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THE PAYSTREAK

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THE FIRST CHURCH BELL.

"The first church bell in the Slocan will call saint and sinner to worship at New Denver to-morrow."—News item.

"I never quit a camp until I hear the first church bell."—Jim Ward, prospector, philosopher and New Denver pioneer.

"Say Bill what was that chimin' sound
I heard a while ago?
It sounded like a church bell,
A-ringin' soft and low,
And stirrin' up old memories
With its echoes, don't you know."

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He was digging on the mountain—
Silver Mountain—when a bell
Sent up from far below him,
Soft as any funeral knell,
Its first imploring music,
And it bound him in a spell.

And, musing, down the crooked trail—
Hat in hand—to where "Old Bill"
Cooked the bannocks and the bacon
In their camp beside a rill,
Walked the searcher after treasure,
Pioneer of Silver hill.

Another time, a church, a bride,
Like some old, forgotten song,
Memory brought back to the searcher,
As he heedless strode along.
Another time, a church, a bier,
Came with memory's rushing throng.

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"There Bill, its startin' in again,
Ringin' soft and ringin' low.
You reckon its in Denver,
The new church bell? Bill you know
This old camp is almost done for
And its time for us to go."

DAVID W. KING.

Sandon, B. C., May 12th, '99.

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

W. J. Trethewey is on the coast.

Jack Murat returned yesterday from Minneapolis.

E. M. Sandilands is spending ten days in Spokane.

There was no meeting of the city council this week.

Sam Gintzburger is nurse in the Atlin City hospital.

Dr Milloy returned yesterday from the Boundary.

Mrs. J. G. Main went to Vancouver Monday to visit relatives.

B. J. Perry, manager of the Noble Five, has gone to Victoria.

Ira Black has closed up his hotel at Republic and is now at Cascade.

There was no police court this week. Sandon is getting moral.

Alton Bane and Johnny McDonald are reopening the Whitehouse.

A mud slide near Arrowhead stopped Thursday's mail via the C. P. R.

George Clark made a short visit to Revelstoke in the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sudrow are enjoying life in the salubrious climate of the Pacific coast.

A Whealler the Kaslo barrister has returned after spending eight months in "Merry England."

Herman C. Clever, the prominent New Denver mining man was here yesterday.

Dudley Blackwood spent a few days in town this week, leaving yesterday for Kaslo.

The Nelson Knights of Pythias and the Trail football team will be in Kaslo on the 24th.

The proclamation regarding the eight hour day was published in the B. C. Gazette yesterday.

The city is putting some improvements to the cribbing on the creek behind the PAYSTREAK.

Mrs. Burton returned from Kamloops on Monday accompanied by her little niece Cecilia Smith.

The argonaut days are ended in the Slocan. A church bell will ring in New Denver tomorrow.

Joe Stockham, president of the Sandon Miners' Union, is a delegate to the Salt Lake convention.

The Episcopal church in New Denver will be opened tomorrow. Several Sandon people will attend.

Dan Murphy and Charlie Anson are practising for the drilling contest in Silverton on the 24th of May.

The Sandon Miners' Union has accepted the invitation of the Silverton committee and will go to that town to celebrate.

H. J. Scott, general, and Geo. Tunstall, local agent of the Hamilton Powder Co., were in Sandon Thursday.

A slide on the Cody branch near the big bridge shut the people of the terminal metropolis out of the world on Thursday.

Mr. Deane, superintendent, and D. W. Moore, ore buyer, of the Trail smelter, spent a few days in town this week.

Chief Doolan is enforcing the health regulation. Back yards and other places must be cleared of all offensive matter.

G. O. Buchanan's mill at Kaslo was slightly damaged by fire Saturday morning. The escape from total destruction was narrow.

A woman who travelled under the soubriquette of "Little May" committed suicide in Grand Forks. She was unknown in Sandon.

The compressor plant belonging to the James Cooper Co. which has lain in the C.P. R yard for some time was loaded yesterday for Ainsworth.

If the state of the weather does not very quickly improve and bring dry streets it is not probable that the hose reel team will leave town on the 24th.

G. O. Buchanan, Geo. Alexander, John Keen, Arthur C. Browne and other Kasloites attended the mine owners meeting on Monday evening.

John Monro left yesterday for the Boundary where he will spend couple of months prospecting. He will stop in Ainsworth for a few days on the way.

Charlie Walmsley has purchased the Kootenay hotel and will act as manager. George Macpherson has bought Charlie's interest in the transfer business.

Frank Wright, of Seattle, is here to visit his brother, A. W. Wright, of Ajax fame. Mr. Wright recently sold large fishing interests on Puget Sound.

There must be some of the pages out of Cliffe's dictionary. He produces a menu that has "spinage," "lettucce" and "macroni." That would be hard to digest.

The eight hour law will go into effect a month from yesterday. If it is a good law it will remaim on the statute books. If it is a poor law its enforcement will lead to its repeal.

Fred Kelly sold three lots in Brown's addition, Spokane, to Peter Larson, the Montana millionaire for $6,100. Fred had almost forgotten that he owned them when he received the offer.

Wm. Thompson and Wm Lawson left for Vancouver Island on Monday where they will spend the summer prospecting. Mrs. Lawson and family will spend the summer in Vancouver.

The residents of Cody Ave want some money expended on sidewalks and street improvements. It is about time for this part of the town should get the attention it deserves from the city fathers.

Association football on the concentrates near the C. P. R. track is now the program. A team will go to Silverton tomorrow and the boys of the lake country will have to do some rapid work to escape defeat.

Work will bu started next week on a trail up the South Fork of Kaslo creek. The work will be done by the Excelsior Mining Company. The representations of the Kaslo Board of Trade did not secure an appropriation.

Jas. Sayers, a Scotch mining expert, spent a couple of days in the Slocan this week. Mr. Sayers is on his way home from Australia and is only taking a cursory look at British Columbia. He is much pleased with the country and says this is not to be his last visit.

A meeting of the Sandon Miners' Union was held on Thursday evening to appoint delegates to the convention which will be held in Nelson tomorrow. Nelson, Rossland, Ymir and Sandon will be represented. Grant Cox and J. D. Martin are the Sandon delegates.

Revelstoke is at present the busiest town in Kootenay. The C. P. R. is moving all its engine and machine shops from Donald and buildings to accomodate the division headquarters are being erected. Every sidetrack in the yard is blocked with railroad stock and a large gang of men are at work. Donald is off the map.

Jim Cameron, who started the Silverton and has started papers all over from the Rio Grande to the Yukon, recently tried to corner the newspaper business of Whitman and Palouse counties, disappeared from Tekoa last week, leaving no indication of his whereabouts. Jim's history would make a good yellow-back novel.

Hon. J. Fred Hume, Minister of Mines, is reported as saying that he does not think any trouble would result from the eight hour legislation, that the law only applied to men working for wages, and that a man working his own prospect could work as many hours as he wished. Mr. Hume gave it as his opinion that men working for so much a foot would not be affected by the new law, but that that was a purely legal question, and one for lawyers to decide.

SLOCAN MINES.

The Antoine mine will ship ore this summer.

The wire cable for the Ruth tramway arrived yesterday.

The force at the Trade Dollar was laid off early in the week. Work will be resumed in 30 days.

B. C. Riblet will build an ariel tram at the St Eugune, mine Moyea, this summer. Pete LaMuir will have charge of the work.

Manager Rammelmeyer of the Emily Edith had to come to Sandon for miners this week as none were to be had in Silverton.

Very little ore will be shipped from Whitewater for the next three weeks. The Whitewater mine is having considerable trouble with water.

At an extraordinary general meeting held in Edinburg, April 18th, the stock of the Scottish Colonial Gold Fields was increased from £100,000 to £125,000 by the issuance of 25,000 8 per cent. preference shares.

The Star mill was started up on Tuesday and is now working on ore that has been taken out during the winters' development. Every pocket is full and ore is piled up in the tunnels everywhere. The force will be increased as soon as this ore can be got out of the way.

Only the Payne and Last Chance shipped ore from Sandon this week. Payne, 300; Last Chance, 60 tons. The Jackson shipped 17 tons from Whitewater. The Star will be on the list again next week. Shipments will be light throughout the camp for some time now until the roads improve.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

There were six cases in the Miners Hospital this week: Chas. Hanson is recovering from pneumonia: Wm. Hird, who had an abcess of the internal ear, will leave in a day or two; D. D. Dodd, who was undergoing an operation, is making a favorable recovery; Wm. Gaine, from the Payne, with cellulitas, and John Shaver and Bob Rickard, also from the Payne, fever patients, will be discharged to-morrow. Duncan Dewar, who had an operation on account of a frost bite, has been discharged and will return to Slocan City to-morrow.

THE KLONDIKE CONCESSION, Ltd.

How Alex McDonald is Floating his Company in Glasgow.

Alex McDonald, who is now so well known in the old country as the bonanza king of the Klondike, and who gained such unenviable notoriety and so much gold by "standing in" with the mounted police in Dawson, is now before the public of Great Britain with his Klondike "concession" in the shape of a stock company.

Alex McDonald was never accused of being dull, and his system in this flotation is an additional tribute to his genius. An advertisment in the Glasgow Herald gives a few particulars. The company is stocked for £350,000 in £1 shares, 55,000 of which are priority shares and the balance ordinary stock. Of the 350,000 shares, 25,000 priority shares and 50,000 ordinary shares are for working capital. The remaining 275,000 shares belong to the promoters. The priority stock, 55,000 shares, (which includes the 25,000 priority shares set aside for working capital) is now offered for sale. The terms upon which this stock is offered are unique. The prospectus says, "The priority shares are preferential as to capital and dividends until 100 per cent has been paid on them," after which all stocks rank alike. This is the old Comstock game over again. The owners of priority shares must receive the money back that they pay in. The general public can then have the promoters' stock at whatever speculative value the people of Glasgow care to attach to the stock of a company which has already paid 100 per cent on its preference shares.

The prospectus further recites that the company has 2½ miles of Hunker creek on which they have a sure thing of £3,600,000; but the British public can have it for £350,000. The gold brick man will probably be in Glasgow next summer.

The Klondike Output.

The largest estimate of the Klondike gold yield this season ranges from twelve to twenty millions. The Klondike Nugget says:

"The output has been more than doubled so that it is now probable that the royalty will this year be paid on more than eight millions. Exemptions and evasions will give about double that amount as the production of the territory for the year ending in the summer of 1899. The primitive methods used in working the claims make it very unlikely that the wash-up will give more than from twelve to fifteen millions on the outside."

As compiled by the Midnight Sun this season's yield will be nearly twenty millions, distributed among the various creeks, including the branches, as follows:—"Eldorado, $5,500,000; Bonanza, $5,000,000; Hunker, $3,000,000; Dominion, $3,500,000; Gold Run, $300,000; Sulphur, $500,000; Quartz, $250,000; Eureka, $250,000. All other creeks including Stewards, over $1,000,000.

Atlin is Over-rated.

A letter received this week from Fred C. Adler, who is now in the Atlin Lake district, gives some interesting information about that country.

Mr. Adler writes that he had a very hard trip into the country, having to travel 34 miles over the ice with a foot of water on it. The Fantail route, which is about 70 miles long, is generally considered the best but was a very hard trail as he found it.

It is estimated that there are now five or six thousand people in the Atlin district, with little or no work for anyone. Prices generally are very high, meals costing $1 each. Flour is sold at $17 a hundred and hay at $250 a ton, while rough lumber cannot be had for less than $125 a thousand feet. There are no less than 33 saloons running in the town, retailing a bad quality of whiskey at 25 cents a glass. Auction sales held by men who are anxious to get out are of daily occurence.

Mr. Adler's advice to his friends in Kootenay is to stay a long way away from Atlin. The summer, he says, may bring many changes for the better but he has yet seen nothing to warrant the rush that has already taken place.

A Lardo Syndicate Being Promoted In Toronto.

Toronto, May 6.—An important mining deal was made in Toronto yesterday when the Gold Hills Exploration and Development Company of Toronto parted with a large part of its stock to capitalists of Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg. The Gold Hills property is situated in the Lardo-Duncan district, and has property at Fairview and Lake of the Woods.

The Lardeau district holdings include the Gertrude group of mines, the Jubilee and Gold Hills group, the Chicora, and Corona, the Piarmigon, Clara and Trilby groups. In Fairview the company has the Golden Crown and the Crown Point. There are some promising locations in the Lake of the Woods. It is understood that development work will be begun extensively in the Lardeau district as soon as the snow disappears.

USE OF COPPER INCREASING.

And the Supply can not Keep pace with the Increasing Demand.

Leonard Lewisohn, of Lewisohn Bros., the leading metal dealers of the world, says: "We and anybody else are powerless to stop the advance in copper. We have sold more copper the last week than in the six weeks preceding, and while we may regret a copper market at 20 cents or above, we must face the situation as it is. The electrical companies in America are using 40 per cent more copper than a year ago, and the foreign demand continues. I do not know where the supplies are to come from. The only mine that can increase supplies to any extent this year is the Utah, which will soon begin production on a considerable scale, but from no other district can the supplies this year be materially increased over those of last year."

"May I call you mine?" he asked.

"You may call me a mine, if you please, George," she replied; "but I doubt if you'll ever strike any paying ore."

"What was the cause," asked the superintendant, "of the Egyptian plague?"

"They didn't boil the water," ventured a little girl in the infant class.

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SLOCAN LAKE JUBILEE.

Closing Preparations Well in Hand by the New Denver Committee.

A meeting of the citizens of New Denver was held last Saturday night, in the K. of P. hall, to hear the report of the executive committee having in charge the celebration of the 24th of May. The meeting was well attended, and a great deal of enthusiasm was engendered into it by the excellent report of the committee, showing the unprecedented success it had met with in securing for that day all the big sporting events that are to be held in Kootenay.

Communications and agreements were read from the Nelson and Rossland hose reel teams, the Nelson and Sandon baseball teams, and the Nelson lacrosse and football teams, showing that the committee had positively secured all of these important sport-making aggregations, and proving beyond the shadow of a doubt that New Denver will have the only big sporting events of the day.

The difficulty that the committee met with in securing the co-operation of Nelson, Rossland and Sandon is generally well known, and the marked success that has been accorded the efforts of the several committeemen is something of which they may justly pride themselves. Never has a committee met with more opposition—and this from a source that, in view of past circumstances, ought to have given at least their good will. But the committeemen were more than able to cope with the malcontents, with the result, as before stated, that they have secured for New Denver more than at first they deemed possible, and enough to make the Slocan Lake Jubilee one long to be remembered with pride by the citizens and glory to the name of New Denver. The committee has not been rash in making statements. Indeed, it was not known what the committeemen were doing until it had been done, and as a result of their business-like method of doing things they have not had to retract any statement made and have never taken a backward step.

The report of the secretary of the executive committee showed that they had managed to secure for May 24th all the main attractions of the Kootenays. First the hose reel race was assured, and the committee presented the following rules which are to govern the race, and which are signed by the captains of the Nelson and Rossland teams:

"Purse, $300, first prize Distance, 200 yards. Each competing team shall consist of not more than 12 men and a captain. All carts must be of the same weight. Either ropes or harness may be used. Competing teams to start by pistol shot, with hubs of carts on starting line. The first cart over finish line shall be declared winner. The starter and judges of the race shall be selected by a committee of one from each competing team."

The assurance was also given of the match game of baseball between the Sandon and Nelson teams. Also of a lacrosse match between New Denver and Nelson, and a football game between the crack teams of these cities. These four events were given as the main drawing cards, and it was promised by the committee that other field and aquatic sports would be arranged that would be fast enough to satisfy the swiftest. Also a single or double-handed drilling contest will be pulled off. Good purses are put up for each and every event—good enough to engage the attention of the best sporting teams against all loud-mouthed opposition.

The committee reported that more funds were needed to meet the demands of the celebration, and more than half of the additional sum was raised on the spot, and the day following the subscriptions exceeded the amount asked for. Whatever sum the committee finds is necessary will be forthcoming to make the Slocan Lake Jubilee the greatest event in the history of the Slocan.

The several committees have been appointed by the executive committee and all the work attaching to the celebration is now in the proper hands. Following are the chairmen of the committees, who are empowered to call others to their assistance:—Transportation, A. Sproat; baseball, G. Long; lacrosse, H. J. Robie; football, W. H. Gibbs; program and advertising, H. M. Walker; grounds and grand stand, A. McGillivray; finance, W. H Gibbs.—Ledge.

A VISITOR OF IMPORTANCE.

H C. Oswald, a director of the Northwest Mining Syndicate, Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Oswald, arrived in town on Monday evening, on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W H. Sandiford. Mr. Oswald visited and inspected the Bosun mine on Tuesday, and warmly congratulated Mr. Sandiford on the condition of the mine, the results that have already been obtained, and the prospects for the future. Both Mr. and Mrs. Oswald are delighted with New Denver, and are pleased that the headquarters of the company are located in such a convenient and pretty place. We wish in the name of the town and district to extend to them a hearty welcome. Their stay here will extend to several weeks. Consultations will be held between manager and director, plans laid for the future working of the company, the operations of which will no doubt be extended in the district, which has already derived so much benefit from the working of the Bosun. Mr. Oswald is a partner in the old and respected firm of Heatley & Co., London, doing business all over the world, and this is by no means the first time he has inspected mines managed by Mr. Sandiford in other and distant parts of the globe.—Ledge.

Custom House Returns.

The following are the returns of the Nelson and Rossland custom houses for the month of April, as given in the Nelson Tribune. The returns from the outports of Waneta and Rykert's are included in those of Nelson; and the returns from the outports of Trail and Sheep Creek are included of those of Rossland:

NELSON.

Imports—	Value
Dutiable	$ 32,745
Free	1,842
Total	$ 34,587
Duty collected	$9,743 74
Exports—	Value
The mine—coke, 72 tons	$ 360
" ore, 361 tons	18,106
Total, the mine	$ 18,466
The forest	50
Animals and their produce	66
Agricultural products	55
Manufactures	2,686
Total exports	$21,263

ROSSLAND.

Imports—	Value
Dutiable	247,[illegible]
Free	6,907
Total	$54 [illegible]
Duty collected	$12,023 25
Exports—	Value
Ore	$[illegible],817

Australian Mining.

The Calgoorlie mines are the property of a very small syndicate at Adelaide, capitalized at £150, and today all the properties in that district are on the market at £900,000, and since 1893 have paid £3,000,000 in dividends. The first property to be floated was the Great Boulder, which was discovered by Mr. Hannan in June, 1893, and floated in April, 1895. Since then it has turned out over eight tons of gold and 120,000 tons of quartz has been crushed. The average value is about $52 per ton. The reason that crushing has been so slow is that these properties are about 800 miles from the coast and there is no waterway over which transports might go. Another property is the Lakeview which has a lode 35 feet wide and averages very rich.

Other rich properties are the Ivanhoe, which since 1895 has crushed 57,300 tons, averaging $38 a ton, and the Association, whose shares, with a par value of £1, are now standing at £6. The mines of the district turn out 100,000 ounces a month.

What might be termed the gold colony comprises about 975,000 square miles. All are owned by English capitalists, with their headquarters in London, and all are turning out immense quantities of gold. The great trouble in some of the districts is the lack of water, and a project is on foot to pump water from the coast to the gold fields, a distance of over 300 miles, through pipes two and a half feet through. This will probably be finished in about two years and will cost £3,000,000.

But with all the enormous gold output Australia is no place for the poor man, and the benefits derived from the output is simply the workingmen's wages, the dividends going to the British capitalists and syndicates in London who control most of the mines in the country.

Merely a Garter Snake.

It was a bitter cold night and the furnace fire burned slow, but there was a warm time for a few seconds at least in the home of an up-town politician. He had been attending one of those breezy kind of meetings, and retired somewhat late in a shivery and somewhat confused sort of feeling, says the Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Of one thing he was certain, his feet were cold, very cold. In a tentative sort of a way he thrust them towards the warmer side of the bed, where his wife was calmly sleeping. An instant later there was a terrified yell—then another, then another.

"Julia, wake up!" gasped the politician; "there's something in the bed! Strike a light, quick!"

His wife was on her feet at once, striking handfuls of matches, while the hero of a dozen political battles writhed and gasped in an agony of terror.

"It's a worm—a scorpion—a cold-blooded viper!" he said. "Hurry, I'm holding it! Gee! But it squirms! There it goes!" and as the gas flared up and the clothes were turned back, he deftly tossed out a slim, shiny, tremulous object which wriggled downward to the floor, where it slowly shaped itself into a glistening coil.

It was a metallic garter, one of the spiral, ventilated sort.

The wife of the hero is afflicted with cold feet herself and on that night had waited about disturbing the afflicted members until snugly settled in bed. But she thinks the joke a little too good to keep.

ADVERTISING AXIOMS.

The majority of men believe in advertising, and advertise.

A part of the minority of men believe in advertising and do not advertise.

The balance of the minority either do not believe in advertising at all, or else believe in it sufficiently to advertise only intermittently.

This semi-intelligent business man finds that a decent sized advertisement in a decent publication costs say from ten to fifty dollars a time.

He attacks the mathematical problem to discover that it is necessary to sell four refrigerators, two overcoats, twenty-five rolls of wall paper, forty-two pairs of stockings, or half a dozen rocking chairs to realize sufficient profit to meet the advertising cost of a single insertion.

He is one of those men who invest their money with a string to it, when the money rolls round the corner in search of fertile ground to grow in he jerks it back to himself. They are a sort of "sufficient unto the day" sort of people, who do not believe in casting their bread upon the waters.

The more honesty a man has the less he affects the air of a saint.—Lavater.

Coming to Canada.

British Board of Trade emigration returns for the first three months of the current year are very flattering to the Dominion. The number of people leaving the United Kingdom's ports for Canada show an increase of 24 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1898, while emigration returns to the United States for the same period show a decrease of 15 per cent.; and that of other British colonies, including South Africa, has practically remained stationary or shows a slight falling off.

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		SANDON	
Train lvs Daily, 1.00 pm			Train ar daily 10.50 am
		KASLO	
" ar " 3.45 pm			Train lv " 8.00 am
Daily except Sunday: Boat lv 3.30 am	—Kaslo—		Boat ar 3.30 pm Daily except Sunday
" 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		" 5.23 pm
" 7.15 am	Nelson		" lv 4.45 pm
Train ar 10.05 am	Northport		Train lv 1.55 pm
" 11 20 am	Rossland		" 12.05 pm
" 3 10 pm	Spokane		" 8.30 am

SS. ALBERTA.

Read down.			Read up.
		Sandon	
Daily train lv 1.00 pm			Daily train ar 10.50 am
		Kaslo	
" ar 3.45 pm			" lv 8.00 am
Wed & Sun: Boat lv 5.00 pm			Mon&T Boat ar 1.00 pm Tues & Sat
" 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		" 6.00 pm
" 1.00 am	Boundary		" 5.00 pm
" ar 3.00 am	Benner's F'ry		lv 2.00 pm
Train lv 11.40 am			" Train ar 1.15 pm Sunday Wed & Sun
" ar 2.45 pm	Spokane		" lv 7.50 am

SPECIAL KOOTENAY LAKE SERVICE,
Commencing June 20, 1898.

On Monday, Thursday and Friday ss Alberta will leave Kaslo 5 p. m. for Ainsworth, Pilot Bay, and Nelson. Leaving Nelson at 8 a. m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, calling at Pilot Bay, Ainsworth and Kaslo, and all way points.

GEORGE ALEXANDER, Gen'l Mgr
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" 8 32	"	South Fork	"	3 20	"
" 9 20	"	Sproule's	"	2 25	"
" 9 45	"	Whitewater	"	2 10	"
" 9 55	"	Bear Lake	"	2 00	"
" 10 12	"	McGuigan	"	1 45	"
" 10 33	"	Bailey's	"	1 34	"
" 10 25	"	Cody Junction	"	1 23	"
Arr. 10 40	"	Sandon	Leave	1 15	"

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Leave, 11.00	a.m	— Sandon —	Arrive,	11.50	a.m
" 11.10	"	Cody Junction	Leave,	11.50	a.m
Arrive, 11.25	"	— Cody —	"	11.25	a.m

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SANDON, B.C., MAY 13, 1899.

MINISTER OF MINES REPORT.

The annual report of the Minister of Mines has just been issued. In point of appearances it is much handsomer than the report of Mr. Carlyle, but viewed from the point of completeness and detail, it is hardly to be compared with that of two years ago.

The official returns of our province's mineral output for last year are, as regards the metal yield in general, somewhat disappointing, when merely cursorily noted at a "first glance," for the aggregate yield of gold, silver, lead and copper shows a decline of nearly $395,000 from the like results of the operations of 1897. Thus while the metal yield of British Columbia amounted in value to $7,567,551 in 1897, the corresponding worth of last year stood at $7,172,766.

Speaking of this decline the News-Advertiser very tritely says: "If the figures are scratinised in detail there is less ground for temporary disappointment and much in favor of the large hopes which we all entertain of the great mining future of British Columbia.

"Thus more than the whole of the net decline in the value of the province's metal output is due to temporary slackening of operations in the silver-lead districts of West Kootenay, more particularly in Ainsworth—where the ore though abundant is low grade—and the Slocan. Thus the output of Ainsworth fell from a value of $440,545 to $159,801, and that of the Slocan from $3,280,686 to $2,619,852. The Nelson district also showed a temporary decline in output value of about $94,000, and East Kootenay a decline of rather over $30,000 However, already there are hopeful signs of a change for the better as regards the silver-lead yield of our province, despite the fall and the fluctuations in the price of silver which in part caused the decline of last year, though that decline was then also aggravated no doubt by the Yukon boom, which may be regarded now as either past or passing.

"On the other hand, the largely increased gold and copper production of British Columbia during the past year gave good cause for congratulation, as auguring a brilliant early future for our province in regard to the mining of the two most important metals, each of which is, unlike silver, steadily growing in demand value.

"Thus the old gold fields of Cariboo increased last year their output from $325,000 in value to $389,360, and admittedly in Cariboo the new era of scientific gold getting is only just beginning, and the present output is consequently small indeed in comparison to what we may reasonably expect from the district in a very short time.

"Cassiar again showed largely as a result of the Atlin discoveries made late in the season, a considerable increase of yield, the output rising from $37,060 to $107,300, the latter figures doubtless representing only a small portion of what we may reasonably expect the Atlin yield alone to prove long before the expiration of the present year.

"The famous copper-gold district of Trail creek also showed, under the circumstances, a satisfactory gain in output, the value of which rose from $2,097,280 to $2,470,811; whilst in Osoyoos, wherein is situated amongst other properties the famous Cariboo mine of Camp McKinney, the metal yield—principally golden—rose from $142,982 to $346,112. Yet the production alike of Osoyoos and Trail creek represent an almost initial output certain to advance immensely in the early future, and as certain to show a very considerable further gain of value even in the course of the present year.

"Then, too, there is every certainty of a very big advance indeed this year of the copper, gold and silver output of claims which are gradually becoming mines on the coast and adjacent islands, including Vancouver Island. The output of these mines was slender indeed in 1898, amounting in value only to $19,487, though even this showed double the worth of the previous year. But in 1899 we may expect relatively large results from the various mines, for a single one of the coast mines alone—the Dorothy Morton—has already yielded since the beginning of the year a silver-gold value that surpasses the results of the whole of the grouped districts for 1898

"Hence we may confidently anticipate that the general results of our Province's metal mining in 1899 will far exceed those of 1898. for whilst we may reasonably expect that the output of the silver-lead districts will again rise in value to something like the returns of 1897 despite silver depreciation, we may on the other hand count with practical certainty on a very large aggregate increase of the gold, silver and copper yields of Trail creek, Osoyoos, Yale, and the Coast and the Island districts of the province, whilst there are certain to ensue very large gains of gold output with still larger possibilities in Atlin.

"We may reckon, too, with full assurance on a very considerable ipcrease of the gold yields of the hydraulic mines of Cariboo. We therefore anticipate that, though the advance of our metal mining in general during the present year will not be phenomenal, nor cause the long-deferred 'boom' of British Columbia in the great London market, it will nevertheless prove sufficiently substantial to justify the continued holding of good and even brilliant hopes in regard to the future of mining for precious metals, and their associate products of copper and lead, throughout British Columbia.

"We must not forget in conclusion to chronicle the fact that the coal and coke production of British Columbia last year—together valued at $3,592,595—was by far the largest on provincial record, and thus made the aggregate mineral yield of British Columbia—metallic and non-metallic—the best in the history of the province

"'Black diamonds' in fact more than made up for the temporary decline in our silver-lead yield and raised the general mineral output of British Columbia from $10,255,263 in 1897 to the aggregate of $10,906,831, which was shown as the result of last year's work.

"Thus our mineral output of the last year was, taken as a whole, by far the greatest and most valuable on provincial record, and as the metal output is certain to show a big gain this year and that of coal and coke—thanks largely to Fernie—will reveal at least as great a proportionate advance, we may assuredly expect that the present will prove another record year for mining all round in Canada's coming and greatest province."

THE WORRY THAT KILLS.

"Worry kills," says a great specialist on brain troubles, "as surely as ever a gun or dagger did." This, it is claimed, has been established beyond doubt by the investigations of neueologists. We all know that worry embitters life to such an extent as to render the final blow more often merciful, but few men and women know how much it lies within themselves to keep down and vanquish this foe to life and lasting happiness.

I never hear a woman declare that she worries constantly—and how often I hear it!—without a desire to exhort her to get rid of a dangerous and vicious habit at once. For worry, be its excuse what you will, is largely a mental habit which can be controlled very materially by the exercise of constant vigilance and strong will power, when one has learned how to fight this hidden but deadly enemy.

"But some must worry," said the careful Martha, when I said something like this to her the other day. "If you don't worry some one else will worry for you. It is the same as the people who toil not nor spin. Some one has to toil or spin or is toiling and spinning for them now."

"No," I argued, "it is not the same as work this worrying. There is nothing so good as work in all the world, for men and for women, and I pity those who have it all done for them, but there is no excuse for worry."

By worry I do not mean—no one means—thought and care for one's own affairs and the good and well being of others. There is a time, though, when such thoughts degenerate into worry. When you have given undivided attention to the business and care which belongs to you for a reasonable time; when you have turned a matter over and looked at it on all sides, and your mind is decided or undecided what to think or do, and when the same suggestions and thoughts and images constantly reappear, without any new light or increased understanding, worry has begun, and then and there must be put down with a strong hand.

The maddening thing about worry is that it can as easily torment one over a small thing as a great. Women fret continually over small things—matters of dress, household management, the shortcomings of servants, the common faults of children, and a thousand things too small to be worth a moment's thought. Upon minds not blessed by education and natural depth with resources beyond the passing moment, and not provided with activities which can engage the attention, the worry habit fastens itself and makes very sad havac.

But, curiously enough, people of great mental cultivation and strength are almost equally with the less fortunate victims of worry That they are not entirely so is due to their changes of thought and activity—their enjoyment of literature, art, music, nature, and all the things that go to make life worth living.

It is involuntary with such people, however, this warding off of the enemy in most cases When some severe strain comes the most well-balanced man or woman often yields to it thoroughly, the mind fixes itself upon one single and painful thought, and in spite of the efforts of friends, counselors, physicians in spite of travel and change, the poor brain is literally worn out by the constant beating upon it of one maddening thought Succor must come in all such cases from within. The mind must heal itself

Worry can be warded off when one knows how to do it, simply by persistent mental activity in a direction opposed to the cause of worry, supplemented by plenty of outside exercise. The first resource of people who find pleasure in reading is that of course. How many lives, I wonder, has Charles Dickens, has Mark Twain, saved within the last fifty years? The authors who chain the attention and cheer the heart at the same time, what ministers to a mind diseased are they! I believe I could ward off abstraction with Sir Walter Scott's novels, and laugh at Bedlam so long as I had on my bookshelves the tales of Stevenson, the essays of Emerson and Carlyle, with a dog-eared old copy or two of poetry beside them!

But then there are the times when one must try to sleep, or must walk or ride in the street cars, or work at mechanical pursuits: what then?

Why, then my special prescription comes in.

You can feel the cloud of worry coming, can't you? If you are where you can sing, say at home, about your work, sing all the old hymns, and fine inspiring songs that you know. Sing them word for word, verse after verse, carefully fixing your mind on each word, bustling about your task as you sing. The worry can't come. It will keep off while you chant and sing and hum. There was something in that old expression about whistling to keep your courage up. But if you can't sing, for reasons of your own or out of regard for somebody else—save the mark—never mind.

Select some restful poem and learn it by heart. When the black wings of worry begin to loom over you repeat to yourself your poem, fixing your mind on it as you go. Repeat it over and over again. By and by the worry will be gone. It will get so after awhile that involuntarily, just by association, the two will go together, just as the antidote grows in nature near the poisonous plant, and you will find some time, having unconsciously let the worry get at your mind, your poem going along there too, quietly and persistently, until your attention takes hold of it, and then you are saved again for that time. And don't forget the long walk every day, or the out-of-day play of some kind, no matter what the weather is.

Worry must be fought with coolness, firmness and determination. Whenever it comes it must find something else in the place it seeks to hold. While you are among cheery friends or busy at work it stays away. Let it find your mind occupied with healthful thoughts or compelling occupations when you are alone. Let there be no compromise with the enemy day or night, and you will see it leave you at last, a discouraged old fagged failure of a worry.

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SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

There is every prospect of a boom on Ten Mile this season.

Two men are at present working on the Madou, Ten Mile.

J. C. Ryan, formerly of the Antoine, is in East Saginaw, Mich.

Some of the Payne ore is now being shipped to Great Falls.

New hoisting machinery is to be installed on the Arlington.

The Mollie Hughes will ship a carload of ore to the Nelson sampler.

Good ore is being brought into town from claims on Goat mountain.

An English company is negotiating for the Bondholder group, on Ten Mile creek.

The Enterprise will not commence operations until the eight-hour question is settled.

The Arlington will start up with ten men, and their number will be gradually increased.

W. C. E. Koch has the contract for hauling supplies to the Enterprise under the new management.

Tom Collins is on the road to fortune. He owns several nickel mines in Nelson, and the eight-hour law does not affect them.

There is two feet of snow yet on the Springer creek trail, preventing supplies going up to the Arlington, Ohio, and other claims.

W. F. DuBois, the new manager at the Arlington, was in town this week. He says operations will commence in two weeks, so soon as the snow gets off the trail.

An inch of clean ore came into the breast of the Neglected tunnel Tuesday. It runs from top to bottom and gives every indication of permanency, with the likelihood of widening.

The owners of the Capella group, Goat mountain, are pushing work on the Turris, one of the claims, and are taking out ore of immense value, which is being sacked as it comes from the ledge. Late sampling assays average 373 ounces in silver.

Tom Mitchell has gone to Wardner to confer with the manager of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan in regard to rebuilding the mill recently destroyed by strikers with dynamite. He will return in a few days to commence work on the Ruth mill at Sandon.

Some excellent galena ore is shown in town from a strike made Tuesday on the Queen Fraction, a Galena Farm property owned by David Matheson, J. Lind and C. E. Strickland. The strike was made in a small open cut, on what is believed to be the Noonday lead.

NEW DENVER FLOAT.

W. S. Drewry has returned from the coast.

A tinsmith would find a good stand in New Denver.

T. J. Lendrum has returned from his southern tour.

There is an opening here for a promising young lawyer.

The general advertising is out for the Queen's birthday celebration.

Geo. Aylwin is making arrangements to re-open his hotel at Aylwin.

Considerable debris has fallen in on the wagon road to Three Forks.

Ed Atherton came down from Sandon on Monday to see what summer looks like.

Several carloads of hay and feed have arrived in town during the past few days.

A small appropriation has been received from the government to put the reserve in presentable condition, and a small army of men commenced the job Tuesday. Several teams of horses are employed, and it is the intention to clean the grounds of stumps, stones and debris and then plow and harrow it and plant it with grass seed.

There will be several new dining rooms opened on the 24th to accommodate the big crowds.

Constable Forbes has been moved from Three Forks to New Denver. This is as it should be.

J. A. Macdonald, formerly of the California mine, has opened an ice cream parlor in Nelson.

C. F. Nelson left on Sunday to attend the grand lodge meeting of the Knights of Pythias, at Victoria.

Major Allen has again taken charge of the ticker at the C.P.R. office, after several weeks' absence in Robson.

An effort is being made to have a post-office established at Enterprise, the coming town at the mouth of Ten Mile.

The lawn tennis club met on Friday night and re-organized for the season. The court has been put into good condition.

R. M. Covington was in town on Monday. Rob is anxious for a boat race on the 24th of May, either for glory or money.

That portion of the government reserve fronting the St. James Hotel has been plowed up and levelled off, presenting a neat appearance.

Strike on the Home Run.

An important strike was made on the Home Run group last Friday, by James Moran and Chas. Greenley, the owners. In running an open cut to apply on the annual assessment work, a strong quartz ledge was uncovered, from 10 to 12 feet across, carrying eight and ten inch stringers of grey copper ore, the croppings from which assayed 193 and 172 ozs. silver.

The Home Run group embraces three claims. They are located east of the Mountain Chief, and of about the same altitude. Last spring and summer several weeks work was put upon the properties in sluicing for the lead, but all this work accomplished nothing.

Since the strike has been made, it is the intention of the owners to push work steadily with as large a force of men as can be conveniently worked.

The Turner Dismissal Again.

An Ottawa despatch states there will likely be a revival of the incidents connected with the dismissal of the Turner government by Lieut.-Gov. McInnes. Col. Prior has secured the passage of an order of the house, calling for copies of all correspondence in connection with the dismissal of the late government, as well as the petition of the members of the Turner administration praying for the appointment of a commission of enquiry. The general impression at Ottawa is that W. W. McInnes is pretty well mixed up in the matter through interviews with an emissary of the late government, which took place at Duncan station.

Will Start Up Within a Month.

The Slocan Ore Purchasing Company of Nelson is now making good progress with the erection of its buildings for ore sampling. Nearly all the lumber is on the ground and the work of laying the floor has commenced. The contractor announces that the building will be completed and the machinery installed and ready for crushing on June June 5th. So soon as the company is prepared to accept delivery of ore it will commence operations, there being ore sufficient awaiting shipment to keep the sampler going for several weeks.

The man who procrastinates struggles with ruin.—Hesiod.

Stupendous Sums Risked in Gambling.

New York Sun:—A profit to the bank of more than $5,000,000 in two months is the stupendous record of the Monte Carlo gambling establishment during the season ending a week ago. It is safe to say that the history of gambling in any and all countries cannot furnish a parallel to these figures. It should be borne in mind that the bank's profits only amount to three per cent. upon the sums staked, so that these gigantic winnings represent more than $166,000,000 actually risked by the players, or about $2,600,000 per day placed upon the tables. This does not mean that punters and plungers actually carried a capital aggregating $2,600,000 per day to the gambling rooms and staked it on the turn of a wheel or the deal of a card, for of course much of the money was risked over and over again

There are no stories of really phenomenal luck in the year's record. A North of England ship-owner won $80,000 in two hours one day last month. The most sensational coup of the season was that of a Russian Count, who carried away $70,000 as the result of one night's play. He won this sum in the new semi-private gaming rooms, where the heaviest play has taken place. This new feature of Monte Carlo accounts for the unprecedented receipts of the season. The rooms are on the first floor of the Casino. Only men are admitted and membership in a reputable club is a necessary qualification for admittance. The stakes are nothing less than gold or bank notes, and the rooms are kept open till 2 or 3 a.m., the principal gaming rooms on the ground floor closing at midnight.

A Yorkshire colliery owner carried away $75,000 after three weeks' play, but there have been no other big winnings worth noting. On the other hand, the most startling instance of heavy loss is that of the wife of an English peer, who lost one night $80,000 and the next $100,000. Her husband found it necessary to warn her that even his vast wealth could not stand such a big strain.

Will Sue The Government.

Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann have been in Ottawa for several days. They have a number of projects in hand, but it is said their chief business is to formulate their claim against the Government for expenditure incurred in connection with the unfortunate Yukon railway deal of last year. It is said by those that know that the amount of the damages to be claimed by them will not be far short of $250,000. The amount of the recent decisions against them in the courts of $70,000, due the Alberta Railway and Coal Company for rails supplied, will be one of the items of the bill of particulars which the government will be asked to pay.

"Oh, dear!" said a young Bostonian, struggling with her arithmetic. "What is it, my child?" said her father. "I wish I were an Australian rabbit." "An Australian rabbit! Why, my child?" "Because they multiply so rapidly."

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MINING RECORDS

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

LOCATIONS.

APRIL 27—Springtime, Four Mile, by J E Barrett.

APRIL 28—Nellie Fraction, relocation of Clinton claim, Carpenter creek, Wm Niven.

MAY 2—Alice Murphy, Silver mountain, A J Murphy.

Dooley, same, Hugh Behne.

MAY 3—Nettie Fractional, Carpenter creek, C H Brindle.

MAY 6—Deception, relocation of Mollie, Four Mile, J Tinling.

Kola, north fork Carpenter creek, relocation of Ellis, R Thompson.

World, Carpenter, same.

ASSESSMENTS.

APRIL 25—Elk, two years; Speculator, same; Virginia, same.

APRIL 27—Keewatin, Emma Fraction.

APRIL 28—Concord.

APRIL 29—Wren.

MAY 1—Torpedo, Jubilee, Creole.

MAY 2—Angelo.

MAY 3—Belt Fraction, Bear Fraction, Fenchurch Fraction.

MAY 6—Dewey, Spike, Republican, Thistle.

MAY 8—Golden Chariot, Morway, Stockholm, Alma, Charlotte.

MAY 9—Royal Five, Jennie, Lakeview.

CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION

MAY 1—Starview, Empire, Richmond.

TRANSFERS.

APRIL 27—Fitz ½, J M Hays to John Bough, on May 26, 1898.

Fitz ½, same to same, bill of sale in escrow, $750, due May 26, 1899, same.

Cuba ½, C H Lawson to J McKernan, February 9.

R D Fraction ½, S T Walker to N D McMillan, March 27.

APRIL 29—Rockland, E Cummings to W W Spinks, April 12.

Northern Pacific all, Red Cross all, Soho ⅓, M R W Rathbourne to J C Ryan, January 4

Same, ⅓ in each, J C Ryan to Chas H Green, on April 7.

MAY 1—Edith ½, James Campbell to D D McPherson, April 27.

Hartney and Sylvanite, ⅓ in each, E. Shannon to same, same.

Letters of administration granted, March 29, to Catherine Stirrett of the estate of A H Stirrett.

MAY 2—Random Shot, Wm Braden to Edwin Wallace, July 23, 1897.

Same, E Wallace to the Ajax Mining and Development Co, ltd, July 9, 1898.

Cuba 1-6, C H Loenson to B M Walton, Nov 22, 1897.

June Bug, Cuba ½, Sigsbee Fraction, A C Behne to W C Yawkey, April 28.

Cuba 1-6, B M Walton to P M Hickey, April 28.

MAY 3—Cuba, all interest, J McKiernan to P J Hickey, April 29.

Marie S Fraction ½, C S Rashdall to George W Hughes, $200, April 29.

Same ½, same to Scottish Colonial Goldfields, ltd., $600, same.

Grand Stand ½, E L Beer to C W Greenley, on Feb 8, $5.

MAY 5—Home Run ½, Wm Glynn to A E Fauquier, Jan 13, $5.

Mowich ½, C E Fielding to C M Gething, Feb 6, $75.

Mowich, C M Gething to A E Fauquier, April 19.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

APRIL 19—Boss, near Kaslo, D Tuomey.

St John, same, O T Stone.

APRIL 20—Sevora, in Hendryx camp, by A Johnson.

Atlantic, south fork, J D Moore.

Mayflower, west of Kaslo, M Jardine.

Gibraltar, same, same.

APRIL 21—Nelson, Hendryx camp, H M Stevenson.

Hamilton, same, same.

Pacific, south fork, D D Kane.

APRIL 22—Playback, Hendryx camp, William Stewart.

APRIL 24—Undaunted, Bear Lake, R Williams and R Mitchell.

ASSESSMENTS.

APRIL 14—Zoa.

APRIL 18—Golden Rule, Sunset, Last Chance, Old England, Matilda, Government, Valparaiso.

APRIL 21—Jennie, Star, Homestake, Great Western, Silver King, Silver Queen.

APRIL 22—Roy, Dewey.

APRIL 24—Circle.

APRIL 25—Pluto.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

APRIL 15—Pandora and Dryore, on behalf of W J H Holmes.

TRANSFERS.

APRIL 15—Scranton ½, W B Conroy to J Henry $100.

APRIL 17—War Eagle ½, D F Strobeck to O E Bolling.

Jeanette, G W Roche to W S McCrae.

Hermina ½, J M Somprey to P Desell.

Red Star ½, C H Cameron to A Hanna.

APRIL 18—Col Sellars, W J Bryan, Senator Teller, R P Bland and Wabash ½, A A Webb to John Tinling, $15,000.

Ark ½, G Walker to W G Sivyer.

APRIL 19—Cliff ½, H Giegerich to V A Johnson

APRIL 21—Ark ½, G Walker, W Blanchfield and W G Sivyer to J W Ruddy.

Boss—D Tuomey to O T Stone.

APRIL 22—Monterey, San Juan and Humming Bird, Sheriff Tuck to W C McLean, $50.

APRIL 24—Corinthian ½, C M Field to R D Munro.

R & L ½, L Field to same.

Boss and St John ½, O T Stone to D Tuomey.

APRIL 25—The Bear ½, J Hutti to M Tolonen.

OPTIONS.

APRIL 19—Colorado, Andrew Jay, Utica and Rocky Boulder, P McCue and Bridget McCue to I N Peyton, to run for two years.

Treadwell and John A, C Plowman to J A Fleutot.

MAKING WOOD HARDER THAN IRON

At Somerville, Texas, a place on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway, about 140 miles west of Galveston, an interesting, mysterious, gigantic, and evidently profitable enterprise has just been inaugurated. Drawing our conclusions from the big factory, the colossal vats, endless piles of timber, long trains of tram cars, the army of laborers and the terrible odor that pervades the town and county for miles, there certainly must be enough creosote manufactured here to cure all the aching teeth in the world. These people, however, are not engaged in producing this peculiar liquid to be put in little vials and to be sold over the prescription counter by the drop. It pours from the factory in great dark streams, and they own rivers and lakes of the stuff, and use it all right here.

The officials on the ground are apparently men of very limited colloquial powers, and few of them recognize the presence of strangers further than by a glance and a nod of the head or a jerk of the thumb towards a sign which says "No Admittance." The air of mystery that pervades the place led us to make some investigations, which developed the fact that the stuff which is produced and used here is manufactured by a secret process, only known to the chemists in the employ of the company. Everybody calls it creosote, but nobody on the outside knows what it is. The company has been in existence a little more than a year, and, judging from the big buildings they are continually constructing, the constant arrival of men and costly machinery, the ceaseless augmentation of their force of laborers and skilled mechanics and the enormous growth of the business, it must be a very profitable enterprise. It is known as the Texas Lumber, Tie and Timber Preservation Co., but they do not seem to care whether the world knows anything about them or not. One man whose tongue we succeeded in loosening just a little bit, said in a whisper, after very cautiously looking about him: "Well, they are making barrels of money anyway. They cannot fill one-half of the orders that they are receiving, and they are awfully afraid that some slick person will get on to their little secret and set up another factory."

Two years ago there was nothing here but a telegraph office and two or three box houses. A short railway, known as the Alligator branch, started at this point and ran through the Brazos bottom to Navasota. This was a lazy, slow, creeping thing. The cannon ball would stop to take on or let off a fisherman or hunter at any point in the woods. Whenever a deer or a flock of turkeys crossed the track the engineer reached for his Winchester and the fireman stopped the train under the shade of the first tree. Conductor and passengers joined in the sport, which frequently ended in the slaughter of a fat buck.

Commercial travelers and others always spoke of the Alligator branch and Somerville in a vein of humor. A well-known negro porter on the G. C. & S. F. express, who called the names of the stations, often threw the passengers of the whole train into convulsions of uproarious laughter by his humorous description of Somerville and the Alligator branch. In deep, tragic tones he would roar, "The next station is the world-renowned city of Somerville, founded by Dad and Billdad—population 49,480—one yoke of oxen—Blizzard Pete—a crippled negro and a yellow boy—change cars for Allan Farm, Jerusalem, Secunderabad, Hongkong, Kartoun, Klondike and Navasota."

Eastern tourists would listen to this in amazement, and when the locomotive whistled for the little station in the woods, they would look through the swaying moss at the little box telegraph office, doubtless supposing that the big city was just round the curve.

Everything has been changed as if by magic. The creosote people came, and they at once began to dig vats and put up houses. It did not take them long to get their big factory in operation, and then they furnished employment to an army of mechanics and laborers. Three hundred dwelling houses sprang into existence in a few months. Long railroad switches and innumerable tram lines were constructed into the forests. They paid good wages and offered liberal inducements for people to settle in the town. They were clever, but they felt their flesh quiver when they read, posted up on the trees such notices as "Fools who ask questions will be shot," "The remains of scientific investigators who have tasted or bathed in the liquid will not hold together for shipment," "Labor for all, but tramps are kindly advised not to let the sun go down on them in Somerville."

Big lake, a magnificent sheet of water, was located about four miles away. The enterprising creosote people wanted the water of the lake, and they erected a tower 150 feet high, purchased a powerful engine and pumped the water from this lake to their factory through an eight-inch pipe.

Not all of the ingredients of the liquid used in preserving timber are manufactured here. Train loads of stuff that looks like glue is transported to this place from some unknown quarter of the globe. They claim, and scientific investigators who have thoroughly examined the subject say, that they make wood more durable than iron. Railroad ties and bridge timbers have been treated at the Somerville works and transformed into a hard substance that defies the teeth of insects, time and the action of the elements.

There every particle of sap, moisture and every other foreign element is extracted from the wood. After this the ties are treated with the chemical liquid, which smells so like creosote, and when again brought on the track their value has been greatly increased. The people confidently believe that such timbers will last for thousands of years. They have six of these great vats, 100 feet in length, in constant operation.

The company is just now doing a rapidly increasing business with the republic of Mexico. They are shipping vast quantities of their timbers as far west as the Pacific coast of Mexico, to be used in the construction of wharves and lighthouses and piers and sea walls.

Make a Thorough Job of It.

A recent issue of the Superior, Wis., Citizen contains the following church notice:—"Next Sunday the morning service will be held in the East End and the afternoon services at the West End. Children will be baptized at both ends."

Slocan Lake

JUBILEE!!

After some weeks of arduous preparations the citizens of New Denver are in a position to offer, through their executive committee, to the citizens of Sandon and neighboring camps, the greatest sporting events that have ever been brought together in a Kootenay celebration.

May 24th, at New Denver,

Will be a record-making day for the Silvery Slocan. All expectations have been exceeded, and better sports, better purses, better music, better entertainment of every description, are the results of the hearty co-operation of the citizens of Sandon, Nelson and Rossland.

Some of the Sporting Events

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Zinc in Ontario.

[Toronto Star.]

A report has been made of the Wonderful zinc mine near Schriber. This mine was purchased by H. B. Beemer of Ottawa last year for $30,000. During last season Mr. Beemer cleared $45,000 out of the property.

In Missouri the best ore runs 14 per cent, while this mine has 38 to 65 per cent zinc. There is a trace of gold but no silver in it. The property is 80 acres in extent. The lode is 1,300 feet in length, 20 feet wide and has been proved to a depth of 200 feet. It is easy to mine. The product is shipped to Belgium and sold at $45 per ton. The freight is $9 a ton.

Will Van Resign.

New York, May 8th.—The Mail and Express says; The annual meeting of the Canadian Pacific occurs this week and it was rumored today in Wall street that President William C. Van Horne will retire from the office which he now holds in favor of T. R. Shaughnessy, who is now vice president.

The change, it is understood, is at President Van Horne's suggestion. He wishes to maintain his identity with the road in the capacity of chairman of the board of directors.

He Met His Match.

The Russian marshall, Suvoroff, was famous as a jester and was fond of confusing the men under his command by asking them unexpected and absurd questions. But occasionally he met his match. Thus, one bitter January night, such as only Russia can produce, he rode up to a sentry and demanded:

"How many stars are there in the sky?"

"Wait a little and I'll tell you," and he deliberately commenced to count, "One, two, three," etc.

When he had reached 100, Savar off, who was half frozen, thought it high time to ride off, not, however, without enquiring the name of the ready reckoner. Next day the latter found himself promoted.

A Short Concersation.

Englishman—Pardon me, sir, but where do you come from?

Stranger—From County Cork.

Englishman—Then that accounts for your brogue.

Stranger—May I ax where you come from?

Englishman (proudly)—From Worcester.

Stranger—Then that accounts for your sauce.

He knew what they always say, so he thought he would forestall her.

"I suppose you've never been kissed by a man before?" he said.

"Do I look as homely as that?" she demanded, haughtily.

"What is a patent lawyer?"

"He's a lawyer who gets people in jail for inventing things."

"Mary, I saw the baker kiss you today. I think I shall go down and take the bread in future."

"Twouldn't be no use, ma'am. He wouldn't kiss you 'cos he promised he'd never kiss anybody else but me."

Blink—The trouble with a bore is that one never knows what to do with him.

Wink—Not at all. The trouble is one's always afraid to do it.

"Do you like popular songs?"

"No," answered the perfectly candid man; "not when anybody except myself sings or whistles them."

The Truro Searchlight reports that men are working in that city on civic contract work for 75 cents a day, and that the supply exceeds the demand at that price.

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

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that J. Robillard and D. McDonald do not hold themselves liable for any bills contracted by Collins & Baribou, now working on the Snap property.

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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. 78,810, 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

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The C. P. R. Balked.

The C. P. R. is trying again with very indifferent success its bulldozing policy as applied to the K. & S. Ry., now the Kootenay Railway & Navigation Co., owners of the Kaslo & Lardo Duncan Ry. Co. charter. The little road has a faculty of always being first in the field. Under their charter they last fall surveyed and recorded their right-of way through Duncan Pass, but a few days ago when their workmen began grading operations here they found the new stakes of the C. P. R. on their right-of-way and a gang of C. P. R. graders shortly made its appearance. The latter would not quit the disputed ground and the little road has called upon the courts to protect its rights against the porcene proclivities of the C. P. R., in the meantime going right ahead with its operations. Judge Forin has issued a temporary injunction against the C. P. R.

Unscrupulous Stock Boomers.

The Stevensons, father and son, should be lynched on their return to Kootenay. They own some mining property and a small concentrator at Ainsworth. The lies they are telling the gullible public through the Philadelphia papers would turn old Baron Maunchausen green with envy. The Black Diamond, Little Phil and Mamie, a group of low grade propositions that have turned grey the heads of two or three managers and broken the hearts and financial backs of former owners, is hung before the dazed public as the greatest and richest mines the world has ever heard of. Their mill, equipped with a "coffee mill" crusher, two jigs and one Frue vanner, they claim to be the largest plant in the Pacific Northwest. Among the more truthful statements in an interwritten of young Maxwell Stevenson is one to the effect that the "great Black Diamond mines" are in direct line with the Payne, only 14 miles distant, and that the Payne is "just below the Le Roi mine." It is needless to say the precious Stevenson pair is engaged in selling stock in their "great mines."

Mine Owners' Meeting.

A meeting of the mine owners of Slocan was held in the Virginia Hall on Tuesday evening. Several representatives from Nelson and Kaslo were present and all the mines, with one or two exceptions, were represented

The meeting was held with great secrecy, the doors being double-guarded to prevent any outsiders from gaining admittance, consequently the proceedings are unknown. It is also uncertain as to whether the meeting was unanimous in favor of the $3 scale for an eight-hour shift. It is currently reported that three of the largest properties refuse to close down. B. J. Perry, of the Noble Five, left for Victoria on Wednesday morning and it is understood that his mission is in connection with the movements of the mine owners association. Resolutions drawn up which will probably receive publication next week. The constitutionality of the eight-hour law will be contested immediately upon its enforcement.

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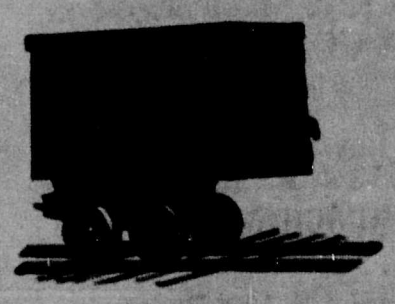

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