

THE PAYSTREAK

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

Influenza is prevalent in Sandon. Father Ferland will hold services to-morrow.

The Payne laid off 15 men yesterday morning.

Frank C. Sewell is making a few friendly calls collecting licenses.

Burns' Birthday will be celebrated at the Balmoral with a grand ball.

Hamilton Byers left Nelson yesterday to visit his old home in Nova Scotia.

George McDonald of the Noble Five is spending a week visiting in Spokane.

The K. & S. has a bridge gang working between McGilgan and the Payne bluff.

Nelson will send a senior and junior hockey team and five rinks of curlers to Rosland.

A. G. Simpson put in a few shifts for the Bank of B. C. this week, during the managers illness.

Alf Coolridge, one of the heaviest owners in the Rambler-Cariboo paid the property a visit this week.

W. W. Fallows has been laid up with influenza for the past few days, but is able to be about again.

The Brass Band carnival which was to have been held in the rink last night had to be postponed on account of the soft weather.

Ice is being shipped in from Bear Lake for the local ice houses. It seems to be from a strong formation and looks quite chilly.

The Williams packing outfit in McGilgan basin was seized under mortgage to Jas. Brown. Williams will start in business again.

The K. & S. is having considerable trouble keeping the track open on account of the heavy snowfall. The rotary is kept busy every day.

The Sandon Miners' Union is the first labor union to receive a charter from the Provincial government. Special legislation was required before the Union could be incorporated.

The placer mining bill No. four, excluding aliens from the privilege of locating placer ground in B. C., passed its third reading in the house at Victoria on Wednesday afternoon. Not a single member of the house voted against it.

A meeting of the Sandon Miners' Union will be held in Crawford's hall this evening at 8 o'clock. All miners and mine laborers are requested to attend as the meeting is for the purpose of finally organizing. Another meeting will be held next Saturday evening.

The first copy of the Review, published in Upper Grand Forks, or Columbia as the town is now known, came to hand yesterday. It is published by Nesbitt & Saunders, formerly of the Cascade Maple Leaf. The plant has started five papers in two years.

Four hotels and one saloon closed

their doors this week, being unable or unwilling to produce the \$250 required for a renewal for six months. The Bryan, Atlas and Thistle. It is understood, are closed permanently. The Vancouver and Klondike will probably renew their licenses.

One of the drawing cards at the Rosland carnival will be the ski performances of a Norwegian who claims to hold the championship of Norway. He will come down Red Mountain, and will give an exhibition of a long jump by going over some freight cars standing on a side track of the Red Mountain railway.

SLOCAN MINES.

The Washington has fifteen men at work.

Six men are working at the Great Western and are taking out a little ore.

L. C. Lane has 26 head of mules on the Wakefield trail, working on an 800-ton contract.

The Antoine has been closed down entirely and the gang all laid off. M. R. W. Rathbourn made a trip to the property Thursday.

The Whitewater is making some heavy shipments again. The shipments for the week were 10 tons. The Jackson sent down 15 tons.

The recent strike made in the Dardenelles continues to improve and the mine is making some heavy shipments. Five cars have been shipped this month.

A deal is pending for the Sunrise claim, adjoining the Mascon, on the Ruth ledge. The Ruth company is buying the property from Mike Kerlin. The price is stated at \$13,000.

Tom Lester, foreman at the Rambler, had his hand injured last week and is in Kaslo, laid up for repairs. Dick Shey is acting as boss during his absence, and keeps the trail hot in regular Irish style.

Dave Black, who is intered in the Isis and Prince properties on the North Fork of Carpenter Creek, has returned from Dawson and is now in Nelson. He intends to do some work on his properties shortly.

It is rumored in Three Forks that Major Furlong has sold a four-fifths interest in the Black Grouse claim on the North Fork of Carpenter creek for \$20,000, retaining a one-fifth interest. A wagon road is spoken of from Three Forks up as far as the Dolly Varden.

A Town Without a Council.

A very peculiar condition of affairs exists at Kamloops. D. H. Campbell has been elected mayor, but there are no aldermen to represent wards one and two. Nobody, apparently, had sufficient interest in the city to be nominated in these wards. Ward 3 is represented by D. H. McLaren, while No. 4 has G. Munro as alderman. The city will thus be run by three men. The matter may be brought to the attention of the provincial government.

FLUME BY-LAW QUASHED.

A Mistake Made in the Wording.

Victoria, Jan. 19.—Mr. Justice Martin this morning gave judgment quashing the Sandon By-Law providing for the raising of \$15,000 for fluming and making improvements in the channel of Carpenter Creek so as to protect the City of Sandon from floods. Section 145, of the Municipal Clauses Act provides for the council borrowing money for such work as "Preventing the obstructing or fouling of streams, water courses and drains." The Judge held that the wording of the by-law in question does not come within the terms of Section 145, and therefore it must be quashed with costs.

City Council.

The new city council held its first meeting in the council chambers on Monday evening, 16th inst. Mayor Pitts was in the chair and Aldermen Atherton, Macdonald, Thompson, Hunter and Crawford were present.

Certificates of declaration of office made by the aldermen were presented, signed by W. H. Lilly, Police Magistrate, and were received and filed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

A communication from M. L. Grimmett, City Solicitor, regarding "Creek Improvements Bylaw, No. 11, 1898," was received and filed.

An application made by J. D. Holland for a theatre license for the Central Music Hall was considered. On motion of Ald. Macdonald, seconded by Ald. Thompson, it was decided not to grant the license.

The following committees were appointed.

FINANCE:

Ald. Hunter, Chairmen; Macdonald, Buckley.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ald. Atherton, Chairman; Crawford, Thompson.

Thos. Brown was recommended as License Commissioner.

The present officers with the exception of the night-watchmen were retained.

The Comique Closed.

After a full year of unmitigated iniquity the Comique has been forced to close. As was expected, the new council refused to grant a theatre license for the dive and the short-frocked fairies have been forced to desert or move to other parts in search of pastures new and suckers green.

The Comique has been a standing reproach to the city and it is only to be regretted that it was allowed to run so long. The city loses \$5 a day license fees, but gains immeasurably in respectability.

The proprietors of the Comique have opened a five cent beer hall in the premises. This, however, is no indication that they have turned philanthropists.

The Townsite Case.

William H. Houghton, acting as bailiff for John Morgan Harris, on Monday last seized the goods and chattels of G. M. Spencer for failing to pay ground rent for the premises which he occupies. The goods were taken to the Virginia block where they were placed in one of the vacant stores, and are advertised for sale on the 25th day of January, inst., under the hand of the bailiff, William H. Houghton.

E. A. MacDonald, a Nelson attorney, has been employed by J. M. Harris, and spent the early part of the week in notifying those whom Harris claims owe him ground rent that they were expected to pay up or evacuate. Nic Parlorcia is keeping his establishment closed from sunrise to sunset to escape the serving of a distress warrant. Immediate proceedings are threatened against a number of others who refuse to pay ground rent.

In the meantime the question of title to the townsite is being contested in four different law suits, on none of which judgment has been rendered. There is rumor also of a bill to be introduced in the local house at Victoria, to make the claim of Harris and others valid and to settle the question of title. The townsite case promises some interesting developments.

For the Rosland Carnival.

The Sandon curling club will send two rinks to the Rosland carnival, as follows:

Wm. Karr, D. J. McLachlan, Wm. Wilson, Wm. Hood skip.

A. M. Sanford, Isaac Crawford, Alex Crawford, M. L. Grimmett skip.

The curlers will leave on Tuesday, the 24th, and will be accompanied by quite a party of pleasure seekers, including the wives of the members.

The junior hockey team will leave on the same day under the care of Andy Grierson, who will take charge of the expedition. The boys are in good practise and stand a very good chance of capturing the honors. The dance held in Virginia hall on Tuesday evening realized \$65, which will go toward paying expenses. If the Rosland boys beat this team it is because they are good players: W. Cliffe, captain; R. Hood, Walter Cliffe, C. Carney, J. Crawford, F. Crawford, F. McKinnon.

Rosland Programme.

The following is the programme of the hockey matches to be played at the Rosland carnival: On the evening of the 26th the Rosland and Revelstoke teams will compete in the senior championship; on the evening of the 27th the Nelson team and the Victorias of Rosland will compete; the final game between the winners of these two games will be played on Saturday evening, the 28th. In the junior competitions, the Sandon team will play Rosland on Friday morning, the 27th, and the winners will play the Nelson juniors on Saturday for the championship of all Kootenay.

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A Chemical Puzzle.

Experts in gold mining agree that pretty much the bottom fact now known about such metal is, briefly, that all original pyrites of small grain texture contain gold to a greater or less extent—this, of course, not covering such secondary large crystal pyritous deposits derived from veins. It is not yet known, however, whether the gold in these pyrites is in chemical combination with the sulphide of gold or whether each minute particle of gold is simply covered with a coating of sulphide of iron—or, finally, whether such particles are in the metallic state, but alloyed with silver and other metal, which combines more rapidly with sulphur than gold does, and, consequently, forms a coat of sulphide of silver over the gold. The particles of gold are so minute, and the combinations follow so rapidly during the splitting up of these pyrites that the finest instruments and tests known to chemistry have as yet been unable to settle this part of the question to the satisfaction of all concerned—this fact showing how easy it is to put in a mill that will not save the values.

The Standard Buying Copper Mines.

The New York Herald says that negotiations looking to the consolidation of the copper mining interests of the United States have been in progress in that city for a week. With the reputed backing of no less powerful a company than the Standard Oil, the copper mining company, in its combination of six plants, expects to revolutionize the copper mining industry of the world. The Boston & Montana and the Butte & Boston mining companies, the Old Dominion company of Arizona, and the Arcadian, Tamarac and Osceola mining companies of Michigan are named as the component parts of the new organization.

It is understood that the American company will reach into Canada and absorb important copper mines there, thus making the combination international, but the Calumet & Hecla company, the largest producer in the Lake Superior region, has so far declined to enter the combination. Interested observers of the transactions of mining stocks in 1893 declare that a small coterie of men have added \$50,000,000 to their wealth through this channel. The combination springs from the recent upheaval in copper, and the prices have soared to the highest figures known, in face of unprecedented production. The increased employment of electrical energy has caused an enormous demand for copper. European countries alone last year used 456,769,760 pounds, and it is considered that the American mines supply most of the foreign requirements in addition to home demands. The possibilities of the copper situation become apparent.

Ancient Mines in Greece.

The mines of Larium, Greece, now worked for zinc, lead and iron, are the same mines from which Themistocles drew the silvery supply to fit out his fleet and drive back the Persian invader at Salamis (490-480 B. C.) and so lay the foundations of the Athenian hegemony. It is thought that the Phoenicians delved there before the Greeks came; so that the mining industry at Larium may boast an antiquity as remote as

thirty centuries back, while in full blast to-day. In walking through the French company's great mine at Cameressa, in the heart of Larium region, one traverses a gallery in active exploitation for zinc and lead close by another one worked by the old Greeks two or three thousand years ago. For such a "transient industry," mining seems to evince some permanent characteristics.

Prospecting for Oil in Michipicoton.

Manitowin Expositor.—Mr. Boozel of Warren, Ohio, representing the Standard Oil Company, Mr. John H. Fraser, of Petrolia, Ont., driller, and four men passed through here last Saturday on their way home. They will return in the spring to Manitowin to continue exploring for petroleum.

Wells-Fargo Statement.

John J. Valentine, president of the Wells-Fargo & Company's Express, has issued the usual annual statement of the production of precious metal in the states and territories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, for the year 1893. The aggregate values are shown as follows:

Gold, \$78,461,202; silver, \$39,016,564; copper, \$46,200,648; lead, \$13,314,251; total, \$119,022,666. The commercial value at which the several metals named have been estimated are: Silver 58 cents per ounce, copper 12 cents per pound, lead \$3.65 per cwt.

The gold production of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories is given as \$11,975,000, and the value of the other mineral products at \$17,663,200.

Johannesburg is Silent.

Cape Town, Jan 15th.—No news has been received from Johannesburg since yesterday afternoon, when word was received that a public meeting of British residents convened with the object of protesting against the grievances of the Uitlanders had broken up in a free-for-all fight, involving Boers, Afrikanders and Britons. Telegraphic communication is closed down, and there is much uneasiness here.

Another U. S. Trust.

The Chicago Post says: "Official announcement has been made of the completion of a deal which will give the American Steel & Wire Co. a practical monopoly of the wire business of the United States. Already controlling 14 large plants, it has concluded negotiations for the purchase of 12 more."

"The agreement provides for the reorganization of the American Steel & Wire Co., with a capital stock of \$50,000,000. The present capital is \$24,000,000. Of the new stock \$40,000,000 will be culminate preferred and \$50,000,000 common."

A rate war from New York to Hong Kong seems probable. A Montreal C. P. R. official charges the Great Northern with cutting rates by \$20.

Victoria is to have another daily by February 1st, to be known as the Daily Globe. C. A. Gregg, formerly of the Victoria Times will be managing editor.

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APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the expiration of thirty days from date hereof the undersigned will apply to the Licence Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a licence to sell liquor by retail at their hotel known as the "Thistle" situated on Ecco Avenue in the city of Sandon.

MCLIBOD & THOMPSON.

Sandon, December 17th, 1893.

Application for Renewal of Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the expiration of thirty days from date we will apply to the License Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a renewal of our license for the Palace Hotel, situate on Ecco Avenue in the City of Sandon.

WALMSLEY & BENNETT.

Sandon, December 17th, 1893.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session by the British Columbia Telephones, Limited" (a Company incorporated in England under the Companies Acts 1882 to 1883, Imperial) hereinafter called "the company" or "the said company," for an act confirming and conferring upon it the powers of the said company as the same appear in the Memorandum of Association deposited in England with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies; and giving the said company power to acquire, exercise and take over all rights, powers, privileges, franchises and assets held by the "New Westminster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, Limited" and "The Vernon & Nelson Telephone Company," and vesting the same in the said company and to assume the liabilities entered into by the said companies and for the conferring upon the said Company the powers to purchase, lease take over or otherwise acquire the rights, privileges, franchises, powers and assets of any company in any part of the Province of British Columbia having similar objects to the company, and to amalgamate with such other company or companies and to operate and carry on the business of the said company or companies so acquired, or to be acquired; and for the conferring upon the said company of all such powers as may be necessary to fully and completely carry on and operate the works aforesaid, or any of them, and of other powers.

Dated this 20th day of November, A. D. 1893.

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SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

A foot of ore is showing on the Convention.

Some work is being put upon the R. D. Fraction, situated close to town.

Rumor has it that another deal is about to be consummated on the Mollie Hughes properties.

G. H. Dawson has purchased the Fidelity Fraction, adjoining the Fidelity. It has the best timber in the vicinity.

Messrs Hicks and Welsh, of Slocan City, are developing the Mary Durham, adjoining the Mollie Hughes group. They report a good showing.

The Wakefield and Vancouver, the big shipping mines of Four Mile, together shipped five car loads of ore last week. The late heavy fall of snow has put the roads in excellent condition for ore hauling.

The deal that has been pending in London for the Black Grouse property, owned by Major Furlong, situated on the north Fork of Carpenter creek, is off. The negotiations were being conducted by London agents.

A carload of ore will this week be on the wharf from the Marion to be shipped to the Trail smelter. This ore runs 114 ozs. silver and 60 per cent lead to the ton, and the owners hope to realize a neat sum out of the shipment.

The result of the smelting operations at the Hall Mines smelter for the four weeks ending December 30th, 1898, are as follows: During the 21 days and 13 hours of actual smelting 2,575 tons of ore were treated, yielding 43 tons of copper, and 42,780 ounces of silver.

Last Saturday, at Nelson, Sheriff Robertson sold by public auction the interest of Gaudios Beaudoin in the following mineral claims: Gigantic and Giant on Wild Horse creek; York, in Hall creek; Yellowstone, Beaver Hill, Derby, Golden Grove and Golden Slope, on Murphy creek, in the Trail mining division. The properties were sold under a writ of execution issued at the suit of Naynie Simon against Gaudios Beaudoin. The price paid for the claims was \$250, the purchaser being Jos. Sturgeon.

W. H. Sandiford has purchased from Geo. H. Dawson the Fidelity Fraction for the Northwest Mining Syndicate. There is on this ground the best timber for mining purposes that can be secured, and the acquisition of the property is evidence that Mr. Sandiford is looking ahead to the day when the Bosun mine will be operated upon a very large scale.

Col. S. W. Ray, of Port Arthur, spent a few days in town this week in the interest of the company that he represents. While in the Slocan he arranged for extensive operations to be pushed on the Mollie Gibson and other properties he is interested in, and incidentally made an effort to get hold of Silver mountain properties. An effort is being made to form a syndicate to operate all the properties on this mountain.

NORTH FORK SALMON RIVER.

The B. A. C. have obtained crown grants for all their property on the North Fork.

A huge tunnel scheme is talked of to cut the immense ore bodies discovered four years ago on Donadson mountain.

The Second Relief has doubled its ore hauling force and the road is in fine condition for quick trips and heavy loads.

Kane Bros. have disposed of their Craigtown business to R. E. McGanghey and have concentrated all their business at Erie.

The Ontario, on Donadson mountain, has been working steadily all winter, and the shaft is down 40 feet on a fine ore body, three feet wide.

The Belle Singlehurst will resume work on the 1st of February. This property lies to the north of the Relief, and

is a valuable gold proposition.

The Arlington, three miles above Erie, continues to ship steadily. The new machinery works smoothly and stoping will soon be commenced on the 300 foot level.

Another permanent shipper has been added to the North Fork, by the recent developments in the Wafer claim, which adjoins the Second Relief on the east. The energetic president and manager of the Lucky Boy Mining & Development Co., S. L. Myers, has been concentrating most of his efforts on this property for a year and is to be congratulated on his success. A new tunnel is to be started immediately below the present workings which will cut the ore body at a depth of 400 feet, thus affording ample stoping ground. Its close proximity to the wagon road ensures cheap transportation.

ROBERT JAMIESON SUICIDES.

A despatch from Seattle says: Grown despondent because of his belief that he would lose a \$25,000 suit, which he had instituted against Sir Charles Ross for professional services rendered, Robert Jamieson, the noted mining engineer and expert of Vancouver, took his own life.

Room 208 of the Rainier-Grand Hotel one of the first-class hostleries of Seattle, was the scene of tragedy. Lying upon his back in bed and with his head and shoulders slightly elevated by the prop of a pillow on either side, the deceased pressed the muzzle of a Smith and Wesson revolver against his temple and sent a 38-calibre bullet through the brain. Mr. Jamieson was a man prominently known in mining circles throughout the Province.

SMELTER FOR CASCADE.

W. H. Aldridge, manager of the smelter at Trail, has been to Cascade and completed arrangements for building the new C. P. R. smelter for the Boundary camp at that point. Surveys have been made and the site chosen. The cost of building the smelter will exceed \$500,000, and will give steady employment to upwards of 500 men when completed. The stack alone will require 800,000 brick and the buildings in connection in proportion. The works will have a capacity of 1,000 tons per day. It is the plan to have extensive refineries and factories in connection therewith.

WORK ON THE ENTERPRISE.

Paddy Stratford and Eric Ferguson have been let the contract to push work on the Enterprise. The No. 1 tunnel, now in 25 feet with ore in the face, will be pushed 200 feet further, and the main raise between the intermediate and No. 4 tunnels will be continued to connect these openings. The work proposed and now under contract, will not be finished until late in May. Eight men will be employed.

Enterprise Deal is Off.

The Britishers who have been dicker-ing for the big Enterprise mine, on Ten Mile, have come to a full stop and the deal is off. The reason for this is not known here. So far as the assays and reports were concerned, everything was distinctly favorable. This is only one of several attempts made to secure the property, but the would-be purchasers always flunk at the critical moment. The owners of the Enterprise will work the mine themselves, though with a small force. Operations will be confined to the No. 1 tunnel and the raise from No. 3, and these will be extended under contract. Much had been expected of the present negotiations, the successful termination of which would have set the whole creek and vicinity in motion.

NEW DENVER NEWS.

G. H. Dawson left on Saturday for the coast.

Arthur Dick passed through here on Friday on his way to the Atlin country.

Many New Denverites are suffering from the annual visitation of la grippe epidemic.

The steamer Slocan is making nightly trips from Rosebery to Slocan City to handle the freight barge.

Capt. J. Troup came up from Nelson to superintend the launching of the new tug boat Sandon at Rosebery Saturday.

H. H. Knox has gone to the Boundary country, taking a portion of his jewelry stock with him. He will be away some time.

The new C. P. R. boat Sandon made her initial trip on the lake Wednesday. The finishing touches are yet to be put upon her.

Word has been received from Los Angeles stating that Harry Pyman is much improved in health, but he must remain under the doctor's care for some time yet.

W. H. Aldridge, manager of the Trail smelter, was married last week at Roseland to Miss Tuttle. The affair was the most brilliant function ever held in Kootenay.

By the present route of travel over Slocan lake, passengers to the coast save 12 hours over the old route via Robson. Pressure is being brought to bear to keep to the Slocan route in the future.

The union church services, held Sunday in Bosun hall, by Revs. Clelland and Powell, were largely attended and greatly appreciated. Rev. Clelland presided in the morning and Rev. Powell in the evening.

Fred Fraser, J.P. of Revelstoke, was in town on Friday. He is going to join J. D. Graham, in Atlin City, early in March. Politically, Revelstoke is in a bad muddle, and he says J. M. Killie's seeing his last session at Victoria, as he will be asked to resign by his friends. The incorporation question is making bad matters worse.

The New Postal Rate.

The new two-cent rate of Canadian postage is available to the countries mentioned in this list: Letters addressed to places in Canada and United States, 2 cents per ounce or fraction thereof: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, British India, Newfoundland, British East Africa, Uganda, Jamaica, Bahama Islands, Zanzibar, British Central Africa, the Niger Coast Protectorate and Niger Company's Territory, 2 cents per half ounce. All other foreign countries 5 cents per half ounce.

Get There Eli Working.

W. Harrington, of Sandon, passed through here on Friday, having been down to the Get There Eli group, on Twelve Mile. This property has been leased from Mr. Harrington by P. Noonan and N. Sylvester. Supplies are being packed in and four men will work the property all winter. As much ore as possible will be shipped and the lessees expect to make money.

Another Construction Fatality.

Peter Gaetano, an Italian employed on the R. & P. railway construction, was instantly killed in his cabin Thursday morning, by a piece of flying rock from a blast, some 600 feet distant. He was employed by A. Scarpelli, who had a piece of work near McKee's Landing. The remains were taken to Cascade for burial.

Hiram Walker, Canada's princely whiskey man, died last week at Detroit, Mich.



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" 4.30 am	Ainsworth	" 7.30 pm	
" 5.00 am	Pilot Bay	" 6.45 pm	
" 5.30 am	Balfour	" 6.10 pm	
Boat ar 6.40 am	Five Mile Pt	" 5.25 pm	
" 7.15 am	Nelson	" lvs 4.45 pm	
Train ar 10.05 am	Northport	Train lvs 1.55 pm	
" 11.30 am	Roseland	" 12.05 pm	
" 3.10 pm	Spokane	" 3.30 am	

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Daily train lvs 1.00 pm		Daily train ar 10.50 am	
KASLO			
" ar 3.45 pm		lvs 8.00 am	
Boat lvs 5.00 pm	Mo&T Boat ar 1.00 pm		
" 6.30 pm	Ainsworth	Boat ar 11.40 pm	
" 7.00 pm	Pilot Bay	" 11.00 pm	
" 10.00 pm	Kuskonook	" 8.00 pm	
" 12.00 pm	Goat River	" 8.00 pm	
" 1.00 am	Boundary	" 5.00 pm	
Train ar 3.00 am	Bonner's Fry	lvs 2.00 pm	
Train lvs 11.40 am		Train ar 1.15 pm	
" ar 2.45 pm	Spokane	lvs 7.50 am	

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"	8 25 "	South Fork	"	8 05 "
"	8 45 "	Spokane	"	8 10 "
"	10 00 "	Whitewater	"	8 00 "
"	10 08 "	Bear Lake	"	1 50 "
"	10 20 "	McGuigan	"	1 38 "
"	10 34 "	Cody Junction	"	1 28 "
Arr.	10 45 "	Sandon	Leave	1 15 "

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R. S. Gallop reports the Duncan river free of obstructions for a distance of 15 miles, and small steamers can ascend from Kootenay lake for eight months in the year. This is the result of Government work for the past three years.

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SANDON, B.C., JANUARY 21, 1899

NELSON DINGLEY, the framer of the Dingley tariff bill, and Republican leader in the House of Representatives, died in Washington last Friday, after a lingering illness following a pneumonia attack.

FIGHTING Joe Martin succeeded in getting his Election Petitions Bill through the House by a comfortable majority, and Messrs. Deane and Prentice are safe in their seats for a short season. The Opposition did well.

MESSRS. Hall and Tisdall, members of the local legislature for Victoria and Vancouver respectively, have resigned, because of selling supplies to the Government. Mr. Hall is an Opposition man and Tisdall, Government. This sort of business is becoming tiresome.

It is proposed by some prominent Canadians to make Canada "a Link of Love" between Great Britain and the United States. No serious objection can be raised to this proposition, but if Canada is to be the link then Canadians ought to have something to say about how that link is to be welded, and what this country is to get out of the love match.

VICTORIA got excited last week and held an indignation meeting to protest against the passage of the Election Petitions Bill. It was a huge affair, but it remained for Mr. Speaker Foster to utterly squelch the whole business, and, incidentally, the torch-light procession. Indignation is a cheap commodity in the Province, and attempted coercion of the House won't work.

THE revenue of the Dominion for the six months ending Dec. 21 was \$22,113,878, compared with \$17,083,974 for the same time in 1897, an increase of over \$4,000,000. The expenditure increased from \$18,468,000 to \$14,811,000, an increase of \$1,323,000, so that the exact betterment of revenue, taking into account the expenditure, was \$2,855,000. The expenditure on capital account was \$5,214,829 for 1898 as compared with \$2,362,255 for 1897, an increase of \$2,850,000.

ANOTHER member of the Legislature has resigned his seat and will stand for re-election. This time it is A. E. McPhillips, fourth member for Victoria, and he gave up his seat because his law partner earned a fee for personally arguing a case in court for the Crown. If Joe Martin's mother-in-law raised hens and sold eggs to the Attorney-General's secretary's

wife's brother-in-law we wonder if the Attorney-General would have to give up his seat and stand for re-election, or would the hen that laid the eggs be killed?

THE Toronto Telegram looks with half-hearted approval upon the action of the B. C. Legislature in pushing through the bill to shut aliens out of the benefits of the placer gold fields. It says: "If the proposal of the British Columbia Government to shut aliens out of the benefits of the mining districts makes it harder for the Dominion Government to secure a treaty with the United States, the country generally will not regret the assurance that the Semlin-Martin ministry has a safe majority. This bold mining policy of the coast Government is timely. It comes at a moment when it has federal as well as provincial interest and significance. It is a hint to the Washington Government that Canada is not 'easy,' that a bold national spirit is spreading over Canada, that we believe we can live, and thrive without the grace of the republic, and that we mean to go right along in the way of prosperity. Canada for the Canadians, no matter what Uncle Sam thinks or does. It is plain notice to the United States that Canada is not on its knees to an unneighborly neighbor."

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

THE Dominion authorities have written the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, upon the representation of the Mikado of Japan, asking for the repeal of all legislation restricting the employment of the Japanese in British Columbia. In addition to this the Federal Government would also like to see the Chinese similarly treated. As if in direct opposition to this request and as an intimation to the Laurier Government to mind their own business and permit British Columbia to run its own affairs, the Legislature adopted the following resolution unanimously, on motion of Messrs. Helmcken and Dunsmuir: "That a humble address be presented by this house to the lieutenant-governor, praying him to move the Dominion Government to take into consideration the desirability of increasing the per capita tax on Chinese coming into the Dominion, and urging that in the opinion of this House three-fourths of all moneys received in British Columbia ports from the present tax, or (if such tax be increased) three-fourths of such revenue so increased should be paid to this Province, as the chief injury from the presence of the Chinese is sustained by the Province, and not by the Dominion."

There is no doubting the feeling of the people of this Province on the question of Asiatic labor, and the legislators are but voicing the sentiments of their constituents. As citizens and fellow laborers, the

Asiaties are not wanted here, and should the Federal authorities permit sentimental reasons and mutterings of unwise missionaries prevail to the detriment of the rights and feelings of the people of the Pacific coast, they will be working to the moral undoing and curse of this fair Province. British Columbia should be permitted the same scope as in the several provinces of Australia. They are nearer the source of immigration and have had ripe experience in the matter. They found a simple but effectual remedy for the evil in high taxation. If the unwelcome Asiatics can not be exclusively debarred, then let them be taxed to the fullest extent, and this system will soon work to the redemption of the situation. The Slokan may be a despised silver camp but it has no Chinese.

PERPLEXITY.

A star once sought to shed upon the night a feeble ray.
But, peeping out, she soon was lost in heaven's pathless way.
Yet on she went, illumining the clouds which darker grew.
Until the darkest came—alas! she could not then shine through;
Perplexed, she hid her face and wept behind her sable veil.
To think, her mission scarce begun, was destined thus to fail.

A little stream did onward wend its journey to the sea,
And babbling 'midst the pebbled sands sang all so cheerily.
It brushed the ferns, and glided round the curves upon its way,
Until a boulder rock it met, and then it went astray;
Yet urging still its troublous course to plunge into the sea,
In gulch and marsh 'twas swallowed up and sank eternally.

A hawthorn had essayed to bloom and cheer the winter's day,
And timidly disclosed itself one bleak mid-winter's day,
But unaccustomed to the frosts its leaves unfurled in vain,
For blighted in the morn, at eve it folded up again;
And as it closed its weary eyes and bowed its drooping head,
Sweet Hope, the emblem of its life, forevermore was dead.

Thus, like the star whose first bright ray dispersed the lesser cloud,
THU, too ambitious its aim, 'twas wrapped in deepest shroud;
Or like the stream whose eager flow to reach the mighty sea,
Thus hastened its end, fatal end into eternity;
Or like the bud whose sweet intent to cheer and to refine,
But quickened its too early birth on to a sweet decline—

So life oft proves its cherished aims its surest, saddest blight;
We wake to find our hopes have been but dreams within a night;
But when at last ambitions ceased, existence finds a close.
Though on this earth we ne'er may know whose blessing and repose,
Beyond all tears there is a God who notes our good intent,
And not alone the good we've done, but, too, the good we meant.

—Mrs. Cornelius Hardy.

David Bremner, who resigned the management of the Wakefield mine, will leave shortly for the Atlin lake.

POINTS ABOUT ADVERTISING.

Economy is to be preached in advertising. Economy is to be preached in everything. Advertising need not have all the economy.

The only business maxim, that "that which is worth doing is worth doing well," applies in its full strength to advertising. Better not advertise at all than to botch it. No sensible merchant would think of crowding 40 cubic feet of goods in 30 feet cubic feet of storage, yet the same merchant often attempts to draw trade into his \$50,000 business with advertising space a \$5,000 man would be ashamed of.

One may advertise too little and lose money. One may advertise too much and lose money. Advertising expenditure should be followed and regulated and every advertising experiment tested and re-tested. Every dollar put out in advertising should be watched from the time it goes out until it begins to come in again.

Let your advertising space be as large as your business. No more think of crowding your advertising space than of crowding your salesroom space. Customers are much more important than spacious warerooms. Better have plenty of wareroom space and plenty of advertising.

The successful advertiser invariably has plenty of space, and uses few words in it; and what is more, he never cuts his advertising seriously during the alleged dull times. Experience has taught him that about the best time to advertise is all the time.

CANADIAN FAILURES IN 1898.

R. G. Dan & Co.'s Financial Review states that Canadian failures in 1898 have been 1,305, or 28 per cent. fewer in number than in 1897, or in either of the three previous years. The amount of liabilities was \$4,336,000, or 31 per cent. less than in 1897, or in either of the three previous years. The decrease of liabilities was about 42 per cent. in Ontario, and 26 per cent., but little less than the average decrease, in Quebec, while in New Brunswick and British Columbia some increase appears. The decrease in manufacturing failures is considerable in number, but far more striking in amount, being 39 per cent. compared with last year, 61 per cent. compared with 1896, and 62 per cent. compared with 1895 or 1894. The decrease in trading failures is relatively smaller, as might be expected, in amount of liabilities 25 per cent. compared with last year, 35 per cent. compared with 1896 or 1894, and 24 per cent. compared with 1895.

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DAN MANN ON LEAD.

He Advocates Absolute Free Trade in the Article.

D. D. Mann, the well-known railway contractor, was in Toronto recently, and in the course of an interview with a Globe representative, expressed himself thus: "Canada is in a flowing tide of commercial and industrial prosperity. New districts are being opened up, and extensive areas are being developed, and railroad facilities are increasing rapidly. Of course British Columbia takes the lead in mining, but there are big developments going on in the Rainy River district, and the future there is of the brightest promise. I do not say that it will prove a Klondike or a Kootenay district. That is too much to expect, for southern British Columbia stands alone in the mining world. It is not only rich in gold, but it is equally rich in coal, in copper, in silver and in lead. Up to this time the want of railroads and transportation facilities prevent the copper mines of British Columbia from becoming known, but that country will soon take its place as one of the great copper-producing countries. Its vast copper deposits will do just as much to enrich British Columbia as her gold mines.

And her lead mines are almost equally valuable, and while I am referring to British Columbia lead mines I would like to call the attention of the public to the manner in which the lead mining industry is being hampered and crippled by the tariff legislation of the States. Canadian mine-owners are compelled to ship their lead ores to American smelters for reduction and refining. A crushing tax of 1 1/2 cents a pound is levied, and this 1 1/2 cents a pound is charged on all the lead, though the smelter only pays for 80 per cent. on the lead. The duty really amounts to \$33 a ton on the lead in the ores of Canadian mines.

In 1887 600,000 was paid by British Columbia miners to Americans for the privilege of having its ores admitted to the United States for treatment. Between \$900,000 and \$900,000 will be paid by the mine-owners this year for a like privilege. This immense revenue extracted from Canadian industry does not find its way to the treasury of the United States, for the duty of 1 1/2 cents a pound is remitted, or rather never collected, when the lead is re-exported from American smelters to either Canada or England. By this system the Canadian mine-owner is forced to sell his product for about \$30 a ton for the lead contained in the ore. It is then taken over to the United States, affords big profits to the American transportation and smelting companies, and large and profitable employment to American labor. And when that is done the Canadian consumer buys back nearly all this lead and pays from \$60 to \$80 a ton for it. This tremendous crushing tax of \$50 a ton should be abrogated. It is crippling the mining industry woefully.

The silver lead mining industry of Canada if properly fostered will give more employment, pay bigger wages and enrich more people than the lumber, fishing and sealing industries of the Dominion combined. It is a far more urgent and important subject for reciprocity arrangement between Canada and the States than any other subject now under discussion before the Joint High Commission. I cannot help noticing how completely this most vital question is being ignored by the newspapers, while they devote column after column and page after page to the discussion of subjects that are small and paltry beside this.

There never was exacted a more perfect contrivance for fleecing industry than this lead tariff, and it is all done to benefit not the American customs but the American lead smelters. They take it all. Surely it is time that Canadian statesmen should take a hand in the game and obtain or make a remedy

for so great an evil. America permits copper ore to enter free of duty. She must let our lead ores also enter free of duty, or else the Canadian Government must put up the barriers against American lead, and by bounties and other favors contrive the building of Canadian smelters and Canadian refineries for lead ores.

I am in favor of absolute free trade in lead and lead products between Canada and the United States. Canada produces more lead than she consumes, while the United States is a large importer of lead. Canadian export trade in galena ores amounts now to fully \$7,000,000 yearly. It is a growing and expanding trade, and it would be enormous if a reciprocity arrangement were made with the States, by which our ores would go in free of duty, and we would admit their lead products also free. I fear the people of Ontario and Quebec don't understand the magnitude and importance of this silver-lead industry. But if not hampered and crippled by injudicious tariffs and by cold neglect on the part of Canadian statesmen it will rank among the greatest and richest industries of the Dominion.

FULL COURT SITTINGS.

Several Important West Kootenay Cases Disposed of.

At the regular sittings of the Full Court in Victoria, last week, several important West Kootenay cases were disposed of. In the Centre Star vs. Iron Mask case, the Court last month refused the Centre Star appeal, asking for leave to do development work on a vein it claims under the Iron Mask claim. The Court refused leave to appeal to the Privy Council as it would put off the trial, which has already been adjourned.

In Connel vs. Madden, the Full Court dismissed the appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Walker, who held that the location of the Sheep Creek Star mineral claim was void, as the initial post was planted in foreign soil, viz., in the State of Washington. The opinion of the Full Court is as follows: I agreed with the learned Trial Judge, that the initial post of the Sheep Creek Star claim having been planted in the United States of America, instead of within the boundaries of this Province, the whole location is invalid. The Mineral Act of British Columbia does not contemplate the existence of a claim which takes its root, i.e., has its initial post, in a foreign soil, and, as I regard it, the whole location is void ab initio, or, to put it in another way, there never was in law such a claim as the 'Sheep Creek Star.' The appeal must be dismissed with costs.

In Davies vs. Le Roi, the Court allowed the defendant's appeal and refused a new trial. The action was brought under the Employers' Liability Act and the plaintiff obtained damages in the Court below. The Full Court held that the plaintiff was not under necessity to use the skip in question and from the rising of which the accident happened.

BETTER TRADE RELATIONSHIP.

The British Columbia Weekly, a trade paper published at Vancouver and Victoria, has many good things in it relating to trade between the coast cities and the interior. As proof that it understands the condition of things we quote from it: "Probably the greatest movement necessary in business circles in the Province of British Columbia to day is towards establishing a better and more intimate trade relationship between the Kootenays and the coast. That both are in one province and that the whole lies isolated—to an extent—from the rest of the Dominion, is one cause making for a community of interests. Natural loyalty to the Province in which we live should be a strong incentive to all to work together to build up the banner Province

of the whole confederation, as is fairly possible, for nowhere else in Canada are the natural resources and capabilities of the farm, forest, fisheries and mine so well combined, and generously, not to say lavishly, disposed. Loyalty to our country should also operate to incline the people of the Province to trade the one part with the other, in preference to buying in other countries what can be supplied as well by our fellow-citizens. It is well-known, however, that patriotism cuts very little figure when dollars and cents are under consideration, so that in the case of extending trade between the coast cities and the towns of the interior, the competition of trade centres across the border must be met."

MONOPOLY OF COPPER MINES.

The New York Herald says: Negotiations looking to the consolidation of the copper mining interests of the United States have been in progress in this city for a week. With the reputed backing of no less a powerful company than that of the Standard Oil, the copper mining company, in its combination of six plants, expects to revolutionize the copper mining industry of the world. The Boston and Montana and the Butte and Boston mining companies, the old Dominion Copper Company, of Arizona, and the Arcadian, Tamarac and Osceola mining companies of Michigan, are named as the component parts of the new organization.

It is understood that the American company will reach into Canada and absorb important copper mines there, thus making the combination international, but the Calumet and Hecla company, the largest producer in the Lake Superior region, has so far declined to enter the combination. Interested observers of the transactions in mining stocks in 1898 declare that a small coterie of men have added \$50,000,000 to their wealth through this channel. The combination springs from the recent upheaval in copper, and the prices have soared to the highest figures known in face of unprecedented consumption. The increased employment of electrical energy has caused an enormous demand for copper. European countries alone last year used 456,789,760 pounds and it is considered that the American mines supply most of the foreign requirements in addition to home demands. The possibilities in the copper situation become apparent.

On and after Monday next, John Houston will be editor and business manager of the Tribune. His salary will be \$166.66 a month.—Nelson Tribune.

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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 Slokan. Those of New Denver were as follows:—

ASSESSMENTS.

JAN 12—New Kohlor. Work done on the Shunta and Rushford to apply on the General Sheridan and Snowstorm Fraction, to enable owners to obtain crown grants for all.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

JAN 10—Dorothy, to the Ruth No 3 Mining Co. Ltd.

JAN 12—Allgash, to the B C Gold Trust, Ltd.

TRANSFERS.

JAN 10—Noonday Group, Chas McNicol, Thos M Duffy, G Spencer, Jackson Radcliff to N J Stewart, A Stewart, J M M Benedum, lease and option, 15 per cent. of value of ore shipped, Jan 4.

JAN 11—Alberta 1/6, E Shannon to John Lind, Jan 2.

Fidelity Fraction, Geo Campbell to G H Dawson, Jan 11, \$1,000.

Sunnyside Fraction, V H Behne to The Pacific Prospecting Co, Ltd, Nov 21.

JAN 12—Isis, James Black to O T Stone and John F McIntosh, six months option, \$3,000.

Torpedo, K Morrison to Frank Ryan, Nov 14.

JAN 12—Fidelity Fraction, Geo H Dawson to The Northwest Mining Syndicate, Ltd, Jan 12.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

ASSESSMENTS.

DEC 31—Selkirk, Jennie.

TRANSFERS.

DEC 31—San Antonio and Salem, 1/2 in each, E T Steele to G W O Dell, \$1,500.

JAN 2—Joker and Derby, 3 months option, G W Labert and A G Lambert to H H Finshaw, \$250.

THE WORLD'S OUTPUT.

Great Increase in the Production of Minerals Last Year.

John J. Valentine, president of Wells-Fargo & Company's Express, has issued the usual annual statement of the production of precious metals in the states and territories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia and North-West Territories, for the year ending 1898. The aggregate valuations are shown as follows:

Gold, \$78,461,202; silver, \$39,016,565; copper, \$46,200,547; lead, \$18,844,251; total gross, \$177,022,666. The commercial value at which the several metals named have been estimated is: Silver, 58 cents per ounce; copper, 12 cents per pound and lead, \$3.65 per cwt.

Classified, the production of gold dust and bullion in the several states and territories, based on shipments handled by the express company and other conveyances is shown as follows:

California, \$15,402,658.
Nevada, \$2,798,785.
Oregon, \$2,142,369.
Washington, \$320,590.
Alaska, \$3,158,991.
Idaho, \$2,487,000.
Utah, \$2,165,290.
Montana, \$4,680,680.
Colorado, \$23,177,262.
New Mexico, \$804,866.
Arizona, \$3,167,625.
Dakotas, \$357,520.
Texas, \$5,200.
British Columbia and North-West Territories, \$11,975,000.
Total, \$78,461,202.

The production of silver, copper and lead in the several states and territories during 1898 was divided as follows: California, \$18,103,851; Nevada, \$3,595,542; Oregon, \$2,215,119; Washington \$457,956; Alaska, \$3,321,491; Idaho, \$11,648,205; Montana, \$48,868,090; Utah, \$10,484,898; Colorado, \$41,316,644; New Mexico, \$1,704,866; Arizona, \$15,575,820; Dakotas, \$3,704,420; Texas, \$291,100; Wyoming, \$52,275; British Columbia and North-West Territories, \$17,668,200; total, \$177,022,666.

The year's combined production of the metal named is the greatest in the history of the countries—United States and British Columbia and North-West Territories—that of gold, \$78,461,202, being above any previous record official-

ly reported, and the world's output of gold for 1898, approximately \$280,000,000, is amazing.

The most notable increases have been in South Africa, \$25,000,000, the British possessions of the northwest, \$6,000,000, Australasia, \$6,000,000, and the United States of America, \$83,000,000.

The exports of silver during 1898 to Japan, China and the Straits Settlements were as follows:

From London, \$27,404,628; from San Francisco, \$5,217,000, making a total of \$32,622,062. The total for 1897 was \$48,412,009.

AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

I find that I am a more important person than I thought.

I make the president, and the governor, and the judge on the bench, and the street-cleaning commissioner.

If the president wishes to declare war, or to make peace, or to keep or not to keep the Philippine islands, he waits to hear what I have to say.

I am the president, and the governor, and the judge on the bench, and the street-cleaning commissioner.

I find that when Ethan Allen captured Fort Ticonderoga, "in the name of Almighty God and the continental congress," and that when "Mad Anthony" stormed the breastworks at Stony Point, and when Cornwallis gave his sword to the great George, and that when Lee surrendered to Grant, I was there.

I was right in it. I did it. I find that I commanded the ships, and sighted the guns, and fired the shells, and stoked the boilers, and managed the engines at Manila, and at Santiago the same.

It was I who charged up the hill at San Juan and set the flag a-waving over Ponce.

I am the man who sunk the Merrimac. I am indispensable and irreplaceable. Nothing can be done in these states and territories and outlying islands without me.

The millionaire can't get his stuff together in such large piles without I help him.

He can't build a house or run a railroad, or open a mine, or start the oil well spouting, or make the electric wires talk, and work wool into clothes, or ideas into bank notes, unless I say so.

The missionary can't go unless I send him.

The legislator can't legislate and the magistrate can't enforce the law without my consent.

Not even the boss can boss things unless I let him.

I'm wonderful. You can't buy anything unless I sell. You can't sell anything unless I buy. You can't teach anything unless I learn. You can't learn anything unless I teach.

I'm something surprising. The Greeks and the Romans, and Nebuchadnezzar and Pharaoh and Xerxes never saw anything like me.

I'm English, Irish, French, Spanish, and Portuguese; German, Dutch, Russian, Polish and Scandinavian; Italian, Greek and Turk; Chinese, Japanese and Hawaiian; Australian and Canuck; Afro-American and just plain nigger; cowboy, Indian and Mexicano and a lot more.

I'm simple and I'm complex. I may not always be right, but I always come out right in the end; and I'm pretty certain to get what I want.

I always want something, and generally know exactly what it is.

You never heard of me? Well, you have.

And you'll hear more of me for a long time to come, for I am here to stay.

Who am I? Whoop!

I'm a horny-handed, kid-glove'd, knickerbockered, silk-stockinged, swarthy-cheeked, eye-glassed, literary, yellow-journal-reading, church-going, whiskey-drinking, law-abiding, negro-lynching, philanthropic, money-grabbing, sentimental, hard-

headed, brave, cowardly, independent, boss-ridden, wise, frivolous, hard-working, fun-loving, steady, silly, white-faced, black-faced, copper-colored, well-dressed, unwashed, gentlemanly, rowdyish, all-round—American Citizen.

RAILROAD INTO TROUT LAKE.

The Topic Correctly States the Great Need of It.

Commenting upon the pressing need of a railroad into the Trout Lake district, the Topic says:

Trout Lake is to-day in substantially the same condition in which Slokan was before the N. & S Ry. was built. * * * Were a railroad in running condition to-day in the Trout Lake district, twice the present amount of ore from the whole district would be shipped by the Silver Cup alone. Then there is the Broadview with 800 tons of ore lying on the dump, the Great Northern with 200 and the Bad Shot with 80. The True Fissure has an immense ore body in sight but until a railroad is built there is no possible chance of its ever being worked. The reason being simply that it is too low grade to be able to stand present transportation charges. Thousands of dollars have been expended on roads and trails in the neighborhood and every year the maintenance of these is becoming more burdensome with the same chance now as years ago, of their being results sufficient to balance this expenditure. If a railroad were built now, this country would be in condition to use these trails to advantage and to pay back, in taxes on the ore shipped, the money expended to build them. But so long as the railroad remains at the distance of 40 miles from the mines then just so long will the development of this district consist of yearly assessments conducted by the original owners.

Reciprocity in Postal Matters.

Superintendent Metcalf, of the Money Order Bureau of the United States Post-office Department has returned to Washington from Ottawa, Ont., where he made arrangements with the Canadian Government for the mutual reduction of money-order rates. "Under this arrangement," said Mr. Metcalf, "this government will issue orders payable at any point in Canada at the same rate as required for any order payable within this country, and vice-versa. This makes the domestic rates of each apply reciprocally for these International orders. This arrangement contemplates the transaction of money-order business between Canada and all our territorial acquisitions on the same domestic basis as is to apply to the United States proper. The arrangement also provides reciprocally for raising the maximum amount of orders from \$50 to \$500. The latter will take effect very shortly. Other matters will require some correspondence before going into operation, which will probably be by April 1st."

Uncommonly Rich Ore.

The Rat Portage Miner of Dec. 30 states that the screws have been put on the employes of the Mikado mine and any one who is known to blab is to be discharged without ceremony. It is stated, however, by very competent authority, that, notwithstanding the ban of silence and secrecy imposed by the management of the Mikado, \$300,000 worth of ore has now been taken out of the rich chute, which is carefully broken and sacked, and is being as carefully milled by being dumped directly into the battery, so that no loss is liable to occur. The miners are also stripped and carefully searched so that none of the rich ore is stolen.

A BAR TO ALIENS.

Full Text of Proposed Changes to the Placer Act.

S. Fred Hume, Minister of Mines, has introduced the following bill into the House, as an amendment to the placer mining act:

1. That every person who is not less than 18 years of age and is a British subject shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a free miner under this act, and shall be considered a free miner under this act, upon taking out a free miners' certificate, as long as such certificate remains in force.

2. No joint stock company or corporation shall be entitled to take out a free miners' certificate unless the same has been incorporated and not simply licensed or registered under the laws of this Province, and unless such company or corporation is authorized to take out a miners' license by the lieutenant-governor-in-council the word "person" in this section shall include only such companies or corporations as aforesaid.

3. A miners' license taken out by any person not authorized so to do by this section shall be null and void.

4. This section shall not affect free miners' certificates issued before the coming into force of this section, and in case any person or corporation not allowed under this section to take out a free miners' license has prior to the coming into force of this section acquired any interest or any claim under the provisions of the placer mining act, such license may be renewed from time to time, but such renewed license shall not entitle the holder thereof to hold or acquire any interest in any claim under said placer mining act, except such interest so acquired prior to the coming into force of this section.

5. No free miner after the coming into force of this section shall hold any claim under said placer mining act, or any interest therein as trustee or otherwise for any person who is not a British subject or for any corporation not authorized to take out a free miners' certificate as above provided.

ON OKANOGAN LAKE.

An important transfer of mining stock was lately made by the Camp Hewett Mining & Prospecting Co. to the Canadian-American Gold Mining Co. These companies are operating in the vicinity of the Okanogan lake. The Camp Hewett company owns twelve claims situated half a mile from the lake shore. The Canadian-American company has purchased \$10,000 worth of stock in the Camp Hewett and will open up the properties and push operations. A force of workmen will be put to work in a few weeks. G. H. Muller, proprietor of the Cold Stream hotel, Vernon, is president of the Camp Hewett company, and was in New Denver last week in the interest of his company. Several parties hereabouts are interested in the company.

J. Roderick Robertson, manager of the London & British Columbia Gold Fields, reports that the Whitewater mill is working satisfactory and that the output for January will be greatly in excess of that of last month.

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THE PAYSTREAK.

Barnato's Wealth Distributed.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars was recently distributed among a hundred various charitable institutions in London and vicinity in accordance with the bequests of the late Woolfe Joel, nephew and heir of Barney Barnato, and who was murdered in Johannesburg, South Africa, a year ago.

The sums were distributed by the firm of Barnato Brothers, who, in order that the beneficiaries might receive the bequests in full, themselves paid to the government the 10 per cent legacy duty.

The bequests ranged from \$10,000 to \$250. The institutions receiving aid include homes for the afflicted, poor and friendless, without discrimination as to nationality or religious beliefs.

The Difference and Why.

East Kootenay Miner: The New York Sun calmly assumes that everything it knows is important, and that everything it does not know is unimportant. Its statement that Canadians know more about the United States than Americans do about Canada is quite accurate. It is also true, but the Sun does not say so, that the Canadian's knowledge of the world, outside of the United States, is greatly in excess of the American's knowledge of anything except his own private business and the office-grabbing policies of the petty factions which are competing for the right to rob the American people in the name of Democracy or Republicanism. If Canadians know more about the United States than Americans know about Canada it is due to the superior intelligence of the Canadian people.

Kipling to Fighting Bob.

Kipling sent Capt. Robley D. Evans of the Iowa a set of his works, and with them these verses:

Zogbaum draws with a pencil,
And I do thing with a pen,
But you sit up in a conning tower,
Bussing eight hundred men.

Zogbaum takes care of his business,
And I take care of mine;
But you take care of ten thousand tons
Sky-hoisting through the brine.

Zogbaum can handle his shadows,
And I can handle my style,
But you can handle a ten-inch gun
To carry seven mile.

To him that hath shall be given,
And that's why these books are sent
To the man who has lived more stories
Than Zogbaum or I could invent.

It Would Seem So.

"There is something burglarious about four aces," said the man who sometimes plays poker.

"They are almost like robbery," said the man who sometimes tries to play.

"Yes; and they are safe openers."

In Bad Company.

Scene: A railway carriage.
First Artist: Children don't seem to me to sell as they used to.

Second Artist (In a hoarse whisper): Vell, I was at Stodge's yesterday; he had just knocked off three little girls heads, horrid, raw things,

when a dealer came in, sir; bought 'em directly, took 'em away, wet as they were, on the stretcher; and wanted Stodge to let him have some more next week.

Old lady (putting her head out of the window and shrieking)—Guard, stop the train and let me get out, or I'll be murdered!—Tit-Bits.

In Boston.

The cyclist was a stranger. That was evident from the cautious manner in which he picked his way through the half empty thoroughfare. It was evening. A young man approached him.

"Sir," said he, "your beacon has ceased its functions."

"Sir?" gasped the cyclist. "Your illuminator, I say, is shrouded in unmitigated oblivion."

"Really, but I don't quite—" "The effulgence of your irradiator has evanesced."

"My dear fellow! P"— "The transversal ether oscillations in your incandenser have been discontinued."

Just then an unsophisticated little paper boy shouted across the street: "Hey, mister; yer lamp's out."

The Congregation Smiled.

Two clergymen had agreed to exchange pulpits on a certain date. One of them made the following solemn announcement to his congregation on the Sabbath previous to the event: "My dear brethren and sisters, I have the pleasure of stating that on next Sunday morning the Rev. Zacariah B. Day will preach for you. Let us now sing two verses of hymn No. 489. "That awful day will surely come."

The rivalry of Northern Ontario ports to be selected as the Georgian Bay terminus of the new grain route from the Northwest is becoming interesting. The Board of Trade of Owen Sound has passed a long resolution advocating the claims of that harbor. The resolution states that "The Town of Owen Sound has spent by bonus and otherwise on its harbor and its elevators the sum of \$132,185, in addition to which the further sum of \$116,000 has been given by way of bonuses to the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway to enable the said corporations to reach the safe waters of our harbor and make it the emporium of their grain trade." Evidently Owen Sound wants the trade and is willing to pay for it.

The search for Andree is proving as ill-fated as his attempt to reach the pole appears to have been. News has been received that Herr Standing and a party of the Swedish Geographical society, who were searching for Andree in Northern Siberia, have been drowned in Lena Delta, 2,000 miles north of Irkutsk. This will probably but add ardor to the organization of the Danish expedition which will start during the coming summer in search of traces of Prof. Andree in Eastern Greenland.

There is still living in England a woman who danced at the famous Richmond ball given in Brusles on the eve of Waterloo. She is Lady Carew, and has just entered her 101st year. At the time of the ball she was the "pretty" Miss Cliffe and was dressed in pale pink.

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The Ibez Case.

The full court at Victoria has allowed the appeal in re. the Ibez Mining company, and as a result Messrs. Tretheway, King and O'Brien will be struck off the list of contributors. The Ibez mineral claim is situated near Whitewater, and Messrs. Tretheway, King and O'Brien were promoters in the company.

May be Disallowed.

Ottawa, Jan. 18. The anti-alien mining bill is attracting great attention here and may be disallowed by the federal government.

Ogilvie's Recommendation.

A Dawson man now in Ottawa says Ogilvie has sent a recommendation to Ottawa to reduce the royalty to 5 per cent on the net output of the Klondike placers.

An Increase Both Ways.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The mining fees last year were \$400,000 as against \$3,000 for the year previous. The large increase is the result of the mining boom in the Yukon. The mounted police last year cost \$864,415, the highest in ten years.

Yukon Precautions.

The Commissioner of the Yukon territory has issued orders that no person will be permitted to enter the territory without satisfying the North West Mounted Police officer at Tagish or White Horse Rapids that he, or she, has two months' assorted provisions and at least \$500 in cash, or six months' assorted provisions and not less than \$200 cash, over and above the money required to pay expenses from the border to Dawson.

This rule will not apply to residents of the Yukon territory returning, if they are identified and prove their competence to pay their way into the country.

A Big Scheme.

New York, January 18.—It is stated here to-day that all the important companies in the world which are engaged in the production of borax and boracic acid have joined in a trust. The combination includes the owners of the main deposits of borax throughout the United States, England, France and South America. It will control the world's supply of the product. It is expected that an announcement will soon be made in London of the details of the new company, which will be known as the Borax Consolidated, Limited. The leading constituent companies are the Pacific Borax and Redwood Chemical company, the Borax company of England and Societe Lyonnaise of France, and the various South American companies, which are chiefly engaged in supplying raw material to European refiners. The capital stock will amount to \$7,000,000, and there will be an issue of \$5,000,000 of bonds.

A Toronto paper observes that though confidence in Kootenay mines has been a plant of slow growth in London, it has proved a hardy one. Two big and promising companies were floated there last year, and Kootenay shares have been rising in London. It is expected that the

year 1899 will be a bright one in the history of gold and silver mining in Southern British Columbia.

D. R. Young, whose fame as a poet extends wherever the English language is spoken, has removed his interesting publication, the Mining Standard, to Rossland. Nelson can ill afford to lose a poet at this time, especially one of Mr. Young's transcendent talent.—Economist.

Capitalists of Montreal, Boston and Paris propose to invest \$1,000,000 in the manufacture of calcium carbide on a large scale. The factory would be at Shawinigan Falls, near Three Rivers, Que., and the waterpower of the falls would be utilized.

The total gold production of the Transvaal for the year 1898 was \$78,220,950. The December production was the largest monthly output yet made.

The Rossland defeated the Victorias last Monday evening in Rossland after a hard fought battle with the puck by a score of 2 to 1.

The Brokers' Protective Association of Spokane has been disbanded.

A post office is to be opened in the Atlin district.

In Spokane.

"Oh, Lucy, since I saw you last week I've been married!"

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