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## Platform of the

## Liberal-Conservative Asso'n of the Town of Slocan.

ADOPTED ON APRIL 17th, 1900.

1. To revise the Voters' Lists.
2. To actively assist in the construction of trails throughout the undeveloped portions of the Province, and the building of Provincial trunk roads of public necessity.
3. To provide for the official inspection of elevators and hoisting gear.
4. To improve the administration of justice and secure the speedy disposition of legal disputes.
5. To provide an effective system for the settlement of disputes between capital and labor by compulsory arbitration.
6. To adopt the principle of Government ownership of railways, in so far as the circumstances of the Province will admit; and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the Government of the Province the control of rates over lines bonded, together with the option of purchase.
7. To assume control and administration of the fisheries within the boundaries of the Province.
8. To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the Province.
9. To make the London Agency of British Columbia effective in proclaiming the natural wealth of the Province and as a place for the profitable investment of capital.
10. In the interest of labor, the Liberal Conservative Party sympathizes with and endorses the principle of the Eight-Hour Law. That the Eight-Hour Law for mine-workers be retained as it stands in its entirety and no modification permitted, and the same be strictly enforced. That the Law shall remain upon the Statute Book with its penalty clauses.
11. To provide an improved system of education.
12. To recognize and reform the system of Provincial aid to medical men and hospitals in the outlying parts of the Province.
13. To actively support the advancement of the mining interests of British Columbia.
14. To aid in the immigration of female servants.
15. To bring pressure to bear upon the Dominion Government to enact legislation excluding and prohibiting Mongolian and other Asiatic labor.
16. To provide a fair and equitable redistribution bill on the basis of population.

W. S. JOHNSON, President

## GREAT IMPROVEMENTS

TO BE EFFECTED AT ONCE AT  
THE CHAPLEAU MINE.

J. Mallinson Williams Returns From  
Europe—Ten Stamp Mill to be Erected  
—Survey Commenced on the Tramway  
—Road to be Built.

On Friday last J. Mallinson Williams returned to Slocan from a successful and enjoyable trip to Europe lasting over three months. Mrs. Williams accompanied him, but she will reside at Nelson. Mr. Williams spoke freely of his trip and said it would result most beneficially for this section. He found men willing to entertain bona fide mining propositions, but British Columbia was comparatively little known, through lack of advertising. What was required was a thoroughly up-to-date provincial agency in London, with a good, live man in charge, and he should be furnished with all the data relating to the province and its resources obtainable. British Columbia has a splendid opportunity at present to obtain capital and it should make the most of it.

Sunday Mr. Williams visited the Chapleau mine, which property he successfully floated while abroad, and he is well pleased with the developments since his departure. Sixteen men are employed in the general development of the mine, running raises and drifts, and getting everything in shape for stopping. Ore is showing everywhere and the grade is improving. In the raises it has become more oxidized and this ensures a value of \$30 per ton. The reserves of ore are greater and the mine is in better shape than he expected to see. The Chapleau is developed by four tunnels, most of the work being confined to the No. 3 drift. This is in 235 feet, having been driven on the vein. From this drift a winze has been sunk to a depth of 80 feet, and it will be tapped by the No. 4 tunnel 210 feet from the surface. No. 4 is in over 100 feet and it is expected the ore chute will be cut in two weeks. Upraises connect the two upper workings at regular intervals.

While away Mr. Williams contracted for the erection of a ten stamp mill on the Chapleau and two Willey vanners, to be supplied by Fraser & Chalmers of Chicago. The mill and plant will be of the most modern type and well calculated to handle economically the output of the mine. A small sawmill plant will also be added, to supply the lumber for the various buildings. In addition to this an aerial tramway, a little over half a mile in length, will be constructed to handle the ore and supplies between the mine and the mill in the creek bottom. A gang of men went up Tuesday to survey the route for the tramway. The right of way will then be cut out. All these improvements are to be effected inside of four months, so some tall rustling will be done.

Regarding the wagon road to the mine, Mr. Williams stated the Warner Miller people would assist in its construction, but they were waiting to get word from the government as to what help they would get. If they could get the desired promise, they would begin construction at once without waiting for the money to be put up. Surveyors will run the lines and levels at once, the feeling being in favor of building the road from this town. Once a good road is built, Mr. Williams is certain many new companies will operate on Lemon creek.

### Mansfield Meets the Payment.

Ernest Mansfield has met the second payment on the bond held by him on the Black Hawk group, Ten Mile. The bond is for \$8,000 and the second payment was made last week. Jas. Rae and Duncan Graham, of this town, are the owners. The property is a galena proposition, consisting of two claims, and is located on the north side of Ten Mile, almost opposite the Dalhousie group. Mansfield purposes thoroughly developing the Black Hawk this summer. The fact of him operating on the creek will exert a great influence for the better in that rich camp.

### Political Pot Boiling.

The political pot has commenced to boil in good shape in town, Friday last John Keen, of Kaslo, the business man's candidate, put in an appearance, and got in several long talks before taking his departure on Saturday. Friday evening he held a levee in the Conservative committee rooms and expatiated on the party platform as enunciated from this town, and which he heartily endorses. John's strong suit is the Mineral Act and he put up a stiff talk upon the whys and the wherefores of the law. He states the present is not a party fight

and every man should think and vote for himself. John is pronounced in his views against Joe Martin and firmly believes the laws should be made and interpreted to foster and encourage and not hamper the mining industry, which is paramount in British Columbia. John essays a strong argument and will be heard from again shortly.

### IMMENSE LIME DEPOSIT.

George Payne Makes an Important Discovery Near Town.

George Payne, late foreman at the Lemon creek sawmill, has staked two claims on what is turning out to be one of the greatest and most pure lime deposits in the country. It is situated two miles south of Slocan, at the foot of the hills to the east of the river. He first came across it last winter while timber cruising, but it was not until a short while ago that he staked the ground.

The deposit is fully 300 feet wide and shows on the edge of a perpendicular bluff, not more than ten rods from the trail. He has had the rock analyzed, both here and at New Denver, the greatest percentage of silica being half of one per cent, with a small trace of iron. The deposit is broken up on the surface, but Payne has run in a tunnel 20 feet and it is now in the solid formation. A late test made by Howard West, of New Denver, on samples taken from the breast of the drift returned 98 per cent lime, or generally speaking "pure."

It is considered by all authorities to be one of the most important discoveries made in the camp and of special interest to smelters. The Trail smelter people have tested other lime deposits on the lake, but the percentage of silica contained therein has been too great. In this instance, the recent find would prove of the most material benefit to the town were smelting works established. Mr. Payne has been offered a \$20,000 bond on the property, but it is his intention to thoroughly test the deposit himself. He has means at his command and is in no hurry to part with his holdings. Several mining men are deeply interested in the discovery and state it will have an important bearing on the future of the town.

### NEW DENVER SQUIDS.

The Queen Bess, which temporarily let out some 20 men last week, is again taking on men.

At a meeting held here the evening after the Sando fire, over \$500 in cash was subscribed for the sufferers, besides supplies.

A. J. Marks came in from Nelson Monday and went up to the California this morning with a force of men and Pete's packtrain loaded with supplies.

Young & Marchison have started to tunnel on the ledge, which they recently uncovered on Goat mountain. They are in 25 feet with favorable prospects.

W. R. Will and N. F. McNaught are prosecuting work on the Capella, by running a new tunnel on the ledge 80 feet below the opening where Thompson & Mitchell took out the seven tons of ore last winter.

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New Denver, May 8.

### Police Court Case.

Some months ago J. Kelly, generally known as "Kelly the Packer," and Sam Long got mixed up in a stabbing affray at Aylwin, Ten Mile creek. The former then disappeared. On Monday he returned to town and gave himself up to the authorities. Next morning he appeared before H. D. Curtis and J. A. Foley, J.P.s, and was fined \$50 and costs.

### California to Work.

A. J. Marks, of Nelson, passed through here Monday going to New Denver, where active operations will be pushed on the California. Frank Harper, who is to be foreman, accompanied Mr. Marks with a number of men. In three weeks' time the force is to be doubled. It is the intention to ship ore this summer.

### Sentenced to Two Years.

Joseph Podvin, of this town, accused of indecent assault on a girl of tender years, came up for trial at the assizes at Nelson on Tuesday. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. It took the jury two hours to agree on the verdict of guilty. Podvin was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

### John Keen Nominated.

John Keen, of Kaslo, received the unanimous nomination of the Liberal-Conservative convention at Sando,

Wednesday night. No other name appeared on the slate. The delegates from Slocan were: J. C. Shook, H. Fife, J. T. Tipping, J. E. Tattersall and A. York.

The delegates from New Denver to the Liberal-Conservative convention at Sando were W. S. Drewry, S. T. Walker, W. R. Will and T. H. Hoben, with H. Clever, as alternative.

### SANDO FIRE SWEEP.

The Silver City Almost Entirely Wiped Off the Map.

As is generally known now, the city of Sando was almost completely wiped out by fire early last Friday morning. The entire business portion of the community was destroyed, including all the churches, school, and residences on Sunnyside, only one building escaping. The fire originated in the opera house and spread so rapidly that no control could be gained of the flames. By the blowing up of the C.P.R. depot, the fire was prevented from spreading up the gulch. The loss is estimated at over \$500,000, with but little insurance. Harris & Kelly were the heaviest losers. Miles Rambo, a gambler, was burned to death in Backley's hotel, and several narrow escapes are recorded.

A general call for assistance was sent out by Mayor Pitts and supplies have been pouring in from all the towns. In Slocan a meeting was called at the Arlington Friday afternoon and a committee appointed to gather funds. Upwards of \$250 in cash was raised and on Monday a large quantity of general provisions, blankets and clothing was sent up. Slocan feels deeply for the affliction of her sister town and is doing her utmost to alleviate distress and assist the needy.

### THEY MEAN BUSINESS.

No syndicate of capitalists operating in British Columbia today is having a more beneficial effect upon the country as is that headed by ex-senator Warner Miller, of New York. Since their initial effort in this camp a few months ago, they have expended a vast sum of money, which is but a stepping stone to future aggrandizement. Their operations are scattered all over the camp, but their chief interests are centered in the Kilo group, on Lemon creek, and the Smuggler group, at the head of Ten Mile. In both instances the results of the labors so far expended justify the assertion and belief of big paying mines having been struck.

On the Kilo the force this week has been increased, there being 20 men now employed. This number is to be increased till a full force is employed. The management has contracted for the erection of an extensive milling plant and this is to be in operation by fall. Last winter the heads of the syndicate went to Montreal and interviewed President Shaughnessy of the C.P.R., and he promised every assistance in his power in developing the country. At his command a corps of C.P.R. engineers are to commence work at once in surveying the Lemon creek wagon road, on a railway grade. This will be run as far as the townsite of Oro and afterwards extended to the Miller properties. The survey will be completed by June 1. Then Mr. Shaughnessy has pledged himself to furnish a corps of 15 men to run the levels for the proposed road up Ten Mile, from the end of the Enterprise road to the Smuggler group. There the Miller syndicate own 22 claims. When the road is completed, the syndicate will erect a large concentrating plant for the treatment of the ores on the combined properties, which are turning out in a most satisfactory manner.

These are plain facts and are given as an evidence of the great development yet awaiting this camp through the operations of this and other syndicates having their headquarters in this town. During the summer other developments may be looked for. The resident manager of the syndicate is Percy Dickenson, who is well and favorably known to all. He has just returned from a four months' visit to New York, where he arranged with his principals for an active propaganda this season. He states his people are not here for their health, but for business. Much of the present prosperity of the camp is due to Mr. Dickenson's indefatigable efforts, and he deserves all the success he is meeting with.

### Healthy Cash Deal.

Bert and Theodore Pierson have at last disposed of their sixth interest in the Slocan Chief and Kootenay Queen mineral claims, at the head of Ten Mile. The deal was put through on Tuesday by Percy Dickenson for the Warner Miller syndicate, he paying \$6,000 cash for the interest. This now gives the syndicate the full control of 22 claims in and around the Smuggler, all of which will be developed during the summer.

## OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING MADE BY  
THIS DIVISION.

We Lead the Entire Lake Country—A  
Healthy Evidence of the Life and  
Wealth of the Camp—Enterprise the  
Biggest Shipper.

This week's ore shipments from this division amount to 120 tons, all coming from the Enterprise mine, on Ten Mile creek. Its total exports so far this year are 500 tons, which was sent to the Everett smelter. The output at the mine has been steadily increased and will be doubled shortly. During the past ten days the force of men employed has been largely increased. The mine is entering now upon the busiest and most important era of its existence and the beneficial effect upon the camp is marked. This season will be a lively one on Ten Mile and several properties are to change hands.

Following is a list of the shipments this year to date:

MINES.	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Enterprise.....	120	500
Arlington.....		300
Black Prince.....		60
	120	920

### MINES AND MINING.

Business at the local record office is improving rapidly.

Ore shipments from the Enterprise are averaging a car a day.

Outfits are going out daily for the working of claims in this vicinity.

The Slocan has handled several carloads of Wakefield ore during the week.

Two carloads of ore is being handled weekly from the Bosun by the Slocan.

J. M. Williams warns all persons against furnishing goods to the Chapleau without his order.

The main drift on the Rainbow is within a few feet of the ledge, signs of which are multiplying.

The owners of the Legal have completed a trail to the property, connecting it with the Violet trail.

Nat Tucker was down from Denver on Tuesday. He said work would begin on the Lilly B. Springer creek, in a few days.

John Keen advocates the building of a trunk road up Ten Mile creek to Camp Mansfield as against any and all other routes.

The Enterprise force has again been increased, quite a number of men passing through here Monday from Nelson for the mine.

H. McViears, of Rossland, acting in the interest of Boston capital, spent several days here this week enquiring after mineral property.

Supplies went up Tuesday to the Legal, on north fork of Lemon. Two men are working the property and will do \$1000 worth of work.

A certificate of improvements has been issued to the United Empire, adjoining the Iron Horse, Ten Mile. Its owners are principally Vancouver men.

Parties down on the boat Wednesday night from New Denver state a new vein had been struck that morning on the Bosun, which promises great things.

Every effort is being made to buy up the stock in the old Arlington company. A large block exchanged hands last week at Nelson at 22 cents. This would make the new company's paper pretty valuable.

### Reached the Mill Stage.

Mineral development in this division has reached the mill stage, giving evidence as to the value of the properties concerned. According to the statements made by as many managers, no less than five mills, of various designs and equipments for the treatment of ore, will be constructed this summer on different properties in the country tributary to Slocan. In the aggregate the cost of these, with the necessary machinery and outside work, will foot up close to \$200,000. No better guarantee could be given than this fact that there is something besides wind in the camp.

### Two Miners Killed.

Word was received here Monday of a fatality in the Alamo basin on Sunday morn, in which two men lost their lives. Both men were caught in a slide whilst working on one of the Idaho Mines properties. They were Italians and came from Washington, their names being L. Bagattin and Joseph Dovin. The remains were interred at New Denver.

Only 14 names from Slocan were taken from the voters' list at the Kaslo court of revision.



## BOERS IN RETREAT

### Abandon Hope of Defending the Zand River.

London, May 9.—Although the British expected considerable opposition at the difficult drift of the Zand river, the latest advices from Smaldeel indicate that the federals are not yet ready to make a determined attempt to stem Lord Roberts' advance. The latter's front, indeed, is so wide and overwhelming in numbers that it is difficult to see how the Boers can help being ousted out of Virginia siding, as they were out of Smaldeel, even if they elect to give battle. The same considerations would probably affect at Kroonstadt, hence the general belief that little real opposition will be encountered south of the Vaal.

The repairs to the bridges over the Vet river and the Vaal are expected to retard the general march from Smaldeel and Fourteen Streams for three or four days, when Gen. Buller will also be ready.

#### To Combine With Buller

The general idea is that Lord Roberts will direct his right on Harmsmith in order to get in touch with the Natal army coming through Van Reenen's pass.

#### Boers Leave Ladybrand in Panic

A dispatch from Maseru, dated May 8, says the Boers have deserted both Ladybrand and Ficksburg in a panicky condition, owing to reports that the British had occupied Senekal, thus threatening their retreat to the Transvaal.

#### Boers Retreat to the Zand

Smaldeel, May 8.—It is reported that the federals are quitting Zand river, and it is variously stated that they are retreating towards the Valsch and are taking up their positions at Boschrand, south of Kroonstadt.

#### Discussions Among the Enemy

Large numbers of burghers have come in and delivered their mausers and horses to the British. They affirm that there is a bitter quarrel between the Free Staters and the Transvaalers, which is likely to end in the speedy surrender of the former.

General French has arrived here.

#### Moved the Government

London, May 9.—It is announced in a special dispatch from Lorenzo Marques that the government of the Orange Free State had been moved from Kroonstadt to Heilbron.

#### Plot to Assassinate Roberts

London, May 8.—The Standard hears that information has been officially received of a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts. The latter was warned and telegrams are now passing between the Cape authorities, Lord Roberts and the home authorities on the subject.

#### Plot to Blow up Railway

London, May 8.—The following dispatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the war office:

"Smaldeel, May 8.—The railway from Brandfort to this place was considerably damaged and the bridge over the Vet river has been hopelessly damaged. This delays supplies coming up. Every few yards, charges of rock and had been laid under the rail. This might have created loss of life, but was fortunately discovered by a West Australian infantryman. Winburg is occupied by the Highland brigade."

#### The Advance Continues.

In spite of these wrecked railroads the British advance goes on steadily. Lord Roberts' outposts are apparently about 12 miles north of Smaldeel. General Brabant has joined General Rundle at Thaba Nchu, whence they are moving forward. The country is all quiet in that direction.

A reconnaissance made by General Rundle of the Boers' recent positions at Thaba Nchu resulted in their being pronounced impregnable, and their evacuation is reported to have been due to the receipt of an urgent message from President Steyn. The

Boers are said to be moving northward, but their immediate destination is not known.

The whereabouts of the British cavalry under General French is still a mystery, while General Kelly-Kenny's and General Chermide's divisions are still unaccounted for.

#### Terror Among Rebels.

A dispatch from Capetown, dated today, says:

"Lord Roberts' phenomenal advance is not utterly demoralizing the Boers, but is striking terror in the rebel colonists. The relief of Mafeking is expected at any moment."

The Capetown correspondent is slightly optimistic as regards Mafeking. Judging from the direct dispatches, the British forces south of Mafeking are still nearly 200 miles from their objective, while the latest advices from Mafeking itself, dated April 29, show little amelioration in the conditions there. The dispatches say:

#### Boers Fear to Attack Mafeking.

"With the exception of a little rifle fire at the out lying trenches, everything is quiet. The slight epidemic of typhoid fever is abating as a result of the medical precautions. The enemy's artillery with the exception of two five pounders, has apparently been withdrawn."

"It was learned April 25, that the enemy intended to attack and the entire garrison stood to its arms. When day broke Colonel Baden-Powell took up a position on the lookout and the heavy rattle of musketry and the boom of four guns convinced us that an attack was about to open. But it became apparent that the Boer officers could not persuade their men to advance. Through glasses, we saw officers kindly urging the infantry forward. The enemy reformed and retired. Our men fired a shot in the hope of inducing the enemy to come to close quarters."

"The native distress has been alleviated, many of them slipping through the Boer lines. The men of the garrison forego their sugar rations for the benefit of the women and children."

"After the bombardment on April 24 all was comparatively quiet."

#### Boers Preparing for a Stand.

Smaldeel, Orange Free State, May 7.—General Hutton's advanced camp of the colonial regiments is tonight settled at Welgelegen siding.

According to reports, the Boers intend to make a big stand near Zand river.

The railroad has been repaired to the south side of the Vet river, and the engineers are busy making a deviation across the bed.

#### Strengthening Their Forces.

Lorenzo Marques, May 6.—A dispatch received here from Colonel Plumer's camp bearing date of April 26, states that the Boers around Mafeking have been gradually reinforced and that their strength is estimated at 3,000.

Col. Plumer has succeeded in communicating with Mafeking by means of carrier pigeons and is endeavoring to communicate with the southern relief column.

## CRISIS IN SPAIN

### The People are on Strike Against New Taxing Scheme.

Madrid, May 9.—The government is seriously concerned in regard to the opposition developed to its financial projects. The feeling in Catalonia especially is running high, and has taken the form of hostile demonstrations against the minister of the interior, who is now making a tour of Barcelona and its environs.

A league against the government's taxation schemes has been formed in Madrid with the title of "National Union," whose platform is a refusal to pay taxation, and, as a protest, the members of the union propose a general closing of the stores in Madrid tomorrow. The government realizes the significance of the movement, and tomorrow, therefore, is looked forward to with anxiety.

## KRUGER'S SPEECH

### He Closes and Re-opens the Volksraad With Much Ceremony.

Pretoria, May 7th.—The official closing of the 1899 Volksraad, which broke up unofficially in September last, occurred this morning. The vacant seats of General Joubert and Gen. Dekock and others were filled with flowers. The hall was crowded, a large number of ladies being present. The prayer of the chaplain, referring to Gen. Joubert, moved many to tears. After the prayer the raad adjourned until the afternoon, when the session of 1900 was inaugurated. The ceremonies were accompanied by the customary salute. President Kruger arrived in the state carriage with the usual escort. All the diplomatic corps and foreign attaches, including Gen. Gourko, the Russian attache, were present. President Kruger in his speech opening the session, alluded feelingly to the vacancies. Referring to General Joubert, he said:

"Future generations will be able to judge the work of the deceased, whose demeanor inspired the enemy with respect, and whose humane and brave conduct gave fame and importance to the state among civilized nations."

He was profoundly struck, he said, by the proof of sincere friendship given by the people of the Free State, who had fulfilled their obligations to the Transvaal under the treaty. They had realized that a united front was required as an attack upon the independence of the Transvaal meant a threat against the Free State. He had implicit confidence in the Africaner nation. By deeds the Free State has shown a good example to the people of the Transvaal, which has proved of great moral value to those guiding the efforts of a small state to maintain its independence. He was pleased to state that the relations of the Transvaal with foreign states, with the exception of Great Britain, were good.

After referring to the peace proposals of the presidents of both republics and Lord Salisbury, President Kruger said:

"We proved by legislation and our dealings with Great Britain last year that it was our desire to preserve peace, and now that the war has broken out, we will do everything to restore peace."

After alluding to the deputation now on a mission to Europe and the United States, and the presence of so many attaches, proving the intense interest of the powers in the republics and their methods of fighting, he said he was pleased to see that the sympathy of the world was on their side in the war, that ambulances had been sent and that their friends were united in endeavoring to alleviate the distress caused by the struggle. After references to alleged violations of the Red Cross convention and the consequent protests of foreign powers, President Kruger continued:

"Notwithstanding the difficult circumstances, I am glad to say that our finances will enable us to bear the great expenses of the war and that the mines are flourishing. The speech concluded with reference to the Free State loan and suggested that the session be not prolonged and that only matters of importance be dealt with. In a moving peroration, he invoked the blessing and help of the Almighty. The proceedings terminated with unusually impressive speeches and prayers. Fifty out of a total of sixty legislators were present. Several of them are suffering from wounds."

#### LOST WITH MOST OF THE CREW

British Ship Wrecked Off Melbourne and 22 Perish.

Melbourne, May 9.—The British ship Sierra Nevada, Captain Scott, from Liverpool January 16 for this port, was totally wrecked outside the heads. Five of her crew were saved, but it is believed that 22 others, including the captain, perished.

## NO DIVIDED POWER

### Lord Salisbury Announces the Policy in South Africa

London, May 9.—The annual grand habitation of the Primrose league was held in Albert Hall this afternoon. Lord Salisbury, who presided, commented on the remarkable change which had taken place in the latter half of the century in views of the people regarding the empire. They had formerly repelled it as a burden, and that doctrine had been carried to such extremes by a man of splendid genius—Gladstone—that it had produced a strong reaction, which started after the disaster of Majuba Hill and the death of Gen. Gordon.

The death of Gordon had been avenged. Perhaps it was too soon to say the great humiliation of Majuba Hill had been effaced, or that the great wrong had been righted, but he felt they were on the road to accomplish that thing. Under the brilliant guidance of Lord Roberts, 200,000 soldiers, a larger army than had ever been sent across the same expanse of sea, were now engaged in reducing to obedience to the queen those territories which ought never to have been released and restoring to South Africa the only chance it has of peace and development and tranquility.

The premier referred to the difficulty and intricate Irish problem and said:

"Mr. Gladstone, in an evil moment for the fame of the country and for his party, attached himself to the idea of the separation of England and Ireland. There has been a long struggle, but no one can say the home rule cause presents any elements of sanguine anticipation for the future. It might be said that the Irish idea would be realized and that Mr. Gladstone's aspirations would be fulfilled. But I do not believe that the causes which have once been well beaten, have reappeared to any purpose in English history. Apart, however, from the fate of former struggles, I am still assured that there is no hope of the predominant power ever consenting to give Ireland practical independence. We have learned something from the South African war; how a disloyal government, in spite of warnings, should accumulate arms against the most powerful combatant, and thus secure a terrible advantage. We now know better than we did ten years ago, what a rock it would be if we had a government disloyal, in Ireland, with the power of the accumulation of forces against this country."

"Mr. Gladstone shattered his own party, so that for the moment they are erased and a powerless factor in English politics. But it must not be imagined that the effacement is likely to be permanent."

## KNIGHTS MEETING

### Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias in Session.

Rossland Record.

The grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias of British Columbia convened in the Odd Fellows hall in Rossland, presided over by W. D. Mearns of Vancouver, the grand chancellor. The following are the other grand officers present: Vice grand chancellor, J. W. Graham; grand prelate, J. L. Brown; grand master of the exchequer, J. E. Evans (acting); grand master at arms, Noble Binas; grand inner guard, D. Griffiths; grand outer guard, A. Ferguson.

Representatives from 29 lodges in the province are present, as follows: Far West No. 1, D. T. Barnhard; Wellington No. 2, James McMullen; Granville No. 3, James Irvine; Nanaimo No. 4, George Johnson and James Crossan; Royal No. 6, George S. Blakeley; Rath-

bone No. 7, Robert Brooke; Damon No. 8, Robert Haddow; Benevolent No. 14, John Thompson; Maple No. 15, R. S. Henderson; Granite No. 16, F. P. Maxwell; Victoria No. 17, J. J. Randolph, W. D. Kinnaird; Coldstream No. 18, H. G. Muller; Crusader No. 19, Harry Hoffmeister; Primrose No. 20, G. T. Mallory; Rossland No. 21, A. G. Creelman; New Denver No. 22, Charles F. Nelson; Trail No. 23, J. R. Widmer and W. T. Hoyer; Sandon No. 24, G. W. Grimmett; Nelson No. 25, W. J. Thompson and J. J. Malone; Gold Range No. 26, James Gill; Okanagan No. 27, J. McLeod; Phoenix No. 28, George W. Rumberger; Greenwood No. 29, H. C. Holden.

The reports of the grand chancellor and other grand lodge officers were received and adopted. These reports showed very gratifying increase in the number of lodges, members and the general financial standing of the order. The ordinary business of the grand lodge was then proceeded with until the adjournment for lunch at noon.

The business is making good progress this afternoon and an evening session will probably complete the session.

The officers chosen for 1901 are as follows:

Grand chancellor, J. L. Brown, Kamloops.

Vice grand chancellor, N. Binns, Trail.

Grand prelate, H. Hoffmeister, Vancouver.

Grand K. of R. and S., Emil Pfender, Victoria.

Grand M. at A., A. Ferguson, New Westminster.

Grand I. G., C. I. Nelson, New Westminster.

Grand O. G., John Thompson, Cumberland.

The supreme representatives are H. J. Austic and A. T. Ackerman. Routine business was under consideration this afternoon.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Even the swamps are to bring forth riches. An Ontario man wants to lease them in order to breed frogs for the American market.

Simultaneously with the meeting of the emperors, Vesuvius had an eruption. The meeting of two such potentates has far-reaching effects.

The largest cargo of wheat which ever passed through the St. Lawrence canal has gone through the new Soutanges canal and arrived at Montreal.

Boers with poisoned bullets were captured on Spion Kop and were promptly bayoneted. Men who fight like wild beasts should be treated as such.

Being told by a Quaker a story of distress, a parsimonious citizen of Philadelphia said: "I feel deeply for him." The Quaker said: "How much dost thou feel? I feel \$5." Rossland shows the practical nature of her sympathy with Sandon by feeling nearly \$1000.

Prize fighting has been declared legal in New York city, so glove contests and sparring exhibitions will be called by their correct name.

Emperors William and Francis Joseph change their uniforms scores of times during the army manoeuvres. If they should lose their jobs of helping the Almighty to run the universe, they will be in good training to earn good salaries as lighting change artists.

Job printing of every description executed with neatness despatch at this office.

## WELCOME BOERS

### Americans Will Give Great Reception to Peace Delegates.

Washington, May 9.—A meeting was held last night at the house of Congressman Sulzer to arrange for the reception of the Boer peace envoys, now on their way to the United States from Holland. The meeting included a number of senators and congressmen as well as Washingtonians.

It decided that the Boer delegates should be accorded a reception similar to those tendered Lafayette, Kosuth and Parnell. A big demonstration is to be organized in their honor. The grand opera house has been secured for Sunday, May 20, and public addresses of a non-partisan nature will be delivered by prominent men.

The Hague, May 9.—The Netherlands Peace Society has addressed an appeal to President McKinley begging him to further the special object of the Boer mission, to investigate their case, to bring about arbitration and put a stop to the pernicious war in South Africa.

#### LATEST STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	28	23
B. C. Gold Fields	4	3
Big Three	6	5 1/2
Brandon & Golden Crown	22	21
Canadian Gold Fields	7	6
Cariboo (Camp McKinney)	100	98
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	\$37	\$30 00
Deer Trail No. 2	9	8 1/2
Deer Park (new)	2	1
Dundee	15	11
Evening Star	10	9
Fairmont	3	2 1/2
Giant	2 1/2	2
Homestake	2	1
Iron Mask	39	35
Iron Colt	7	6
Iron Horse	17	16
Jim Blaine	17 1/2	15
Jumbo	24	23
King (Oro Denoro)	12	8 1/2
Knob Hill	60	50
Lone Pine Consol.	18	12 1/2
Minehead	6	3
Monte Christo	5	3 1/2
Montreal Gold Fields	6 1/2	4 1/2
Morrison	3 1/2	2 1/2
Mountain Lion	88	75
Noble Five	5	3
Northern Belle	8	3 1/2
Novelty	2 1/2	1 1/2
Okanagan	1 1/2	1 1/2
Old Ironsides	80	65
Palmer Mountain	21	16
Peoria Mines	2	1 1/2
Princess Mary	26 1/2	25 1/2
Rambler-Cariboo	3	2 1/2
Rathmullen	3	2 1/2
Republic	\$1 05	\$1 00
St. Elmo Consolidated	3 1/2	1 1/2
Saugier	6 1/2	4 1/2
Tanana (Kenneth)	4	3 1/2
Trail Creek Hid. Treas.	3 1/2	3
Van Ande	3 1/2	3
Victory-Triumph	3	1 1/2
Virginia	3	2
War Eagle Consolidated	\$1 50	\$1 42
Waterloo	5 1/2	4 1/2
White Bear	2 1/2	1 1/2
Winnipeg	14	12 1/2
Wonderful	4	3

#### DEAD IN HIS CABIN

##### The Body of Alex Carson Found By Maurice Riddle

The body of a man, supposed to be Alex Carson, was found in his cabin in Rossland Wednesday near Mountain railway. The discovery was made by Maurice Riddle, a friend of the deceased. Mr. Riddle had missed Carson for the past few days and went to the cabin to ascertain the cause. He tried the door, and finding it locked from the inside, he looked through the window and saw Carson lying on the floor. The authorities were notified and the body was removed to Beatty's undertaking establishment.

Deceased is supposed to be about 50 years of age. He has been a resident of Rossland for two or three years and followed the life of a prospector.

A ten-drill compressor, two 80-horse-power boiler and two 50-horse-power hoists have been ordered for the Knob Hill at Phoenix.

The supreme court will sit in Rossland to try civil cases on May 21. The court of assize sat in Nelson Thursday.

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## WORK OF SYNOD

Good Progress Made by Presbyterian Church in B. C.

The synod of British Columbia met in St. Paul's church, Nelson, Wednesday, May 2, at 10 a. m. There was a good attendance of members. The Presbytery of Victoria was represented by Revs. Dr. Campbell, D. MacRae, W. L. Clay, E. G. Perry and E. G. Taylor. From Westminster Presbytery were present, Rev's. E. D. McLaren, J. A. Logan and G. A. Wilson. Kootenay Presbytery was well represented. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. E. McLaren, B. A., of Edmonton, who also convened the synod. After the marking of the roll and the announcement by the clerk of the changes during the year, the moderator asked the court to elect a new moderator. This resulted in the election of Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, B. A., of Vancouver.

Among the reports presented was one given by Rev. E. A. McLaren, B. A., of Vancouver, on home missions. The report was very encouraging, showing steady growth in the mission work of the church. During the past year 17 new fields have been opened, making a total of 85 mission fields within the bounds of the synod. Several of the mission fields have become self-supporting and others placed on the list of augmented charges.

The report was ably seconded by Rev. D. McG. Gandier, who dwelt upon the importance and the needs of our home mission work. Instances were given showing the good work done by the missionaries. During the past year over \$18,000 had been required. For the ensuing year over \$28,000 would be needed, the increase being needed because of the new fields that have been occupied and the synod being given charge of the mission work in the Yukon.

The Sabbath school report was given by Rev. J. A. Logan. The report showed an increase in the number of Sabbath schools and scholars. There are now 147 schools in the bounds and 7549 scholars. They contributed on Children's day \$586 towards the Century fund and over \$700 for the various mission schemes.

Among the recommendations made by the Sunday school committee and passed at the synod was one dividing the synod into three districts for the purpose of holding Sunday school conventions, the first to include the Westminster and Victoria presbyteries, the second Kamloops and Kootenay and the third Calgary and Edmonton. M. D. McKee of Slokan was made provisional president of the second and H. R. Grant of the third. It was further provided that these conventions should be held at such a time as would enable the attendance of the synods.

Stirring addresses were delivered on the Century fund. Rev. W. L. Clay of Victoria reported that preparations were being made in all the presbyteries of the synod for an active canvass in all the congregations. A conservative estimate of the amount this synod was likely to raise was placed at \$40,000, \$6000 of this to be raised by Kootenay Presbytery.

Rev. Prof. Bryce, L. L. D., of Manitoba, gave reasons why the western Presbyteries should not forget the common fund in their desire to wipe out debt on church property. One was that \$175,000 of the common fund was to be devoted to augmentation—Rev. J. C. Herdman.

Church Life and Work—Rev. A. Forbes.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. A. Logan.

Statistics—Rev. W. L. Clay.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Dr. Campbell.

The thanks of the synod were given to the members of Nelson congregation for the kind hospitality accorded the members of the Synod.

A reception to the members of the synod was given by Judge and

Mrs. Forin, which was largely attended by many members of the congregation.

The synod adjourned to meet in Vancouver on the first Wednesday in May.

## BLAZED UP AGAIN

Wind Fans the Smoldering Embers of Sandon Into Flames.

Kaslo, May 6.—The fifteen or twenty houses and stores which are all that remain of fire-swept Sandon had a narrow shave from being destroyed by fire last night. The ruins of the C. P. R. station blazed up. Fanned by a strong wind, which came furiously whistling up the gulch, some of the half burned material got strongly alight.

The firemen, who had been working almost without a break for 48 hours, had to turn out again in full force. They had a hard fight to save the buildings in the upper end of town, in which were huddled scores of families.

Prompt action was all that saved the remainder of the city.

Miles Romabough, the Southfinch, Ontario, man, who was burned to death, was buried in Sandon cemetery this afternoon.

Premier Joseph Martin, who was speaking in Greenwood on the night of the fire, wired for full details and today the provincial government deposited \$500 in the Bank of Montreal at New Denver for the relief of Sandon.

The prompt and large-hearted way in which the outside towns helped has enabled the relief committee to meet the emergency fully.

### RELIEF FOR SANDON.

Total Subscriptions From Rossland  
Now Reach Nearly \$900.

Previously acknowledged	\$ 615 00
Dr. A. Milloy	5 00
A C Galt	20 00
J Charington	1 00
Cash	50
Wm Jean	2 00
A Friend	50
David Playfair	2 00
Through the Presbyterian church—	
T Anderson	\$ 2 00
Rev. Mr. Gandier	5 00
W M Wood	5 00
A Munroe	1 00
Adam Hay	1 00
J Bernard	2 00
A Friend	1 00
Nameless	8 40

Total	\$ 25 40
Through the Baptist church—	
Ed Saunders	\$ 1 00
Arthur Pipe	50
F Darling	50
A Friend	1 00
Nameless	1 00
Rev Stackhouse	1 50

Total	\$ 5 50
Through the Methodist church—	
H Jones & fmy	\$ 1 50
A D Christie	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Nameless	1 00

Total	\$ 4 50
George Bayne	25 00
Through the Bank of British Columbia—	
Local union of Carpenters and Joiners	\$ 100 00
Proceeds, Barbers and Printers ball game	75 00

Grand total..... 881 40

By postponing the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty till the expiration of his term, President McKinley has given the senate an opportunity to act on the subject without regard to its effect on the election.

The Free State farmers who broke their oath of allegiance by rejoining the Boer armies are paying the penalty by the loss of their stock. The British are commandeering the stock of other farmers, leaving nothing for Boer raiders to live on.

An essential feature of any attempt to put in practical form the much discussed scheme of imperial federation will be some kind of imperial customs union. It is a subject bristling with difficulties because of the fixed policy of free trade adopted by the mother country, but it will have to be dealt with, if federation is to be anything but a matter of nebulous sentiment.

## WINDBURG TAKEN

The British Army Steadily Advancing Toward Pretoria.

London, May 7.—The capture of Winburg by the British is confirmed and the main advance to Pretoria continues with the machine-like precision and rapidity which has characterized all Lord Roberts' forward movements of late. By the occupation of Winburg, Gen. Ian Hamilton puts himself nearly parallel with Lord Roberts and only 19 miles eastward, while he has the additional advantage of being connected with his chief by means of the railroad that runs from Smaldeel, or Winburg road station, as it is sometimes called, to Winburg.

The only feature of the carefully devised plan of general advance not yet disclosed by the swift developments is the part Gen. Buller has elected to take in the operations. At present there are no indications of any movement on the part of the Natal army, but doubtless a few days more or less will bring out the British line of action before Biggarsberg.

At the time this dispatch is sent there is nothing new from General Hunter, but it is presumed he is pushing steadily forward in the direction of Mafeking, aided by the aggressiveness of Barton's and Paget's brigades.

The critics of the afternoon papers view the situation with the greatest satisfaction.

### Giving the Boers no Rest.

A special dispatch from Smaldeel, dated 9:45 p. m. May 6, gives details of the occupation of Winburg by the British. It says:

"News has just come from here that Gen. Hamilton is giving the Boers no rest and they are falling back hurriedly. He entered Winburg today after a brisk fight, in which the Boers fell back so quickly that one of their guns, in addition to a Maxim, was abandoned."

### Australians Won the Crossing.

The same dispatch, describing the crossing of the Vet river by the British says:

"The Boer forces entrenched on the opposite bank prepared to contest the crossing. The British guns were brought into play, and a fierce shell fire was directed on the Boer lines. At the same time the Queenslanders, under a heavy fire, dashed across the river and, advancing in the open, completely turned the Boer lines. It was dusk, but nothing could stop the gallant Australians. They pushed on again, seized a commanding kopje and by brilliant movements and continuous rifle fire drove off the enemy in the darkness. The first gleam of dawn this morning found the enemy in full flight and our men after them. By 9 o'clock this morning we entered this important strategic point."

### How the Vet Was Crossed.

London, May 7.—11 a. m.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office in a dispatch dated Smaldeel, May 6, afternoon, as follows:

"We crossed the Vet river this morning and are now encamped at Smaldeel Junction. The enemy is in full retreat towards Zand river and Kroonstadt."

"The turning movement was made by the mounted infantry just before dark yesterday. It was a very dashing affair. The Canadians, South Wales and New Zealanders and Queenslanders mounted infantry vied with each other in a determination to close with the enemy. Captain Anley, of the Essex regiment, commanding the third infantry battalion, behaved in a very gallant manner. The naval guns and the artillery made excellent practice, particularly two five-inch guns for the first time with this force. We captured a Maxim and 25 prisoners. Our casualties are very few, 15 wounded, one killed and three missing."

### The Advance Not Opposed.

Smaldeel, May 7.—The British arrived here without opposition. The Boers' last train left late Saturday night. The Boer losses yes-

terday on the west flank were 40 killed. Their rear guard remains behind kopjes 10 miles north. There is much railway forage and corn.

It is stated that the Boers are retreating towards Kroonstadt. The Zand river bridge is reported to have been destroyed.

London, May 5.—Lord Roberts is evidently losing no time in following up the substantial advantage gained by the occupation of Brandfort, and his whole force is apparently moving on Winburg.

The place mentioned in Lord Roberts' dispatches to the war office this morning as "Nealwelkot" can not be found on the maps, and it is likely that it is a cable error, for "near Vet Kop," in which case General Ian Hamilton seems to be midway between Hout Nek and Winburg and thus has got between General Oliver's command from Wepener and Winburg. The country is rough and suited for the Boer tactics, so that the British are liable to be considerably harassed before they capture the stronghold.

Experts differ as to whether Lord Roberts is bound toward Kroonstadt or Bethlehem. The latter place is the terminus of the line joining with the Natal railroad at Van Reenen's pass, and the capture of that place would probably compel the Boers to leave the Drakensberg range and thus open the way for General Buller's advance. The British have to repair the bridge over the Vet before the railroad between Brandfort and Winburg is available.

### Hamilton Advancing.

London, May 5.—Lord Roberts reports to the war department under date of Brandfort, May 4 as follows:

"Hamilton advances today to Nealwelket. He was engaged with the enemy throughout the march. He speaks in terms of praise to the behavior of the troops, especially Broadwood's brigade of cavalry and mounted infantry."

### Attempt to Shoot Schreiner.

Capetown, May 5.—The South African News, in recording the fact that the policeman who was guarding Premier Schreiner's house has been shot, adds that the policeman was smoking a cigar at the time and asserts that the bullet was evidently intended for the premier, who is an inveterate smoker. The African papers are making a sensation out of the affair, declaring that an anti-Dutch plot is on foot.

### Ignorance of the Boers.

An Outlander in Pearson's Weekly.

At the present time the Boer's knowledge of the power and strength of the world is nil. One man I once talked with assured me that the greatest country on the other side of the world was Holland. He had heard of Turkey, and thought that power came next.

Nearly every up-country Boer thinks that the earth is flat, and that the sun stands still.

When a party of Boers get together their conversation usually turns upon England. A Boer once turned from his companions and said to me:

"We shall capture your country some day!"

"How can you do that without ships?" I queried.

How did Moses cross the Red Sea!" he asked, by way of instant answer.

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The decision of the United States court in the Ortiz case is first blood for the opponents of the Porto Rican tariff, but the case will certainly go to the supreme court. It is the most important constitutional question which has come up since the days of reconstruction.

Roberts' strategy is clearing the Boers out of more territory with one-tenth of the loss than the bulldog tactics of Buller and Methuen.

One would have thought from their noise that the pro-Boers were a majority of the United States senate, but when it came to a vote they were only a minority. The amount of noise made by blatherskites is usually in inverse ratio to their numbers.

## VICTIM'S STORY

McArthur's Description of His Struggle with Albi.

The preliminary trial of W. R. Albi and M. A. Albo was begun by in Rossland on last Monday J. A. Macdonald appearing for the crown, C. R. Hamilton for Albi and C. E. Gillan for Albo. Immediately after the reading of the informations, the court adjourned to the Sister's hospital to take the testimony of Herbert McArthur, the wounded man, and the entire morning was taken up with his examination.

Under examination by Mr. Macdonald, McArthur said he was 24 years old and came here from Spokane on June 17, 1899. He had known Albi since he had been in the Columbia hotel, about two months, but during that time had never had any conversation with him, nor heard him talk. He had been working in the Pullman restaurant on Washington street, about 200 feet from the Columbia hotel, and had been in the latter place half a dozen times in the last two months. On the night of May 1 he was in the International theatre until about 12 o'clock and then went along Spokane street and First avenue to the Columbia and went up there alone. He spoke to Officer Raymer near the Columbia. He went up stairs to the last room on the left of the hall, fronting on first avenue and rapped, at the door. A voice from inside said:

"What do you want?"

He said: "I want you." Then a bullet came through the door from the inside. He heard no other remark. He then started to walk to the stairs, but when he had gone about five feet, two shots in quick succession were fired from behind and one of them wounded him in the back. His legs dropped from under him and he fell backwards with his head to the north. He could not tell which of the two shots hit him. He was then hit on the head with a revolver in the hands of Albi. There was an incandescent light burning in the hall and he saw Albi distinctly. Albi was on his knees, with one hand on the back of McArthur's collar and the other coming down on him with the pistol in it. He could not say how often Albi struck him. Albi made some remark, but he did not remember it, nor did he remember saying anything.

Between the firing of the first pistol shot and the time when he became unconscious, he saw Albo in the hall. He came on the scene shortly after the two shots were fired and while Albi was hitting him. He did not recognize Albo. He heard the man's voice, but could not say whether he heard any words. Albo was the only person he saw or heard in the hall.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Hamilton, McArthur said he went to the International about 9 o'clock and watched the show. He had been drinking, but was not drunk when he left there. He talked to some people at the theatre, but could not recall any of their names. He could not remember what Officer Raymer said to him, nor whether any one else spoke to him on the way to the Columbia. He had been in the Columbia about 5 o'clock that day and taken a drink and had had two drinks before. He had slept there for one or two nights a month or two ago. He only made up his mind to go up there when he got to the door. He went through the passage and was not in the saloon at all. He met three men at the head of the stairs, but did not know who they were or what became of them. He did not see them again.

He went to Albi's room to see some person who, he thought, went into that room. He did not see the person go in there, nor go up stairs, but saw him go into the hall. He had no reason for thinking the man had gone into that particular room. He could not say how many drinks he had from 5 p. m. till he went to the International. He had some there. He was with

a party of about six. He treated and the treat was not returned. He did not know what the play was.

He did not take hold of the door handle of Albi's room. The voice asking who was there sounded close to the door two seconds after he rapped. He did not recollect whether any other words were spoken besides: "Who are you?" and did not know whether the door was locked, for he did not try it. He said: "Let me in." He did not hear the door unlocked before the second shot was fired. When he first saw Albi, the latter was just starting out of the door. It would be impossible for Albi to change the pistol from one hand to the other between the two last shots. He saw Albo a very short time after, but could not say whether Albi was striking him at the time.

At this point McArthur showed signs of weakness and his cross-examination was suspended while Dr. Reddick gave him some restoratives. He then continued, saying that he did not know well the man he went to see. He had seen the man the same evening at the International and the man said something about the fire. This man was not one of the three he met at the head of the stairs and did not appear when the shots were fired. He did not recognize, when he heard Albi's voice, that it was not that of the man he had been talking to. Mr. Hamilton then asked:

"Did not the person inside the room tell you to go down stairs if you wanted anything?"

"I never heard it" was the answer.

"Do you not remember being told, if you wanted anything, to go to the bartender and that you said you did not want any bartender; that he should open the door or you would break it open?"

This question was also answered in the negative. No one was waiting outside for him. He did not remember telling any one at the International that he was going to the Columbia nor that he was going to see a girl. He knew the girl May who kept the restaurant.

### MEETING OF THE EMPERORS.

Germany Celebrating the Heir's Majority—The Political effects.

Berlin, May 6.—Suitable ceremonies in connection with the celebration of the coming of age of the Crown Prince of Germany are reported from Cologne, Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and a number of other cities. In Kiel the Russian cruiser Panyat Agowa fired a salute of 21 guns.

It was noticed during the three days that the Kaiser and Emperor Francis Joseph changed their costumes scores of times, the Kaiser on Friday appearing in eleven different uniforms, including those of Austria, Italy, Russia and Germany.

An eye witness of yesterday's sham fight at Juperborg relates that the artillery performed unheard of feats. They began firing at 8,000 meters, with tolerable effect. At 8,000 meters the terrific quick firing guns threw a hail of shells and shrapnel with mathematical precision.

The German press thus far have been rather reticent regarding the political effect of the emperor of Austria's visit, but there are a number of exceptions. The Pan-German jingo press commented upon the visit unfavorably, arguing that Austria's national disruption and internal disunion rendered her an untrustworthy ally. These papers blame the kaiser for not pointing out to his guest the necessity for re-establishing German hegemony there.

The Tagliche Rundschau publishes a sensational article concerning this matter. The centre party organ, the Cologne Volks Zeitung, replies to the article saying: "The Dreibund has fulfilled its peace mission so far and will continue to do so, for its mere existence prevents Franco-Russian aggrandizement."

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## EDITORIAL CROPPINGS.

The expected has happened: John Keen has been nominated by the Conservative convention at Sandon.

The purifiers of the voters' lists showed up in bad form at the courts of revision on Monday. The whole batch of protests at Nelson was thrown out, and all names but deaths and removals from the country retained at Kaslo. It was a thankless job for the protesting parties and but served to raise a large amount of unnecessary hard feeling.

The merchants and citizens generally should use every means in their power to get the construction of the Lemon creek road to commence from here. If it be built to Lemon siding, much of the trade from the Lemon creek camp will go to Nelson and be lost to Slocan for all time to come. Life in a mining camp means rustling and this is an instance where the results warrant speedy and energetic action.

As an evidence of how this town's chances against fire are viewed on the outside, it might be well to point out that two months ago an insurance inspector passed upon the buildings here. He registered the risks of the business portion as extra-hazardous and rates were accordingly increased from four to eight and one-half per cent. This is not a pleasant situation to dream upon. Yet it is within the province of our citizens to lessen the dangers materially.

Poor Sandon has had many scourges in its brief but eventful history, yet none so appalling or devastating as that which almost wiped it off the map on Friday last. It is gratifying to realize the ready help and assistance so spontaneously proffered by Slocan and other towns and cities throughout the province. Like the plucky people they are, the citizens of the fire-swept city are hard at work rebuilding their premises, determined that upon the ashes of the past a better and more substantial place shall exist.

Once again is the lesson brought home to the people of this town of the fearful ravages of the fire fiend. Our sister town of Sandon has been all but destroyed, causing great loss and a certain amount of suffering. It is surely behooves us here to make some preparation to check a possible conflagration. Fire wardens should be appointed and see to it that every building in town is provided with a fireproof flue. What paraphernalia the people own for fighting flames should be gathered up and stored at some convenient point. All firetraps should be condemned and the laws of preservation strictly enforced. The fate of Sandon might and could be ours at any moment. Citizens do your duty and do it well.

John Keen's visit here was productive of much discussion respecting the Mineral Act. He stated that when recorder at Kaslo he granted certificates of work for claims by the construction of trails. He had done so ever since 1896 and hundreds of claims had been so represented. Last year no less than 180 miles of trails had been thus built in the Ainsworth division, without the cost of a cent to the government. That was his way of interpreting the act. On the other hand H. P. Christie, recorder here, has positive instructions from the department of mines not to allow the building of trails to count as assessment work. This makes a conflicting situation, in which the prospector is the loser. If John Keen could so interpret the law as to enable the prospector to build trails and keep his claims alive, why is H. P. Christie forbidden to do likewise? If H. P. Christie cannot grant this permission, why was John Keen allowed to do so? Is the individual in the one case mightier than the department in the other?

## DRILL POINTS.

Don't forget the 21st at Silverton. Many mining men have been here of late.

The lake has risen about two feet during the week.

A social dance was given last night in the Music Hall.

The passenger list on the Slocan is averaging 125 a day.

The goods from here were the most appreciated in Sandon.

Business shows a steady increase each week on the lake.

On Monday the Slocan had 79 passengers on her noon trip up.

The Anglican church has been touched up by the paint brush.

J. T. Tipping caught a 12-pound char off the foot bridge on Saturday.

Saturday's train from Nelson had considerable supplies for the Sandon folk.

D. Mounat's house and lot, in West Slocan, was sold yesterday morning for \$750.

A carload of coast flooring, ceiling, sash and doors just arrived. McCallum & Co.

Quite a number of Slocanites were in attendance at the Nelson assizes this week.

James Martin, M.P.P. of Rossland, arrived in here Monday evening from up the lake.

It is expected that Bishop Dart, of the Anglican diocese of Westminster, will be here in June.

Born, on May 6, Mrs. Wm. Greenwood, of a son. The youth tipped the beam at 11 pounds.

The pile driver finished its labors here Sunday and has been moved to other scenes of activity.

George Payne is applying for a 21 year lease on 40 acres of land two miles south of the town.

Pat Burns sent up two carloads of lumber to Sandon Saturday to rebuild his burned butcher shop.

The forest fire fiend has made his appearance in this vicinity, a great deal earlier than usual.

Next Monday evening the Dominion Day celebration committee will meet in the Reading Room.

The Sandon Amateur Dramatic Co. will play the Bitter Atoneement in the Music Hall tomorrow evening.

H. Edwards, of Vancouver, was here Wednesday, taking views of the town for an American company.

Parties came down from Sandon on Saturday to buy out the entire stock of lumber at the Lemon creek mill.

City Clerk Sewell and wife, of Sandon, who passed through the fiery ordeal, will reside here for the summer.

The miners' hospital at Sandon, which was destroyed in the recent fire, is asking for subscriptions to rebuild.

Lots in West Slocan have been raised to \$225, while the company in Slocan proper has shoved up its figures also.

With due regard to the public health, the band boys have removed their practice room to the vicinity of Springer creek.

For Sale.—Four room cottage and lot; water attachments; in first class condition; on easy terms. Apply to J. G. McCallum.

The band boys purpose giving a ball next Friday night, May 18, in the Music Hall, in order to raise funds for general equipment.

John Bull returned Wednesday from a trip through the Trout Lake country. He says things are very dead there, with but little mining going on.

The town was full of mine managers Monday, passing up and down the lake. Among them were A. W. Wright, C. H. Hand, Geo. Hughes, and A. J. Marks.

Capt. Troup, superintendent, Trainmaster Hamilton, and Telegraph Superintendent McIntyre, of Nelson, passed through to Sandon Saturday to size up the C.P.R.'s losses by the fire.

H. Macpherson, general agent of the Ontario Powder Works, Nelson, was here Tuesday, drumming up orders. A local agent is to be established in Slocan shortly. Business with the company is brisk, they having sold 1200 cases of powder of late in the lower district. They are competing strongly for the Slocan camp trade.

## MINING RECORDS.

Appended is a complete list of the various records registered at the local registry office, H. P. Christie being mining recorder:

## LOCATIONS.

May 2—Stanwood, Slocan river, Geo Payne.

Sheldon, same, Mrs Jennie Payne.

## ASSESSMENTS.

April 30—Dutchman, Dwight, Violet, Corydon, Colon, Emily Bird. May 3—Armistron, Gypsy Lass, Otis, Leon.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

April 30—United Empire.

## TRANSFERS.

April 30—Weymouth 1-6, C E Smith-eringale to J L Farwig.

May 3—Seattle 3, John Jarvis to Geo E Weinant.

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## Notice.

I, the undersigned, will not be responsible for any goods, supplies, etc., ordered for the Chapleau mine, unless accompanied by an order signed by myself.

J. MALLINSON WILLIAMS.  
Slocan, May 7th, 1900.

## Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, George Payne, thirty days after date, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a twenty-one years' lease of forty acres of land, situate about two miles south of Slocan City and about half a mile east of Slocan river, commencing at a post marked "G. P., northwest corner."

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