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THE PAYSTREAK.

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Local Concentrates.

Oscar V. White spent a few days in Kaslo this week.

A tourist association was formed in Slocan City this week.

The Soho in McGuigan basin has opened up a good showing.

A. W. Goodenough delivered a carload of beer to Sandon purchasers this week.

G. D. McMartin, who was Sandon's pioneer barber, is visiting in town from Victoria.

Fred Baker returned to Sandon on Monday after an extended visit to his home in Nova Scotia.

The Dominion government has a gang of men rip-rapping on the Columbia above Nakusp.

Tom Tighe, who got into trouble in Winston, Mont., a month or so ago has been released on bonds.

Robert McTaggart invaded Nelson this week, placing a few cyclone spools with the Tourist Association.

Peck McSwain is city editor of the Kootenaian, and his sardonic humor kicks out in every paragraph.

Billy McLeod is visiting at the St. Leon springs previous to making a raid on the east Kootenay country.

Superintendant Marpole says that the C. P. R. will spend $1,800,000 on improvements in B. C. this year.

The C. P. R. is building a section house on the railway right-of-way next to P. Burns' cold storage warehouse.

To meet the competition of the C. P. R. the K. & S. has decided to build a section house at the old Payne ore house.

Geo. McLellan left on Friday for Thunder Mountain to join the stampede and fasten onto everything that is not chained down.

The C. P. R. has resumed its Lardo service commencing April 14th to twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, on the present schedule.

W. A. Jowett, representing the Nelson Tourist Association, was in town this week trying to enthuse some of the locals on the proposition.

The train service on the C. P. R. is badly disjointed these days, as the express crew has to do freight work. The scedule is lost entirely.

John Houston will not be able to revive the Tribune and report says that he will migrate to Montana. Such is life in the journalistic arena.

Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander and H. B. Alexander left Liverpool on Wednesday and are expected to arrive in the Slocan in three weeks.

Tom Roadley, who was at one time a prominent citizen of Kaslo, is now a resident of Kamloops where he is engaged in the mining business.

Arthur Burdick, representing John W. Peck, visited Sandon on Friday to sell clothing to local dealers. Burdick was at one time a leading business man of Kaslo, and has many acquaintances in this district. He is a traveller who is always welcome in these parts.

Mrs. A.C. McArthur, formerly of Sandon, went to Kamloops last week for the benefit of her health. Mr. McArthur accompanied her from Rossland.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Folliott suffered the loss of their infant child Eva on Tuesday. The funeral took place on Thursday to the Sandon cemetery.

Charles Sands, representing the Kootenaian made a few evolutions in ths neighborhood of Sandon on Monday and Tuesday prospecting for subscriptions.

Pat Burns has rounded out his little monopoly by buying the Hull Bros. outfit, and now has practically all the meat business of the Interior under his control.

Now that the winter season is practically over the K. & S. finds it safe to leave coal cars on the side track over night. We are figuring on laying in a supply for next winter.

The great Cooper creek excitement is still on in Kaslo. Several parties left for the scene recently to dig up a few tons of yellow. There is no Spokan trail to Cooper creek.

The Slocan is on the verge of a great boom. A bum printer hit this office on Wednesday. This is the first harbinger of prosperity we have observed since lead prices went fluey 15 months ago.

Charlie Hunter has returned from his eastern tour and is again transacting business in Phoenix. Charlie is going to write a book some day about "My Memoirs of Hockey" or "How I Got the Double Cross."

A press association was formed at Halcyon on Friday last. It is the intention of the editors to form a trust and force up prices. A man in New York by the name of Morgan made considerable money operating along similiar lines.

Mr. an Mrs. Chas Phyphers left on Saturday morning last for Portland, Oregon, where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bade, formerly of Sandon. Mrs. Phyphers was not in the best of health and it is hoped that the trip will resuscitate her.

Robert Cunning intends to spend a couple of months this summer investigating the resources of the Canoe River and Big Bend country in order to be in a position to move in on the ground floor of the northern boom when the iron horse goes thru the Yellowhead.

It is reported that F. J. Dean of the Kamloops Sentinel is to take over the Nelson Miner. If he can succeed in divorcing the paper from the domination of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. the Kootenay will have a least one good paper, as Dean understands his business.

Newspaper deaths still continue. The Golden Era went up the flue recently and the Canterbury Outerop, the only paper in the Windermere has joined the silent majority. Billy Evans ran the Outcrop and put up a hard fight to advertise his camp and make an honest living, but he was up against the worst of it. Like half the newspaper men in B. C. Billy graduated with honors in Lowery's school of Journalism in New Denver.

Kaslo is already preparing for the Victoria Day celebration. They intend to have a large-sized blow-out and seem able to dig up money enuf to pay the freight. Baseball teams from Rossland, Nelson and Trail are expected and of course Sandon will be there in large proportions.

There is something wrong in the inner circles of the Similkameen Valley Coal Co. Brydges, Blakemore & Cameron, Ltd., are advertising 150,000 shares in the Nelson Miner for sale at 23 cents. It is rumored that the Toronto people have lost confidence in "Windy" Young.

The Nakusp sawmill is doing a large business these days. The company already has more orders in for this season than it had last year altogether. A good market has been secured in the Northwest Territories and the mill is kept running to its fullest extent to supply the demand.

V. A. Kleinschmidt has purchased the Denver hotel from Maglio & Moran. He will conduct the house himself and will run it along first-class lines. The dining room service is to be made a special feature. Mr. Klienschmidt intends to run a good house and will spare no pains to make it a comfortable one.

The latest development in the Rabbit Paw case is the report that the White Company will put in a waterworks system in Sandon They have plenty of water, which the Sandon Water & Light company is short of, and would no doubt capture the business. An informal proposal has been made to members of the city council by the White Company to furnish a water and light service.

Owing to circumstances over which we had no control The Paystreak was a few hours late this week. Those who were prostrated by the agonizing suspense caused by the delay will please write their names on a slip of paper and deposit it in the coal box. We will throw a few cauliflowers at them thru the local colum, as a sort of an exchange of courtesy.

The last curling game of the season occured on Tuesday evening between a rink of ringers skipped by Fred Ritchie and a tenderfeet rink skipped by Andrew Walter Grierson, the celebrated forward of Sandon's famous hockey aggregation. The score was lost in the shuffle but on the advice of a clairvoyant the game was awarded to Grierson. Several new acquatic records were made, but the boys have not decided yet whether they should consider the rink a natatorium and order a bathing suit or get a pair of gum boots and call in a plumber.

Western Federation Elects Officers.

At the annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners held in Kamloops last week George T. Doherty of Greenwood was elected president; Angus J. Macdonald of Sandon, vice-president, and T. L. Buckton of Phoenix secretary-treasurer.

The retiring officers are James Wilks of Nelson, president; Rupert Bulmer of Rossland, vice-president, and Alfred Parr of Ymir, secretary-treasurer.

The Kamloops Convention.

The convention of labor, socialist, single-tax and reform bodies of all kinds met in Kamloops on Monday, the 14th with 64 delegates present. With the exception of the agricultural sections and the Cassiar and Lillooet country every district in the province represented. James Wilkes was elected temporary chairman, and appointed a credentials committee which brot in its report at Monday noon, after which business was quickly gotten under way. Baker of Slocan City was elected chairman for the meeting and Cross of Vancouver secretary. Committees were elected on Orders of the Day, Platform and Ways and & Means. This and other routine matters took all Monday afternoon and the platform committee was sent out with instructions to report at 9 a. m. Tuesday, which was done.

The adoption of the platform took the whole of Tuesday and Wednesday until 4 p. m. Many good speeches were made. Messrs. Foley and Beamish of Rossland spoke at considerable length on the question of extending the franchise to women. Joe Watson of Vancouver was strong on the Alien and Asiatic labor question. Kingsley of Nanaimo, socialist delegate, expatiated at considerable length on the ideals of socialism. Thos Brownlee of Rossland, who sought to introduce a Sunday clause into the platform, very ably defended his stand against a strong opposition. The debate on the railway question was lengty and established the fact that the workingmen of the province are thoroly posted on what is going on in that particular line, and are determined to get the railroads into the hands of the people.

After the platform had been compiled and closed up, steps were taken to form a permanent organization. Chris Foley was elected chairman, James Wilkes, vice-chairman and McNiven of Victoria, secretary-treasurer. These along with Bucton of Phoenix, Watson of Vancouver, McPherson of Vancouver and Stevens of Kamloops will be an executive committee. The matter of organizing the province will be left in their hands, and all financial arrangements for placing organizers in the field will be made thru the executive.

In accepting office, Chris Foley and James Wilks both made great speeches and met with great applause both from the delegates and from the audience. The convention finished its business on Wednesday evening at 11:30 leaving the coast delegates just time to catch the train for the west. The executive stayed over until Thursday to arrange a plan of campaign which will commence immediately, as it was the unanimous opinion that an election will take place during the coming summer.

Platform of the Provincial Progressive Party.

COMPILED AND ADOPTED AT THE KAMLOOPS CONVENTION.

PREAMBLE.—This party lays it down as a first principle that it will nominate, endorse and support only such men as will place their signed, undated resignation in the hands of the convention which nominates or endorses them; that this resignation be sworn to; that this resignation may be handed in to the Lieutenant-governor in Council whenever a majority of the convention shall consider such action advisable.

PLATFORM.

1. The gradual abolition of all taxes on the producer and the products of the producer, shifting them onto land values.

2. Government ownership of railways and all means of communication.

3. Government establishment and operation of smelters and refineries to treat all kinds of minerals.

4. The extension of the franchise to women.

5. Abolition of property qualification for all public offices.

6. Farm improvements, implements and stock not to be taxed, and wild lands to be assessed at the price asked for them by speculative holders.

7. No land or cash subsidies; lands to be held for actual settlers.

8. Ten per cent of all public lands to be immediately set aside for educational purposes and education of all children up to the age of 16 years to be free, secular and compulsory; text books free; meals and clothing to be supplied when necessary.

9. Compulsory arbitration of labor disputes.

10. Restriction of Oriental immigration by a law on the lines of the Natal Act, and if said law be disallowed it be repeatedly re-enacted until the end sought be attained.

11. To protect us from Asiatics already is the province the government shall insert a clause in all private acts to this effect: "This act shall be null and void if the company fails to enter into an agreement with the government as to conditions of construction and operation," and that the house pass a resolution to prohibit the employment of Asiatics on all franchises granted by the provincial house.

12. Conservation of our forest riches; pulp land leases to contain a provision for re-foresting, so as to produce a perennial revenue and make pulp manufacture a growing and permanent industry.

13. The act compelling the scaling of logs by government scalers be enforced.

14. Absolute reservation from sale or lease of a certain part of each known coal area, so that state-owned mines may, if necessary, be easily possible in the future. All coal leases or grants hereafter made to contain a provision enabling the government to fix the price of coal loaded on cars or vessels for shipment to B. C. consumers.

15. Municipalization and public control of the liquor traffic.

16. The right of the referendum where a valuable subsidy or franchise is to be conferred.

17. All transportation companies to be compelled to give free transportation to members of the legislative assembly and supreme court and county court judges.

18. Election day to be a public holiday and provision made that every employee shall be free from services at least four consecutive hours during polling time.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

DELORAINE MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District Where located:—On West Fork of Cody Creek, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, E. M. Sandilands, acting as agent for P. Burns, Free Miner's Certificate, No. B5522, 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.

E. M. SANDILANDS.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1902.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

BLACK HAWK FRACTION AND FRANK FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIMS.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District Where located. On Noble Five Mountain, adjoining American Boy Mine.

TAKE NOTICE that I, W. D. Mackay, acting as agent for the American Boy Mining and Milling Company Free Miner's Certificate No. B38747, intend, sixty days from date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

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

W. D. MACKAY,

Agent.

Dated this 1st day of March, A. D. 1902.

NOTICE

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS OF THE SILVER CHORD MINERAL CLAIM.

To J. R. Cameron and A. R. Porter or any person or persons to whom they may have assigned their interests in the Silver Chord Mineral Claim, situated near Sandon and registered in the Recorder's office for the Slocan Mining Division.

You are hereby notified that I, Philip J Hickey, acting as agent for J. D. Farrell and Volney D. Williamson, have caused to be expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the above-mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

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station is much the same as ations. Its knife scarred walls corated with campaign litho- legal notices and advertise- f Navy tobacco.

tform of sunwarped planks ex- round two sides, begining at ps and a soap box and terminat- e usual "jumping off" place.

the platform a lean cur is baking in the midday sun, d at full length.

agent, as is patent to all obser- ossesses leather suspenders and a nd complete acquaintance with man, woman, child and dog in county.

nder she comes!"

blacksmith across the road half shod mule and comes to r of his dingy shop, wiping his hands upon the sides of his apron; the young women in the wagon remove their sunbonnets ooth rebellious wisps of hair, with excitement.

loafers jump from platform and close their pocket knives and heir eys down the track.

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Two short metallic shrieks the clangor of a bell, and the fast mail whizzes past with a jarring rumble of wheels, a streak of varnished woodwork and glittering glass and metal, leaving behind it a dust filled vacuum.

The blinking countrymen, holding fast to hats, gaze after its quivering rear platform with awe.

The brass bound mail pouch hustles through the air, skates along the cinders beside the track and brings up against the red cattle shoot, where it is pounced upon by three boys.

With it the agent plows across the dusty road, followed by the crowd; the cling clink of the blacksmith is resumed and one impression of the station resolves itself into a vista of shimmering heat waves, whitewash and gleaming rails and hot yellow dust.

The mail has come.—Chicago Record.

Cy Warman, just back from the Klonkike, says the inhabitants up there are the most mastodonic liars on the face of the earth, and Cy is a recognized authority on that sort af lying.

An Unfair Deal.

Life is a little game, that's all;
The shuffled cards are dealt around:
To some the weleome aces fall
And here and there a king is found.

We seldom like the cards we've got,
And many lose, while few may win;
Ah, Fate, I fear, has slipped a lot
Of useless, extra deuces in

"One swallow does not make a spring,"
That's patent to the minds of all,
But copious swallows surely bring
In time a most disastrous fall.

A Chinaman recently stole three chickens from Hon. James Dunsmuir. He got two months with hard labor. Mr. Dunsmuir has legally stollen millions of dollars from the people of British Columbia. He was made premier of the province. Such is life.

It was a bit of tough luck that the Canadians should be left to take care of two squadrons of those British Yeomanry at Harts river. It is the only occasion, in the whole course of the war that those Ewemen have not been captured when ever the Boers reached for them.—Bobcaygeon Independent.

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SANDON, APRIL 19, 1902.

THE convention which met in Kamloops this week will go on record as the most important gathering of labor men and socialists ever held in Western Canada. The effects will be far-reaching and its importance cannot be over-estimated. In the past the efforts of the forces which aimed at reform were spasmotic and lacked harmony. No systematic plan of campaign was ever before adopted, and the victory of the labor element in one district was frequently neutralized by another labor constituency endorsing an opposite party. For instance, the labor party in the Slocan took up R. F. Green as the most desirable man in the field in this constituency and elected him as an independent, while in Rossland the labor party elected Smith Curtis as a Martainite. Both these men were elected by the labor party, but until this session each has been following a different faction in the house, voting against each other and thereby making a stand-off. The labor element does not propose that any such blunders shall occur again and to harmonize, conform and make a uniformity of action the Kamloops convention was called.

The preamble of the platform was designed for this special purpose. No aspiring candidate need seek nomination or endorsation unless he is willing to place himself in the hands of the electors, subject to recall on a summons that is practically the imperative mandate. As long as he stays by the principles he is elected to represent, he continues as a representative. If he swerves the electors can pull the string. This is manifestly a just proposition, as no man who stands by his principles would be affected while he who forsakes the principles on which he secured election no longer represents the electors and therefore cannot be recalled too quickly.

The platform is one which should recommend itself to all reasonable men. The convention recognized that it was dealing with conditions, not theories, and therefore eliminated the millenium dawn features which so frequently handicap a good movement by weighting down its platform with Utopian ideals that are not present-day practicabilities.

The name adopted for the new movement is the Provincial progressive Party. The name is good. The party henceforth will not be restricted to trades unions and socialist bodies for its support, but will be broad enuf in its principles and motives to afford common ground for everyone who aims to shut off the land-grabbing, monopoly-giving, law-breaking aggregetion of grafters which now masquerades as a government in B. C., and substitute instead a legislature of level-headed, public-spirited men who will conduct public business for the benefit of the public. Then we will have stable, progressive government.

The party starts off on a good footing. No other political party in B. C. is so thoroly organized as the labor party in the Kootenays. A comprehensive campaign of provincial organization is to be undertaken in the near future, and when the date of the next election is announced the Provincial Progressive Party will be in a position to go into the field in all parts of the province with one aim, one platform and one motive. The party does not hope to capture a majority of the 42 constituencies, but it is certain to carry enuf of them to have a solid little party of eight or ten which will shape and control the legislation of British Columbia on lines of decency and honor. The Provincial Progressive Party is going into politics in this province to clean up the mess that is now being made at Victoria. It has absolutely no confidence in either of the old parties or any of the old leaders, and therefore it will do the job itself. There is no reasonable excuse for an honest man voting against it and there are many reasons why an honest man should vote for it. By no means the least of these is the fact that the new party has no affiliations with and owes no allegiance to any faction, clique or corporation, and therefor its hands will not be tied against carrying out its promises.

THE Mining Review wants to know why The Paystreak was clamoring for a water contract a year ago and is not doing so now. We will tell him. But first we would like to know if Mr. Cliffe is standing in with J. M. Harris now for the some reason that hə stood in with the Pitts-Stubbs-Lilly combination a year ago?

The explanation is this: A year ago the Sandon Water & Light Co. had a good service and was in a position to supply an adequate fire protection. The city owed the S. W. & L. Co. considerable money on unpaid accounts before the fire and J. M. Harris offered to accept tax receipts for all he owed on his real estate previous to the fire in exchange for a clear receipt for all the city owed him. The contract was a side issue of the swap. This proposition was accepted by the council and M. L. Grimmett was instructed to make out the necessary papers, which he failed to do, and the agreement consequently was never signed, the city thereby losing an excellent opportunity to settle the matter up. The contract was not dangerous; all the contracts in the world would not permit Harris to collect for fire protection if the Water Clauses Act made such action illegal. On the other hand, if the company is legally entitled to payment the city should pay, and a proper qusiness-like contract would not add anything to the bill.

That was the situation a year ago. Today the Sandon Water & Light Co. has not sufficient water to supply its own electric plant, let alone furnish the city with an adequate fire protection service. Consequently the city would be very foolish to have any dealings with it. There would be no sense in making a contract when Harris can not deliver the goods.

J. M. Harris has since withdrawn his offer to swap accounts, and is evidently prospecting for a lawsuit. The city should now take action to collect the money he owes for taxes. If he chooses to sue for water and light accounts, let him go at it. The city will then discover what rights it has in the matter. The Paystreak is of the opinion that the provisions of the Water Clauses Act will compel the Sandon Water & Light Co. to furnish the city with water and hydrants for fire protection free of charge.

THE Hot Air line has secured another injunction on the V.V.&E. and construction has once more been stopped. When Hill gave up $50,000 to Manley for the ground the latter staked to keep the Great Northern branch out of Grand Forks, it was presumed that Hill would succeed in getting his spur into the smelter before any further action could be taken, but this injunction puts the kibosh on it until the case comes up in court on May 6th. Meanwhile Hill has received a Dominion charter and may be able to upset the injunction on the strength of it.

F. J. Dean of the Inland Sentinel is a gentleman. The delegates to the Kamloops convention got an opportunity to assay him, and there is no flaw in the indictment.

THE Kamloops convention declared strait and flat-footed, without quibble or equivocation for the government ownership and operation of smelters and refineries. This is the most radical plank in the new platform. It was not incorporated in the platform timber as a riffle for catching votes, but was placed where it belongs by men who understand what they are talking about. The debate on the question fetched out the fact that the lead question is understood outside of the Slocan, and there is no doubt that the Labor party is the party which will be instrumental in securing the relief of the Slocan and East Kootenay from the exactions of the smelter and railway combine which are now confiscating the legitimate profits of, and crushing the life out of the silver-lead mining industry.

T. DEWITT TALMAGE has cashed in. He leaves three years' sermons yet unpublished as a legacy to his children. No doubt before the last of his sermons are published Talmage will be as completely forgotten as he deserves to be. Decked in fine linen, surrounded by all the comforts that money can buy, living luxuriously, Talmage preached from a costly tabernacle the doctrine of the lowly Nazarean whose most beautiful works and words were those which denounced a hypocracy no less pronounced than that of the New York theologian. It is a criterion of how far the church of today has drifted from the simple, pure and childlike love of Christ, that thousands will pretend to mourn Talmage's death.

THE socialists, labor delegates, single-taxers and others who the ignorant usually regard as the firebrands of anarchy have met in convention and adopted the most common-sense platform that has yet been placed before a British Columbia electorate. Before election time comes the people of the province will have had every issue placed clearly before them and will have had ample opportunity to discover that this party is the only party in whose hands the country's welfare can be placed with a confidence that it will not be sacrificed to personal animosities nor party greed.

IF the Canada Northern Bill is passed, Joe Martin is responsible. The fact that it might be passed with him voting against it cuts no ice in placing the responsibility. He has secured the passing of the redistribution bill and the life of the government is now in his hands. If he defeats it the Canada Northern steal will be dead. If he permits the government to live a sufficient number of the grafting element of the opposition may flop over and the Canada Northern will go thru. Savy.

IF there is anyone in the province of British Columbia who believes that representatives of the Labor party are not capable of successfully conducting the business of the province we would respectfully request them to compare the proceedings and dicorum of the delegates at the Kamloops convention with the aggregation assembled at Victoria.

THE editor of this great blue weekly has been gallavanting around Kamloops for a week or so tangling himself up in politics. This is a proposition for which you get your reward in heaven, but as we are not making anything on earth at present, the thing is about a standoff and we are willing to take a chance.

KAMLOOPS has the pet climate of B. C. It is so fine and smooth that the denizens of the beautiful Thompson valley are satisfied to glide along in it without creating any firiction by unnecessarily exerting themselves to keep up with the mad stampede for wealth which engages the attention of communities less favored by nature.

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Off and On.

We've put away the overcoat
A dozen times or so,
Imagining that the chilling winds
At last had ceased to blow.
We placed it in the cedar chest,
Where moths ne'er cause dismay,
And felt relieved because we thot
For months it there would stay.

But just as often from the chest
The overcoat we've drawn,
Removed the wrinkles from its folds
And gladly put it on.
For suddenly a change had come
From mild to frosty air,
And there was comfort when one had
A heavy coat to wear.

'Twas in the early spring this game
Of hide and seek commenced,
For when we didn't realise
What we were up against.
We never dreamed when first we put
The overcoat away
That gentle spring had up her sleeve
So many tricks to play.

But later on we learned just how
The weather joked with men;
There'd be a day or two of spring;
Then winter came again,
One day we'd shed the overcoat,
The next day put it on,
And thus keep changing back and forth
Till peace of mind was gone.

So now at last we've ceased to think
Of hiding it so soon,
Quite reconciled to wear it,
Perhaps till late in June.
But even if before that time
Its usefulness is done
The overcoat is bound to make
A record breaking run.

—Vancouver Province.

The Kootenay Hotel is still doing business at the old stand, and there is no diminuation in the quantity or quality of the liquid refreshment served.

The Optimist.

He saw—but not the Real. Childlike, he
Still played at life with passionate pretence,
Clutched at the finger of Omnipotence,
And made quaint compacts with Necessity.
He heard—but not the fret of that great sea
Which swayed and sighed in awful imminence:
He planned his tiny outposts of defence,
And patted his piled sand, industriously.
Then Death, more kind than Wisdom, drawing near.
Seeing his innocent, impassioned play,
Could not, for pity, plan a rough surprise,
Or fix that happy face in stering tear,
But gently pushed the toys of sense away,
And whispered in a stillness: "Close thine eyes."

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The Mollie Gibson has shipped 1000 tons since January 1st.

It is reported that Jim Hill has acquired a controlling interest in the Granby smelter. This explains to a certain extent the Hot Air injunctions.

It is reported that the Ruth will be opened up immediately on H. B. Alexander's return to Sandon.

The Payne has finished stringing the wire from the mill to the mine and the electric plant will soon be in working order. Concentrating rock from the filling between No. 2 and No. 3 tunnels is being run down to the mill and a start will be made some time next month.

The Rambler-Coiiboo has shipped 1260 tons since January 1st. One hundred men are on the payroll continuously.

The Wakefield, Four Mile, is to be reopened this summer by a company formed in England by the Sandifords. Ward Macdonald will probably be in charge.

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Charles C. Cliffe is out with the statement that the Kamloops convention declared in favor of allowing aliens to vote. This is a lie without a trace of truth or a shadow of foundation. No such proposition was mentioned or entertained. Considering, however, that Mr. Cliffe argues in the same issue in favor of allowing aliens the franchise in municipal elections it seems that he must have got mixed np somewhere in his prevarications.

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