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FATAL SNOWSLIDE

Wm. J. Lade Crushed to Death Beneath the Snow.

NARROW ESCAPE OF COMRADES.

Harvey and Southward Rescued With Slight Injuries—150 Silverton Friends Join the Funeral Procession.

William J. Lade, one of our well-known and popular young men was killed in the Ottawa snow slide last Sunday.

Shortly after 2 o'clock on Sunday, word was brought into town that a new slide had followed in the wake of the Ottawa slide, and the party at work excavating the road at that point were buried. As soon as Angus McDonald, the bearer of the news, had aroused the town, a numerous and excited crowd of about 75 men, provided with picks and shovels, started for the scene of the accident, on foot and in sleighs.

When the slide occurred, the deceased and Bob Barley were at work on top of the slide, and Tom Ardiel, J. A. Harvey and Andy Southward were at work in the cut. A few rolling snow balls heralded the approach of the avalanche, and a warning shout was given by Tom Ardiel. Everyone ran for safety, and Ardiel and Barley succeeded in clearing the course of the slide. The victim of the slide was buried immediately beneath tons of snow. Harvey was invisible and only the head and arm of Andy Southward were above the moving mass. The alarm was at once given, and the men at work below the slide, began the work of rescue. Andy was the first one to be exhumed, and soon afterwards Harvey was got out, neither of the men having received any appreciable injuries. By this time the rescurers from town had arrived with tools, and work was at once commenced to find the remaining body.

In spite of the determined work done by anxious friends, the body of Wm. Lade was not uncovered for two hours, but it is doubtful if the rescue had taken place immediately after the accident, if any life would have been found in the body.

Judging from the position of the body, when found, it seems that Lade had tripped after jumping into the cut, and had been covered by the mass of snow before he could recover himself.

The remains were brought to town and remained in the Thorburn house until after the formal inquest had been held on Monday.

The funeral took place after the inquest, the body being taken to New Denver on the Slocan, and from there to the cemetery on the hill.

About 150 Silverton friends accompanied the remains to the cemetery, and paid their last respects to their comrade. The funeral service was read by Rev. Mr. Powell. The pall bearers were Jack Smith, J. Anderson, H. Brady, C. McNichols, A. Williamson and L. F. Holtz.

The deceased was only 19 years old, and came to British Columbia from Nova Scotia only a little over a year ago. He was interested with his brothers in some valuable mining properties in the Lardeau, and the coming year promised to be a bright one for him.

THE INQUEST.

The formal enquiry into the death of Wm. J. Lade was held here by Coroner Brouse on Monday. The following were empanelled as a jury: J. G. Farquier, foreman; R. O. Matheson, J. S. Macfarlane, John Popham G. Thorburn and C. McNicholl. After viewing the body the jury adjourned to McKinnon's hall to hear the evidence. Thos. Ardiel told how, when at work, he had observed the approach of the slide and shouted a warning. The slide was about 20 feet from the deceased when he called. He saw the deceased jump, but never saw him again until he was uncovered from the slide; he thought deceased must have slipped when he jumped. He helped excavate Harvey and Southward. John A Harvey, the next witness, corroborated the evidence of Mr. Ardiel. As the jury desired no more witnesses, they then withdrew and rendered the following verdict:

"We do upon our oaths, say that the said William J. Lade, on the 27th day of February, in the year aforesaid, while working excavating the road through the Ottawa slide, was buried in a snow slide, and that his death was caused by suffocation in the said slide."

CRIB WORK TO BE COMPLETED.

B. Alexander informed a SILVERTONIAN representative that the Townsite Co. will at once put the crib-work at the bridge in condition to withstand the expected rise of Four-Mile creek. The work is to be completed immediately and filled with stone. The springs floods will soon be on us, and preparations should be made for it. There is some cause for alarm over the unprotected condition of the small creek flowing from the main stream through the town. Piling should be driven in at the source of this stream and all possible danger of its flooding Lake avenue averted. This should be attended by those directly interested at once. Old-timers predict a greater rise in Four-Mile, this year, than we have had for some years.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Every man in West Kootenay eligible as a voter in the impending elections owes, as a duty to the people here, to see that his name appears on the new voter's lists, and that his vote in cast in the interest of good government. Many in Silverton and its neighborhood have thus far neglected to register themselves, and our voter's list does not represent all our voters. It is especially urgent at the present time, that all who may, should register. The population of West Kootenay is fully one-fifth of the population of the entire Province, and our contributions to the Provincial treasury is practically one-third of the total amount credited under the head of each district. In order that a proper redistribution of seats can be made, it is necessary for the voter's lists to be made as complete as possible.

Every British male subject, of the full age of 21 years, who has resided in this Province one year and in this Electoral District for two months, is qualified as a voter. Registration blanks can be procured from Wm. Hunter, J. P., and we hope everyone not yet registered will take advantage of this opportunity to enroll themselves at once.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Our celebration of the 24th of May, next, promises, by the manner in which interest is being aroused among our citizens and neighbors, to be the biggest kind of a success. The subscription lists are being generously signed, and enough funds are assured to guarantee a liberal list of prizes.

The Slocan City News, in a semi-humorous article, bids us hurry and complete our preparation in the limited time at our disposal. Judging by what we have heard of the proposed intentions of Rosebery, New Denver, the Glacier, and the other strong rivals in the field for Queen's Birthday honors, we were wise in our haste. There was method in our madness.

LATEST FROM THE FIDELITY.

The conflicting reports published in late issues of the SILVERTONIAN regarding the Fidelity contract, have caused some misunderstanding among those interested, but we are informed by A. Williamson, that work has been suspended for the present at the mine, and that the contract held by B. Kneebone is broken. Mr. Williamson tells us that they have a splendid showing in the face of the drift, the paystreak being 14 inches of steel galena. The pump has been taken from the shaft, and it is not known when work will be re-commenced. Mr. Williamson laughed at the idea of the Fidelity being dug out.

ROSEBERY SAMPLER.

We are informed by A. M, Beattie, of Rosebery, that work on the Rosebery Sampling Works will be begun next week. A representative of the company for whom the sampler is to be built, is now in Rosebery and looking over the ground. Mr. Beattie further states that within 90 days the sampler will be in operation and that arrangements are already made with the railways and mines to handle $100,000 worth of ore each month.

Mr. Beattie is also full of praise for the properties on Wilson creek, and predicts a boom for that section of the country this summer.

WHIST CLUB.

A meeting of the whist club was held Saturday evening at the residence of Con McKinnon and trumps were hailed with glee. When the last card fell the official recount announced that Miss Dyker headed the score card. The next meeting will be held in the near future and in the meanwhile all the members are practicing hard.

MINER'S UNION CONDOLE.

A meeting of the Silverton Miner's Union was held in their hall last Monday evening. A resolution expressing the sympathy of the union with the relatives of their late member, W. J. Lade, was unanimously passed. The union granted the sum of $50—the maximum amount—towards the funeral expenses of their late comrade.

Uncle Sam will go into the entomological production business—that is, making the Spanish fly.

Five tons of ore were rawhided down to the lake shore from the Fidelity last Wednesday. This will be shipped immediately by B, Kneebone.

THE LOCAL LAYOUT.

A. M. Beattie, Rosebery, visited us on Monday.

W. Hunter paid Slocan City a visit on Tuesday.

J. I. McIntosh paid Nelson a visit on Wednesday.

Lawrence Cook paid the Alamo mine a visit Monday.

Fred Liebscher made New Denver a visit on Tuesday.

Mrs. Barclay and Miss Barclay were in New Denver on Monday.

Jake Kirkpatrick was greeting his friends in town last Sunday.

Work was commenced on the Wakefield yesterday with six men.

G. B. Brown, Winnipeg, was registered at the Victoria on Monday.

The Kaslo Board of Trade have received their charter from Ottawa.

An additional five men were put at work at the Emily Edith on Monday.

A basket social was held in New Denver last night. The affair was a decided success.

Geo. Powell made the trip to the Enterprise mine, Ten-Mile, the fore part of this week.

Lulu Henning, the young daughter of Ernest Henning, engineer at the Galena mines, is seriously ill.

E. Rammelmeyer took several kodak views of the Ottawa slide before and after the accident last Sunday.

Unless the weather should become colder the freight teams of Harvey & Anderson will make no more trips to the mines.

The Rev. Mr. Booth will hold divine service in the Union church next Thursday evening. You are invited to attend.

W. Griffin was forced to lay off work a few days at the Comstock this week. A small piece of steel in his eye caused the trouble.

Leslie Hill, superintendent of the Vancouver mines, was in town yesterday. He was down to hurry up supplies for the mine.

J. T. Kelly, of Three Forks, paid our town a visit on Sunday. Mr. Kelly is one of the partners of the Wm. Hunter Co., Limited.

The town of Canmore, N. W. T., was destroyed by fire on February 23, last. Clara Christensen, a ten-year-old girl met with death in the flames.

E. Ormsby, at one time bartender at the Victoria hotel, has left for the Klondyke. He leaves behind him many sorrying creditors in Silverton.

J. C. Harris was in Silverton Thursday, agitating the signing of the petition asking for appropriation for the Silverton-New Denver sleigh road.

The citizens of Four-Mile creek cordially invite the citizens of Carpenter creek and the other Slocan creeks to attend their celebration of the next Queen's Birthday.

Alf. Wilds and Ed White were in the city on Tuesday. They left for the head of the lake on Wednesday, having made that place their headquarters for the future in place of Six-Mile.

Louis Larsen came down from the Comstock mine on Monday, and left town for a trip East. He expects to go on a prospecting tour through the Mt. Baker country this summer.

A portable sawmill will be taken up the creek as soon as possible for the Comstock mine. Lumber will be prepared for their proposed concentrator as soon as the mill is placed in position.

A special funeral service for the late Wm. J. Lade will be held by the Rev. Mr. Powell in the Union Church here next Sunday at 3 P.M. All the friends and comrades of the deceased are requested to attend this service.

The Mollie Hughes claim recently purchased by New Denver parties for $4,000, has been bonded for $40,000. Only a small amount of work had to be done to show up the value of the property. The property is situated near the lake shore, about a mile north of New Denver.

Fred Smyth, late of the Slocan City News, has gone to Spokane. The unpassable state of the road to Moyie City prevented him reaching that place and he and D. R. Young were forced to abandon the publication of the Moyie City Pioneer for some time.

A shortage of cars on the C. P. R. and the blocked condition of the K. & S. road have virtually suspended shipping, for the time being, from Sandon. The Ruth, Payne, Reco, Goodenough and other mines have had to reduce their working force as a consequence, but a few days more will see them resuming work at full blast.

The new Postoffice building was opened to the public on Thursday. The residents have reasons to be proud of our new postoffice, and thankful to McKinnon & Co., for providing it for us. Lock boxes can be had for $1 per quarter, and everyone should have one at that very reasonable figure.

The muchly wished for change in the mail route from the south over the Nelson-Slocan railroad, has been made. We must be thankful, although a great delay has been experienced in securing this change. A saving of over 24 hours is thas made in the time made by a letter from Nelson to Silverton.

Sidney Gillis visited Silverton on Monday last. Mr. Gillis is employed at the Wakefield mine, and had not been down from that property since July 15th, last. He was surprised at the growth of Silverton since he was last here. Mr. Gillis has been alone at the mine since it shut down last fall but his solitary confinement did not appear to have affected his geniality.

As the bare spots creep through the snow the sporting ardor of the boys increases. Tom Clair, the genial proprietor of the Thistle, has announced his intention of meeting all comers in a quoit contest, and Jim Bowes is suppling up his good right arm, preparatory to putting the shot.

J. Robinson, who left here a couple of weeks ago for Seattle, with the intention of going to Skagway, surprised his friends on Tuesday night by returning to the city. He reports that large numbers are returning on every steamer from the north discouraged with the outlook for getting through this winter.—Nelson Miner.

We regret very much to hear that Pitts Bros. have decided to quit business, both in Silverton and Three Forks. This will consequently remove their popular Manager, J. I. McIntosh, from amongst us. Mr. McIntosh is one of the pioneers of Silverton, and will be greatly missed, should he decide to leave Silverton. It is hoped that Jimmy may secure a situation in Silverton.

Ralph Gillits brought in a fine specimen of ore from his claim, the Hamilton, near the Batchelor, Twelve-Mile, on Monday. On the Batchelor group two ledges can be traced, cross-cutting each other, and assays from each of these ledges show 700 ounces silver and from $30 to $40 gold. J. Courtland, representing a strong English company, is looking over the property for his company.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Consolidated Alberni Co., held in Victoria on Monday the action of the directors in arranging the sale of the mining property of the company to the British Columbia & New Gold Fields Corporation, Ltd, was confirmed. Four-fifths of the stock was represented at the meeting. The purchase price as stated when the deal was made, is $150,000, the last payment to be made before April 23.

It was stated in the Vancouver World of January 13th that the sale of the Whitewater mine, in the Slocan district had been officially denied. When we saw this statement, says the British Columbia Review (London), which also reached us from another source, we at once sent a representative to call on the secretary of the London and British Columbia Gold Fields, where he was officially informed "that there was no truth whatever in the rumor, that they had a firm option on the property in question, on which money had been paid, and that the sale is now approaching completion."

HORSES DYING.

Johnny Williams, the packer and freighter, member of the firm of Williams & Brown, came up from Kuskonook this week, bringing with him the entire outfit, which he has been working on the Crow's Nest tote road out of Kuskonook. He says that the road has entirely played out, and operations have practically ceased.

There seems to be a peculiarly fatal epidemic among the horses in that section. Apparently well animals fall over and die immediately. Williams lost one fine animal. Porter Bros. are said to have lost 19 head, and other outfits in proportion. It is attributed to exposure and the bad condition of the roads.—Kootenaian.

WEEK'S EXPORT TOTAL $262,301.

Soft weather, snowslides and interrupted railway traffic has interfered sadly with ore shipments this week, especially from the Slocan country, yet the approximate values of the exports are much in excess of those of last week, says the Nelson Tribune. This is due to the immense shipments from the Trail smelter, which exported 360,134 pounds of matte, all which went to Butte, Montana. The Le Roi's shipments fell away about half, while the number of shippers and volume decreased in the Slocan. With the settlement of the weather, an increase may be noted. As it is, this month's figures so far exceed $600,000.—Kootenaian.

HONOR ROLL FOR FEBRUARY.

The following is the report of the Silverton school for the month of February:

Senior third class—1 William Barclay. Junior third class—1 Alice Calbick, 2 Inez Calbick and Adelaide Horton. Senior second reader—1 Fay Elliott, 2 Marie Cross. Junior second reader—1 Janet Barclay, 2 Mary McDonald. Second reader—1 Harry Wheeler, 2 Maggie Barclay, 3 Bert Bradshaw. First Primer—1 Harry Carey, 2 George Horton, 3 Jeanie Barclay, 4 Harriet Daigle, 5 George Barry.

MISS DYKER, Teacher.

NEW ROCK-DRILLING RECORD.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—At the Golden Jubilee mining fair today a new world's record for three handed rock-drilling was made by John Kitto, John Dingle and Louis Page, a team of miners from Sonora. In 15 minutes with two hammers on a drill they broke the world's record of 42 inches, and penetrated to a depth of 43 11-16 inches in solid granite.

A LETTER FROM HER COUSIN.

A young lady of Deep Creek, received the following affectionate letter from her cousin, living in Palouse county:

DEAR KUZ.—We is all well, and mother's got the his Terrix. Cruthen Tom is got the Hupin Koff and sister Any has got a babee, and I hope these few lines will find you the same. Rite sure. Youre aphectioxate Kuzzes,

OTHELLN.

BONDED FOR $25,000.

Greenwood, B. C., Feb. 27.—The Brooklyn, one of the earliest locations in Greenwood camp, has been bonded by William McKenzie, the well known railroad contractor of Toronto; his son, R. J. McKenzie, and James E. Boss, of Spokane, under a working bond of $25,000, on which they have made a cash payment of 10 per cent.

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TRAIL BLAZER CIGARS.

R. O. Matheson, prop.

NEW COAST FORTIFICATIONS

ARTILLERY IS BEING MOUNTED.

A Hundred Telegraphic Dispatches Sent Within Twenty-Four Hours—Officials Claim It Is Only Following Out a Previous Plan.

New York, Feb. 22.—Nearly 100 telegraphic dispatches were sent from Governor's island, the army headquarters, to various points of fortification along the seaboard from Eastport, Me., to Galveston, Tex., says the World. All of these fortifications in which guns and mortars have been mounted are under the control of General Merritt, commander of the department of the east.

General Merritt spent very little of the day at the island, his staff attending to the usual amount of telegraphic correspondence. During his absence, Colonel Barber, adjutant general of the department of the east, was in charge. The colonel refused to discuss the reasons of the activity along the seaboard, except to say that everything now being done was merely the execution of a coast defense program outlined several months ago.

It was learned from other sources that orders had been received on the island on Friday night to send from Fort Wadsworth to Sandy Hook 20 men to clean the big guns in the fortifications there and to transfer considerable quantities of ammunition. The same orders brought instructions to send 40 men from Fort Schuyler to Willet's Point to clean the guns there and to overhaul the ammunition. Fort Hancock, at Sandy Hook, is also still in the hands of the army engineers and ordnance bureau.

The engineers are constructing the applacements for the guns and mortars yet to come, and when they complete the work the ordnance bureau will have to set the guns and carriages and test them before the fort can be regularly transferred to General Merritt's command. This work will not be finished until late in the spring and the quarters for the artillery will not be finished under the present program until October. Not until then will Fort Hancock be an official reality.

Two days ago the artillery expert stationed at Governor's Island, the man recognized by army men as the most skillful artilleryman in the country, returned from a tour of inspection of the fortifications from Boston to Charleston. The last place he visited was Fort Caswell, near Cape Hatteras. On his way back to Governor's Island he stopped at Washington and conferred with Secretary of War Alger. At Fort Caswell he found three high-calibre guns in splendid shape which he did not know had been set up. He visited the Boston forts, the fortifications at Dutch and Gull Islands, at the entrance to Long Island Sound, Forts Hamilton, Wadsworth, Hancock and Slocum, the fortifications on the Delaware Bay coast, and at other places down the coast.

Referring to General Miles' recent order to General Merritt, commanding the department of the east, to immediately detail men and officers to all coast defense points where modern guns are mounted, it was said at the war department today that, while the order was issued as reported, it was nothing more than following out the plan of the war department, formulated several years ago, when the present system of coast defense was inaugurated. The order calls for at least 20 men and the necessary officers to take charge of each of such defense emplacements as have been completed and turned over to the war department.

SULTAN OF SOKOTO PROTESTS.

Troops Advancing in the Territory Claimed by England.

Akassa, Niger Coast Protectorate, West Coast of Africa, Feb. 21.—Intelligence has arrived here that two French expeditions are advancing toward Sokoto, capital of the sultanate of Sokoto river, in the extreme north of the Harsau states, and that six French officers with a force of 200 men have arrived at Argungu (Argunhi) and Tagga. The former town is an important place on the Sokoto river, about half way from the sultan's capital and the River Niger, and is within the British sphere.

The sultan of Sokoto has commanded the French force to halt about 40 miles from the capital.

The Royal Niger Company's representative deputy agent, William Wallace, is holding the company's force with ammunition and stores in readiness and is awaiting instructions to assist the sultan of Sokoto and to secure French evacuation of British territory.

MEN RETURN FROM DAWSON.

Bring News of a Fatal Accident and the Finding of a Big Nugget.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 20.—The steamer City of Seattle reached here yesterday, bringing five men from Dawson, Carey Warren of San Francisco, Jack McIntyre of Fort Steele, H. Peterson of Victoria, Jack Hanley of San Francisco and another. They report that a $450 nugget was found on Peterson's claim at Skookum gulch and that Mrs. Jessop was accidentally shot and killed in Dawson. her husband having dropped a revolver which went off.

Among the passengers on the ill-fated steamer Clara Nevada were Al Noyes and E. C. Bonicke, both of Juneau. There is a report in the north that a party with $165,000 in dust was on board.

Furniture House Burned.

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—The large establishment of the Niedringhaus House Furnishing Company, was partially destroyed by fire yesterday., resulting in a loss of more than $50,000 to the stock and building.

A strict mother often makes an indulgent grandmother.

LAWLESSNESS AT SKAGUAY.

Governor Brady Urges Immediate Action by the Government.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The following letter received by Secretary Bliss from Governor Brady of Alaska, has been discussed at a cabinet meeting:

"The news from Skaguay by the steamboat now in port is serious. The United States deputy marshal has been shot dead in the discharge of his duty. Another man was killed at the same time and at the same place. Recently the steamers have been carrying great lists of passengers. Many of these are gamblers, thugs and lewd women from the worst quarters of the cities of the coast. They have taken in the situation at Skaguay and Dyea and appear to have combined to carry things with a high hand. The best people at these places nicipal form of government. The United States marshal is powerless because he can appoint only a few deputies and when they undertake to act they are signaled out as targets by this ruffian element. One of this class was tried in the United States district court last December for the killing of United States Deputy Marshal Wattin in January, 1897, and was acquitted by the jury in the face of positive testimony. In fact these influences seem to be joined hand in hand and will surely go unpunished until the government takes action and provides the necessary force at Skaguay, Dyea and other points.

"Congress should grant immediate relief so that both naval and military officers can act when required by the civil authorities. The United States marshal should have a patrol vessel at his command with necessary accommodations for deputies and a proper attendant. I do not see how he can perform his duty as executive officer of the court until he has such means of locomotion entirely at his own command.

"At the present time a large and important mining property is held by a number of miners at Berner's Bay. This property was recently placed in the hands of a receiver by the court but the receiver has not come into possession up to this time. In this instance there is much to be said of the miners' action and their self-control, but it is of such a nature that violence may be the result. The marshal has no means of reaching that point with a sufficient force to carry out the instructions of the court. Judge Johnson leaves by this boat to settle this affair amicably if possible.

"Two weeks ago or a little more a gang of men commanded Captain Patterson of the steamship Al-Ki to discharge the natives who were handling freight on the wharf. They attacked the natives and beat them cruelly in the face of the deputy marshal. The captain was obliged to compromise with them by paying them 50 cents per hour for work on the wharf, but he insisted that the natives should work on the vessel.

"I am sorry to report that the court house at Juneau has been burned to the ground.

"So far the winter has been remarkable for mildness and this tends to bring the crowds sooner than they were expected."

The letter was dated February 3.

MOB AFTER THE MURDERERS.

Ned Aiken and Son Flee From Vengeance in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 22.—E. G. Massey, a prominent citizen and constable of Franklin township, Little River County, was murdered six miles from Ashdown last night by Ned Aiken and his son and two negroes, whom he was trying to arrest. Massey was shot from ambush, his lungs being torn from his body by bullets. Massey had previously arrested Charley Johnson, Aiken's son-in-law, for carrying a pistol, and Johnson had escaped. About midnight Constable Massey and Richard Dickens, a deputy, started to Aiken's house to arrest Johnson. When near the house the officers were fired upon from ambush and Massey fell from his horse, his body riddled with buckshot and Winchester balls. The negroes rushed from cover and opened fire upon Dickens, but he put spurs to his horse and escaped. Excitement runs high and lynching is probable if Aiken and Johnson are captured.

MURDEROUS SAILOR ABOARD.

American Ship M. P. Grace Nearly Lost Captain and Wife.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—The American ship M. P. Grace arrived today from New York with her police signal flying in the rigging. C. A. Hansen, one of the crew, was in confinement for attempting the lives of the captain and his wife. Hansen had been confined in a sailor's locker for 128 days. According to the story of Captain De Winter, the sailor had manifested a spirit of insubordination early in the voyage and the captain was obliged to discipline him. Hansen swore vengeance, and one night crept into the cabin where the captain and his wife were sitting. The sailor was armed with a pistol, and announced his intention of killing De Winter and his wife. The captain grappled with him and disarmed him. Help was summoned and Hansen was placed in confinement.

Strike on American Soil.

Dawson City, Jan. 19, via San Francisco, Feb. 22.—News has reached here of a rich strike on American creek, 130 miles down the Yukon river. Tonight 75 men left Dawson for the new diggings, which are on American soil, 25 miles across the boundary.

Killed at His Own Fireside.

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 22.—Rufus Schaefer, a prosperous farmer in Union district, was assassinated Sunday night. He was sitting before his own fireside when a bullet was fired from outside the house.

The first entry on the books of the New York subtreasury was a credit to Lieutenant W. S. Rosecrans as a government disburging officer.

THE SPANIARDS MUST WAIT

MAINE EXPLOSION INQUIRY.

The United States Authorities Will Make the Initial Investigation—Request Respectfully Declined—Captain Sigsbee Will Direct the Operations.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Day of the state department, had an interview with the president yesterday lasting nearly an hour. Mr. Day read a cablegram from Consul General Lee at Havana transmitting a request from the Spanish outhorities in Cuba that Spanish officials be permitted to join with our people in making an investigation into the cause of the disaster to the Maine.

The matter was discussed at considerable length and the conclusion reached, and Lee will be so notified, that while this government is willing to afford the Spanish authorities all reasonable facilities for conducting the investigation, yet it is thought best that the first inquiry shall be made by our own commissioners. The request of the Spanish authorities, therefore, will be respectfully declined.

The apparent difficulty of sending down divers to the Maine was relieved, if not entirely removed, by the statement by Senor Dubosc of the Spanish legation, that a complete and harmonious understanding between Captain Sigsbee and the authorities at Havana had been reached on the matter of divers, and that the Spanish authorities viewed the Maine as part of the sovereign territory of the United States the same as the United States legation situated in foreign territory.

The waters of Havana harbor are, of course, Spanish territory and some confusion has been aroused by the idea that this jurisdiction over the waters attached also to the wreck in its present helpless condition at the bottom of the bay.

Captain Sigsbee will be recognized as the one to direct the operations and to send down the government divers for such inspection as he sees proper to make. Senor Dubosc feels assured, however, that Sigsbee will extend equal facilities to the Spanish divers so that the inspections may proceed together.

Expert Opinion.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The opinion of one of the leading experts in the use of high explosives, Professor Agler of the ordnance bureau, was today asked as to the cause of the explosion of the Maine.

"As to the question of the cause of the Maine's explosion, we know that no torpedo such as is known to modern warfare can of itself cause an explosion of the character of that on board the Maine. We know of no instances where the explosion of a torpedo mine under a ship's bottom has exploded the magazine within. It has simply torn a great hole in the ship's bottom, through which water entered and from which the ship sank. Magazine explosions, on the contrary, produce effects exactly similar to the effects of the explosion on board the Maine. In seeking the cause of the explosion of the Maine magazine, we should naturally look not for improbable or unusual causes, but those against which we have had to guard in the past. The most common of these is through fire in the bunkers. Many of our ships have been in danger at various times from this cause, and not long ago a fire in the Cincinnati's bunkers actually set fire to fittings, wooden boxes, etc., within the magazine, and had it not been discovered at the time it was, it would doubtless have resulted in a catastrophe on board that ship similar to the one on the Maine. I shall again emphasize the fact that no torpedo exploded without a ship has ever produced or according to our knowledge can produce an explosion of a magazine within."

Fatality in the Disaster.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The navy department has compiled the following summary showing the total results of the Maine disaster from available official information up to tonight: Total number of officers and men on board the Maine, 355; total number of officers, 26; total number of men, 329; total number of officers saved, 24; total number of officers lost, 2; total number men lost, 246; total number officers injured, none; total number men injured, 57; total number men saved, 76; doubtful (men), 7.

The seven men appearing as doubtful probably represent that number or less whose lives have been saved, but who can not be identified at present on account of errors in transmission of telegrams. The 57 appearing as injured are included in the 76 appearing as saved. Two men reported as having died in the hospital are included in the total of 246 appearing above as having been lost.

SHOT HER ERRING HUSBAND.

But a Butte Jury Acquitted Mrs. Emma Baptiste.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Emma Baptiste has been acquitted of the murder of her husband, James Baptiste. The ground of acquittal was insanity. Baptiste, a telegraph operator, left her and married Frankie Bell, a concert hall singer, claiming he was not lawfully wedded to Emma. She went to the pool room where he worked and shot him.

New England Mill Strike.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 21.—The sixth week of the cloth mills strike opens without any indications of the opening of the mills on the part of the manufacturers. There is a feeling, however, that the coming week will see a meeting of representatives on both sides as suggested by Commissioner Barry of the state board of arbitration, that some arrangement looking to a consideration of the strike may be discussed.

A railway mail clerk in Illinois has traveled 803,784 miles and handled 57,916,144 pieces of mail in 24 years.

RATES ARE CUT IN TWO.

Canadian Pacific Explodes a Bomb Among American Roads.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The Canadian Pacific road yesterday exploded a bomb among its American competitors by announcing a wholesale reduction of rates. These cuts affect business in two directions. In the first place the rates from all New England points to Minneapolis and St. Paul are slaughtered, and again New England points and points in the state of New York have had a blanket rate applied so far as all business to the north Pacific coast points is concerned. These transcontinental rates have been cut almost in two. The present rates from the Atlantic seaboard to the north Pacific coast are $79.35 first class and $67.40 second class. Today the Canadian Pacific will make these rates from all points in New England, $40 for first class and $30 for second class. Rates to St. Paul will be cut from $29.50 first class and $28.50 second class to $20 first class and $19 second class.

Northern Pacific Meets It.

Tacoma, Feb. 19.—The Northern Pacific railroad announces a big cut in passenger rates to become effective today, Saturday, February 19. The rate from Tacoma to St. Paul, Duluth and points in Minnesota, North Dakota and Manitoba will be cut in two. Heretofore the rates to the above points have been $50 first class and $40 second class. The rates from Tacoma to Chicago will be $31.50 first class and $26.50 second class. To points in Ontario and Quebec as far east as Montreal and south of the line of the Grand Trunk railway, Port Huron to Montreal, $40 first class and $30 second class. The same rates will prevail from the east to Tacoma. The Canadian Pacific announces that it will meet these rates one day later—Sunday, February 20. The Great Northern has also met the cut.

DUN'S REPORT IS OPTIMISTIC.

Material Advances in Staples—The Rise in Wheat.

New York, Feb. 22.—R. G. Dun & Company's Review of Trade says:

The dreadful disaster to the Maine, much as it has affected all hearts, has not much affected business. Only in the stock market, where there was selling Wednesday by speculators on thin margins, but in no other speculative market was an effect felt, nor in general business. An advance of 10 per cent by some gogebic mines is expected to be general throughout the lake region, excepting the Messaba district, and prices of ore from the other ranges have been advanced 15 per cent with an allotment of 6,000,000 tons outside Carnegie's mines, which betokens an output much larger than ever known.

Wheat has risen 3¾ points and exports continue so heavy that a material advance is natural. Atlantic exports in three weeks have been 8,416,819 bushels (flour included, against 5,661,971 last year, and Pacific exports have been 2,476,652 bushels, against 1,474,782 bushels last year. Such shipments, with heavy engagements for the future, in spite of 11,500,831 bushels of corn exported, against 2,507,200 bushels in the same week last year, are conclusive proof of the urgency of foreign needs. The bottom fact is that the world needs wheat, which this country can only supply for about six months to come.

CHINA OPENS UP TO TRADE.

Important Concessions Promised the British Minister at Pekin.

London, Feb. 22.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says:

China has agreed to open all of her inland waters to navigation, whether foreign or native owned, under regulations to be framed subsequently. If not restricted by these regulations, the agreement, which is to come into operation within four months, is satisfactory and promises a wide expansion of foreign trade.

China has also undertaken to open one treaty port in the province of Hunana within two years, and proposes Yo Chau, near the Yang Tse Kiang, near the border of the province. The Tsung Li Yamen's reason for the delay is that the central authority is at present powerless to enforce the immediate opening of any port in the province of Hunan, or to protect foreigners there. China has given Great Britain satisfactory assurances that she will not alienate to any other power any portion of the Yang Tse Kiang valley.

The Times, commenting editorially on the foregoing dispatch, says: "We heartily congratulate the British minister at Pekin upon these important concessions."

ON THE EDMONTON ROUTE.

Viscount Avonmore's Party Meets With Many Bad Accidents.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—Thirteen young Englishmen, under the leadership of Viscount Avonmore, left here on December 13 last for the Klondike.

Since their departure they have had all kinds of bad luck. From Montreal they proceeded to Edmonton, N. W. T. A few days after their arrival there, Captain Alline died of pneumonia. Dr. Hoops, another member of the party, fell and badly sprained his ankle a few days later. Then Captain Powell, while on a short trip into the country, had his feet badly frozen. An English colonel, who was one of the ill-fated 13, broke his arm. Then a Mr. Bannerman was arrested at the instance of Captain O'Brien on a charge of embezzlement.

Captain O'Brien, who had assumed the leadership of the party, was arrested on a charge of assault for attempting to stab a man in his employ. The captain has just been bound over to keep the peace and the party is broken up.

To Buy Swiss Railroads.

Berne, Feb. 21.—The referendum has resulted in popular approval of the proposed state purchase of railroads of Switzerland at a cost of about 1,000,000,000 francs ($200,000,000). The government is projecting a loan for the purchase.

ALL AROUND THE CAMPS

MINES OF THE NORTHWEST.

Mineral Claim in the Kamloops District Affords an Interesting Study—Development Work in Park County, Montana—A Strike by Two Travelers in Idaho.

The Erin mineral claim, situate on the north side of the Iron Mask and Copper Queen mineral claims, about five miles southwest of Kamloops, B. C., and owned by Messrs. Beattie, Buxton and Blair, and on which development work has been going on for some months past, is said to be proving itself one of the best properties in the camp. On New Year's eve an immense body of ore was struck in a crosscut made from the shaft at a depth of 40 feet. The vein of solid ore is about seven feet wide and gives an assay from $19 in gold to 30 per cent copper, as well as a proportion of silver. Other assays made run in value from $26 to $62 per ton. At Coal Hill the Pothook 7x12 shaft is being energetically sunk by a force of six men, making an average of about one foot each day of 10 hours. The shaft has reached a depth of 40 feet, all in much shattered and decomposed rock, with the fissures filled and separated by thin plates of native copper, and, as yet, impregnated but sparsely with rich copper glance. One corner, the southwest, is a sight worth seeing, being plastered with bright native metal. Altogether this claim is a most interesting study. Just how the native metal came to be deposited in such profusion throughout this great mass is a conundrum not yet solved. There is not much, if any, doubt, that it is a product of alteration, and it is not likely to prove a normal constituent of the dyke, even if, as seems probable, the fissure be found to be on a dyke. It apparently comes from the leaching of the gray ore or glance. The rock itself is either serpentine or a mixture of that rock with clorite, and this alternates with a conglomerate of many parts. About $4 in gold adds to the value and the plates of native copper are gradually becoming thicker as the work of sinking progresses.

Struck It Rich.

Michael Guertin and his son, Alcide, who left Fort Saskatchewan in May last, with a man named Irish, to travel to Idaho by team, are said to have struck it rich in that state through an accidental discovery of a rich quartz claim. The story reads like fiction. The party was traveling over a high range of mountains near Boise City, when one of their horses became exhausted and they were compelled to camp for the night on the mountain top. In the morning Irish wandered a little distance from the camp and chanced to pick up some fragments of peculiar looking rock, which he showed to his companions. They examined it, and, actuated principally by curiosity, took a bag and partly filled it with the broken rocks. On reaching Boise City they had the rock assayed, and the assayer pronounced it gold quartz worth $85 to the ton. On the news becoming known throughout the town, great excitement was aroused and Irish was offered $12,000 for his one-third share, which he accepted and departed for Portland. The claim was duly surveyed and staked and active operations will commence when the snow goes. The Messrs. Guertin and their new partner, named Carson, have been offered $30,000 for the claim, but refused the offer.

Well Equipped Party.

Sixty-seven men, comprising the Alaskan-Klondike Co-operative Expedition, have arrived at Tacoma over the Northern Pacific. The party comes mainly from New York and Philadelphia and will leave Tacoma for Alaska with one of the most complete outfits ever taken into that country. They will carry a complete complement of the most approved machinery, two steam launches, a sawmill, and an assaying and refining plant. Fifty horses have been purchased in Tacoma for draft purposes. Three mechanical engineers, two mining engineers, one assayer and refiner, two chemists, two physicians and one dentist are included in the party. They will carry an outfit sufficient to last them 15 months.

To Control the Klondike.

Joseph Ladue, recently from the northern gold fields, says: "The North American Transportation and Trading Company is the only one now buying claims in the Klondike. I understand that they are acting as agents for the Rothschilds. I met Mr. Cudahy on the train from Chicago to San Francisco and he told me that they had just received $400,000 in drafts which had been given in payment of claims there. He said the company was acting as agent in purchasing, and I learn that the Rothschilds are preparing to spend $2,000,000 for the purchase of mines. It looks a little as though the great English banking house was making stupendous efforts to control all the claims on the Klondike."

Found Another Rich Pocket.

The Graves brothers, the Trinity county, California, miners, whose rich strike several months ago caused a rush to that part of the state, have arrived in San Francisco with 62 pounds of gold, valued at $16,000, the product of a pocket recently found in a lower level of the Blue Jay mine, the same property in which their first phenomenal find was made.

Working Placer Ground.

Considerable development work is going on in the Independence district, in Park county, Montana, under the direction of E. M. Cowles, who has invested within the last year several thousands of dollars in the Independence and Boulder districts. His placer ground has begun to net him some nice returns, as well as the quartz properties he is opening up. The force he has been working for the past season has not been large (a dozen men), but he has taken out and treated considerable ore at the stamp mill, nevertheless. Next summer he will increase his force to 40 or 50 men. Mr. Cowles recently acquired entire control of the Beardsley placer mines in the Boulder district, and much of his operations next season will be in developing these placers. He is well backed by a syndicate of Connecticut capitalists.

Spokane Men in Luck.

A rich strike is reported to have been made in the Cumberland mine on War Eagle mountain at Silver City, Idaho. The mine, which is being worked by Sonneman and Branscombe of Spokane, has had an ore body running about $100 in gold. The new strike is in the 200-foot level and is a 12-inch streak of ore that carries $1200 in gold and $400 in silver. The developments in the mine indicate that it may be as rich as the mine which made War Eagle mountain famous in the early days.

Control the Stem Winder.

A mining man from Fairview camp, B. C., brings the news that Mackenzie & Mann, the well-known railroad contractors, have recently acquired a seven-eighths interest in the Stemwinder mine, in that camp, paying for the same $100,000.

TAMPICO WHARF DESTROYED.

Heavy Loss of Property Owned by the Government of Mexico.

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Monterey, Mexico, says: The new wharf at Tampico, constructed by the Central railroad under government supervision, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday. The fire started in a box car on the east end of the wharf and quickly spread to the sheds. The cause of the fire is unknown. The Ward line steamer Yumuri was alongside the wharf and turned the first stream on the fire, but without avail, and to escape the flames she had to steam up the river. A. C. Robinson, the engineer in charge, while fighting the flames, was injured by falling timbers and will probably die. The construction of the wharf was commenced in July, 1896, and it was to be one of the finest on the Spanish coast. Its length was 2575 feet and all is burned. The custom house, under construction and nearly completed, was damaged to the extent of about $800,000. The total loss on wharf, custom house and merchandise is nearly $2,000,000, fully insured.

ALL IS FEARFUL CALM.

No Action Until the Maine Disaster Has Been Investigated.

Washington, Feb. 18.—At an early hour this morning President McKinley decided to make the following statement regarding the Maine, which was given out by his secretary:

"Based on information now in his possession, the president now believes that the Maine was blown up as the result of an accident.

"If it is found that the disaster was not an accident, prompt and decisive steps will be taken in the premises. The finding of the naval court will develop the cause, and until that is submitted nothing will be done."

Overloaded Steamships.

Port Townsend, Feb. 22.—As a consequence of the unfavorable criticism that has followed the sinking of the steamer Clara Nevada and the trouble that attended the departure of the steamer North Pacific for the north, carrying gold seekers, Colonel Heustis, collector of customs, has determined to compel vessels bound for Alaska to carry only the number of passengers allowed by the federal permit.

ALL AROUND MARKET REPORT.

Wheat Quotations, Wool Figures and the Price of Produce.

Following are the local quotations. Wholesale prices are given unless otherwise quoted:

Wheat at the warehouse—Country points: Club, bulk 60c, sacked 62½c; bluestem, bulk 63c, sacked 65½c. At Spokane: Club, bulk 61½c, sacked 64c; bluestem, bulk 64½c, sacked 67c.

Oats—At Spokane f. o. b., $18@18.25 per ton.

Barley—Country points, 60@65c per cwt.

Rye—Country points, 70@75c per cwt.

Flour—Per barrel, $3.75.

Feed—Bran and shorts, $12 per ton; shorts, $13; bran, $11; rolled barley, $18; chicken feed, $18@20.

Hay—Timothy, $12 per ton; wheat hay, $10; alfalfa, $13.

Produce—Country butter, 40 and 60-lb tubs, 29c per lb; 5, 10 and 20-lb tubs, 30c; prints, 30c; eastern butter, 25@26c; country butter, in rolls, 20@25c per lb; cooking butter, 16c; cheese, twin, full cream, 13@14c; cheese, twin, skim milk, 9½@10c; ranch eggs, $6.75@7; honey, white, comb, 13@14c; fancy, 15c per lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 40@42c per cwt; onions, $2.40@2.50 per cwt; beans, 1¾@2c per lb; Merced sweet potatoes, $3 per cwt; cabbage, $1 per cwt; squash, $1.50 per doz.

Meats—Beef cows, live $3.25@3.50 per cwt, dressed $6.75@7; steers, live $3.75@4, dressed $7.35@7.50; hogs, live $3.75@4, dressed $5.25@5.50; mutton, live 4@4½c, dressed 8@8½c per lb; dressed lambs, 9c; dressed veal 5@7c.

Poultry—Chickens, live weight, 9@10c per lb; dressed, 11@12c; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12@13c; ducks, live, 10c; dressed, 10½@11c per lb; geese, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12@12½c.

Wool—Fine medium, 10@11c per lb; medium, 9@10c.

Wheat.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—The local wheat market has climbed back to the highest notch of the year. Walla Walla, 76@77c; valley and bluestem, 80c.

Tacoma, Feb. 21.—Wheat—Unchanged; No. 1 bluestem, 76½c; No. 1 club, 75½c.

Oakesdale, Feb. 21.—The wheat market is unsettled and feverish. Local dealers quote 62 cents as the top price for No. 1 sacked in the warehouse.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Wheat—Shipping, $1.41 1-4@1.42 1-2 for No. 1, and $1.43¾ for choice; milling, $1.20@1.25.

Metals.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Silver bars, 55⅞c; Mexican dollars, 46½@47c.

Lead—$3.50.

Lake copper—$11.

Pig iron—$6.60@6.70.

THE NORTHWEST IN BRIEF

NEWS ITEMS OF THREE STATES.

Wheat Shipments From Tacoma—Work on the Railroad Extension to Lewiston—Money Distributed Among the Crow Indians in Montana—A Glance All Around.

Dwelling houses are in demand at Northport.

Over 6,000,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped from Tacoma this season.

A lodge of Knights of Labor has been organized in Colfax, with 75 members.

There are six evaporating plants now in operation in Whatcom.

The Fairhaven salmon cannery is to double its capacity.

About 250 bales of hops are still in growers' hands in Lewis county. Few, if any, new yards have been planted.

The city council of Seattle has declared forfeited the Frost street cable franchise, the company having failed to run cars according to the terms of its franchise.

Whatcom county commissioners have let the contract for the Blaine-Ferndale road. It calls for the construction of seven miles of road at a cost of over $13,000.

There were 27 actions for divorce commenced in the superior court of Clarke county during the year 1897, all of which were granted. This is a fair record, when it is considered that there were 236 marriages in the county during the year.

There is little likelihood of an ice famine in North Yakima during the summer. It is estimated that probably 2500 tons of ice were put up during the season.

The customs receipts at Everett for 1897 were $77,980. The largest month was October, with $16,268, and the smallest was August, with $738. January, 1898, is larger than any month in 1897, and more than three times as large as the corresponding month of last year.

The socialists in the vicinity of Palouse are active and in Latah county, Idaho, just across the state line from Palouse, meetings are being held in all the school houses and organizations of the social democracy are being made in every precinct.

Work has been resumed on the railroad extension at Aberdeen, a settlement having been reached with the city regarding street crossings. Timber and piles are being cut for the bridge across the Wishkah. The site for the new depot, near the Pacific hotel, is about filled in.

With the constantly increasing criminal business in Stevens county the county jail has grown to be altogether too small for the accommodation of the prisoners, who now number eight. There are only two iron cells and two wooden cells, besides the main room. The county commissioners will be called on at the next session to enlarge the structure. The old court house has also fallen far short of the demands of the county, and an old brick building has been rented by the county commissioners to receive the overflow.

Joel Perkins, one of the earliest pioneers of the northwest, died Thursday night at his home near Medical Lake. He was 88 years old. Up to a short time before his death he was in fairly good health. The cause of his demise is given as old age. Mr. Perkins was born in Barren county, Kentucky, January 10, 1810. He moved in his youth to Marshall county, Illinois, and in 1842, with his family, he crossed the plains. In 1852 he made his home in Benton county, Oregon, where he remained until 1862, when he removed to Waitsburg, Wash. In the spring of 1880, shortly after the death of his wife, he removed to a farm near Medical Lake, where he resided until the time of his death.

Montana.

Over $50,000 was distributed among the Indians on the last pay day at the Crow agency.

Before the rush is over it is expected that at least 100 persons will leave Anaconda for the Yukon.

The report of the state recorder of brands shows 13,000 now of record, 1000 having been filed in 1897. Many are dead and the recorder recommends that steps be taken to secure them by other stockgrowers.

The university building commission has awarded the contract for the construction of the new university building at Missoula to George Dildine, his bid being $51,679. The contract for the plumbing and the heating and ventilating plant was awarded to the Missoula Mercantile Company for $7800.

Antoine and William Trottier have been arrested at Fort Benton on a complaint charging them with having illegally obtained the state bounty on wolf skins. The complaint was sworn out by Harry Lund, the stock inspector and detective. The Trottiers have presented 136 hides for punching, swearing that the animals were killed within the limits of Choteau county. It is believed by the detective that they were killed outside of the county.

There seems now no longer to be any doubt that the militia will hold an encampment at Fort Harrison beginning about July 3 and continuing six days. Although the state board of examiners has not officially passed on the question, it is known that it will hold that part of the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the national guard for 1898 in excess of the amount actually expended for that purpose will be available for the encampment. Adjutant General Drennan maintained the guard last year on $5000, at least, that was all the money of the appropriation used, and as $10,000 were appropriated for contingent expenses for 1898, about $5000 will be available for the encampment, providing the expenses of the guard are no greater this year than last. A. J. Seligman, chairman of the committee appointed by the Helena Business Men's Association to raise a fund to defray part of the expense of the encampment, has secured $1500 and expects to raise $500 or $1000 more.

Idaho.

There is talk of a creamery at Boise, Idaho.

The state land board has determined to sell the remainder of the school lands in Bingham county.

Several bridge men will arrive in Lewiston about March 1st to inspect the site of Lewiston-Concord bridge, and bid on the contract for building the structure. The estimated cost of the bridge is between $90,000 and $100,000.

At a meeting of the state land board held recently 238 forfeitures of school land were declared. The purchasers have failed to maintain their payments and the board will now take possession and endeavor to realize on the property. The land forfeited is in 11 counties, Latah, Ada, Canyon and Nez Perce having the largest acreage in the order named.

Two Mormon elders are at work among the people in the vicinity of Weiser, with a view of locating a Mormon colony in that neighborhood. The elders have spent a number of months in the northern part of the county and it is about settled that a colony will locate on Bear creek and probably one in Indian valley.

A map is being made in the surveyor general's office that will be presented to the war department at Washington by Senator Shoup, together with other information relative to Boise Barracks. The map shows the outline of the states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington with the railroads, principal cities and Indian reservations. The Umatilla, Fort Hall, Lemhi and Duck Valley reservations are shown to be immediately tributary to the barracks here and more easily accessible than any other point where the army is or may be stationed. This information is to be presented to the department in an appeal to be made for an enlargement of the post here.

The recent rise of the waters of the Clearwater has enabled the steamers to make the run to the Lapwai agency, and two trips were made to that point yesterday for wheat. There are over 150,000 bushels stored in the warehouses on the river above Lewiston. The wheat is the product of the reservation lands recently opened to settlement.

The first quarterly teachers' examination for 1898 will be held at Rathdrum on Thursday and Friday, February 24 and 25. Applicants will be examined for all grades of certificates. On Friday evening Professor Gault of the state university will deliver a lecture before the visiting teachers and the citizens of Rathdrum and vicinity on the subject, "A Word to the Youth of Idaho." The Kootenai County Teachers' Association meets on Saturday, the following day. An excellent program has been prepared, and a large number of teachers will be present.

Kendrick reports that high water has interfered to such an extent with the railroad work that instead of concentrating the men at any one section they have divided them into crews and are working them along the route to the Clearwater. Track laying has been suspended for the present, owing to the depth of the mud in the newly made grade, which is almost impassable. The surveyors have completed their work to the Clearwater, and are now establishing grades. Between two and three hundred men art at work, and the changes in the gangs, occasioned by men having become dissatisfied or worked "their allotted time," keep the tracks lined with men tramping both ways.

SNOW IN IOWA AND ILLINOIS.

Fall of Two Feet at Many Points in These States.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The states of Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois are practically snowbound. An average snowfall of two feet is reported from Illinois and Iowa points, while throughout Wisconsin and northern Michigan the fall was much heavier, in fact the greatest of the season. A 40-mile gale has piled the snow into enormous drifts, completely paralyzing street railway traffic and interfering with the operations of trains. Northern trains have been delayed in some instances 15 hours, owing to the heavy drifts and steady fall of snow, which make the use of snow plows unavailing. Rain and snow alternated in Chicago and vicinity. Not enough had fallen tonight, however, to interfere with railway traffic.

ORDERED TO THE COAST.

Troops at Fort Sherman Soon to Move.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Feb. 19.—The troops at Fort Sherman were startled yesterday by the receipt of an order to put Company H, Sixteenth infantry, commanded by Captain Whitehall and Lieutenant Irwin, in readiness for an early departure for Fort Stevens, there to take station. The company will probably quit Sherman within the next 48 hours. Speculation is rife as to the whole meaning of this initial movement. Indications seem to point to the early transfer of the headquarters of the Sixteenth infantry to Vancouver Barracks, Wash.

WILLIAM GRAY MURDERED.

Body Secreted in a Hydrant Box in Livingston, Mont.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 21.—Three boys while playing near the stockyards yesterday in Livingston, discovered the body of William Gray, a well known mine owner, who disappeared from his home February 1. Gray's head had been mashed in and the body secreted in a hydrant box. The body had been robbed. No arrests have been made. Gray was a well known mining man, owning properties in Park county.

Decide for Fusion.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 18.—The populist convention here resulted in victory for the fusion forces. The state convention was set for June 15. The middle-of-the-road faction, which desired an April convention, found itself so much in the minority that it made no struggle. It will make an effort to control the convention, however.

NEWS THROUGH THE WEEK

NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Items of Information Gathered From a Wide Area—Political Happenings and Industrial Notes—Crimes and Accidents.

A special from Madrid says that the populace of that city is greatly enraged owing to the belief that the Spanish cabinet apologized to the United States. The populace, the despatch adds, is bitterly opposed to such a course and they are exceedingly hostile to the government and may make a demonstration.

Luther C. Billings, a pay director in the United States navy, has been found guilty by the court martial in session at the Washington navy yard for the past five days, of falsehood and scandalous conduct and has been sentenced to dismissal from the navy. The result of the trial has caused the greatest surprise in naval circles.

C. H. Wilkinson, representing the British Yukon Co., saps the construction of a railroad through the White pass, from the head of the Lynn canal to Lake Bennett, will be begun immediately by his company. The road, which will be 45 miles in length, will be completed within 90 days of the beginning of the work.

News has reached Nelson, B. C., of the murder of D. Connors at Kuskanook, the new town at the head of Kootenay lake. The facts of the case so far as learned show that the murdered man, who was a teamster in the employ of contractors for the Crow's Nest Pass railway construction, was sitting in the barroom of Erickson's hotel when a man known as Doyle, but known in Rossland as Sullivan, entered the place. Without any provocation, Doyle drew a revolver and pointing it at Connors, said, "Dig up, or I'll shoot you." Connors replied, "Fire away." Doyle immediately pulled the trigger and fired. Connors fell dead without a groan, with a smile on his face. The bullet entered his left breast about an inch above the nipple. Doyle fled from the house.

Estrada Cabrera, the new president of Guatemala, has officially informed the colony of Central Americans in San Francisco of his succession to the presidency of that country.

From present indications the recommendations of the conference committee, which met at Boston Sunday, advocating a general strike in the cotton mills of New England, will fall flat in Lowell, Mass.

Heinrich Haas, representing one of the largest mercantile houses in Hamburg, Germany, has just closed a $400,000 contract for California dried fruit, to be delivered during the coming season.

At the Massachusetts legislature hearing as to the condition of the cotton manufacturing industry of that state, Representative Ross, for the operatives, said that in most linen mills wages were higher than they were 15 years ago, but in the cotton trade this was not so, and at the present time wages were 20 per cent lower than in 1893.

The deal by which the great water power at Quinnesec, Wis., and the paper and pulp mills, with 1000 acres of land, passes from the hands of the Quinnesec Falls Paper Company to the Kimberly & Clark Company, is about to be consummated. The figures are placed at about $300,000. The falls are a natural waterfall and dam with a fall of 65 feet, making it one of the best powers in the world.

Collector of the Port Jackson and United States Appraiser Dare have addressed a letter to the secretary of the treasury for the purpose of soliciting his aid in checking the flood of cheap Oriental goods that are being shipped to this country, under stamps which give them the appearance of having been manufactured in European centers and which are sold at prices which are driving the genuine articles out of the market.

Receiver Wyman of the Globe Investment Company has rendered to the supreme court at Boston, Mass., a report in which he says the affairs of the concern were "steeped in fraud." The company dealt in farm mortgages, and the receiver found $1,000,000 of liabilities with practically no assets to meet them. Arrests of two of its officers for embezzlement followed, with the result that they were convicted and are now in prison. The receiver recovered $4000 worth of assets, but half this sum is yet in litigation.

The Russian cruiser Tamboff has passed through the Bosphorous with 2000 soldiers and 16 cannon, bound for Vladivostock.

Judge Gary has denied the motion for a new trial and formally sentenced Adolph Luetgert, the Chicago sausage-maker, to life imprisonment.

Caverill, Huges & Ch., wholesale grocers, have assigned, with liabilities estimated at $100,000. No statement of assets has yet been made.

The press of Buenos Ayres say that the complaints as to the inefficiency of the Chilean army, published in the Chilean newspapers, are intended as a ruse to deceive the Argentine government.

The supreme court of Nevada has handed down an opinion reversing the decision of the trial court in the case of August Eugene Moore and dismissed the case. Moore was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. The supreme court declares that the statute under which he was convicted was unconstitutional.

Judge Richardson has dismissed the case against the directors of the Citizens' National bank of Spokane and discharged the defendants, A. A. Newbery, E. B. Hyde and W. J. Dwyer, from custody. Doubtless the same action will be taken on the other charge pending against the three above named defendants, and also two against the defendants E. D. Olmsted and D. F. Wetzel, the other two directors, against whom information has been filed. The provisions of the statute and want of proof by the prosecution do not warrant holding the defendants.

Positive information is reported to have reached New Orleans from San Salvador, Central America, that the Greater Republic of Central America has ceased to exist, the principal state, San Salvador, having withdrawn from the union. This action was precipitated by the step of Guiterrez, president of Salvador, who is at present assisting, indirectly, the revolution of Nicaragua, and who has declared officially that the liberal party of Honduras is unworthy longer to hold power.

Formal announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Katharine Duer, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Duer of New York, to Mr. Clarance Hungerford Mackay, only living son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mackay. The announcement was followed by many letters of congratulation.

Th Saturday Review confirms the report that the Chinese loan will, after all, be made by Great Britain, and says: "We are informed that the preliminary contract has actually been signed. The delay in the fulfillment is caused by the Chinaman's joy in dallying over a bargain."

A Montreal dispatch states that Joseph A. Mercer, brother of the late premier, backed by immense capital, has just concluded a deal with the government by which he has sole right to dredge 280 miles of rivers in the heart of the Klondike district. Mercer says the men interested are mostly New Yorkers and that American capital will control fully two-thirds of the undertaking.

Artificially spotted tobacco raised in Connecticut is said to be on the market.

Last year the exports of the United States were 50 per cent larger than the exports of France.

There have been four mysterious assassinations in Houston, Texas, during the past two weeks.

A French aeronaut is planning to go hunting for Andree with a team of balloons joined together.

A tribe of Indians with yellow hair and blue eyes has been discovered in the mountains of Sonora, Mexico.

George Duffy, an 8-year-old boy, has confessed to setting fire to houses in Hoboken, N. J., with malicious intent.

A race war is threatened between the white settlers and a colony of negroes recently taken to Blackwell, Okla.

Hawaiian annexation has the right of way in the United States senate, and a test vote may be expected soon.

From all parts of China come reports of attacks by natives on foreigners. The whole country seems to be in a state of anarchy.

The Colorado state board of arbitration has sustained the demands of the striking miners in the northern district of the state.

There is a possibility that both branches of congress will adjourn about May 1.

Rich gold quartz has been discovered in the Pembina mountains, in southern Manitoba.

Flour is now being pressed into bricks for use on the march and in camp. The British government is testing it for use in the army.

The lemon industry on the Pacific coast is growing very rapidly. Two thousand carloads will be shipped east during the present season.

The body of Max Miller, which had been buried beneath a snowdrift in a street in Chicago for 20 days, was exposed by a recent thaw.

The British fishing schooner Spinaway, heavily coated with ice, was blown from the coast of Newfoundland across the Atlantic to the Azores.

Two representatives of the Japanese government are on their way to Mexico in the interest of a colossal colonization scheme near San Benito.

The United States cruiser San Francisco and the gunboats Bancroft and Helena have arrived at Lisbon, Portugal, and are prepared to reach any Spanish fleet in case of war.

According to a London dispatch the Spanish legations in London and elsewhere are suffering from long delay in their remittances, and diplomats have been forced to privately defray the expenses of their establishments.

Mrs. Louisa Stoutz, a wealthy widow of Portland, Ind., was robbed and murdered in her house at night. A postal card written by one of the murderers and addressed to the city marshal gave the first intimation of the crime.

Among the electrical patents recently granted is one for an electric lamp for bicycles, and a dynamo for generating the current armature is geared to a friction wheel, which is revolved by the movement of the bicycle.

The radical wing of the autonomist party in Cuba has resolved to open negotiations with the insurgents in the belief that the revolution can not be suppressed by force of arms. A number of propositions will be submitted to the insurgents, with a view of bringing about peace.

The recent cold weather in Arizona is unprecedented. The river in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado was full of floating ice, whereas the temperature in the canyon is credited with partaking of the nature of perpetual summer, regardless of the temperature on the plateau above.

Cattle Thieves in New Mexico.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 22.—Central and southern New Mexico are infested with cattle and sheep thieves and trouble is anticipated on ranges east and south of this city, for the stockmen are organizing, and intend to rid themselves of the depredators. M. T. Moriarity, a sheep raiser in the Chilili vicinity, where there are over 200,000 sheep, says that the big flocks are being greatly diminished and that the officers appear to be powerless to stop the lawlessness.

Another Road for Klondike.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 18.—Henry Bratnober, the mining expert who went to London recently to report to the Rothschilds upon their scheme to build a railroad from the coast of Alaska at or near Skaguay to the gold fields of the Northwest territory, says that the railroad will be built if the company can secure a franchise from the Canadian government.

The New York chamber of commerce was organized by 20 merchants in Faunce's tavern on April 5, 1768.

MAMMOTH DEAL IN WHEAT

SIX MILLIONS FOR LEITER.

In Ten Days' Trading the Bold Operator Has Accumulated That Amount for Holdings—He Is of the Opinion That the Price Will Reach $1.25.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The Journal says: "It is pretty well established in inside circles about the board of trade that within the past 10 days there has been turned into cash in two Chicago banks on Lasalle street about $6,000,000 for Joseph Leiter's account. This is confirmation of the sale of the wheat. Within 48 hours ocean tonnage has been taken at a low rate of 4,000,000 bushels to the leading English ports. Favored people who had the tip on the heavy deposits with the banks were getting all the wheat possible on soft spots yesterday."

Leiter Says He Is Buying.

Leiter makes denial of the report that he disposed of 5,000,000 bushels of his May holdings of wheat during yesterday's excited trading. He was credited with making a profit of $500,000. He said:

"I not only did not sell a bushel of wheat yesterday, but bought wheat. The current prices are only the beginning of a range from $1.25 to $1.50 per bushel. That is what I propose to sell my wheat at."

Mr. Leiter added that he had engaged freight room for 1,000,000 bushels of wheat since February 1, and that he now controls room for about 4,000,000 bushels. He made the significant remark that most of the 4,000,000 bushels had been sold to consumers in Europe, principally to English millers. He has avoided, he says, disposing of any wheat to speculators on the other side of the Atlantic in order that they might not become his competitors in the near future.

Sympathy From London.

London, Feb. 17.—The Times editorially expresses profound sympathy with the United States. It says:

"It is to be hoped that the investigation will prove the cause of the disaster an accident, although the conditions which have led up to such an accident in such circumstances are rather obscure."

Succi, who recently completed his 64th public fast in Rome, has abstained from food in his performances for 2500 days of his life—nearly seven years.

Coal is high, but the workingman's wages is still hire.

CHINKS IN A MUSS.

Whatever may be the matter with China and other countries, it is said that for the reason that most of them have so little to feed upon and so very much hard work to do they suffer greatly with Neuralgia. It is doubtful if they could suffer more than our people do, owing at times to the extremely damp, chilly atmosphere in winter, which seems to have a peculiar influence upon the nervous system so as to produce this affection, but happily for our comfort and the cure of the pain, St. Jacobs Oil is recognized as its sovereign remedy. With pain produced from cold there is an absolute need of the warmth and strength which St. Jacobs Oil gives, and through this means it performs its office promptly and surely.

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Dated this 15th day of February, 1898.
CHAS. E. HOPE.

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R. O. MATHESON, Editor.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1898.

AN EARNEST WORKER.

Wm. Hunter, who has the interests of Silverton always in view, has reminded our local member, J. F. Hume, that Silverton has not received what is due us in the matter of appropriations. The need of funds to repair the Four-Mile waggon road, the urgent ueed of a school building, the lack of fire protection and repairs to trails, in and around our town were all presented by Mr. Hunter. A grant of at least $3,000 should be given to the road which will be sadly in need of repair after the snow slides and floods have done with it, and the maintenance of our communication with the mines on this road is a vital necessity to us.

The fire protection which every town is entitled to, has so far been overlooked for Silverton, and we are absolutely without any means to extinguish any fire that gets beyond the incipient stage.

The owners of mines on Four-Mile should urge the Legislature to grant us the required sum for our road, and to see also that it is properly expended.

Mr. Hunter deserves the thanks of all Silvertonians for thus starting the ball rolling, and we should see that he is earnesily backed up in his requests. If the waggon road could be extended to the lake, at the head of the gulch, it would result in several groups more being added to the list of our shippers. There is some talk in town of agitating the converting of the Silverton-New Denver sleigh road into a waggon road. We are informed that a very small sum would accomplish this, and the New Denverites should unite with us towards carrying this scheme through. Benefit would accrue to both Silverton and New Denver through this change.

SHOULD BECOME A LAW.

A bill. restricting Asiatic emigration, is at present before the Dominion House, and will doubtless secure the unanimous support of our members. It is introduced by Mr. Maxwell, who asks that the bounty on Asiactic emigrants be raised to $500 instead of as it now stands, $50. If the figures were multiplied by ten, the change would meet with the approval of all in this Province. The Legislators and residents of Eastern Canada take a very apathetic view regarding Mongolian emigration. but to us it is a real live question. It will be necessary for us to impress this fact on our Eastern co-patriots and to show them we are in earnest.

Another bill now before our Local House, bears on the same question. It is introduced by Helmcken, a representative from Victoria, and forbids the employment of Asiatics on any public work.

ONTARIO'S ELECTIONS.

The elections held last Tuesday for the Ontario Legislature show a great gain for the Conservatives, but Hardy still retains a small working majority. Toronto and Hamilton returned all Conservative members; London and Kingston went for the Liberals, and Ottawa returned a member for each party. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, was defeated in North Ontario. Two Liberals were elected by acclamation. Haycock, the leader of the Patron party, was defeated by Gallagher, Conservative, in Frontenac. J. M. Gibson, Commissioner of Crown Lands, is beaten in West Hamilton.

No election was held in Russell, as the returning officer was prevented by storms, reaching there in time for nominations. The election there will take place next Tuesday. The usual number of recounts will, of course, take place now, and the closeness of the election will no doubt, cause many protests. The Independent party elected only one out of 22 candidates in the field.

The last Legislature was composed of Independents 17, Conservatives 28 and Liberals 49. The elections just held gives the Independents 1, Conservatives 39, Liberals 45, with two constituencies to hear from.

THAT CELEBRATION.

It is with considerable surprise that we learn that the notice regarding New Denver's intention of appropriating the 24th of May was published in the New Denver Ledge, as an authentic piece of news. We judged from the style in which it was written that the idea was to give expression to the latent humour of Editor Lowery. As no notice of any meeting was given to us, and no other mention of the celebration was seen in the issue of the Ledge, our deduction was apparently confirmed. We regret exceedingly that our plans have clashed with those of our neighbor, but we have gone too far with our preparations to withdraw now from the field. Looking at the affair impartially, are we not entitled to the 24th? Silvertion has already shown that she can make a success of a celebration, and we are in a much better position now to entertain our visitors than at other previous time. We don't want the earth, only the 24th of May next, which we are entitled to by every claim of justice.

SILVERTON'S MANY ADVANTAGES

Those who have been fortunate enough to have passed the wintry months—so much dreaded by nearly everyone—in Silverton have every reason to congratulate themselves on the sheltered position in which our town is placed. While a few miles on either side of us the full force of all the winter's blast were felt we, protected on every side by the shield which nature has made for us, experienced no wind, little snow and enjoyed a season which only a fews towns in the Kootenay could boast of. We can see occasionally, beyond the bay, around which our town is built, the angry whitecaps of Lake Slocan raging, and beyond this ocular proof that the wind is disporting itself above us, we would never, from any feeling of discomfort experienced, be aware of it. For a residential town, Silverton possesses advantages unknown in most of our sister cities. The best of spots along the lake shore for bathing are found around our bay, the numerous springs of the purest water running to the lake from the hills behind us, assures us an abundant supply of water without recourse to the lake, the sheltered townsite, proximity to the mines, absolute immunity from forest fires or snowslides, stores carrying the largest stocks in the Slocan, and scenery unsurpassed by any locality, are some of the appreciable features of Silverton

WANT AN APPROPRIATION.

To the Honorable, the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled:

This, the petition of the undersigned residents and taxpayers of the Slocan Mining Division of the West Kootenay District, sheweth that

WHEREAS, The sleighroad constructed in the fall of 1896, between the towns of Silverton and New Denver, was principally paid for by subscriptions of the aforesaid towns, and has since been kept in repair without the assistance of the Government; and

WHEREAS, The volume of travel over the said road demonstrates, not only the desirability, but the necessity for the widening of the said sleigh road to permit the passage of wheeled vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The widening of the said sleigh road will have the effect of completing a waggon road between Silverton and Sandon, via New Denver and Three Forks, and will provide a connecting link between the waggon roads now existing on Four-Mile and Carpenter creeks; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the tum of $1,000 properly applied will give the desired improvement.

THEREFORE, It is requested that the said sum of $1,000 be, as soon as possible, appropriated and placed at the disposal of the Goyernment Agent at New Denver; to be expended for that purpose.

The above petition is now placed for signing in several places in town, and the contained requests to the Legislature, should commend themselves to all. It is also hoped that if such appropriation asked for is granted, that tenders be asked for from the public for the widening of the road. Granting public work behind locked door without allowing all to bid, is too prevalent in West Kootenay.

The cost of the Cuban war from February, 1895, to the end of 1897, is officially estimated at $48,000,000, besides the arrears due from the Cuban treasury, amounting to £8,000,000.

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It is claimed by Hon. Mr. Sifton, Minister of the Interior, that Dyea and Skagway are on Canadian soil, and are to be claimed by Canada. The boundary line, he claims, crosses the Stikine river about fifteen miles from its mouth.

The position of Provincial Mineralogist vacated by Prof. Carlyle, has been offered to and accepted by R. G. McConnell, of the Geological Survey. Ottawa. Mr. McConnell is a graduate of Science from McGill University, and is well known here, having been engaged most of the time, for the last three years, in the Kootenays.

We read in one of our exchanges of the marriage of A. J. Jackson to a girl, who has hitherto rejoiced in the name of Penny. Now, if we were going to be married, we would want more than a penny to start housekeeping with, but in the case of this young couple we suppose there will be several half pennies soon in the family treasury.

The ore shipments of 1898 via the port of Nelson up to the 18th of last month amounted to 15,507 tons of ore, valued at $1,845,225, which indicates a large advance before the close of the present year, over the aggregate shipments of 1897, certified to and through Nelson, which were valued at $7,631,324. At the present rate of progress the returns of 1898 should exceed $11,000,000.

Two would-be assassins unsuccessfully attempted to take the life of the King, of Greece last Saturday. Several shots were fired at the King, and his daughter, Princess Maria, as they were returning in their carriage from Phalerum. A wound in the arm of one of the footmen was received. The King risked his own life in order to stand in front of and shield his daughter,

The American railroads have met the cut in passenger rates inaugurated by the C. P. R. and it is rumored that a further cut will be made by the latter road. The public has no reason to feel at all anxious over thiscquarrel. He may ride on a reduced fare ticket with the full assurance that some future day will see him re-imbursing the company for present favors by an extra charge then.

CHEAP POWER.

Sir Charles Ross, the moving spirit of the West Kootenay Electric Light and Power Company, in an interview in Vancouver the other day said:

"The works of the company are situated at Bennington Falls, about eleven miles below Nelson, on the Kootenay river. The works are all completed, and the plant is now being installed. As soon as the machinery is in place we shall be able to start. We are not going to supply the mines of Rossland camp alone, but the whole of West Kootenay within a radius of about fifty miles from Rossland. That takes in a big mining country. We shall supply most of the leading mines in the camp. The works at Bennington Falls have been done by contract, and have not yet been handed over to the company.

MINING RECORDS.

Following is a complete list of the mining transactions recorded during the week for the Slocan Mining Division:

NEW DENVER—ASSESSMENTS.

Prescott, Prescott Fraction, Prescott Fraction No. 2, Four-Mile Fraction, Croydon Fraction, Superior.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

First Extension, American Girl, Concord, Sapphire, Gem, Reciprocity, Lillian No. 4.

TRANSFERS.

London Fraction, ½, A W McMillan to P A McDougall; Handy ½, C H Towns to Geo Mair; Okanogan Chief ⅓, Frank Jacobson to Ernest Harrop; Croydon Fraction, Jas L Forrester to Alexander A Hedges; Valkyrie all, Galt ½, Silver Cord ½, Bryan ⅔, B M Walton to D Diarg; Mollie Hughes, Kinkora, Idea, Real Idea, No. 2, Pinto No 2, Tyron, Eluathan, Mary E. Bradgon, Thos Avison, Harry Sherran, and Herman Clever to Wm H Sandiford, 30-day option to purchase at $40,000; Wellington, Chambers, Eureka, Jay Gould, 1-6 in each, J H Guay to F A Devereux; Rosedale, Flower, May, Tuly, Violet, ⅛ in each. J H Guay to F A Devereux; Chambers, Euerka, Jay Gould, Wellington, ¼ in each, Chas Chambers to Louise W Bereno; Texas Boy Fraction ¼, J H Nunn to W S Clark, $500; Louvher, James T Brockman to Wm Hunter.

SLOCAN—TRANSFERS,

Bulko ⅙, Fletcher S Andrews to Robt A Bradshaw; Two Friends ¼, Richard Marpole to Two Friends mine Ltd Lia; Two Friends ⅛, Geo Kydd to Archibald York and J W Clark; Johnnah ½, Susan S Gibson to Edward Quillan; same, Edward Quillan to Mrs Clark Werely.

The annual report of the Provincial registrar of births, deaths and marriages for the year ending 31st December, 1897, shows that there were 1,641 births, 1,020 deaths, and 636 marriages. Of the births, 869 were boys and 772 were girls. The increase in births over the previous year was 389. Of the 636 marriages, only 17 of the contracting parties went on record as having no religious belief. The Episcopalian church still leads in the number of marriages among its adherents, with a total of 94 for the year; the Presbyterian being close up with 91; and the others following in the order named: Methodist, 80; Roman Catholic, 46; Lutheran, 19; Baptist, 15; others demominations, 18. The deaths included 671 males and 349 females, inclusive of Indians and Chinese.

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