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HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

James Wilkes is in Sandon.

Joe Gilnagh will reopen the Bryan hotel in the near future.

Jim Latham is doing assessment on the Virden group, near the Greenhorn.

Leo Peel has returned to Nelson, ending a stay of several months in Sandon.

Fred Bailey went to Revelstoke yesterday and will visit Trout Lake next week.

Folliott & McMillan have ten men at work on the new offices at the Last Chance.

F. A. Wood is in California. He will return in July or August to reopen the mine.

W. Macdonald & Co., the Whitewater grocers are opening a branch at Duncan City.

F. L. Christie returned yesterday from Nelson where he has been attending the assizes.

There was no meeting of the city council this week and none last. Masterly inactivity.

J. A. McVichie left yesterday for the Duncan river country, to do assessment on his claims.

Abe Lightall is going to take a trip to Ontario to visit the old folks. He leaves on Monday.

"Scotty" Anderson of the International Navigation company was up from Kaslo Thursday.

Fred Ritchie came up from Nakusp Thursday evening to assure himself that life is not all a dream.

Main Bros. have removed their place of business from the Filbert block to the Virginia block.

Sandon has the best band in the Kootenay, but the uniforms were made in Toronto and look like *¶†‡$

Over 300 men are employed by the Canadian Pacific and the Kaslo & Lardo-Duncanrail ways at Duncan City.

The Sandon Brass Band will give a dance in Virginia Hall on Tuesday evening, June 6th. Admission, including supper, $1.50.

B. C. Riblet will build a machine shop in Nelson where he will do the iron work for the St. Eugene tramway and other contracts.

Jack Lowes made a trip to the Lardo-Duncan this week to look over the situation there. Lowes & Harrington will build a hotel in Duncan City.

John Daly, George Macdonald and David W. King were in Nelson for a few days this week prospecting for excitement in the metropolis of the Kootenays.

Nelson is going to celebrate Dominion Day. The committee has raised $2.500 already with more to hear from. Nelson people know how to celebrate.

George Gordon is at the Halcyon springs suffering with paralysis of the feet. He will superintend the installation of the machinery at the Ruth mill when he recovers.

Moore & Orando are dissolving partnership. Dick will continue business in the Ivanhoe. Johnny Moore will probably put in the summer developing some of his Lardeau properties.

A. D. McGinty, who has been under the law's stern frown for several months on account of the part he took in fourth-rate riot here last fall, had his trial at Nelson this week. Dan's friends won't see him for ten days.

Harry Compeau met with a very painful accident on Thursday. While cutting wedge blocks at the Star mine his axe handle caught in some brush and he struck his hand, completely severing the thumb close to the second joint.

Wm. E. Kennedy died at his home in Sandon on Monday morning and was buried on Tuesnay afternoon, the first interment in the Sandon cemetery. He was a victim of pneumonia and his illness was brief. He leaves a wife and two children.

Silverton kickers want to form an amateur foot ball league. Secretaries of the different clubs are asked to meet to make arrangements for the formation of the association. Amateur sport is a scarcity in these camps and any effort to further it should be encouraged.

A strike is threatened in the PAYSTREAK office. The compositors, pressmen, job printers and reporters threaten a walkout unless they get a pie card every month and money enough to pay their street car fare. Of late the whole force has been working 26 hours a day and has not seen $3.50 for six weeks.

The Lardeau railroad race is on in earnest now and the K. & S. is doing some tall hustling. Notwithstanding the injunctions which have prohibited both roads from working in the Duncan Pass, railroad building is being rushed on the Kootenay lake end by both the K. & S. and the C. P. R. Several parties of surveyors are now in the Trout Lake country and the rights of way are being cross sectioned as rapidly as conditions will permit. Two special trains were run up from Kaslo this week bringing surveyors for the K. & S. who went into Trout Lake via Nakusp and Thompson's landing. There will be a busy summer in the Lardeau and Lardo Duncan this year.

SLOCAN MINES.

The Ogema, near the Ruby Silver is being Crown granted.

New bunk houses and ore bins will be built at the Wonderful.

A representative of some Standard Oil millionaires is in the Slocan lake country looking for bonanzas.

B. C. Riblet's engineers are now running the line for the ariel tram from the Wakefield to Silverton.

The St. Charles claim, adjoining the Belt, will be surveyed next week for a Crown grant. W. Sudrow is the owner.

When work was discontinued at the Payne the miners in No. 5 were running into some of the richest ore that has yet been found in the mine.

George Clark left Thursday morning for Burton City. He goes to visit the Chieftain and make preparations for opening up work. This famous property will be extensively developed this summer.

THE STRIKE IS ON.

MINERS QUIT WORK AND THE MINES SHUT DOWN.

Only the Star Working. No Compromise Will be Accepted.

Outside of the Slocan Star, which is still working under the old order, not a drill has been struck in the Slocan camp since the 31st of May.

With a unanimity that could leave no doubt as to their intentions or the completeness of their organization, every miner in the camp drew his check for the month and in the most matter-of-fact manner imaginable they rolled up their blankets and wended their way down the hills.

No questions were asked and no explanations given on either side. No employment was ogered and none solicited. The difference between employer and employee was thoroughly understood. Each claim to be in the right and both expect to win.

Today over 400 men are in town and are prepared to stay until they receive the wage they ask. No effort is being made to re employ men on the $3 scale as such an attempt would be merely a waste of time.

The Star is still working ten-hour shifts and will continue to do so up to the 12th. The management absolutely refuses to state what their intentions are, but it is more than probable that the Star will pay $3.50 for the eight-hour shift. Ninety men are now on tho payroll and the force is being steadily increased.

There is a street rumor that some of the mine owners are trying to employ men in the iron and copper districts of Michigan.

The local union is taking the usual steps to warn the outsiders all over America to keep away from the Slocan until the trouble is over.

Between 200 and 250 men have left the camp since Sunday last and doubtless many more will follow.

The conduct of the men while in town is quiet and orderly. There is bolsterous demonstrative about them. All are sober and non committal. Aside from the fact that the streets are slightly crowded there is nothing to indicate that a strike is on, but by their actions more than their words the men seem to indicate that the grass will grow knee high in the streets before they will work at a wage which they believe to be less than fair.

The mine owners express themselves as satisfied with the outlook. In most of the properties it would be impossible to work for a month or so yet anyway, as the water makes mining a practical impossibility. The Last Chance, Payne and Whitewater are so wet that very little stoping could be done, but to some of the properties it is a great disappointment to close down.

The forces employed previous to shut down were about as follows: Payne 135, Whitewater 125, Last Chance 70, Queen Bess 60, Noble Five 25, Idaho 20, Jackson 20, Ruth 18, Ivanhoe 16, Wonderful 16, Rambler 12, Dardanelles 10, Antoine 10, Lucky Jim 10, Washington 8, R. E. Lee 8, Soverign 8. Besides these there are many prospects not here enumerated as their working forces are difficult to ascertain. The total of the forces formerly employed on Four Mile is about 150.

The Noble Five Working.

The Noble Five has six men at work in the No. 8 tunnel at $3.50 for eight hours. The compressor is disabled and the men are working with hand drills. The mill was started on Tuesday morning and ran smoothly for a few hours but about 3 o'clock in the afternoon the main line shaft broke and stopped all operations. A temporary shaft is being rigged up to run the compressor. There is about 300 tons of ore in the bins at the mill and as much more at the mine. R. J. Hermann is running the mill.

The Payne Sale.

The share-holders of the old Payne Mining Company met at their offices on Monday and ratified the sale of the mine to the Payne Consolidated Mining Company of Montreal. The last dividend of the old company, $25 000, will be paid on June 15th, Clarence J. McCuaig represented the new company at the meeting and F. E. Sergeant and W. L. Hoge of the old company were present. T. M. Daly of Rossland acted as solicitor. Mr. McCuaig left Tuesday for the east and Messrs. Hoge and Sergeant left on the same day for the south and are now in Spokane.

A Growing Industry.

Folliott & McMillan have leased from J. M. Harais the 50 x 80 corner lot opposite the city lockup and have commenced to build a modern work shop to handle their rapidly increasing business. It will be a two-story building 28 x 60 feet, the ground floor to be used for the machinery and the second flat for shop room. A table saw, band saw, mortiser sticker and lathes will be put in, with a planer to follow in the near future. A 17 horse power water moter will furnish energy to operate the machinery. The firm will also carry the largest stock of lumber and mine timber in the Slocan

The Ruth Concentrator.

The timbers for the Ruth concentrator are being framed on the C. P. R. ground near the depot. The grading is about completed and the foundations are being laid. Raising will be commenced in a few days.

Work on the tramway has been started and workmen are blasting for the foundations for the towers.

The contract for the ore bins at the mine will be let next week.

On a Long Journey.

P. T. Barnum is credited with having said that while he could talk to only one man at a time the printer could talk to many thousands before breakfast and could continue to talk to them all day, and that was why he wanted the printer for his friend.

What Barnum said of the printer should, properly speaking, have been applied to the writer.

Three weeks ago David W. King wrote a poem, entitled "The First Church Bell," for this paper. It was immediately taken up by other local papers and reprinted by almost all the publications of the district. A week later it got down to the Coast and in going the rounds there got into such papers as the Portland Oregonian, Seattle P. I., Argonaut, Province and Colonist.

Last Sunday Rev. J. A. Cleland preached a beautiful sermon on the sentiment of the epigram upon which it was based

This week the poem is being reprinted by the ready print companies who get out the patent insides. As a natural consequence it will be reproduced by the makers of "boiler plate." This will mean a continuous round for several years in all classes of publications

The number of times that this little literary gem will be printed and read would be hard to estimate, but many thousand papers, read by many million people throughout the length and breadth of the American continent, will repeat its lines. Such is the reward of merit.

Jim Wardner in Atlin.

[From the Atlin Claim.]

Jim Wardner, a charmed name in any mining camp, was in town this week. He saw hot times in the Cœur d'Alene, when midnight stampedes were as common as tents in Atlin. He was in the wild rush to Slocan before the price of silver went down, and there secured the Freddy Lee. He was the first man to take in a team of mules, and then again, he shipped the first ore out of that country. Such a man dishonors no mining camp. He has gone up to Wright to look over some rock reported to go $60 to the ton. If it is good we'll hear all about it; if bad, not at all.

To Put it Candidly.

The Province says: "If it turns out to be true that the canners can't get cans how can they can? If they can't can they can't sell and hence must cancel all their orders. But if they can sell of course they won't cancel. It is to be hoped that the story is a canard, for if it is not the canners will be lead a lively dance—a regular can-can in fact.

A BOUNDARY FIRY TALE.

An Old Discovery near Grand Forks Re-located.

(Spokesman-Review.)

Grand Forks, B. C.—A romantic story of the re-discovery of a rich free milling gold propery after a lapse of nearly 30 years is related by R. A. Brown of this city who has just returned from Princeton. During his stay in Princeton he learned from Edward Altison that two Swedes while prospecting in the region between Staggit and the Coast last fall had in the course of their travels found a monumental cairn composed of free milling gold quartz. The pyramid was of larger size than the usual monuments located at intervals to designate the international boundary line.

"Did it contain a bottle?" eagerly inquired his informant.

"Yes, it did; but who told you so?" excitedly replied Altison.

The rest of the story is best told in Mr. Brown's own language:

"About 12 years ago when this region was a howling wilderness," began Brown, "I was engaged in the trapping business, and one day was surprised to meet a party of prospectors. One of them told me that in the early '70s he had been engaged on the international commission entrusted with the task of fixing the dividing line between Canada and the United States. At one point the surveyors while erecting a monument were startled to discover that the rock utilized for the purpose was very rich free gold. Realizing that the discovery, owing to the inaccessibility of the district, could not be utilized for many years, they placed a letter in a sealed bottle within the cairn hoping to return at some future time.

Years passed away and ultimately one of the members of the outfit, a subordinate, enlisted the services of friends to seek the golden cairn. They told me that after searching for miles they had been unsuccessful and on account of my knowledge of the country asked me to resume the search with them, promising to give me an interest if successful. I dropped my traps and with my new companions vainly searched along the boundary line as far west as Rock creek.

"The discovery of last year was undoubtedly the mark we missed because we did not go far enough west."

Altison informed Mr. Brown that the Swedes, after relocating the claim, sold it to parties in Seattle for $60,000 cash. It is located on the summit of a mountain. Steps are being taken to work the property.

Profits in Mining.

Despite its load of fraudulent claims and wild cat schemes, the mining industry has paid more dividends, compared with other industries started in the last thirty years, than any other business known, says the New York Tribune.

Compare the profits in mining with the profits of the 150,000 odd miles of railroad with the aggregate liabilities of nearly $10,000,000,000 then you will see which pays the most. Under the wing of mining there exists some of the safest and most profitable of all businesses. The smelting companies that do strictly a custom business show absolutely and unquestionably the largest profits of any industry in America. In some instances capital invested in smelting companies has been turned five times a year, and each time the margin has been over 20 per cent of the entire amount handled.

"Don't you think a person should look up to higher thoughts?" asked the slightly mystical person.

"It's no use," answered Senator Sorghum impatiently. "You can't do it."

"Can't do what?"

"Hire thoughts."

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SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The Noble Five closed down on Monday.

The big Dalhousie slide, Ten Mile, is down.

Some heavy slides have come down on Ten Mile lately.

Twelve feet of solid ore is showing in one of the Queen Bess openings.

There is not much likelihood of the Surprise starting up this season.

The Arlington people's option on the Silver Leaf, Springer creek, expires today.

W S. Drewry is surveying the Lake View group in order to secure a crown grant.

The prospecting season has fairly opened up and the towns are becoming deserted.

E. Lawson has arrived from Souris, Man., to work the Fairy Queen group on Ten Mile.

Geo. Long and Nat Tucker will start work on the Merrimac, on Silver mountain, in a day or so.

Two years' ore is in sight on the Slocan Star. The concentrator commenced operations last week.

The case of Ray vs. Callanan, affecting the Molly Gibson, comes up in Vancouver again this month.

Work on the Lake View group, recently acquired by the Bosun management, will be started shortly

Frank Griffiths has struck 18 inches of ore on the Westmount, Ten Mile. It was encountered in a crosscut to the right

Work was resumed on the Little Daisy, Eight Mile, this week. This property has a great showing of ore exposed.

Owing to the wage question trouble, shipments will cease from the Bosun Considerable surface work will be prosecuted.

There is a magnificent showing of ore on the Bosun. Recent development has largely increased the reserves of shipping ore.

On the Ohio, adjoining the Mabou, a shaft is being sunk on the big lead. Ore has been struck, being scattered freely through the lead.

The government has given $400 for the repair of the Springer creek road. It is to be continued to the Arlington basin, at a further cost of $2,500.

The warm weather of last week started the snow from the mountain tops. The Mowich and Noble Five slides came down, as well as others of less magnitude.

J. C. Bolander and J. Austin have struck a promising chute of high grade ore on the Emma, east of the Turris. The ledge can be traced the length of two claims

Several tons of galena ore were taken out of the Neglected tunnel on Saturday. The ore chute in the tunnel face is becoming more solid and is widening considerably.

The Home Run is improving with every foot gained upon the lead It is now one of the most promising properties in the camp, and will soon be made a shipping mine.

A shipment of 60 sacks of high grade ore will be made from the Capella group in a few days, taken out in the course of recent development work put upon the Turris claim.

The Silverton miners' union has reorganized, with J. M. M. Benedum president; George Horton, vice president; J. H. Elliot, recording secretary; and L. Knowles, financial secretary.

Alex. Smith, of Kaslo, is in the camp trying to get hold of promising properties. He inspected the Neglected while in New Denver. Ten Mile properties are looked upon with favor by him.

The sheriff last week sold the Morning Light mineral claim, on Forty-nine creek, for $840 and costs. The claim was sold under a lien held by parties who did work on the claim for the Ruth Prospects Gold Mining Co.

Four men were put to work Saturday on the Mountain Chief. The property will be put in shape to employ a much larger force. This will be another New Denver shipper in a short time. Thousands of tons of ore are in sight.

The several strikes made upon the lake shore in the past six weeks is doing much to turn capital this way. Many properties will be taken up in this vicinity, and when the labor question is settled a tremendous revival may be looked for.

Ore is in sight in two places on the Mabou, Ten Mile. The main tunnel, on the Enterprise vein, is in 70 feet, with pay ore appearing between seams of quartz. On the Neepawa vein an opening has also been made, with high grade mineral in view. A drift will be run at this point.

A SENSELESS SCARE.

License Holders Make a Stampede Upon the Record Office.

New Denver Ledge.

Monday word was received from certain mine promoters of Vancouver by agents here to have their miner's licenses renewed before the first day of June, they contending that the new mining law made all licenses expire on the 31st day of May. On the strength of this a great scare was created among license holders here, and Mining Recorder McInnes did a land office business Tuesday and Wednesday, people giving up their last cent to have their licenses renewed from June 1.

The clause in the new law that caused all the hubbub reads as follows:

"Sec. 4. Sec. 4 and 5, of chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia are hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

'4. A free miner's certificate shall run from the date thereof and shall expire at midnight on the 31st day of May next after its date, or some subsequent 31st day of May. Only one person or joint stock company shall be named in such certificate. The fee payable therefor shall be as provided in the schedule of fees to this act.'"

On its face it would appear that all miners' licenses expired on the 31st of May, and under this law they do, but it must be remembered that this law did not come into effect until the 1st of May, and cannot have any bearing whatever upon licenses issued prior to that date. To say that it does would mean that it is retroactive, and became a law before it was a law. All licenses issued after May 1, 1899, are issued under the new law All old licenses issued prior to April 30, 1899, were issued under the old law and run one year from date of issue. The schedule to be paid for licenses expiring upon any date after April 30, 1899, has been published and is in the hands of all mining recorders to be seen by anyone interested. There is also a saving clause in the new law that would forbid the possibility of any license holder losing his rights under the old law by the operation of the new. It reads:

"Sec. 20. Nothing in this act contained shall affect anything done or suffered, or any right, title or interest acquired or accrued before the coming into force of this act, or any legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such thing, right, title or interest."

Canadian Pacific Flyer.

The new fast service on the Canadian Pacific railway will be inaugurated about the middle of June, probably on the 18th or 19th. The flyer across the continent will be called the Imperial Limited, and will reduce the time between Vancouver and Montreal to about 100 hours. There will also be a daily transcontinental service instituted, owing to the increasing volume of business. Trains will leave on Sundays as well as on week days, this being necessitated to relieve the present heavy strain upon the trains leaving on Mondays.

Vancouver and Victoria will be reached on the fourth day out from Montreal. The Kootenay country will also be advantageously affected by the new service. A fast train on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, to which a through sleeper will be attached to Kootenay Landing, will make this alternate route the shortest and quickest one from the east. Through passengers will have a choice of routes to the Pacific coast, by the main line or by the Crow's Nest Pass branch.

Reversed a Verdict for Damages.

The full court has reversed the verdict of the Nelson jury, which awarded the plaintiff $750 damages in the case of Stayner vs. Hall Mines. In this case a miner sued the Hall Mines for damages for injuries received through his falling down a shaft, which he contended was not properly guarded, the case being tried before Mr. Justice Irving and a jury. From this verdict the defendant company appealed, which was allowed with costs. W. A. Macdonald appeared for Stayner and J. H. Bowes for the Hall Mines.

After a brief spell of idleness, the mines of the Cœur d'Alenes have resumed operations, paying $3.50 a day to skilled miners.

LONESOME.

Laws! Ah nevah thought Ah'd marry
Any other dusky coon
Afteh Zekiel died an' luf me—
Leastwise not so sinful soon—
But yo' see hit all was this away:
Topsy—that's mah oldes' gal—
Kep' a frettin' 'cause she's lunsome,
An' a heap o' folderol.

Now, Ah sets a store by Topsy,
Light complected, wavy hah—
Balance all is kinky niggahs,
Black as Carolina tah—
So Ah sets up nights a-thinkin'
An' cudgelin' mah brain,
An' a-wonderin'—"Shall Ah marry
So she'll quit a-raisin' cain?"

That was Hezekiah Judkins,
Pow'ful han'some as to looks,
An' he wore a standin' collah,
But he nevah was wuth shucks.
Brotteh Haskins—that's our preachah—
Made a heap o' eyes at me,
But he'd done boxed two a'ready,
Cotch me bein' number three.

Ole man Bumpus owns a dirt cart,
An' puts on a heap o' style,
But he's got eight pickaninies—
Mos' too many fur dis chile.
So, to please mah Topsy, min' yo'
'Twasn't 'cause Ah cared a cent,
Ah done married Jurdan Sandahs,
So's to quit a-payin' rent.

Zekiel wasn't dead a fortnight
Till Ah made my second choice,
An'—that do seem right smart funny—
Brotheh Haskins tied the splice.
But now Topsy's cuttin' coon-jines—
Reckon like as not she's mad—
'Cause huh mammy cotched her sweetheart;
Lunsome, hey? Hit shore is bad.

—L. N. Beeman.

To test the skill of their workmen a French company, at their works at Spernay, recently caused a locomotive to be "mounted," or built up, piece by piece, as soon as possible. It was finished in 56 hours.

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THE LITTLE PAPOOSE.

The little papoose is spry and spruce,
 With hair as black as night,
With coppery skin and Indian grin—
 A quaint and queer young sprite;
His bead-black eyes doth glance with glee
As he swings like a gourd on a branching tree,
Where, bunched in bark but with small paws free,
 He hangs contented quite.

"Suspended animation" there
 Swings to and fro all day,
The little papoose has little use
 For foot-free romp and play;
But he clothes himself in a copper smile.
His small form free of clothes and guile,
And grits his teeth on an "Indian file"
 In his aboriginal way.

The little papoose in a year or two
 Will shed his rude bark shell,
Will race around with the native crew
 Who with the fierce war yell
Split listening ears and rend the air,
A scalp-lock fluffing up his hair,
His eyes will acquire a bead-like stare
 As the eyes of Indians do.

The little papoose has scanty use
 For the ways of Paleface boys;
His style is free, and his tawny head
 Has its own idea of joys;
He would not dwell in a house shut in
Mid the city's senseless whirl and din—
He hunts for the things of fur or fin,
 And a wigwam holds his toys.

Yet the little papoose is not a goose,
But a thing for wear and tear and use.
A hardy infant, spry and spruce
 With a veteran's patient poise.

—I. Edgar Jones.

MARTIAL LAW INDEFINITELY.

This is the Decision of Gov. Stuenenberg of Idaho After Investigating.

Gov. Stuenenberg may be depended upon to maintain martial law in Shoshone county, Idaho, so long as the situation may require. In an interview he made public his views and his intentions in regard to the labor troubles. He remarked:—

"In dealing with the conditions at present existing in Shoshone county, it is the purpose of the authorities to restore peace and safety to the law-abiding inhabitants of the county, and to punish and totally eradicate from this community a class of criminals who have for years been committing murders and other crimes in open violation of the law.

"To this end I shall exercise the powers vested in me to the fullest extent necessary. It is the intention that the protection of the law shall extend alike to the men who labor and the men who employ. There will be, and is, no war upon organized labor as such, but certain so called labor organizations, as they exist and have existed under various names and at various times in Shoshone county, are not to be considered with law-respecting labor organizations elsewhere. They have been, and now are, controlled by desperate men, who use it to support them in their lawlessness, and through it keep the sympathy and support of labor organizations elsewhere not conversant with conditions here. These desperadoes stop at no crime, either upon the law-abiding members of their own organization or business men or laborers or mine-owners, and thus terrorized the entire community.

"Law-abiding and law-respecting labor organizations, here and elsewhere, should hasten to disclaim any and all sympathy with the organized reign of terror that has prevailed in Shoshone county for some years past, and, as in this case, when the same has been carried on in the name of those who toil, the speedier should be the disclaimer; and in disclaiming they should further lend every effo t to assist in the prosecution and conviction of those who, by their acts of lawlessness and crime, defame the cause and misrepresent the true mission of organized labor.

"Certain of the county officers, whose sworn duty it is to preserve order and protect property, have for years been either in sympathy with criminals or intimidated by them, and in applying the remedy nothing less drastic than the disease itself will cure. There can be no compromise with crime nor with criminals; and further, in the performance of my duty, there will be no subserviency to any private interest. All good citizens are urged to co-operate with the authorities in carrying this purpose into effect.

"The wage rate in the Cœur d'Alenes is the highest for similar labor paid in the United States. Laborers are assured that they can come here and work and receive that protection to which every American citizen is entitled. Every resource at my command will be used to this end; and they are further assured that none of the present safeguards will be withdrawn until those certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, pursuing happiness and securing safety, guaranteed by our constitution and dear to every American heart, are firmly and lastingly established."

DEAD MAN'S ISLAND.

Cedar Bayou, Tex.—At the mouth of Trinity river, between two narrow passes, is an island known as Dead Man's island. It is a patch of ground hardly more than ten acres in extent, low and swampy and almost inaccessible; but it contains more grewsome stories and strange vegetation than any other piece of ground of equal size in the whole state of Texas.

Dead Man's island has always been known as such as far back as the oldest inhabitant can remember. During Mexican rule, and up to the time of the outbreak of the war for Texas independence, the island, and much of the land surrounding it, was owned by the Anahuac tribe of Indians. Dead Man's island is said to have been the individual property of the last chief of the tribe. He was murdered there when the Mexicans were driven from the old town of Anahuac, for treasures he had in his possession, supposed to have been left in his care by some of Lafitte's men.

From that day to this the island seems to have been a fatal place to all who have settled upen it. Some hunter or fisherman takes possession of it every year, thinking to break the fatal spell, but none so far has been known to escape with his life. Some die suddenly, without any apparent cause; others disappear mysteriously, and are never heard of again. Some are murdered by unknown agencies, others take their own lives, or lose them by flood or fire, or are destroyed by lightning and the sudden coming of storms.

The boatmen passing the island at night report many strange sights and sounds. The Indian maiden and spectral canoe have been met by many, a mile or more from shore, and at such times when their stancher crafts had all they could do to combat the storm and waves and live. Often, in sailing through West pass, piercing cries, as if caused by mortal pain, reach their ears. At other times, usually on calm, starlit nights, the sounds of mirth and revelry fill the air. These things happen, and are heard and seen, when it is known that there is not a living soul on the island.

All this is ascribed to the curse of the old Indian chief, who was murdered for the supposed treasure in his possession. The scenes and sounds at night are certainly uncanny enough to come from such a source. But if the nights around Dead Man's island are uncanny, the days upon it are no less so.

On the north side of the island is a fringe of low, thorny bushes, the leaves of which, toward autumn, turn gleaming red, hang pendant, and resemble dripping drops of blood so closely as to startle the beholder. The foliage is very scant, with only two or three leaves to the twig. On the topmost twigs hangs a large fruit, which at a distance appears to be blue, but which upon closer inspection proves to be a deep purple in color, and in shape resembles a human heart very closely. When touched with the hand it seems to shrink, and quivers visibly, and feels cold and clammy. It is said that the juice of this fruit, pressed out and prepared in a certain way, makes a very powerful intoxicant. The bushes, from the shape of their fruit, probably, are known among the hunters and fisher men in the vicinity as Indian heart, and grow nowhere except on the island.

Near the center of the island is a small pond, around which grows a plant that resembles the banana in leafage. In the late autumn it bears a peculiar fruit. This fruit is shaped exactly like a human hand, except that it has only three fingers and a thumb. The fingers and thumb show the joints of the knuckles very plainly, the tips are furnished with a hard substance for nails, and the palm shows the same lines that are seen in the human hand. The part of the fruit representing the hand wrist is coppery in color, but the fingers are red, as if bloody with murder. Some fishermen claim to have eaten of it, and say that it tastes like a half ripe plantain.

There is another shrub that grows on the island which is a strange mixture. No two leaves on it are alike in shape, size or color. It blooms profusely all the year round, but the flowers are of every variety imaginable, and no two of them smell the same, or bear the least resemblance to each other.

The sights and sounds at night may perhaps be due to old stories and lively imaginations. But the fate that overtakes those that try to live on the island and the strange plants that grow there are facts which no man who has been there can dispute.

STABBED AND ROBBED.

An Unfortunate Miner Loses His Blood and Wad at Slocan City.

A miner, who gives his name as F. Smith, was taken to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital at Nelson, on Sunday, suffering from the effects of a severe knife wound, received at Slocan City. The Nelson Miner says the exact facts of the case are shrouded in mystery, for the man was light-headed when on the train, and though he spoke rationally to the doctors, it was difficult to get a connected statement from him.

His story briefly was that he was a miner from Rossland, and had gone to Silverton on the 24th to compete in the drilling contest, but that he was not allowed to enter as he was too good—it may be said here that no one who went to Silverton heard of anyone being barred. He took a large sum of money with him, over $100, some of which was his partner's and had been given him to bet with. From what he said his speculations were successful. What he did on the 25th and 26th is not known, but Saturday he was waylaid by four or five men who demanded his money. He refused and one of them attempted to stab him with a knife. He put up his arm to ward off the blow and received an ugly gash, about six inches in length. The cut runs from just below the bend of the elbow round under the arm.

Almost immediately after another man made a slash at his stomach. He jumped back, but the two pair of trousers he was wearing were cut through, as were his underclothes, though fortunately the knife did not penetrate farther.

The doctor is of the opinion that only the fact that he was wearing two pairs of trousers saved his life. The other wound was also a narrow escape, for with another half inch the brachial artery would have been severed and he would have bled to death in five minutes. As it was he lost considerable blood. These two blows given, some-one hit him on the head with a club or brick and he remembered no more.

He was found about 11 a.m. in the round house at Slocan City by some of the railway men and brought to Nelson on the train, after his wound had been hastily bandaged.

William Watson, Thomas Dunn, Geo. Moore, L. Dingman, and J. D. Kelly were taken to Nelson on Monday night from Slocan City, upon suspicion of being implicated in the stabbing of E. J. Mack, the man at present in the general hospital and who gave his name as F. Smith. Watson and Dunn were found by Constable Christie taking Mack somewhere for medical treatment. They professed ignorance as to how the wound was inflicted. They were placed under arrest, and the three other men who were camped with them near Slocan City were also arrested. When arrested, Dunn admitted having stabbed Mack, but when he sobered up he denied all knowledge of the offence. All five men will be held for vagrancy until Mack is sufficiently recovered to identify the man who stabbed him, and to testify what part the others took in the affair. They were taken to Nelson by Constable Forbes.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

Captain of the Rossland Fire Brigade Tells How it Was Done.

Charles Collins, assistant fire chief, returned Thursday from New Denver, whither he went with the Rossland hose team, says the Rossland Miner. In describing how the hose team was defeated, he said the course was cleared shortly after two o'clock for the race between the Rossland and Nelson teams. There was one false start and then the fun began. Both aggregations ran with the speed of greyhounds. Mr. Collins says he ran along the side of the Rossland team, and that our boys started drawing ahead inch by inch, that when 180 yards had been covered they were about a foot ahead. The men were running so rapidly that they, without intending it, drew closer and closer together. Finally the Nelson cart collided with the Rossland cart. This collision caused a slight slackening of the speed and lost the Rossland team the race, which the judges declared Nelson had won by four inches.

Mr. Collins does not blame either team for the collision. In running both teams went at the top of their speed, and the effort was so great that the contestants became partially blinded owing to the great exertion put forth. Both drew together without knowing it and the collision occurred, and no one was to blame. The time in which the 200 yards was made was 23 seconds. This time is good, as the fastest time on record is 22 seconds, made in Georgia. Mr Collins said he had no protest to make or kick coming at the decision of the judges; that the Rossland team was beaten and that is the end of the matter, so far as he and the rest of the team are concerned. There will be an opportunity before long to again meet the Nelson sprinters.

The members of the team reported when they returned that they had been royally entertained in New Denver. They were given the full freedom of the city and their money was no good. In short, they were loud in their praises of the open-handed hospitality of New Denver.

SWEET COMPANIONSHIP.

I walk the bosky path by the sea
Alone, yet not alone, for at my feet
From the glad flowers with sparkling faces rent
To tell their names and histories to me.
All else in mood discordant seems to be;
Harsh cries of gulls, the low waves' sullen beat,
The wind that tries its voicings incomplete,
The fog that comes in chill monotony.

The pimpernel, where tangled violets grow,
Whispers of English Maud, loved Wordsworth knew,
You tall-eyed foxglove with its bells of blue,
Their old romance the bleeding hearts confess.
Would that life's friends to me might alway show
Such sweet companionship, such friendliness!

—Lillian H. Shuey.

Tender hearted women will attend the meetings of the Audobon society wearing birds on their bonnets.

A girl who hesitates to marry because marriage is a lottery will nevertheless ask a man to buy a 50 cent chance on a 10 cent doily at a church fair.

Gold is omnipotent, and the ducat is his lord-lieutenant.

To Work a Slocan Property.

J. L. Courtright of Yakima and F. S. Davis of Spokane were in town this week making preparations to commence work on the Heather Bell group of claims, situated near the Queen Bess.

This group which consists of three claims, the Heather Bell, Atlanta and North Star, is the property of the Heather Bell Mining Co. of Spokane. D. McD. Hunter, now in Greenwood, is secretary. Head offices will be established in Sandon. Work will be commenced on June 15th. The company has plenty of capital to give the properties a fair trial. Mr. Courtright, who has had five years experience in the Coeur d'Alene camp, feels a thorough confidence in their venture and is favorably impressed with the camp in general. The Heather Bell will pay $3.50 a day.

A Houstonism.

(Nelson Tribune.)

A. W. McCune of Salt Lake is one of the largest owners in the Payne mine in the Slocan, one of the richest silver-lead mines on the Pacific Coast. The miners working in that mine have been discharged because they will not accept $3 as a day's wage. Down in Utah Mr. McCune owns a newspaper, which upholds the actions of the miners who recently destroyed the Bunker Hill & Sullivan concentrator near Wardner, Idaho. But then, Mr. McCune has political aspirations, and the labor vote in Utah is a factor that may help him gain a seat in the United States senate.

Millions Coming Out from Dawson.

Seattle, Wn.--Advices received here from Dawson dated April 29th, state that there is evidence of the most wonderful output of gold ever recorded.

Five thousand men are waiting at Dawson to take the first boat up the river, and half of them are miners who have from $1,000 to $50,000 in dust.

The White Pass & Yukon Railway company has issued bills of lading on more than $1,000,000 worth of gold that is to come out on the first river steamers.

There is every indication that the river from Dawson to White Horse rapids is now open.

The lakes will be free of ice by June 4th.

Fully 2,000 people and 1,000 tons of freight are at Lake Bennett waiting the first steamers.

Equipment of the Anaconda.

The purchase, equipment and development of the holdings of the Anaconda company represent an expenditure of $72,000,000, every dollar of which was taken from the mines. The company produces nearly one-fifth of the world's annual copper product. It employs 5,000 men and owns 91 mining claims. Its smelters and refinery at Anaconda cost $9,000,000; 200 cars or 6,000 tons of ore are taken from the mines daily. The veins of the Anaconda vary from 10 to 100 feet in width and are all but inexhaustable. Hamilton Smith, the London expert when he recommended to the London Exploration Co. the purchase of a half interest in the Anaconda, said there was ore enough then exposed to ensure a continuous output for 50 years. It produced during '98 122,000,000 pounds of copper besides several millions of dollars in gold and silver.

The Calumet & Hecla.

The Calumet & Hecla Mining Co. is one of the greatest in the world. It owns practically the whole village of Calumet; owns the smelting works, water works, docks, churches, 26 in number, eight schools, hospitals and almost everything else. Since it was organized in '71 it has paid over $60,000,000 in dividends, and there is now $7,000,000 in the company's treasury. The stamp mills are situated on the banks of Torch lake and crush annually over 2,000,000 tons of conglomerate. The copper-bearing bed or vein is 35 feet in width and has been opened up to a depth of over a mile. There is ore enough in sight to keep the stamps working for a century.

CHURCH NOTICES.

METHODIST CHURCH:—

Rev. A. M. Sanford, B. A., Pastor. Regular services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30. p m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:—

Divine service will be held in Virginia Hall at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Cleland, Minister.

Certificate of Improvements.

OGEMA MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—In the Ruby Silver Basin, joining the Silver Cord on the North East

Take notice that I, W J. Holmes, acting as agent for Wm. J. Tretheway. Free Miner's Certificate No. 27414 and James Nicholson Free Miner's Certificate No. 19853A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

W. J. HOLMES, P. L. S.,
Agent.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1899.

Dissolution of Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between John T. Moore and R. Orando, in the Ivanhoe hotel is dissolved by mutual consent, All accounts &c the old firm will be collected by R. Orando and all bills against the firm will be paid by him.

JOHN T MOORE,
R ORANDO.

Sandon, May 31st, '99.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

EARLY BIRD MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the East Fork of Carpenter Creek, adjoining the WONDERFUL Mineral Claim on the north.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Joseph Frederick Ritchie, acting as agent for J. G. C. Fraser, of Rossland, B. C., Free Miner's Certificate No. 78,830, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvemens for the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvemenas

Dated this 11th day of June, 1897

8/4/'99.

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8:45	Denver Siding	15:50
9:05	Rosebery	15:30
9:50	New Denver	14:00
10:15	Silverton	13:35
12:35	Slocan City	12:30
9:00	NELSON	14:20
13:50	NAKUSP	11:15

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The Payne Buildings.

Plans are being prepared for the new Payne bunkhouse, which is to be the best mine building in the Slocan. According to the plans it will be 140 x 14 feet, divided into ten ooms of 14 feet square. Each room will be fitted up with steam heat and modern plumbing and will have accomodations for six men. It will be in every way a thoroughly comfortable and complete residence.

Excavation will be started to-day and the building completed by the end of the month. The old bunkhouse will be completely remodelled and rebuilt. Folliot & McMillan are doing the work.

A new bull wheel is being put in at the head of the tram and other repairs being made, Some additions to the Payne residence are contemplated.

Gazette News.

Allen Forrester of Brooklyn has been appointed chief license inspector for the Slocan licensing district vice G. D. DesBraisy, resigned.

S. P. Tuck has been gazetted as sheriff of South Kootenay.

The Goat River record office has been moved from Rykert to Kuskonook. E. N. Murphy succeeds J. C. Rykert as recorder.

The minister of mines gives notice that an extension of time has been granted to the first of September, 1899, during which all claims legally held on Swift Current creek and tributaries are declared laid over.

No Trouble in Rossland.

(Nelson Tribune.)

J. Fred Ritchie and John McKane of Rossland arrived in Nelson last night Mr. Ritchie confirms the report that the new law will not affect the Rossland mines to any great extent, as most of the mines in the camp are being operated on the eight-hour basis.

How The Ledge Sees It.

[New Denver Ledge.]

Of a'l the camps in the world the Slocan can afford to pay the highest wages. Here, where we have always held up with pride the great dividend payers, is no place for cheap labor. Give the men the best wages possible compatible with reason, and the Slocan will ever be the most prosperous camp in the world. But let an effort be made to cut the wages below the scale warranted by the profits of the mines, and we will have a cheae camp, made up of cheap men.

Eight men are working on the No. 4 tunnel at the Madison. The No. 5 will be started next week. Three shifts will be worked on both tunnels.

A false alarm of fire called out the brigade this morning to the Klondike hotel.

The rate-payers of Nelson voted for the spending of $30,000 on their waterworks, $15,000 on sewars, and $15,000 on the electric light plant

Fire destroyed Keenan's blacksmith shop in Kaslo last Saturday. The building and contents were a total loss.

ORE SHIPMENTS.

From Sandon.

Over the K. & S. for the week ending June 2nd.

Payne	50 tons.
Last Chance	65
Star	60

Over the C. P. R.

Rayne	60
Coin	15

From McGuigan.

For the month of May.

Rambler	34 tons.
Dardanelles	20

From Whitewater.

For the week ending June 2.

Whitewater	83

NOTICE.

We the undersigned hereby give notice that we will not be responsible for any debts hereafter contracted by Joe Robillard in connection with the lease of the Snap Mineral claim.

Jas. Collins, Theo. Baribeau
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Sandon, May 29th, 1899.

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