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HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF.

A. Haller has gone to Duncan City to open a hotel.

Work has been commenced on the new Presbyterian church.

Lowes & Harrington opened their Duncan City hotel on Dominion Day.

Oscar White is around again, none the worse for his accident of a week ago.

Frank C. Sewell, city clerk, returned Thursday from the Pacific Coast.

Walter Adams has returned to Sandon and will reside in town for the summer.

The K. & S. is after the squatters again and threatens to move all who refuse to pay rent.

Mr. Cliffe has not yet commenced his defamation of character suit. He probably is negotiating for a character.

N J. Cavanaugh and Jas. Dimmick will go to the Lardeau today to do assessment work on some of their claims.

A money order office of the Great Northern express company has been opened at the K. & S. depot. J. S. Campbell has the agency.

"Dutch Jake" Kelsen is spending a few days in the vicinity of Slocan lake, looking over some mining property he owns there.

It is stated on reliable authority that the Cody Avenue sidewalk has not been completed. No asphalt will be laid on the avenue this year.

The New Denver foot ball club has refused to play Sandon a return game. There are no real sports in the New Denver foot ball team.

Sandon had a visit this week from a team of titled aristocrats. Lord and Lady Rathdonnell were the parties. They come from the Emerald Isle.

A school will be opened in Cody about the 15th of next month. The provincial government is furnishing the teacher, while the citizens will be asked to supply the building.

R. O. Matheson of the Silvertonian and Messrs. Milloy, Brandon, McKinnon and others from the lake region spent Wednesday and Thursday in Sandon getting a touch of metropolitan life.

The court of revision for the purpose of hearing protests against the city assessment, and the license commissioners of the city of Sandon will sit in the city clerk's office on Monday, 10th inst., at 10 a. m.

C. D. Porter and Chas. Marriner, who have spent several days in the camp examining the Star and other properties, left on Thursday for Nelson, from whence they will proceed to Moyea, Fort Steele, and other East Kootenay points.

Robt. McTaggart returned this week from Cascade City. "Bob" says he has been helping Foley Bros. & Larsen to build the railroad but as he had some mining matters to attend to in the Slocan he left them finish it themselves.

The Lyceum Company played in Spencer's hall on Thursday evening to a house that was not crowded. The Lyceum is not by any means as good as when they last played Sandon.

Dr. A. Milloy will move to Rossland where he will take up the dental practise of Dr. Find ay, who is retiring. "Doc" Milloy has made many friends in Sandon during his two years' residence, who will always wish him success.

The police court has been hit hard by the depression and "Judge" Lilly is enjoying a sinecure these days. Except for Mr. Cliffe's case, the local justice shop has not done any business since the 1st of June. No better certificate of character could be had for the men who are idle in town awaiting the day when they can get for their labor what they believe it is worth.

J. W. Walker, editor of the Freeman's Labor Journal and organizer of the Western Labor Union, spoke in Spencer's hall on Wednesday evening on the labor troubles of the Coeur d' Alenes. The house was crowded to the doors by those who wanted to hear what Mr, Walker had to say. His version of the history of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan trouble and the subsequent extravagances of martial law and the permit system are widely different from the "news" that has been found in the Spokesman Review and such papers.

The Sandon Brass Band is making arrangements to run a Sunday excursion from Sandon to Argenta and return. The exenrsion would leave here about 7 o'clock in the morning and going to Kaslo, take the boat there and reach Argenta in time to have dinner in the beautiful woods that surround the head Kootenay lake, returning to Sandon early in the evening. It is a delightful trip, and it is to be hoped the band will succeed in making their arrangements. The excursion will probably take place on the 23rd.

SLOCAN MINES.

The Wakefield mine, on Four Mile, will resume operations in a few day with 100 men on the payroll.

The Wondertul shipped 20 tons of ore this week, the only shipment from the Slocan during the time.

Cory & Allen are starting another tunnel on the Silverite ledge that will give 400 feet greater depth than in their present workings.

The Lucky Jim mine has 19 men on the payroll, of whom 11 are working under ground. Eight hours and $3.50 is the way the Lucky Jim does it.

The Lone Star and Blue Grouse Consolidated Mining Company, whose head offiice is in Rossland, the president being Jas. D. Sword; Thos. Anderson, secretary-treasurer; the principal stockholders being Montreal capitalists, associated with Mr. Byron White of the Slocan Star and others, is about to let a contract to drive a 1,000-foot tunnel to tap several ledges that are known to exist on the property, and among which is the well-known Slocan Star lode, which traverses the Lone Star claim. This property is situated immediately between the Slocan Star and Ruth mines, both of which are big producers. A power plant will be erected shortly if air cannot be taken from the plant of some one of the adjoining properties.—Rossland Miner.

A Slocan City Deal.

There is a deal on for the Railroad group of four claims on Lemon creek. These properties have had considerable work done on them and at present Allan Stubbs has two men running a tunnel. The showing is dry ore giving high assays in gold. The owners are A. W. Stubbs and Wm. Stubbs of Sandon, Sarah E. Bennet of Slocan City and Thomas Dunn of Vancouver. New York capitalists are after the claims.

New Mining Companies.

Victoria, July 6.—This week's Official Gazette gives notice of the incorporation of the Big Four Consolidated Mining Company, capital $250,000, to purchase the Big Four group in the Trail Creek division; Detroit & Lardeau Gold Mining Co., Rossland, capital $150,000; Referendum Free Gold Mining and Milling Co., Rossland, capital $500,000, to purchase the Referendum and other claims on Forty-nine creek, near Nelson; East Kootenay Copper Mining Co., Windermere, capital $250,000; Santa Rosa Gold and Copper Mines, Rossland, capital $1,500,000; India Consolidated Silver Mining Co., Whitewater, capital $100,000.

The Political Situation.

The political situation in British Columbia just at present is decidedly interesting. Joe Martin seems to have lost prestage and is asked to resign. Martin says Semlin is a tool in the hands of the Victoria party, and refuses to quit, accusing Cotton and Higgins of being in a conspiricy to oust him. Higgins says Martin tells lies. Helmken has been asked into the government by one party and refused admission by others. Cotton is maintaining the golden silence of the Greek, but is still in the game strong. Hibbert Tupper is on the scene and rumor more or less reliable has it that he will be asked to accept the leadership of a straight Conservative party with Cotton, Higgins, Helmken and others as a cabinet.

British Columbia is sadly in need of good men and a stable government, but it will be a sorry day for this province when partyism is introduced into its politics. The incapability and rascality of partizan governments in the other provinces should be a sufficient warning to B. C.

Born.

At their residence, Sunnyside, on Thursday, 6th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Vallance, a daughter.

THREE FORKS CELEBRATES.

The Echoes of the Old Town Awakened By the Boys from Sandon and Silverton.

The largest crowd that has ever been in Three Forks since the railroad was extended up the gulch to Sandon, gathered there Tuesday to see Silverton, Three Forks and Sandon kickers worry a bag of wind around a four acre lot, and incidentally to celebrate United States' national sarcasm, Independence Day.

The weather was the regular Fourth of July article—pouring rain—and when the band, foot ball players and many women and children loaded the train down at Sandon, patriotic Americans could hardly realize that they were not again in the land of freedom, permits and martial law. At Three Forks the crowd alighed in a torrent of rain, and the oldest inhabitant was detailed to take the census before the visitors escaped.

The game between Sandon and Three Foks was brought off first. It was wild and woolley from the start and the referee did not check the ardor of the players with esthetic distinctions about fouls or off side.

The ground, which has recently been cleared by a liberal application of "60 per cent", reminded some of the boys of the "clearin' back home;" and there were spots in it so soft that snowshoes would be required for rapid travelling. The Three Forks boys played a hard game—that is. the hardest they knew how—but it was against them, and Sandon's seconds got the glory along with their soaking by 2 to 1.

Silverton and Sandon No. 1 then went into it. This match was for keeps. Sandon boys believed that they should beat Si verton, and they went at it to win. For the first few minutes they rushed the soggy leather sphere around the lot like a steer through a cornfield, but when Silverton got down to work it was nip and tuck both ways. After two half hours of the most vigorous work that men could do, the game was decided a draw, 1 to 1, and both too tired to continue it.

Throughout the game Sandon was ably supported by a capable detachment of "rooters" under the captaincy of "Uncle Joe" Thatcher and Abe Leggett. Some of the work done would make Barnum's spellers green with envy.

After the football came a few impromptu Caledonian events, including a women's wheel barrow race, a woman's jumping contest, and other interesting features. George Petty, the duke of Three Ferks, presided as master of sports.

The day wound up with a dance under the auspices of the Sandon Brass Band, and as the boys straggled up the gulch "by the struggling moon beams misty light," wet inside and out, they were wont to murmur in accents low and sweet: "They call this sport."

God Save Canada.

[Toronto Telegram.]

Shaughnessy boss of the Senate which hastens to bleed the country through its property, the Intercolonial Railway, for the benefit of the C. P. R.

Sifton, boss of a government which is ready to refuse inquiry into specific charges solemnly preferred on the responsibility of a member of Parliament.

Ontario in the hands of a Govern ment which goes to sleep in the presence of a conspiricy against public liberty conducted by its friends and for its benefit.

The Senate, acting as bell boy with Mr. Shaughnessy in the star part of hotel clerk, Sir Wilfred Laurier violating the highest traditions of public life to shield the rascality of Mr. Sifton's officials in the Yukon, the Ontario government lost and dead to the enormity of crime in West Elgin! These three triumphs of the party system are not the materials which can be moulded into the noblest sort of Dominion Day anthem.

Canada has rich fisheries, vast mineral wealth, wide tracts of fertile field and untilled prairie. Canada is blessed above all lands with the beauty of mountain and plain.

Canada owes her blessings to the wisdom and kindness of the Lord, and her curses to the weakness and folly of her own people. If the Lord had not been better to Canada than Canada has been to herself, this year's harvest would be principally tares and thistles, like the political crop which is grown from the seed of a blind and bitter partyism.

THE HARVEST OF THE NORTH.

Gold and Poverty in Klondike and Atlin.

With about 125 passengers, half from Atlin and the others from Dawson, the steamer Tees arrived at Vancouver from Skagway on Monday. Nearly all the people out from Dawson brought money, and according to Captain Gosse's estimate there was nearly a million dollars worth of gold from the northern mining regions. Eight packages of gold dust, varying in weight from 100 to 140 pounds apiece, were carried off the steamer as she lay at Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf, and most of them were taken to the Hotel Vancouver, where their owners stayed for the night.

Among the largest owners of dust in the prrty was Wallace Heywood, formerly sergeant of the police force in Vancouver, who has been in business and mining in the north for the last two years. He had two sacks of gold, each weighing in the vicinity of 140 pounds. Quite a crowd gathered around the steamer when the gold was being taken off, and it required two strong men to carry off the packages that were landed.

Among other well-known Yukon people in the party were Donald McDonald, the brother of the Bonanza King; A. F. George, of the Daw son Nugget Express and T. Suttea, F. Benchore, L. dePoinere, of Montreal; E. W. Kenyon, O. J. Tedlock, and W. W. Mackay. All had more or less gold dust, and a good deal of it was taken to Seattle. It is not well known in the north yet that Vancouver has an assay office, and some of the party had consequently made their arrangements to take their dust through with them. The Dawson people came out by the steamer Bonanza King. They left the metropolis on June 17th. Many of the river steamer were seen to be in trouble on the way up, but no more serious wrecks have occurred.

The people from Atlin roport little change for the better in the conditions there. Judge Irving has tried several cases and has seemed to settle them in a way not alone just, but according to the popu'ar sentiment and the general usage in mining camps. Many of the suits have been dropped on account of the necessity of the payment of $25 as fees before the cases will be taken up by the courts; nearly everyone coming out of the country is as near broke as possible. A good deal of danger is being experienced in making the trips from the lakes down to Bennet. On the steamer which brought many of the Tees passengers up the lake came the news that eight lives were lost about 20 miles from Bennett. In a storm a boat capsized and the water was too rough for any rescue to be made, although the drowning people were in view of the steamer. None of the eight were saved. and no one who came down knows either where they belonged or who they were. Other accidents of the same kind were occurring every day or so. There were people in Atlin, too, who have absolutely nothing to live on, and are going from day to day living on the people who are next to them and are better off. One man, a carpenter, left his wife and child at Atlin and came out to Bennett to get work as there was none in Atlin. He said he had to leave his family without enough food for the next meal, and they could only get through the best way they could.

Buying Canadian Iron Lands.

The Michipicoton mining division of Ontario, which has become so well known as a gold field, is likely to become even more noted on account of the deposits of other metals. A deal has just gone through between the Ely Company of Hurley, Wisconsin and several prospectors and claim owners of Michipicoton, of whom W. J. Gates was the heaviest owner and Thomas Brooks, Thomas Smart and others pooled their interests with his. The figures paid by the Ely Company aggregate $50,000, of which Gates get $35,000 and the others smaller amounts.

The iron lands that have changed hands are situated from one to two miles north of Wawa lake, in the second range. These will have to be connected with deep water by a tram or railway. It is understood that a large force of men will be put at work to develop the property with as little delay as possible.

This transaction has given an impetus to prospecting, and white men and indians are all scurrying through the woods, eagerly searching for the red stains of hematite ore.

In looking around for a new cabinet minister we trust the British Columbia government will not overlook the claims of the ossified man for the position.

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MINING IN SLOCAN

Extracts from a paper read before the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, at the Geological Museum, London, by J. D. Kendall, M. Inst. M. M.

Speaking of the quality of the ore of the Slocan mines, J. D. Kendall, in a recent paper says: Moist silver-lead ores are so associated with gangue, or with the ores of zinc, copper, and iron, that it is not economically possible to ship them in a state of purity, but in a district like the Slocan, which is far-removed from smelters, and where, consequently, high freight rates have to be paid, it is imperative to aim at a high tenor. In the early days—i. e., in 1892—when the ore had to be "packed" out to the lakes, only the best ore in a mine could stand the cost of shipping, so that then the ore had to be sorted most carefully. This will be illustrated by a few figures relating to the output of the Dardenelles mine, one of the first shippers. Three hundred and fourteen tons of ore shipped from that mine in two years ending December, 1895, gave 23.7 per cent. lead and 560 9 oz silver per ton, but the first 10 tons, packed out during the fall of 1892, yielded 55.6 per cent. of lead and 470 2 oz silver per ton.

In most of the Slocan mines some very high-grade ore can be found, if only small samples be taken, but that, it need be stated here, is not the way to judge of the product of a mine. The yield of large quantities shipped in the ordinary course of business is the only reliable guide. The following assay results are averages derived from smelter returns relating to the quantities standing opposite the names of the different mines named in the table:

Mine.	Shipments. Tons.	Silver. Oz. per ton	Lead. Per cent
Payne	11,675	111	56
Whitewater	5,610	113	33
Ruth (galena)	1,090	105	65
" (carbonates)	957	48	25
Idaho	1,551	152.6	66.5
Alamo	4,789	129	44
Slocan Star	10,012	80	67
Enterprise	1,951	177	22
Reco	1,620	239	39
Washington	1,620	95	56

This table shows better than many words the highly argentiferous character of the Slocan ores. It includes probably the highest and the lowest grade yet found. When we compare these results with those obtained from the ores of other important silver-lead areas, the greater richness of the Slocan ores is at once evident.

When dressed, the ores are mainly sent to one or other of the United States smelters. A little ore has been sent to the Hall smelter at Nelson. Recently the Canadian Pacific Railway Company erected a smelter at Trail for the purpose of dealing with the Slocan ores, but it has not got fairly to work yet. The heavy freight to U. S. smelters—ranging from $11 to $19 per ton—has hitherto been a serious item of cost. Local smelting will greatly reduce this charge, but it will not obviate the payment of duty unless a market can be found for lead outside the United States. If such market were found, the base bullion could be sent to the States (in bond) for refining until such time as a refinery be built in British Columbia. The present duty on lead in Slocan ores entering the United States is 1.5 cents per pound, and on the lead in base bullion 2.5 cents per pound. The average lead contents of the ore shipped from the Slocan has been about 50 per cent. The duty on ore of this grade, at present rate, is $15 per ton. On a ton of base bullion it is $50 per ton. It takes over two tons of average Slocan ore to make a ton of lead. The duty on that ore is about $31.80, against $50 if the same weight of lead be shipped as base bullion. Take the freight on ore at $17.25 per ton (of ore) and the cost per ton of lead must be $36.57. Let us see now how matters appear from the standpoint of C. P. R. Co., even with the U. S. A. as a market.

Smelting Slocan ores in the United States—

Freight at $17.25 per ton of ore	$36.57
Duty at 1.5 cents per pound of lead in ore	31.80
	$68.37

Smelting Slocan ores at Trail—

Freight on ore and bullion, say	$18.00
Duty at 2.5 cents per lb of lead in base bullion	50.00
	$68.00

The difference is slightly in favor of smelting at Trail, even if the base bullion be sold in the United States. If it were sold elsewhere and simply refined in the States (in bond) the benefit to B. C. would be very great indeed. But this is only so long as the operation is in the hands of the C. P. R. Co. The $18 per ton charged for freight in the second of the above statements is a figure which can, of course, be regulated to suit themselves. If they were hauling base bullion, for others, doubtless they would demand a much higher rate than for hauling ore, but for themselves they need not do so. They will in smelting at Trail, lose the long haul of the ore, but as much of the total ore product now goes over other railway systems they would probably not be any losers ultimately, for they would get the carriage of the whole of the bullion, which would probably much exceed in quantity the ore now hauled by them. Apart from that, they would create a great industry which must benefit their system greatly in many other ways. No one else (unless given special railway rates) can deal so satisfactorily with this problem at present as the C. P. R. Co., and it is to be hoped their endeavors to develop the resources of the country in this way will meet with complete success.

EMPLOYER AND THE EMPOYED.

Thanks to the efforts of the politicians and labor agitators there is a growing belief among the working classes that their own incomes would be materially increased if a larger portion of their employer's income were taken from him and forcibly divided among themselves. It is this belief which has led to the recent epidemic of strikes. The moment that the workingmen saw that things were improving and there was a prospect of the employers getting more money they insisted upon having at once their "fair share" of his increased earnings. In other words, they started in to discount his prospective prosperity before it reached him,

Now the question is—what is labor's fair share of the increase in the production of wealth? How are we to determine it? Everyone knows that labor has profited largely by the increase of wealth which has resulted from the present organization of industry. The increase of wages has been going on for 50 years throughout the commercial world. The increased comfort of the wage earner has increased in a still greater ratio, for his dollar, or shilling, or his mark, will buy very much more of almost everything, except shelter, now than it did 50 years ago. It is far untrue (in America at least) that labor is finding it difficult to get employment, that the number of persons engaged in mining and mechanical industries on the continent has increased 65 per cent during the past decade, while the whole population only increased 25 per cent. And yet wages have grown more rapidly than the number of employees, and much fewer children are employed now than then.

But there are many reasons outside of mere socialistic theorization why this distorted view of the labor question has become so prominent. Immense as have been the strides of material progress in this century, and wonderful as have been the additions to human knowledge and to human power over nature, it is doubtful if any other change of the century is more marked than the increase of sympathy between man and man. Poverty and suffering are as old as the race. But acute and widespread sympathy with them is recent, and has been so far expanded that conditions are now regarded as pitiful which a century ago would not have been supposed to involve even hardship. Poverty has been relatively if not absolutely decreased, and yet there is so much more sympathy with poverty, and with conditions that are far removed from poverty, but seem like poverty in contrast with great wealth, that one might easily get the impression that poverty was increasing. Thus tho' it is utterly without excuse, the statement that the poor are growing poorer is really believed by persons who have the means of knowing better.

For this reason many men talking on the relations of labor and capital take counsel from their own kindly emotions and are not sufficiently zealous in enquiring into the facts of the case. Their openly expressed sympathy naturally encourages the spread of the feeling that—in some vague and unexplained way—labor is being "robbed." As a matter of fact labor receives to-day a larger proportion of the earnings of capital than ever before in the history of the world. And the workingman stands upon a basis of liberty and equality with his employer that would have been considered an Utopian dream in the days of his grandfather.—Trade Review.

THE BEST IS ECONOMY.

"If I had a mine in the Slocan, I would pay $3.50 a day, and by doing so I would get the pick of the best miners on the Pacific slope," is the way a mining man of long and varied experience, now a resident of Nelson, put it. He had recently been through the Slocan country, and by observation and inquiries found that the best miners had left the country. He maintains that it is always economy to employ skilled workers in a mine, and that a skilled worker is cheaper at $3.50 a day than an unskilled one at $3. The payment of $3.50 for an eight-hour day would bring to British Columbia the best miners in America. The payment of $3 will not only drive the good men away, but keep other good men from coming here, says the Nelson Tribune.

These facts are indisputable. The fact that all other isolated camps like the Slocan are paying $3.50 the good men go elsewhere and obtain employment readily at that figure. Further, the scale of wages in all the old camps is $3, and this sum there will go farther than $4 here, therefore the men will not work for that here when they can go elsewhere and do so much better. If the $3 scale is ever adopted in the Slocan it will mean the importation of unskilled men.

THE lowest form of life yet found is the man who will take a paper for years without paying for it, and then have the postmaster send it back, marked, "Not Called For." Hell is so full of this class that respectable applicants from Nelson, Vancouver and other points have been refused admittance until the premises can be enlarged.

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"LEDGE" CROPPINGS.

TALKING of scabs an English lawyer defines a scab as follows: "A scab is to his trade what a traitor is to his country, and though both may be useful in troublesome times they are detested when peace returns by all; so when help is needed a scab is the last to contribute assistance, and the first to grasp a benefit he never labored to procure. He cares only for himself; he sees not beyond the extent of a day, and for a monetary approbation he would betray his friends, family and country; in short he is a traitor on a small scale, who first sells the journeyman and is himself afterwards sold in his turn by his employer, until at last he is despised and detested by all. He is an enemy to himself, to the present age and to prosperity." Scabs are also to be found in business circles. There are some trying to run newspapers. As a rule they have no brains, and die of excessive conceit, or starvation.

APPENDICITIS is an old complaint under a new name. A doctor in New York has a new cure for it. The first patient operated on was a woman 20 years of age. It is muscular manipulation. The treatment of Dr. Helmer was said to be instantaneous in its effects, and so simple and harmless in its application that some physicians are inclined to wonder why it was not discovered and made use of before. To one looking on the operation seems only to apply one hand to the point midway between the top of the right leg and a point above the stomach; then bend up the right leg of the patient at the knee joint and give the leg a slight twist by means of a quick motion, repeated two or three times, and the operation is at an end, the appendix having been relieved of its obstruction by muscular action.

NELSON may yet rival Sandon, or Monte Carlo. During the recent celebration permits were given to gamblers to run games of chance in order, no doubt, that the rural sucker would go broke before he killed himself drinking red lemonade. The sneak thieves and road agents did not get any permits to do business. This must have been an oversight upon the part of the authorities. These fellows may not have many votes, but they are winners when it comes to cleaning out a crowd. The gams are simply not in it. If a permit had been granted the footpadists visitors would have had more time to view the sights of a great city, especially the beautiful pictures and living statuary found in endless profusion along the piano end ef Baker street.

NOTHING advertises a town or district better than a handsome paper. People at a district judge a country by its press, and invest their money accordingly. If they pick up a little abortion of journalism, printed like a nightmare, and spattered all over with local jealousy, they throw it down in disgust, without finding out the name of the damphool who thinks he is an editor. Jackleg papers are a nuisance anywhere, and should only be used under carpets in a moderate way. Used to excess the gas in them is liable to explode and poison the family.

THIS is an age of wonderful discoveries. We read a short time ago that scientists had at last got on option upon appendicitis, consumption, typhoid and kindred diseases. Only yesterday we read that liquid air will cure leprosy and all endemic complaints. If this keeps up disease will soon become nothing but memory and life will be one long sip of honeyed sweetness, unalloyed by the microbes that have cursed the earth since Adam went astray and lost his fruit farm.

SEVERAL thousand dollars have been expended in cleaning out Duncan river so that it would be navigable. Railway contractors are this summer busy dumping trees into the stream, impeding navigation, and causing damage to small steamers. The proper authorities should step in and stop this; also the importation of alien labor to work on the railways in Lardo.

FROM reports, Atlin seems to be a dead failure. Many of the prodigals up there are anxious to get back to the Slocan. Come on, prods, we are a little shy on cream and honey, but have plenty of bear meat and potatoes. Never mind your clothes, get back in time for the boom. It will be here just as soon as we have the eight hour law properly digested.

WHEN the Bunker Hill mill was blown up in Idaho the management stated that the loss was $250,000. Before the explosion the value given to the man who collects taxes was only $55,000. This property rose quickly but the price has evidently ascended still quicker.

A MAN in one of the eastern provinces was given ten days for killing a man. This is the lowest rate we have ever heard of in the murder industry, and should cause quite a boom at that price.

A MAN by the name of Millions has started a paper near Ottawa. This is the first time we have heard of Millions in the newspaper business, and we hope Millions will always be in it.

A PRACTICAL JOKE.

One You Would Better Try on a Smaller Man Than Yourself.

Most people think themselves very clever if they are able to devise some catch or practical joke, but the individual who invented the latest trick which is catching on is certainly entitled to regard himself as a genius in his way. This is how you proceed:

Ask a friend the time, and when he takes out his watch say:

"That seems a nice little ticker. Let's have a look at it."

With an air of pride he takes it off his chain and hands it to you. Just as you are about to examine it, it slips out of your hand and smashes on the floor. The glass breaks, the case comes off and the works part company.

You are awfully upset about it, you are, really, and so staggered that you can do nothing but put your hands helplessly into your jacket pockets and stammer your apologies. But you soon recover yourself, and, stooping down, you scoop up the pieces with your two hands and offer them to your friend. You might just smile gently. It rather improves the flavor of the joke.

You are able at this point to sample your friend's language and to get him to give an exhibition of all his angelic qualities. Very likely he will take the opportunity of telling you what his true opinion of you has been all along. When you have heard enough, you take his watch out of your jacket pocket and give it to him safe and sound.

For, of course, you haven't really dropped his watch, but a broken one which you happen to be in possession of, and which serves on more than one occasion. It requires a little sleight of hand, but your victim, who suspects nothing, is easily deceived.

If this joke doesn't become popular, it will be because very few people have silver watches to play with. But there is a danger, as was illustrated in the case of a joker who tried this on a very hot tempered man and got such a "pasting" before he could explain the true state of affairs that he had to keep in bed for a week, where he passed his time in trying to think out who had the best of the joke.—Pearson's Weekly.

MUSHROOMS.

How a Man Saved His Life by Not Eating Them.

A dish of mushrooms was served to a party of politicians in one of the leading restaurants the other night, and the refusal of one of the diners to partake of them because he was not expert enough to determine for himself whether they were of the edible or the poisonous variety led to a somewhat animated discussion in which the objector fully held his own. "In most restaurants," said he, "the test applied by the cook is that of inserting a silver spoon into the vessel of boiling fungi. If the spoon turns black, the fungi are regarded as dangerous, but if it remains uncolored they are supposed to be edible. Dr. Henry G. Piffard, the mycologist, declares that this test is a fallacy. He also contends that certain markings are not sure signs in determining the edibility of mushrooms. The only sure method when there is any doubt is by comparison with elaborate and carefully prepared colored plates.

"Now I have neither the time nor the inclination to go to all that trouble, nor do I feel like taking any risk for the sake of a dish of which I am very fond, but which is not at all necessary to my existence. It may interest you to know that Dr. Piffard says that the mushroom is more like animal than vegetable matter and is consequently liable to rapid putrefaction. A great many cases of poisoning even when the mushrooms are genuine have been traced to this cause." The rest of the politicians ate the mushrooms and were all right. The other man abstained, and he was all right too.—Philadelphia Press.

An Invisible Clew.

"There was one time in my housekeeping career," said the lady who had had the experience, "when I thought there was no use of locking doors, for thieves would break through anything.

"We were sitting at dinner one night when I heard a noise that sounded as if some one was walking around in my room. I went up immediately to see. No one was there, but every drawer in the room was open and all my jewelry and valuables of every description that I kept in my room were gone. It took five or six keys to get at them all, as I had been very particular about keeping them locked up. I had not been out of the room more than 15 minutes, and how any one not familiar with every inch of the house could have accomplished such a piece of work was a mystery. There was one thing I noticed upon entering the room and that was a peculiar odor. It was like a mixture of cheap perfume. I had never smelled anything like it before.

"We notified the police and they worked on the case for weeks, but could make nothing out of it.

"One day when I was passing through the laundry I noticed that same strange odor.

"'Mary, what's that you are ironing?' said I, for it seemed as if the odor came from the ironing board.

"'It's some of my brother's handkerchiefs,' said she.

"We investigated, and of course found that the brother was the thief."—Detroit Free Press.

Ewald and His Prayer.

In the new polychrome Bible the name of the Deity is given as Jhvh, this vowelless form being as near the original Hebrew as the English alphabet can express it. This reminds a writer in the Rochester Post-Express of a story told of the famous German professor, Ewald, who once inserted a parenthetical footnote to a prayer. Ewald was in the thick of a fight (such as scholars wage the one with the other) with the eminent Hebraist Gesenius when he arose to pray in his classroom. And he began thus in slow, solemn voice, "O thou great, omniscient, infinite 'Jah,'" and then added, half to himself, "not 'Jehovah,' as that fool Gesenius says."

The little steamer Idaho lost its life on the Duncan river last week. The crew escaped.

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TEN MILE ITEMS.

Geo. Aylwin has re-opened the Enterprise hotel at Aylwin.

The wagon road to the Enterprise has been put into good shape.

Snow has fallen almost daily for the past two weeks on the higher altitudes.

A black bear attempted to force its way into the Mabou cabin the other night.

It is understood that the Enterprise will start up shortly under the contract system.

McMillan's pack train from Slocan City will operate on the creek during the balance of the season.

A promising ledge was uncovered last week on the Orillia, east of the Enterprise, by ground sluicing.

Work is being recommenced on the Ohio this week. The Enterprise vein is to be traced from the Mabou.

The Dalhousie group is being again worked by its owners. It is expected a pay chute will be tapped shortly.

W. Moffatt, representing Toronto money, inspected the Neepawa last week. This is the second inspection made within the fortnight.

Two men are working on the Mineral Mountain, adjoining the Speculator, on the summit. The Arlington lead runs through the ground.

Arrangements are being made for the immediate opening of E. Parris & Co 's store. It will be a great convenience to claim holders on this creek.

A tramway is being built from the No. 2 workings of the Enterprise to the wagon road, so as to get out the ore in the chutes for shipment. Murdock McLean is superintending the job.

There is about 300 tons of ore to be moved from the Enterprise, W. C. E. Koch having the contract. He had a four-horse team sent down from New Denver this week to commence operations.

On the Mabou the recent strike is being extensively developed. Several more cuts have been made, showing the ledge in place. A shaft is being sunk on the vein, and in the foot are two streaks of high-grade ore, with every indication of it increasing in width. The Mabou will make another bonanza.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

J. C. Eaton is investing in California mines.

The Soverign is to be further developed by the driving of 700 feet more of tunnel.

The Whitewater shipped 84½ tons last week, the only shipment from the Slocan for the week.

Thompson & Mitchell have commenced work on the World, a claim west of the Monntain Chief.

Work is going ahead favorably on the Queen Fraction. Sixteen inches of ore is showing in the breast of the tunnel.

C. D. Porter and Chas. Marriner have been inspecting the Slocan Star and other properties during the past week.

The shipment of ore from the Enterprise some weeks ago amounted to 600 tons, not 460 as was stated at the time.

Twenty tons of zinc ore was shipped this week from the Bosun. Another car load of galena ore will go out before Saturday.

Work will be resumed on the Chieftan next week. The property is on Cariboo creek and is principally owned by Pat Burns and Wm. Mackenzie.

A contract was let on the 1st of July for more work to be pushed on the Bosun. Four men are taking out ore. Six men are working underground.

Thirty men are employed about the Noonday. Three feet of clean ore is in the face of the workings, and huge pieces of native silver are taken out daily.

Eighteen inches of clean galena have been struck in the No. 4 tunnel of the Madison. With depth on this property the ore is changing from dry to galena.

The Slocan Prospecting Syndicate, with a capital of £20,000 has been formed in London to adopt an agreement with L. Alexander to acquire certain properties in the Slocan.

The shaft being sunk on the Arlington is now in the ledge, and on Saturday a good body of galena was struck. This mine, as well as all the other properties being worked in this division, is paying $3.50 for the eight-hour shift.

Work has been started on the Bertha on the second north fork of Lemon creek, and on the Colonel Sellers group, near the Alexandria. The work that has been steadily going on at the Alexandria has been temporarily stopped on account of surface water.

The Payne bunk house will be finished and furnished with bedding for 150 men by the 15th inst. Superintendent Hand has taken special pains to have the accommodations for the men at the mine first-class in every particular. The mine is employing about 50 men at present, but the fact that mattresses for 150 men have been ordered, to be ready by the 15th, indicates that a large increase in the force is contemplated.

SLOCAN CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Joe Payne has leased his hotel to T. J. Baty for six months. Mr. Payne left Saturday morning for Kamloops, where he will look after Pat Burns' large cattle interests for the next four months.

The first ore to be packed down to this point this season was last Wednesday. When McMillan pack train started to bring down a car load from the Tamarac on Springer creek. Owing to the repairs to the wagon road not being completed this ore has to be packed all the way to town, causing an extra tax of several dollars per ton. A car load of ore is also ready to be packed down from the Black Prince, and bids are now asked for the contract.

The conditions upon which the Chapleau has been bonded to J. M. Williams are very favorable. The consideration is $30,000 and the payments extend over ten months. Three thousand dollars has been paid into the bank as first payment. The bond calls for $4,000 worth of work to be done, work to commence at once. Considerable work has already been done on the property by the owners—Frank Dick, C. E. Gwillim, Ben Robertson and J. Tattersall—who have taken out enough ore in the course of development to pay themselves good wages over and above all expenses. The ore is very rich in gold and silver values.

Col. Robt. Irving, of Kaslo, is seriously ill in Portland.

ORE SAMPLES WANTED.

An effort is being made by the Provincial Mineralogist to prepare for exhibition at the Paris exposition a collection of ores from the mines of Kootenay that will be a credit to the Province. The space that has been allotted for the exhibit is large and well chosen, and ample funds are provided to make the undertaking highly successful, if the mine and prospect owners of Kootenay will devote a little time and attention to assisting in the collection of the best samples of ore. Most complete arrangements have been made for the care and handling of the samples, and all that is necessary for the contributor of samples to do is to deliver the same to any C. P. R. or Great Northern Railway agent, together with as complete a summary of the ore's contents, value, etc., who will take and forward, free of all cost, to the proper officers at Nelson. The samples will be held there until a later date, and then forwarded to Victoria.

This collection should be made a very creditable one. Canada has been alloted one-eighth of the total space allowed the British Empire at Paris, and Mr. Robertson has been assured by Dr. Dawson, who has virtual control of this department, that British Columbia shall have half the space set apart for the dominion mining exhibit, providing this province sends a collection worthy of such prominence. Specimens must be eight inches cube, though exceptionally fine individual samples of larger size will be accepted.

Why He Cut the Wires.

The person who wrote that electricity was one of the "mighty agents of nature enchained by the ingenuity of man" can scarcely have contemplated in his wildest dreams the full extent of that ingenuity. For instance, he is scarcely likely to have prophesied that a sick man, far from the habitations of civilization, would have cut a telegraph wire in order to obtain assistance. And yet such has really occurred, according to a London contemporary. The whole of the vast continent of Australia was practically cut off from European news for nearly 24 hours in the middle of September, 1897, in consequence of an interruption on the line between Adelaide and Port Darwin. Inquiries were made, and it was found that the wire had been cut by a cyclist who was taken ill while on a journey across the continent. It is not related how he set about it, but he had the satisfaction at any rate of getting what he wanted. It is not desired to establish this as a precedent of summoning help under inconvenient circumstances.—Electrical Review.

The Secret of Success.

"I have never forgotten," said Mr. Noggleby, "the wise remark that a young man once made to me, years ago. It was this, 'One thing leads to another.' This was apropos of a further advantage that I had brought into view by a step I had just taken. The moral of this is—it has been set forth often (I may have mentioned it myself), but it will bear endless repetition—that if we would succeed we must keep stirring!"—New York Sun.

His Decision.

A Missouri justice of the peace at the close of a case announced with great dignity, "I will hold this case under advisement until next Monday morning, at which time I will render judgment for the plaintiff."—Case and Comment.

The Japanese begin building their houses at the top. The roof is first built and elevated on a skeleton frame. Then it affords shelter to the workmen from storms.

HIS NEW BROTHER.

Yes, I've got a little brother,
Never asked for him from mother,
But he's here;
But I s'pose they went and bought him,
For last week the doctor brought him;
Ain't it queer?

When I heard the news from Molly,
Why, I thought at first 'twas jolly;
'Cause you see
I just imagined I could get him,
And our dear mamma would let him
Play with me.

But when once I had looked at him
I cried out, "Oh, dear! Is that him?
Just that mite?
They said, 'Yes, and you may kiss him!'
Well, I'm sure I'd never miss him,
He's such a fright!"

He's so small it's just amazing,
And you'd think he was blazing,
He's so red;
And his nose is like a berry,
And he's bald as Uncle Jerry
On his head.

He's no kind of good whatever,
And he cries as if he'd never,
Never stop;
Won't sit up—you can't arrange him;
Oh, why don't father change him
At the shop?

Now we've got to dress and feed him,
And we really didn't need him,
Little frog!
And I cannot think why father
Should have bought him when I'd rather
Have a dog!

—London Mail.

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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.

June 21—Milton Fr, no fk Carpenter ck, Robt McPherson. Lake View, Payne Hill, R Strangway.

22—Dart Fr, Lee mt, F H Wilson. Rutland Fr, nr Alamo, W S Drewry. Rugby Fr, nr Alamo, P D Ahier. St James, Silver mt, A Jacobson. Roy Fr, Carpenter cr, J M Donnelly. Bee, nr Cody, Annie Winters.

23—MacIver Fr, Houson ck, A Owens. Silver Wedge Fr, Four Mile ck, G H Dawson.

24—We Two, Red mt, J W Kyte. Protection, nr Sandon, J T Foley. Ballersen Fr, Four Mile cr, F J O'Reilly

26—Mountain Goat, Goat mt, T Avison. Snow Cap, Four Mile cr, W S Clark. June Bird, Four Mile cr, R W Thompson.

27—Little Dick, Four Mile cr, W J Kyte and Annie Horton. Lucky 8, Carpenter cr, G H Murhard.

28—Theresa, Carpenter cr, C W Harrington. Black Horse Fr, Hinckley cr, W H Adams. Sinfi, nr Apex, A hhompson. St James, Goat mt, W D Mitchell.

29—Buffalo Hump, Clifton cr, A McKinnon. Sterling, Glacier cr, Geo T Evens. Avalanche, Glacier cr, L G Curry and L D Wolfred.

30—Agnes, Carpenter cr, J Potter, J Knight. Silver Watch, Wilson cr, E Brindle.

July 3—Moscow, Carpenter cr, A Erickson. Luno, nr Moscow, A C Van Moerkerke Golden, next Oregon, H H Pitts. Ground Squirrel, adj Billy D, A C Allan.

ASSESSMENTS.

June 20—Candore, Cortess Fr. June 21—Cody Star, Reserve, Cody Star Fr, Mountain Chief No. 3, Sarnia, Big Timber, Big Fraction. 22—Prentice Boy, Kite, Return, Frances, Black Tar, Linnet. 23—Freddy, Pinacle, Emblem, Phœnix. 24—Frisco, Ferry No. 2. 26—Stanhope. 27—Camden, Harlem, Congo No 2, Mountain Queen. 28—Grand Stand, Ontario. 29—Hobson, Cuba, Iroquois, Glenwood, Admiral, Gypsey Queen, Canœkan. 30—Helena Fr, Mowitch, Kitchener, Admiral Nelson. July 3—Glengarry, Cuba, New Springfield, Sampson, Wonderful Fr, Freddie Lee Fr, Lillie Joint, Key West, Denmark No 2, Mary Durham, Shogo, Alice, Billy D, Silver Ridge, Silverite.

TRANSFERS.

June 21—Prospecting Agreement bet J S Reed, Wm Donohue and H E Rogers, May 1.

22—Alberta, R Strangeway to Chas Kumlin, June 21.

24—Legal Fr, C A Freeman to J Wilson, ¼, to L W Toms, ⅛, June 22.

Legal Fr—W D Mackay and C A Freeman declare they are owners.

26—Gold Crown, 9-10, N F McNaught to B F McNaught, Nov 18, '96, $5.

Mary Durham, ⅛, J Welsh to Fred Clement, June 18.

Diana, R Peak to W Eccles, June 21.

27—Protection, ½, J T Foley to Alex Conrod, June 27.

Protection, ½, J T Foley to A Conrod, June 26.

Iron Clad, Eagle, Eagle Fr, Emily Edith Fr, 2-5, M E Rammelmyer to C E Hope, June 26.

Bristol, Congo No 2, Commander, 1-6, F L Byron to Mary E Rammelmyer, June 27.

28—Protection, ½, J T Foley to A Conrad June 27, $50.

St Charles, ¼, A Chisholm to W Sudrow, June 30, '97.

St Charles, ⅛, W C McDonald to W Sudrow, Sept 20, '97.

24—Snow Bird, ¼, F L Byron to M I. Nicholson, June 25.

30—Los Vegas, 120-500, Los Vegas Mining Co to John Tinling, June 30.

Los Vegas, 371-500, Same to same, June 30.

SLOCAN CITY DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

June 18—Constellation, Summit ck, E V Bodwell. Canopy, Lemon ck, E V Bodwell. 14—Liberal, Lemon ck, Ed Yenny. 15—Joe Martin, Twelve Mile ck, T M Clement. Hampton, Springer ck, A A Webb. Ethel K, Springer ck, J A McKinnon. 16—Milicets, Arlington Basin, Ben Robertson. 17—Highview, 1st n fk Lemon ck, Jno Riley. Fredericton, Ten Mile, Robt Sloan. 19—Alphonso XIII, 1st n fk Lemon ck, Jas Livingston. 20—Diamond, bet Springer & Twelve Mile cks, J M Farrell. Four Friends, bet Springer and Lemon, W E Boie. Sommerseith, same, J D Dorian. Pearl, 2nd n fk Lemon, R E Allen. Gray Copper, Springer ck, Thos Lake. I & U, Cameronian ck, W H Beamish and Jas Anderson 21—Ben Nevis, 1st n fk Lemon ck, Jno A Fraser. 22—Florence, Springer ck, Mrs Thos Sloan. Queen City, Lemon ck, A H Gracey. Norwood, 1st n fk Lemon, H L Fife. Westwood, same; H L Fife 24—Leon, same J M McGregor. Blake, Slocan Lake, Henry Tait. Olympia, same, J C O'Connor. Starlight, Tiger ck, Andrew Brodman.

ASSESSMENTS.

June 12—Cascade, Bonanza. 13—Centre Star, Hidden Ledge. 14—Daisy No. 5, Kimberly, Mountain Lilly, Alpine Fraction, Mountain Chief. 15—Margery, Iowa, Olympia, Emery, G H, Dawson, Boomerang, Boomer, Summit Fraction, Empress Fraction. 16—Wilno, Hard Nut, Eagle. 17—Wide Awake, Lucky Jack. 19—Last Hope, Monument No. 3, Sunshine, White Swan. 20—Evening Star No. 8, Eclipse No. 2, Unknown Group, Somerset, Silver Crown, Columbia No. 5, Look Out No. 3, Cut Foot, Great Britain, Mystic Bells, 21—Black Cloud, Windover. 23—Molalla, Black Eagle, Lucky Boy, Rezedent Fraction, First Lake, Johanna, Shavendoah. 24—Sligo, Cameronian

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

June 17—Dayton.

TRANSFERS.

June 12—Black Hussar and Queen of the Hills, ¼ in each, Chas Newhaus to F Provost

Same; ¼ in each, J Radcliffe to F Provost.

Highland Light, ⅛, Dan McKenzie to Sam Lauderback

Chapleau Fraction No. 2, 1-6, D Arnot to J E Rogers.

14—Daisy, ⅛, W Sands to A Crawford.

15—G H, ½, Geo Hambly to Duncan Lindsay.

Morris, ⅛, Albert Owens to Thos Mulvey.

Morris, 1-6, Thos Mulvey to Robt McCammon, $30.

16—Monument Fraction, ⅛, F G Marcoux to H S Sinkan.

17—Marmion and Maryland, 1-10, R R Bruce to Thos G Proctor.

Eclipse No. 2, ⅛, Jas Anderson to Hugh Sutherland

19—Alphonso XIII, ⅛, J Livingston to V C Radcliff.

Colonel Sellers, Madonna, Teller, Leadville and Kathleen, all interest, J A Baker and Geo Blanc to E A Baker.

All interest in same, E A Baker to J A Cleland, ⅛, $2,000.

Power of Attorney, J A Baker to E A Baker.

Louise Fraction, ⅛, Ben Robertson to W S Johnston.

Rose, 4-5. Frank Dick to W S Johnson.

Louise Fraction, ⅛. Rose, 3-5, W S Johnson to Andrew S Johnson, $500.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

June 7—Grouse, Copper ck, J Ryan. Argentine, Cooper ck, W S Harris. Two Aces, Cooper ck, F A Harris. Good Enough, Cooper ck, J McCue; Helen Maude, Clara ck, J Anderson. 8—Charlie B, Kate M, Hot Springs. A D Westby. John F, Nora, Hot Springs. J B Townsend. Minnie, Ainsworth, D B O'Brien. 9—Dismah, Bear ck, John Koski. Dary, Bear ck, J Emans. Silver Thread, south fork, H Klapach. 10—J A C, Howser lake, C H Chapman Blue Grouse fr, Bear lake, A Schueler and R Williams. 12—Lady M, Lockhart ck, J McLellan. Lost, Kaslo ck, A B Walker Balticke, south fork, L Martin. Bertaskeba, R T Martin. 13—Hazel, Dunn ck, Jeff Davis. Tamarack, Kemp ck, O Matheson. Kitchener, Milford ck, E R McInnes 14—Columbia, Lardo, J D Moore, D Graham. 15—Enterprise, 16 mile ck, J W Ruddy. Desperate, Duncan river, G O Buchanan. Circumstances, Duncan r, C Wheten 17—Black Hawk, Campbell ck, H Scholey. 19—Ore or No Go, Goat ck, G Schuler. Howard Fr, Hot Springs, F E Perry. Rauen Fr, Hot Springs, D S Carriel. Jay Fr, Hot Springs, W B Drummond. Jim Hill, Fish Lake, T G Proctor Argenta. Whitewater, A McC Banting. Moldy Fr, Bear lake, A C Vanmoerkerke Old Mock, Murray ck, Andy Erickson. 20—Dewey, Cedar ck, F Hansen 21—Catherine, Wheel, Roman Candle, Bear ck, J Wilson. Caribu, Kaslo mtn, A Cheviter. Appleby, Powder ck, R Erwin and J A Dunbar. 22—Ruby Silver Fr, Kokanee ck, R Sloan. Effie, Milford ck. D Rice. Oro, sw Kaslo, S H Green. Last Dollar, Kaslo mtn, I McInnes. Kitchener Fr, Duncan, H Christensen. Lakeview, Duncan, I Kraff. 23—Copper Hill, Sunrise mtn, A Goettge. Blue Bird, same, Carl F Brown. 24—Last End, Duncan, H Sontag 26—Forest Stream Fr, Whitewater, H M Ritner. Williamette Fr, Lyle ck, D G McLachlan. May Belle, Canyon ck, Theo Adams. Arctic, Kaslo river, J D Moore Oregon, Crawford ck, S McDonald. Calsdonian, same, John McLeod. Lady Zetta, same, M McDonald. Milford, same, A L McPhee. 27—Rex Fr, Ainsworth, Alex McLeod.

ASSESSMENTS.

June 7—Ottawa, St Louis, New Orleans, Delta, Hopeful, Snowball, Whistler, Scotland, Empire, Ireland, America, Jubilee, Canada, Montana, Talisman, Comstock, Golden, Douglas, Edgar. 8—Sleepy Eye, Deadwood, Blizzard, Moncton, W Stewart. 9—Standard, Lakeview, Hardie, Daisy. 11—Josephine, Dewey, Sewall, Clearwater, Congress, Sunset, Carbonate No 2, Cumberland, Sunrise. 12—Yuba Dam, Silver Queen, Susie B, Athol, Island Boy, Dunvegan, Silver Plume, Lydia A, Reassurance, Yankee Kid. 13—Lakeview, No. 3, Riverview, Big Jam, Kokanee. 14—X Ray, Virginia, Bullion. 15—Northern Light, St Marys, St Joseph, Lost Mountain. 16—Mogul. 17—Phœnix, Virginia, Contact, Maud I, Mountain Fr. 19—Excelsior, Truro, Maggie Peters, Sevona. 20—Oregon. Scranton, Dewey, Sampson Fr. 21—Bird. 20—Security, Lost Lead, Red Star, Hattie, Emma, Dora, Grand Republic, Hobson Fr, Lost Chance. 23—Salem, San Antonio, Red Ochre, Deer Park, Big Four. 24—Last Chance, Ivanhoe, Teddy S, Helen Maud, Marion, Little Annie, Butterfly, North Star. Ruro, Tryumph, Lucky Bob, Sultan. 26—McNabb, Jubilee, Nowater, Lost Mountain, Flo, Black Bear, Raven, Morning Rose. 27—Kootenay.

TRANSFERS.

June 7—Silver Glance, Summit Queen ⅛ in each: C F Russell to J F B Rogers and D McPhail.

8—Little Giant, ½. Wm Brennan to Mary Hennessy.

Silver King, ¼, D M Bongard to F D Bongard.

9—Daniel Fr, ½. Chas Moore to T Doyle.

10—Virginia Dare, Gold King, ½, Owen McElroy to T G Procter.

12—Tams Fr, ½, Albert Lend to V A Johnson.

Big Horn, ¼, M V Adams to D W Moore, $250.

13—Resurgam, Lydia A. Dunvegan, Island Boy, Athol, Silver Six, Yankee Kid, Silver Plume, ⅛ in each, R A Cameron to F W Brinkham.

14—Deer Park, all interest, J A McCrea to Geo Herrin, $100.

15—Roy, all, H Roy to London Consolidated Gold Felds Expl & Mining Co. Ltd.

16—Three Friends, all, G McDonald to A O Rebel.

Iron Cap, all, D Tuomey to D Cosgriff.

Tom Thum, all, Copperhead, ½, Secret, Wonder, ⅛ each, J W Caldwell to A J Watson.

Vernon, ⅛, Hilltop, ⅛, A G Johnson to C F Caldwell.

19—Caledonia, ½, Robt Mitchell to Robt Williams.

20—Golden King and Granite, Ed Nelson to H P Johnson.

Welaka and Indiana, D W Moore and D J Mumm to G E Martin.

21—Handy and Argosy, 1-6, A Currie to N Murchison.

Lakeside, Tillie C, Townsend, Star Beam, Barrie T, Kelly Fr, Edith M Fr, and Willard J Fr, J F Westby to J B Townsend

Billy G, D H Nellis to J B Townsend.

Dan F Fr, and Risely, L Brant to J B Townsend.

Josephine H Fr, Kate M and Charlie B, A D Westby to J B Townsend.

22—Eagle Fr, E D Dumas to M Stevenson.

Bay View, I X L, and Silver Fox, Ida Strobeck to D F Strobeck.

26—Maky, ½, C Bjerkness to Thos Eggen and Alf Green.

Circumstances, C Wheten to G O Buchanan.

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The Gibson Road.

Nelson, July 6.—The Molly Gibson Mining Company will today commence the work of building a wagon road from Kokanee creek, a landing on the river twelve miles above Nelson, to the Mollie Gibson. The distance has not been measured, but it is estimated at between ten and twelve miles. The road will cost about $1,000 a mile. The mines are the highest in Kootenay. A tramway is to be built from the mine to the wagon road, a distance of 3,000 feet.

A Payne Mountain Deal.

Nelson, July 6.—D. W. Moore, ore buyer for the Trail smelter, yesterday sold a half interest in the Ocean mineral claim, on Payne mountain, to A. E. Rand, of New Westminster for $10,000, with a cash payment of $500, the balance to be paid in equal installments in one, three and six months. Mr. Rand owned the other half interest, and will place a force of forty men at work on development. The property is situated about one thousand feet from the Payne mine and has one hundred feet of tunnelling done on it. Assays from the lead give good values in silver and lead.

Will Increase Tax on Chinese.

Ottawa, July 5.—It is stated here as probable that the government will undertake to meet the view of the Pacific coast for an increrse of the poll tax on the Chinese to $500. This announcement will come as a surprise to those who expected that in view of the protest made by China against hostile legislation no advance would be made in the present tax.

The Toronto Telegram says:—"Judging by the Nelson Tribune's announcement last week that 'work on the Mollie Gibson mine will be resumed as soon as the snow goes off,' they are not having a particularly early spring in the Kootenays this year."

We are not. But for the benefit of "Black Jack" Robertson and other Torontonians it might be worth mentioning that the Mollie Gibson is ten thousand feet nearer the stars than the mud flat where Little York was built; and their is snow enough on the Kokanee glacier all year to cover their whole county deeper than the ruins of Pompeii.

"Frances," said that little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers in the parlor, "you came down stairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. You know how to do it better than that. Now go back and come down the stairs like a lady."

Frances retired, and after the lapse of a few minutes re-entered the parlor. Did you hear me come down stairs this time mamma?"

"No, Dear. I am glad you came down quietly. Now, don't let me ever have to tell you again not to come down noisily, for I see that you can come down quietly if you will. Now tell these ladies how you managed to come down the second time, while you made so much noise the first time."

"The last time I slid down the bannisters," explained Frances.

Advertise in the Paystreak.

The pupils of Mrs. Yates piano class met on Monday afternoon of this week for a contest. They had spent several weeks in training hands, fingers, arms and bodies to keep the correct position at the instrument, and the one who succeeded best in doing this was awarded a prize. Master Joe Dilley was the fortunate one. At the next contest it is planned to have the parents and friends of the pupils present.

"Here's another one of those shooting cases in the negro district."

"Gracious! Have they caught the man?"

"There were four of them. They were shooting craps, you know."

CHURCH NOTICES.

METHODIST CHURCH:—

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:—

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

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 the Bryan hotel situated on Reco Avenue in the city of Sandon.

JOSEPH GILKAGH.

Sandon, June 10th, 1899.

Certificate of Improvements.

OGEMA MINERAL CLAIM.

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

Take notice that I, W J. Holmes, acting as agent for Wm. J. Tretheway, Free Miner's Certificate No. 57414 and James Nicholson Free Miner's Certificate No. 10253A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

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

Dated this 26th day of May, 1899.

Application for Liquor License.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the expiration of thirty days from the first publication hereof the undersigned will apply to the Licence Commissioners of the City of Sandon for a license to sell liquor by retail at his premises situate on Reco Avenue in the City of Sandon.

JACOB KELSEN.

Sandon, June 17th 1899.

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. 78,849, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvemens for the above claim.

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

Dated this 11th day of June, 1897

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Macdonald's Report.

Following is the synopsis of Mr. Bernard Macdonald's report of the Payne:

Property, Area, Title.—The mining property of the Company consists of the Payne, Maid of Erin, Mountain Chief, Two Jacks, Telephone and Thursday Fraction, which cover an area of 79 acres. The title to the first four vests in the Company, by Crown grant from the Government, and the Telephone and Thursday Fraction under the provisiens of the mining laws without dispute.

Geography.—This group of claims lies in the New Denver district of the Slocan Mining division of West Kootenay, British Columbia.

Ore Shipments.—December. 1896, to May 1st, 1899, 3,036,107 oz of silver, 29,825,209 lbs. of lead. Net smelter proceeds, $1,730,170 33.

Ore shipments for May, about 1,170 tons. Net smelter proceeds, about $55,949.

Ore Reserves—

Blocks 1 to 4, inclusive, and old stopes	12,835 tons
Blocks A, B, C, inclusive, and old stopes	13,667 tons
	26,502 tons

26,502 tons--net smelter value ..... $,167,325.64

Net value over and above all expenses..... 906,297.64

The conviction has come to Mr. Macdonald after an extended and careful study of the Payne mine, in reviewing its past history, and considering its present condition and future prospects, that it will continue to maintain its position among the great dividend paying mines."

Paid for their Lives.

The C. P. R. has given $1500 to the family of each of the two young men from Nova Scotia, who worked as laborers on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and who died through neglect. This is an act of generosity, but it should not prevent the punishment of those through whose culpable negligence these two lives were sacrificed.

Mr. Clergue, of the famous Sault Ste Marie Nickel works, has made the important statement that he has just completed a contract under which his company would supply Krupp, the German gun maker with nickel steel for a period of five years. By a new process he had turned out in Sault Ste Marie nickel steel at a cost of $15 a ton, though the United States navy paid $400 a ton for a similar article. Algoma nickel is to be used to fill she Krupp contracts and the Soo may soon boast of one of the largest metallurgical reduction works in the world.

Wednesday next will be 12th of July, the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, which took place in Ireland some years back.

Photographs.

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