pockpt and handed it to him.

It was from a gentleman who had a strong financial interest in the Ambiguity, and asked that if it could be done without causing any serious inconvenience Lady Carnborough should be allowed to do as she wished.

The note settled it.

"You had better be here at half-past seven," said the manager; "You will have to go on at nine. I shall have to get Miss Ross to take an evening off. It is beautiful weather, and she is always grumbling at the heat up here. I have no doubt I shall be able to persuade her of the advantages of her little place up the river."

And thus it happened that in the Carnival scene in "Diana Undraped" that night it was Lady Carnborough on whom all eyes were fixed, and Lady Carnborough whom the crowded stalls craned forward to see, and whose daring costume was the theme of the universal conversation at the close of the second act.

When Lord Carnborough got home that night his wife was already in bed.

"You have been to the Ambiguity again," she said, her eyes twinkling, "to see that dreadful woman."

He came to the bed, and stooping over her, kissed her.

"Do you know, dear," he said, "I have made a great mistake. I have come to-night to implore your forgiveness."

"Yes, dear?"

"You know I told you what a magnificent figure that woman had? Well, I think I must have had too much to drink when I saw her before, or at least, somehow or other cannot be myself. I went to the Ambiguity to-night, and saw at once what a fool I had made of myself. The woman is really quite atrocious; and as for her figure, why, she simply hasn't any figure at all!"

Even in the darkest hour of earthly ill, woman's fond affection glows.—Sand.

COPPER MINING.

Those concerned in copper mining in Canada will be interested to know that 1897 proved a banner year for that industry in other parts of the world. The metal has been in great demand, and mining companies have been enabled to amass big profits. The continued large requirements and the consequent maintenance of prices are reflected in the dividends that foreign corporations are now paying for the past year. All of the large companies working in the Iberian Peninsula have increased their payments The Rio Tinto, which last year divided its shares equally into 5 per cent. preferred and ordinary, pays 40 per cent. on the latter, making an average of 22½ per cent. on the whole for 1897, which compares with 19 per cent. for 1896, and 11 per cent. for 1895 The Thursis, a very conservative company, pays 25 per cent. for 1897, besides writing off $240,000 from the value of its property. For 1896 this company paid 17½ per cent, and 10 per cent. for 1895. The Mason & Barry Company, in Portugal, pays 6¾ per cent., an increase of 1 per cent. over 1896, and moreover repays to stockholders £1 per share, or one-third of the recent par value of their stock—a somewhat unusual method of disposing of the sinking or depreciation fund. It has been a busy and generally a prosperous year for the copper companies.

WANT TO GO TO WAR.

Nine hundred persons in this city, says the New York Press, are actively employed on newspapers, and every blessed one of them wants to go to the front as a war correspondent. Even the girl reporter has volunteered. What a very strange craze this war correspondent business is! I have had 21 men, by actual count, to beg men to present their names to my editor as volunteers, and not one of them ever wrote a line for a newspaper. They are men of means, and all they care to go for is glory. They will pay their own expenses. I think some of them would give $10,000 for the privilege of representing the Press, as it would enable them to get well up with the first gun and see the racket at a safe, close range. But editors are loyal to their men. My editor is crazy to go, and so is his youngest office boy; but somebody must remain here to run the office. Already we have the cook and the king in the field, and the rest of us are drawing straws.

There are enough war correspondents now actively engaged in the manufacture of belligerent news to whip the whole of Spain, and I regard it as the duty of the government to give them the best ship in the navy and let them go out to fight the Armada. If this is not done we shall have a marine fleet of tugs laden with correspondents interfering with the manoeuvres of any Spanish warship that dares threaten. If "Old Sagacity" only knew this he would think three times before turning loose his flocks of sparrows. It is bad enough to fight the United States navy, and when it comes down to war correspondents—Lordy!

Gen. Tecumseh Sherman had fun with the rebs down in Georgia and elsewhere, but he had to fight Whitelaw Reid, war correspondent, for 20 years after. He said that Reid was the biggest liar he ever knew, and Reid said the same of him. Sherman died under a flag of truce. Gen. Hancock fought Charles A. Dana until he died. And it was pretty much the same with all the war correspondents, not because they lied, but because no two men can possibly see things in the same light. When Spain goes against our brigade of war correspondents let her pray.

War has made the fortune of many a newspaper man. Perhaps the ablest of recent correspondents is Archibald Forbes, who "did" the Franco-Prussian war for the London Daily News. Januarius Aloysius McGahan, an Ohioan, served the Herald in the same war, but afterward worked for the News, doing excellent service. George Augustus

ROSSLAND MINING NEWS.

Work has been resumed on the Big Four property and the showing continues to be of a high character.

Sinking is continued on the Deer Park. There has been no important change in the showing which remains very encouraging.

The new compressor plant is in operation on the Nickle Plate, and Superintendent Haskins will commence work in the shaft to-morrow.

The stripping of the vein on the Waverley group continues and the outlook is that when more work is done a pay chute will be found.

Superintendent Hastings, of the War Eagle, has completed the connection between the 500-foot tunnel and the main shaft. The tunnel, which is an extension of the Iron Mask level, is altogether 2,200 feet long, which is the most extensive single horizontal working in the camp.

The British America corporation is getting fairly into swing, and W. A. Carlyle, the company's engineer in-chief, now has work under way in the Columbia & Kootenay, the Nickle Plate, the Josie, the Great Western and No. 1, not to mention the Le Roi, which is now the property of the company.

D. B. Bogle, the manager of the Victory-Triumph, has doubled the force of men at work on the property, and is now working the property in two places. An interesting strike was accidently made last week, when in moving a part of the dump near the mouth of the present tunnel, the miners discovered a vigorous lead running parallel with the main ledge, and about 25 feet away from it. The new vein apparently is about six feet wide, and of this a body of quartz between 12 and 18 inches wide, is showing especially well. The assays returned values of 14.40 in gold.

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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.

MAY 11—Wren. Slocan Lake, George Lester.

MAY 12—Keyser Fraction, Carpenter, Leonard B Keyser.
Dixie, Sandon, A P Horton.

MAY 13—Wallace, Goat mountain, Amos Thompson.
Sligo Fraction, same, W D Mitchell.

MAY 14—Interior, Payne mountain, John I Kelly.
Jersey Girl, Wilson creek, E J Vanstone.
Amatilla, Pennel creek, D Bell-Irving.
Emma, Fractional, New Denver, S T Walker.
Galena, Galena Farm, Edward Stewart.
Dewey, Howson creek, Geo W Hughes.
Merritt, same. A J Becker.
Sampson, same, C J Loewen.
Miles, same, Oscar Burbank.

MAY 17—Vortex and Pirate, Silverton, Perry Attaffn.

ASSESSMENTS.

MAY 10—Franklin, Grey Eagle, The Ben, Bromide, March Bird Fractional, Egypt.

MAY 11—Winter Resort, Elvira, Victoria, Spike

MAY 12—Freeport, Bolivia, Peru, Timsler Lake

MAY 13—Maggie Mac.

MAY 16—Florence, Bimatellack, New Columbia, Charleton, Cliff Extension, Cliff, Robbin, Carbonate, Mahoning.

MAY 17—Elite, Black Diamond, Monitor No 2.

A grant of water right of 20 inches out of a small creek tributary to Carpenter, has been given to Chas P Simpson.

TRANSFERS.

MAY 10—Turris ¼, David Matheson to Amos Thomson, Oct 18, '97.
Maggie Mac ¼, Neil McInnis to Fred F Liebscher.

MAY 12—Soho 1/12, Jas C Ryan to Henry Eummelen, April 29, $500.
Kewatis ¼, Alfred Lormeux to Frank Jobson, Feb 4.

MAY 13—Dewery ⅔ Geo Crawford to David Bremner and Amos Thompson, May 10.

MAY 16—Silverton Boy ½, J I C ½, Walter E Graveley to Chas E Hope, March 17
Sodie ½, Howard D Cameron to Wm Farvey, March 14.
Same, same to L C Cook, same.
Mollie ¼, John Nunn to Samuel Watson, April 25, $150.
Black Fox ½, Kingsley ½, Frank Howsen to Wm Coulter, April 12.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

MAY 7—Eldorado, J E Goodenough; Brunswick, D W Moore; American Victory, H Pillkahn.

MAY 10—Julia Plante, Thos Brown.

ASSESSMENTS.

MAY 7—Matilda, Clinton, Nellie, Norwood, Mabel, Nora, Josie Mac, New Idea, Gold Bug.

MAY 9—Twin, Prairie, Enterprise, Mayflower, Royal George, Bridgeport.
MAY 10—Orpha, Roxie, Bruno.

TRANSFERS.

MAY 7—Aggie ½, O B Masterson to R S Wheelen
Nickle Plate ¼, Chas Hibbard to R S Whelen.
Silver Drip ¼, same to same.
Aggie, Gold Boy, Silver Drip, Nickle Plate, ¼, R S Wheelen to C Hume, $150.

MAY 9—Great Britain, Ontario, Dominion, Canadian Boy, Mamoth, ½, D McLean to John Loyd
Humbold and Franklin, Isaac Waldron to A McBanting.

MAY 1[illegible]—Loyal George ½, W O Frazer to Alon o Dougherty.

AINSWORTH MINES.

"Ainsworth camp is quiet," said Guss W. Roche to a Spokesman reporter. "In fact, all the north country is quiet at present, but there is nevertheless considerable work laid out to be done this summer by American capital. The war has retarded investments somewhat, and some funds that were available at once in Ainsworth are held up to see what will be the result of hostilities. One thing that has hindered progress in Ainsworth, and the same is true of other camps, is that men who are not practical miners, who know that they have large ore bodies, proceed to erect costly machinery before developing the mines and getting them in condition for milling. In two instances concentrators have been erected in Ainsworth and have stood idle for many months because the ore bodies had not been opened up. This gives the camp a bad name, which it does not deserve. The ore bodies are there It only requires intelligent development to bring the propertie to a stage where concentrators are necessary.

But there is promise that all this will be remedied. I know of one large company that will start work, though I am not at liberty to give the details now. Maxwell Steverson of the Highlander mine and concentrator, will also arrive in camp shortly to resume work on that property, and it is stated that funds are in hand to put the mine on a paying basis. It is splendidly equipped with machinery.

"The Number One mine has the greatest amount of tunnel work of any claim in the camp and much valuable machinery has been installed under ground. It is owned by a Halifax company. There are 34 men at work and the mine is shipping 60 tons of concentrates per month in two grades, one of which will average 160 ounces of silver per ton and the other 375 ounces. They also ship their best crude ore, which is unconcentrated and runs about 100 ounces in silver. Manager Shaw of the property has been east since April 1st in the interest of the company and is expected home daily, when larger development may be undertaken.

"At the head of Woodbury creek are the Pontiac and Tecumseh claims, upon which Frank Heap has six men at work. These claims are 12 miles from the town of Ainsworth. Assays from the ore have run as high as 5000 ounces in silver, but a fair average would be 125 ounces silver, gold $12 and lead 30 per cent. A carload of the ore is en route for treatment and they are still rawhiding it down. The property is developed with 250 feet of tunnel and a 40-foot shaft.

"On the Black Diamond and Little Donald properties 10 men are working and a large quantity of shipping ore is being taken out. This property is being operated by the men, in order to get back pay due them from the parties who have been operating the claims under bond, but who applied the income of the property on the payment of the bond and neglected to pay the men. This system has been used too often in Ainsworth camp. The usual result is that the bond is thrown up, the loser wonders that he could not make it pay for itself in a few months, and finally leaves the camp and gives it a bad name.

"The days of gophering in Ainsworth mines is past. Recent development seems to demonstrate that deep mining is the only profitable method. The owners of the Twin mine are continuing their lower tunnel, which will tap the vein over 300 feet deep. In the upper tunnel they have two feet of solid galena. The owners are taking the proper course, developing the property thoroughly before investing in expensive machinery.

"Another property that has been worked in this sensible way is the Albion, the only mine in the camp in which Spokane men are interested. Its history of steady, persistent development by men without large means is well known. In all $20,000 has been expended on the property, and not a dollar has been wasted. It is the deepest developed property in Ainsworth, 375 feet below the surface. Its tunnel is the finest in the country, 420 feet long, 7½ feet wide and 8 feet high Ore bins have been built on the steep hillside at great expense and are covered from the snow. A bucket tram is on the property. It is a great success, making a round trip in three minutes with 600 pounds of ore.

"The Albion is only 4000 feet from the lake, and is one of the easiest and most economical properties to work in the Kootenays. The vein has been opened by a drift 110 feet to the north disclosing 90 feet of solid galena, averaging about 14 to 16 inches wide, though it is quite two feet wide at one point. A drift has been run 50 feet to the south, 30 feet of which is in ore. The mine has been compelled to shut down on account of bad air. This was a misfortune, as the property was ready to ship. A raise was being run and at 50 feet height a cave of bad air was encountered. It knocked the men over. Further work on the raise was impossible. It was all in ore except at the point where the cave was entered. A large quantity of water runs out of this cave. It is of a poisonous nature and presumably comes off a big ledge of mineral. This water is a good thing and is making the air purer. When I was there it was so pure it would not extinguish a flame, and resumption of work will be possible soon.

"The water from the mine is utilized to drive a wheel which runs a fan at 1500 revolutions per minute and forces air into the tunnel with force sufficient to blow out a candle held seven feet from the mouth of the pipe. It is the intention of the company to bulkhead the raise and continue the tunnel on about 80 feet to the best vein on the property, through which a raise can be made to the surface with ease, as a body of carbonate on the hanging wall can be mined out with pick.

"The Coffee creek compressed air plant that is being built will furnish power to many mines. A shaft is down 100 feet for this plant, but Manager Lynch says it will have to go to 200 feet. It won't be in operation until fall and possibly not until spring, but it will be a great thing for the camp when completed. It will provide power and fresh air cheaper than any other means that could be introduced.

"The Tariff claim, owned by the Omaha & Grant Smelter Company, is shut down. All the properties of that company in Kootenay are idle. The Carter claim and the Highland, both of which have large quantities of ore blocked out, are shut down, waiting for Canada to do something for lead to make the profits of mining it larger.

"Elias Fitterling, president of the C. P. Mining & Milling Company, is expected in camp May 15 to look over its properties there. A representative of Mr. Boyles, the English owner of the United claim, is also expected at a later date to arrange for working that property.

"The Lady of the Lake and Hamburg have been surveyed, and it is likely that an arrangement will be made with the owners of the King Solomon, adjoining, to develop all the properties with one tunnel.

EXTENSIVE LIME DEPOSIT.

On the High Tower, a recent location on Slocan lake, opposite New Denver, near the mouth of Mill creek, an extensive deposit of crystalline lime has been discovered. The ledge is from 10 to 150 feet in width on the surface and continues over the mountain from the waters edge. A sample of the rock was sent to the Dominion analyst at Ottawa who pronounced it the finest grade of crystalline lime The same report was received from the analyst at Trail, and the smelter asked for a few sacks of the rock to give it a thorough test. The test sample has been forwarded and the locators, Messrs Mitchell and McKay, are waiting returns

Mr. David Moore on his recent visit to this section viewed the property to report on it to the smelter people. If it is what they want the property will be taken up and worked in the near future. The smelter will need from 30 to 60 tons of lime rock a day when in operation.

SKYLARK AND RANGER.

John Harris, of the firm of Harris, Kennedy & Co., has returned from a visit to Slocan, says the Rossland Miner. While there he purchased the Skylark and the Ranger mineral claims. These claims are located on the North Fork of Lemon creek, six miles from Slocan City. There has been $8,000 spent on the property. The veins are from 20 inches to three feet wide and the assays show that the ore runs $40 per ton in gold and silver. About an ounce of the values is in gold The claims adjoin the celebrated Chapleau mine. There has been considerable ore already shipped from the two properties purchased, and shipping is to be resumed The purchase was on the account of the firm and the price is $25,000. A portion of this sum has already been paid and the remainder is due at intervals running over a year. It is the intention to form a company in London to operate the property.

GRANTED A SUBSIDY.

The Yukon railroad bill has passed the Provincial Legislature. It provides among other things for the grant of $1,600,000 to McKenzie & Mann for the building of a railroad from the British Columbia coast to Teslin lake. Efforts are being made to get Dominion support for the same road in the way of a cash subsidy, but it is not likely that the promoters will meet with success The road will not be completed according to stipulations in the grant until the end of the summer of 1899.

A special from Ottawa says: "At a ministerial caucus this morning alternative propositions for Yukon routes were discussed. Laurier, Cartwright, Davies, Sifton, Tarte, Borden, Fielding, Mills, and in fact nearly all the members of the government were present A full discussion brought out the general opinion that the government had done their part in formulating an all-Canadian route and the country must hold the senate and the Conservative party responsible for its rejection There will therefore, be no new Yukon bill.

A Better Policy.

London, May 12.—The Daily Mail today devotes an editorial to the railway development of Canada and says it would be a much better policy for the Canadian government to subsidize railways and waterways through habitable tracts of country instead of aiding roads in profitless territory like the Yukon.

IN UNKNOWN GRAVES.

At night when all the graves were crowned
The night of last Memorial Day—
I heard a knocking on the ground,
I heard a voice like rolling drums
When 'larum in the the distance comes—
And this is what I heard it say:
"Hello from us, both South and North!
Hello, the best old flag that waves!
Hello, you fellows, all decked forth—
Your blankets spread with posies bright!
Don't mind us, children; we're all right,
We are the boys in Unknown Graves!"

—Chicago Post.

FUN AND MISCELLANY.

Spare not thy hand when approbation giving,
Nor hold thy tongue till life away has sped—
A single word of praise unto the living,
Is worth a panegyric on the dead.

Bronco Bill—See any curious sight in New York, Tom?

Tornado Tom—Wonderful, Bill. W'y, I seen fellers smokin' cigarettes right on th' most crowded streets 'ithout gittin' shot at.

Deacon Jackson (respectfully)—So you's ben to Washin'ton, an' went fro de treasury, an' miles an' millions of money dat warn't none of it yours? How did yoh feel, sah?

Mr. Smylie—The feeling is hard to describe, Jackson; just imagine yourself at a poultry show.

"Oh, I knew at once it was the duke," the coryphee was saying. "I recognized his grace's arms."

"They are very familiar," remarked the back row of the ballet.

As for the chorus, she started violently, as if a gleam of something akin to intelligence had penetrated her mind.

Lawyer—Well, aunty, what can I do for you?

Aunt Ebony—I want a dee-vo'ce from ma husband.

Lawyer—What has he been doing?

Aunt Ebony—Doin'? Why, he done got relig'n, an' we ain't had a chicken on de table fob a month.

He—You know I'm a stranger in this town and not used to your customs; but somebody was telling me that whenever a young man saw a girl home here he was supposed to kiss her good-night. Is this true?

She—Well, you just try it and see.

The American boy is not the only one, it appears, who sometimes has the sagacity to apply for a situation just in the nick of time. A London paper tells of a small boy who dashed breathless into a merchant's office and demanded:

"Is the gov'nor in?"

"Yes; what do you want?"

"Must see him myself. Most pertickler."

"But you can't see him."

"Must, really—immejit—. I tell you it is most pertickler."

The boy's importunity at last won him admission.

"Well, my boy, what is it you want?" asked the merchant, with some anxiety.

"Do you want a orffice boy?"

"You impudent young rascal! We've got one."

"Beg your pardon, you ain't, sir."

"What do you mean?"

"Your boy's just been run over in Cheapside, sir, and he won't never work for you no more."

The applicant was engaged.

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Torpedoes.

It is commented upon by the Glasgow Record that so far the torpedo has not been matched against a ironclad very. often, therefore what part it will play in the naval warfare of the future is largely a matter for conjecture, but as to its deadly nature when well aimed there can be no doubt.

One of the best "object lessons" on this point was given to the world on April 24th, when the revolutionary Chilian ironclad, Blanco Encalada was scuttled in Caldera Bay by a Whitehead put into her point-blank from the Balmacedist torpedo-catcher Almiralnte Lynch. The entire Chilian fleet had declared in favor of the revolutionary party, but President Balmace.la contrived to secure the two torpedo-catchers Condell and Lynch, freshly arrived from England; and by means of these, he boldly avowed his determination to annihilate the revolted warships. True, they were but frail little craft of 500 tons, but they could steam 18 knots an hour, and carried severa Hotchkiss and quick-firing guns, to say nothing of a good supply of Whitehead torpedoes. Balmaceda found two dare-devils, Captains Moraga and Fuentes, to command these vessels; and they, by offering treble pay and fabulous prize money succeeded in raking together a scratch crew of all nationalities in the slums of Valparasio. A steamer was chartered to act as coal-tender and store-ship, and the "squadron," as it was grandly termed, set forth upon April 20th to try conclusions with fourteen warships, including three ironclads. Moraga was a poor sailor, but a clear-headed, resolute man, and brave as a lion. From an intercepted coaster he learned that the rebel flagship Blanco Encalada was in Caldera Bay, convoying a troopship. Now, the rebel Admiral's name was George Moutt, and his "Saint's day" consequently fell upon the 23rd, St. George's day, as we call it. The occasion, reasoned Moraga, would almost certainly be celebrated by a big banquet ashore, to which nearly all the officers would be bidden. An unusually careless watch would result on board. He therefore resolved to attack the ironclad in the early hours of April 24th. Never was forecast better realized. While Moutt and his officers were carousing or sleeping ashore, the Condell and the Lynch sneaked in upon either side of the doomed flagship. In his eagerness to do the job himself, Moraga wasted three torpedoes at too long range. Meanwhile Fuentes steered straight for the Blanco, and at fifty paces sent a torpedo fairly into her. It was too dark to discern anything clearly. But there were two distinct explosions, at brief intervals, and then the hazy mass disappeared, with her crew of nearly three hundred hands. The troopship Aconcagua, with eight hundred men on board, next claimed attention, but she showed fight, and kept up an artillery duel, badly aimed on both sides, until the appearance of another warship in the distance caused the Lynch and Condell to turn tail at full speed for Valparaiso. The newcomer was mistaken for the powerful rebel cruiser Esmeralda. In reality it was H. M. cruiser Warspite, whose divers subsequently examined the sunden ironclad. The rent caused by the torpeco was, it was reported, about 12 feet square—sufficient obviously to sink any ship afloat.

The Glenora-Teslin Road.

Shakesville, three miles below Glenora, is to be the initial point of the railway and here general offices and warehouses are being built Neil Keith, superintendent, has 100 men working on the wagon road, which starts at Telegraph Creek. The men began work on the 30th of March and had completed twelve miles of the road when the superintendent left. This road will be pushed through to Teslin Lake, a distance of 130 miles, as rapidly as possible. Keith states that he will put 1000 men to work on the road as soon as they can be had. A force of 100 men are at work at Shakesville and Glenora clearing the right of way for the railroad. Wages on both the wagon road and railway are $40 to $50 a month and board. Mann & Mackenzie have issued positive orders to have the road completed before Sept. 1st.

The Rio Tinto.

The land of Spain possesses in the Rio Tinto group some of the richest copper mines in the world. These are owned by a British company, which is able to pay 3 per cent interest upon £3,546,000 of first mortgage bonds, 5 per cent, on £1,625,000 of preference shares, and lately a 40 per cent dividend of £1,625,000 of ordinary stock, besides placing at the last dividend declaration £40,000 to reserve fund. The hitherto fortunate stockholders now tremble, however, for bankrupt Spain may well, it is thought, seek to tax right heavily—almost to ruinousness—so valuable a property that is largely foreign owned.

Are the Good Men all Dead?

It is only a short time since the late Dalton McCarthy, whom everybody mourns to-day, came in for a considerable round of abuse at the hands of a portion of the Canadian people and press. These now join with the rest in paying tribute and highest honor to the dead statesman, and eagerly voice the all-prevailing feeling of deep regret at the loss of so good a man.

Smoke Trail Blazers.

Superfluous.

The American receipt for making a good mining town is to have at least one killiog in the place. We must expect big things of Kuskonook.—Silvertonian.

—When we told them that a while ago, they called us a liar.—Kuskonook Searchlight.

Which was altogether unnecessary.

"My wife," said the tall, lantern-jawed man, "is as womanly a woman as you could find, but she can hammer nails like lightning."

"Wonderful!" sang the chorus.

"Lightning," the tall, lantern-jawed man continued, "seldom strikes twice in the same place."

"Haven't I told you," asked the father, "to always tell the truth?"

"Yes, you told me that," the young man admitted, "and at another time you told me never to become the slave of a habit."

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES' ACT, 1897."

"Slocan Queen Mining and Milling Company."

Registered the 3rd day of January, 1898.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Slocan Queen Mining and Milling Company," as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies' Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of Spokane, State of Washington.

The amount of the capital of the Company is one million dollars, divided into one million shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate in the town of Sandon, and Brinsley M. Walton, whose occupation is examining mines and reporting thereon, of the said town of Sandon, is attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years

The objects for which the Company has been established are:

To acquire, hold, buy, sell, lease, work and operate mines and mineral claims in the United States of America, and in the Province of British Columbia; to buy, sell, mill, smelt, mat, stamp and concentrate minerals of every kind and description in the United States of America, and in the Province of British Columbia; to acquire, buy, sell and lease water power, water sites and water rights, in the United States of America, and in the Province of British Columbia; to procure, hold, buy, sell, construct, operate and maintain electric, steam and water power plants, for the purpose of furnishing power and light for all and every kind of purpose and object, in the United States of America, and in the Province of British Columbia.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Certificate of Improvements.

ARGO AND BELT MINERAL CLAIMS. Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay. Where located:—Adjoining the City of Sandon.

Take notice that I, A. R Heyland, agent for Argo Mines, of Sandon, No. 452 A, intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

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 rom date we will apply to the License Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a licens to sell liquor by retail in the Ivanhoe Hotel

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PORTER'S LUCK.

Said to Have Made a Clean-up in Klondike.

It is reported in Vancouver on what is purported to be reliable authority that H. E. Porter, who went to Dawson city last year and recently returned to Vancouver has made a deal through Governor McIntosh by which he gets $250,000 in cash for his Klondike claims.

Porter, who went to the Klondike last August, backed by Jonn A. Finch and Byron White, is well known in the Slocan.

Telegraph to Dawson.

From advices received it seems altogether likely that the telegraph line from Vancouver to Dawson will soon be a realization. M. C. Eschweg, who represents the company forwarding the scheme has received a telegram from Ottawa stating that the first reading of the bill had been carried and it would receive the second reading immediately.

A Rare Treat.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto, will deliver a lecture entitled "Leadersof Men" in Virginia Hall on Monday evening next. Throughout Canada and the United States Dr. Suthland is known as one of the foremost of Canadian orators and his lecture will no doubt prove a rare treat. The recent death of that great leader of men, Mr. Gladstone will make the lecture more interesting. Everyone who can should hear Dr. Sutherland. Tickets on sale at the door. Lecture to begin at 8:30.

Effect of the War on Mining.

It was not thought that the war would have any effect on the mining business in Rossland, but it has. Mining men and brokers state that never before has business in their line been so dull. Absolutely no stocks are selling. March was so much better than the preceeding months that it was believed the expected improvement had commenced, but on the declaration of war between the United States and Spain a reaction set in that has been increasing in intensity ever since. Hopes that the war will soon come to an end are to be heard on all sides.—Rossland times.

Gold in the Phillipines.

There are large deposits of gold, both quartz and placer, in the Philippine islands. Good pay gravel is found in the streams and the country is a perfect net work of small ledges. Very little development work has been done, owing to the unfavorable governmental conditions heretofore existing and the inaccessibility of the richer districts, that are situated in the interior. It is thought if the United States were to take over the islands a mining boom of considerable magnitude will shortly follow.

Mark Hanna Guilty of Bribery.

The Ohio state senate has found Mark Hanna guilty of bribery. Truly, this a sad romance that began so auspiciously under the title "God Reigns and the Repulican Party Still Lives."—B. C. News.

Smoke Trail Blazers.

MACKENZIE COMPANY.

At Spencer's to-night—Music Comedy and Drama.

Mr. William MacKenzie, Australia's representative Baritone and Scottish Humorist, assisted by Miss Jessie Glover, a talented young New Zealand Shakesperian actress and Scottish Character Artiste, supported by a unique company, appear in Sandon to-night and Monday evening. That a rare treat is assured can be readily judged by the fact that Mr. MacKenzie and Miss Glover had the honor of a great social farwell presentation from the Vancouver Caledonian and Sons of England societies a distinction never given to any other entertainers. The programme is of a most varied character. songs, duets, sketches, comedy and dramatic scenes, humorous stories and recitals, character dilineations and Highland dancing make up the most attractive evening amusement. It need only be mentioned that Miss Glover appears as Juliet in the potion scene from Romeo and Juliet to show the sterling ability of this lady and that Mr. MacKenzie was the recipient of an illuminated address and purse from the above societies, to ensure a crowded and expectant audience. Nothing further need be mentioned than that the prices are 75 and 50 cents. Reserved seats may be obtained at Spencer's. Early application is necessary to avoid disappointment. The company will visit all Kootenay towns.

A fine line of miner's rubber coats at the Post Office Store.

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Neckties to match the glorious Slocan scenery at the Post Office Store.

The hotels in Skagway are out of Trail Blazer cigars, but not so with The Denver. This well-known hotel has a large chute of them in sight, although the demand may make it pinch at any time.

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