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Platform

of the

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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 bonused, 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

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING MADE BY THIS DIVISION.

We Lead the Entire Lake Country—Bad Roads Curtailed Shipments During the Week—Bright Prospects for a Very Heavy Season's Export.

As was to be expected, the ore shipments for this week have dwindled away to the zero point. This was due to the broken condition of the roads in evidence every spring. The Arlington management hope within a few weeks to have the Springer creek road completed to their mine, when shipments will be resumed at a rapid rate and kept up continuously They have a large amount of ore ready for shipment and are in a position to keep up a steady stream of mineral, as the reserves are increasing. Next week the Enterprise will resume its shipments, the repairs to the Ten Mile road having been effected. The exports from that mine will be greater than heretofore, as the bunkers are all filled and the stopes are putting down large quantities of ore. This will be a prosperous season in the Slocan division.

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

MINE.	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Enterprise		300
Arlington		300
Black Prince		60
		660

MINES AND MINING.

The force on the Enterprise has been increased.

The Molly Gibson has ore showing in all four tunnels.

The snow is off the Springer road to the Arlington basin.

W. C. E. Koch has increased his ore-hauling outfit on Ten Mile.

A quantity of steel rails have been taken up to the Arlington this week.

Twenty men are at work on the Molly Gibson, but there is ample room for 300.

A carload of Wakefield concentrates passed down Tuesday bound for Trail.

An aerial tramway is to be put in at the Molly Gibson during the next summer.

Large quantities of supplies have been going up to the Arlington during the week.

Martin Isaacson and Henry Boie are developing the Standard group, close to the Republic.

J. Beauchesne and J. Livingstone will commence work next week on the Killarney, on Lemon creek.

The entire Get There Eli group, on Twelve Mile, has been turned over to E. J. Deacon by Dr. Gomm, of Sandon

C. Murphy and D. Sloan have relinquished all claim to an interest in the Southern Chief to James Cross, of Silverton.

Six carloads of ore is sacked at the Arlington ready for shipment and as much more on the dump loose. The drifts are breaking down large quantities of high grade mineral.

John Popham, Martin Maurer and J. S. McFarlane have gone to the Similkameen country. They have several good properties on the east slope of Copper mountain there, which they will develop during the summer.

Bondholder Working.

Paul Hauck and J. Hory took several pack loads of supplies to the Bondholder for heir contract, which was obtained from R. C. Campbell-Johnston, the main owner in the property. Last year's contract was done on this side of the divide and showed up a fine body of ore. The Bondholder could be made a shipping mine in a short time, as the showing on the Springer slope has never been developed, all the heavy work having been done on the Ten Mile side. The contract will last a couple of months.

Springer Creek Road.

For the past week the Arlington people have had men employed fixing up the Springer creek road. Several new culverts have been put in, washouts filled up and slides cleaned out. In a short time work will be commenced on the two miles of new road required to reach the mine. When this is completed the whole camp will feel the benefits resulting therefrom.

The Republic Strike.

The recent strike on the Bell, one of the Republic group, is developing in splendid shape. The drift is in 40 feet and the vein has widened, while the ore is becoming more solid. On the adjoining claim, the American Eagle, some open cuts are being made, and these show mineral also. Upwards of 1,000 feet of the vein have been exposed and each opening shows galena, mixed with carbonates and oxide of iron. This vein is but one of three on the group, each of which carries shipping ore, D. Sutherland and T. Montgomery own the group, which consists of four claims, and they hope to get a deal on for the property at an early date.

IS NOT AN ASPIRANT.

EDITOR DRILL:

Sir,—Reports to the effect that I am an aspirant for legislative honors in the coming election are entirely unfounded and unauthorized by me.

A. E. TEETER.

Slocan, April 24, 1900.

A Lemon Creek Sale.

W. S. Johnson, of Montreal, father of W. S. Johnson, assayer, of this town, has purchased a half interest in the Legal claim, adjoining the Violet, on Lemon creek. Ben Robertson was the seller, he getting $1000 cash for the interest. The Legal has a good strong ledge, carrying gold quartz very similar to that on the Chapleau. A series of assays on the rock shows it to run between $80 and $90 to the ton in gold. About $600 worth of work has been done on the claim, and it is the intention of the owners to spend another $1000 in opening up the lead. This work will be commenced in another week or ten days.

Joe Martin's Movements.

After all the renowned Joseph Martin is not to be here, much to the disappointment of many. A telegram was received from him Tuesday saying his dates were all filled for the next two weeks. Then, if he could, he would come here. Monday he was in Ymir and Nelson, thence he went into East Kootenay. Tonight he is billed for Kaslo and tomorrow night at Sandon. The following Monday he will stir up the "white-shirted hobos" at Rossland.

Methodist Ladies Donate.

The ladies of the Methodist church have presented an autograph quilt to the committee of the patriotic concert, to be disposed of in aid of the general fund. It has been subscribed to by the people of the various lake towns and the men at the mines in this neighborhood. In the vicinity of $100 was raised by the ladies of the church here. The concert committee will dispose of the quilt on May 24, so that all subscribers may get a chance at it.

Silverton Looking Up.

R. O. Matheson, of the Silvertonian, came down on Monday. He stated business was reviving greatly in Silverton and that by June the place would be as lively as ever. On May 1 the Emily Edith mine starts up with 50 men and the Vancouver with 20. All indications point to a lively season, with heavy ore shipments from three mines at least.

Knew Nothing of It.

Wm. Hunter, of Silverton, made a hurried trip to Slocan Wednesday to get delegates to attend a Conservative convention, to be held at Sandon that night. Nobody went, as the four delegates regularly appointed had no time to prepare, and no notice had been served on the local association of the date of the proposed convention.

Anglican Services.

Services will be held in St. Paul's church, Arthur street, on Sunday morning, April 29th, at 11 o'clock, Rev. C. F. Yates officiating. This service will take the form of the usual Easter service, the Easter hymns and chants being used, and the Holy Communion administered. There will be no evening service.

Of Interest to Voters.

H. D. Curtis, J.P. and notary public, has kindly consented to fill out all affidavits of objected voters and have them forwarded to Kaslo to the court of revision, free of charge. All interested should state their cases to him at once.

Patriotic Concert.

Everything is in readiness for the patriotic concert tonight and there ought to be a packed house. The programme has been very thoroughly practised and a good entertainment is promised. All the ladies in town are sending baskets of refreshments to be auctioned off, the proceeds going to swell the funds. H. J. Robertson has devoted all week in the decoration of the hall and the committee generally have done well. The result will be a handsome contribution to the fund being raised on behalf of the gallant Canadian laddies fighting their country's battles in South Africa.

MINING RECORDS.

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

LOCATIONS.

April 21—Slocan, Twelve Mile, T Capparelli.

ASSESSMENTS.

April 17—Gold Viking, Green Mountain. 18—Norma.

TRANSFERS.

April 17—Homestake ½, J Doiron to D Sloan.

Occidental, F L C, Reno, Get There Eli, and V & M, 19-20, W E Gomm to E J Deacon.

Same 1-20, same to same.

Fourth of July No 6 ¾, I W Black to R Butner.

Century, Industry, Queen City, Carly, St Charles and Michigan, ½ each, N Gething and Geo. Henderson to Frank Provost.

Same, same to same, agreement to transfer all interest for $500.

19—Sultana 6½-24, C L Hoffman to E J Dyer.

20—Southern Chief, C Murphy and D Sloan relinquish all claim to interest in same to James Cross.

Legal ½, B Robertson to W S Johnson or $1,000.

AFTER WATER RIGHTS.

The following applications for water rights have been posted at the record office here:—

John G. McCallum, under date of the 25th, applies for 25 inches of water, to be taken from Climax creek, a small stream which courses down over the townsite of Brandon near his premises. He will use the water for domestic purposes.

On April 24th W. H. Brandon filed application for 50 inches of water, to be also taken from Climax creek. His intention is to run a main through his townsite, enabling the householders to obtain water at certain rates. This would provide the nucleus of a waterworks system for that section of the town.

On April 14, a much more extensive right is asked for, and one that portends great things for the Ten Mile camp. R. E. Fishburn, acting as agent for the Enterprise Mines, Limited, applies for 300 inches of water, to be taken from Ten Mile creek, which practically means the entire stream. The water is to be obtained at a point about 17,000 feet east of the mine. A dam is to be constructed to retain the water, which is to be flumed or piped to the mine. There it is to be utilized for the generation of power and for the crushing and dressing of ore at the mine. The difference in altitude from the site of the proposed dam to the mine is placed at 750 feet.

GREEN ENDORSES PLATFORM.

The Liberal-Conservative Association of Slocan is publishing in this issue the platform endorsed and adopted by them at a meeting held on the 17th inst. It is the New Westminster platform promulgated by the party at the provincial convention held last October, with two slight additions and two extra planks. A copy of the same was forwarded to R. F. Green at Kaslo, and his reply thereto is appended:—

Kaslo, B.C., April 24, 1900.

My Dear Sir,—I have just received the copy of the platform adopted by the Conservatives of your town and must congratulate them upon the wording of it, and will say that there is nothing in it that a Conservative, a Cottonite, or an Independent candidate could not endorse, if he is at all in favor of good legislation. I personally can endorse most heartily every plank in it. Yours faithfully,

R. F. GREEN.

Ten Mile Road.

The repairs to the Ten Mile road are being rapidly effected and it will not be long till it is in thorough repair. W. C. E. Koch has a number of teams and about twenty men engaged cleaning out slides, building cribbing, and filling up holes along the whole highway. The road is drying up quickly and it promises to be in better shape than ever.

Frank Says Nay.

Writing under date of Spokane, Frank Watson says that he has not lost his case against the Arlington Mines. He asked for an injunction against the company to compel them to make bonds read as per agreement. This, he claims, has not yet been done and the case is still pending.

The Imperial Limited train service goes into effect in June. Then the Slocan will lay over nights at Rosebery.

The case of Sloan vs. Gormley, re an interest in the Black Prince, has been appealed to the supreme court.

LABOR MASS MEETING

SLOCAN WANTS A SHARE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

Platform Adopted for the Campaign—Candidate to be Independent Supporter of Joe Martin—Delegates Appointed to Attend Convention.

Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the labor interests of this vicinity was held on Friday night, in the Music Hall, a fair crowd being in attendance. A. E. Teeter, chairman of the committee, opened the proceedings, and stated the reason for calling the meeting. He suggested the appointment of a permanent chairman, and J. Reid was selected for the position. Geo. Stahl was elected secretary, but he resigned in favor of S. B. Clements.

J. A. Foley then took the floor and made a short speech. He condemned past governments in the province, because the laboring classes had received scant recognition from them. He appealed to his hearers to support a labor candidate in the Slocan in the coming elections who would look after the welfare of the laboring man. He then read and moved the adoption of the following platform and resolution:

1. We demand of the provincial legislature the enforcement of the eight-hour law, and its application to all branches of manual labor.
2. Legal recognition by incorporation of labor unions and the extension to them of the same rights enjoyed by other corporate bodies.
3. To provide for adjustment of wage disputes by arbitration on plans similar to that now in force in New Zealand.
4. To provide for settlement of public questions by direct vote under the initiative and referendum.
5. Government ownership of all railway, telegraph and telephone lines to be constructed, and the acquiring of those already in use as soon as practical; and to prevent extortion as far as possible by the control of all railway, telegraph and telephone lines for public use, and to fix a reasonable maximum rate which they may charge for service.
6. An act to prevent employment of Chinese in any mines, factories or public works within the province.
7. An act to provide public safeguards to life and health, and to provide an efficient mine inspection system to procure these results.
8. An act to establish county or local government throughout the province; all officers of such, both judicial and executive, to be elected by the popular vote of their respective localities.

Appended to this was the resolution:

"Whereas, the Slocan riding of West Kootenay has been exceptionally favored with vast mineral resources, which, under just conditions, should support in comfort a well-paid, intelligent class of citizen-workers, whose interests are identical with the welfare of the country; and whereas, the conditions in West Kootenay are far from satisfactory to the masses, especially the workers, owing to the introduction of Mongolian and foreign cheap labor, which, if continued, will eventually reduce us to the same level as themselves, or be the means of driving us from the country; and whereas, it is the duty of the government to protect its citizens from either an armed or an unarmed force, either of which may threaten their very existence; and whereas, there is no other protection from the above or other abuses except legislation; and whereas, we believe that labor interests can best be advanced by the election of a labor representative; therefore, be it resolved: that we pledge ourselves to nominate and support a labor candidate whose policy shall be in accord with our labor platform and pledged to use his best efforts to carry same into effect; and further, as the Martin platform is the nearest in accord with our platform, we hereby agree to run our candidate as an independent supporter of our present premier."

The above was afterwards adopted. Next came the selection of delegates to attend a convention of the riding, which was announced would be called for the selection of a labor candidate. To secure a voice in the selection of the delegates those present were invited to sign the platform and resolution and pledge themselves to support it. Twenty names were put on the roster, but many of the audience quit the hall at this point. Those selected by a unanimous vote to attend the convention were: J. A. Foley, J. Purviance, A. E. Teeter, and D. McVannel. The executive board embraces D. D. Robertson, J. Foley, A. E. Teeter, E. Lemieux and Frank Dick.

A desultory discussion ensued relative to the action of the delegates to the convention and the general importance of the labor interests in the campaign. The meeting adjourned about 9:45.

THE BOERS FLED

Roberts Laying His Plans to Make Another Paardeberg.

Leeuw Kop, April 23.—The Boers retired so quickly from their positions here that they left a quantity of ammunition and many rifles behind them. When the Warwickshire regiment took the farm house at the foot of the ridge, the Boers' pom-pom inflicting no damage, the Welsh regiment advanced along the Warwickshires' left and approached the ridge, experiencing a cross fire.

When the Boers fled, they were obliged to move for some distance along the skyline, and the artillery planted a shell with great accuracy, It burst just above the Boers, rolling over three horses.

It appears that Gen. Dickson met with opposition, the Boers firing their rifles at long range. Their position was one of great natural strength. Gen. Pole-Carew's admirable disposition of his force thoroughly puzzled the Boers, who were unable to see the direction of the attack owing to a deep spruit. The British artillery was unable to join in time to reply to the Boer gun, which was shelling the mounted infantry vigorously. The shells, however, burst 300 yards high and did no damage.

It is stated that Gen. Dewet holds the waterworks with a strong force.

The Boers who held Leeuw kop trekked to the eastward. General French sent out a body of cavalry to the south and a few shots were heard, but apparently the Boers do not hold strong positions anywhere in close proximity to Leeuw kop.

How the Net Is Being Drawn.

London, April 24.—All attention is centered on the interesting, though complicated, situation on the southeastern portion of the Orange Free State, from which developments of the most importance must ensue in the near future. General Rundle, apparently, has found the Boers confronting him at Dewets Dorp stronger than he cares to engage, so he is marking time pending the arrival of support. While Gen. Rundle is preparing to strike Dewets Dorp, Generals Brabant and Hart are pushing along the frontier of Basutoland, whence they will be able to frustrate any attack on Gen. Rundle's right, and Generals French and Pole-Carew are hastening from Bloemfontein to bar the Boer line of retreat.

Work Cut Out for French.

In the meantime the burgher forces occupying Thaba Nchu are in a position to fight a delaying action, giving the Boer forces at Dewets Dorp and Wepener time to retire in case of defeat, and it seems as though Gen. French must dispose of this Thaba Nchu force before he can reach the rear of the Boer forces opposing Generals Rundle and Brabant, otherwise his flank would be open to assault. The Boers driven out of Leeuw kop will probably rally at Thaba Nchu, where a stiff fight may be expected.

Should the British fail in this attempt to bring about another Paardeberg, it must immensely affect the larger issues of the war, as it would undoubtedly lead to a persistent repetition of the guerilla warfare which has been largely responsible for the stay of Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein for so many weeks.

Trap Set for Canadians.

During the course of General Anderson's advance on Leeuw kop, the Canadians found themselves in a tight corner on Sunday near Donkerpoort. The Canadian mounted infantry, sent to reconnoitre the Boer position, approached within 300 yards of a farm flying the hospital flag, under cover of which the Boers opened such a hot fire on the Canadians that they were unable to attempt to retire until another force of Canadians covered their retreat by threatening the rear of the Boer position.

Boer Visions of Victory.

Pretoria, April 23.—An official bulletin issued today says:

"The federals continue their fighting at Wepener and have captured a herd of General Brabant's cattle and horses.

"General Dewet's losses at Dewetsdorp were four men killed and six men wounded. Twenty British were captured, besides the killed and wounded. The British appear to be retiring beyond Dewetsdorp.

A New Cronje in the Field.

"Cronje reports that with a strong commando he attacked the British northeast of Boshof. A heavy engagement followed and the British were driven from kopje to kopje. The federals displayed great courage and resolution and spiritedly engaged the enemy. Only two burghers were wounded. The British lost 15 men killed and left three wounded and eight prisoners in the hands of the burghers"

The Cronje referred to in the above dispatch is Commandant Cronje, the second son of the Boer general who is now a prisonor on the island of St. Helena.

THE JAPANESE INVASION.

Nearly 3000 Came to Victoria Since January 1—The Cause.

Victoria Colonist.

Altogether a total of 5026 Japanese have been brought from their own country by the steamers touching at this port from the orient since January 1. Of these, 2245 went on with the ships that brought them, leaving 2781 dropped at this city, to be accounted for.

The reasons for the present rush are given in many forms, while the Japanese in relation to American life, trade and conditions comes in for equal variety of criticism. It is said the Japanese are leaving their own country in consequence of the reported imminence of Russian war; then again it is asserted the closing of the gates of Hawaii has turned the volume of plantation immigration hitherward. The opening of the fishing season accounts for quite a number, and the initiation of large railway works on the American roads probably explains the presence of a larger quota.

On the authority of a railway and steamship man of prominence it is asserted that not more than 15 per cent of the incoming Japanese remain in British Columbia, while quite 65 per cent go through a week or two after landing to the United States. The N. P. R. employs them along its line, working 4000 at present; the G. N. R. has 1000 or more and will soon treble this number; the C. P. R. gives its road work to white men, and this explains the predeliction of the brown people for both or either of the rival lines.

Then comes another question. Speak to the Japanese, and he will tell you that more than half of these arriving Japanese were here before, or else had relatives here. They travel more and spend their money quicker than do their rivals, the Chinese, and in the latter respect do more perhaps for the country that doesn't especially want them.

After the fishing season of last year, according to one of the customs officials close in touch with the interesting subject, more than 4000 Japanese went back from British Columbia, visiting, their aggregate wages amounting to $600,000; while workers in the Cariboo and other up country mines went home with many thousands more.

These men returning form a large proportion of the present arrivals. They also explain a point raised by the Japanese consul and which otherwise would seem unintelligible. Japan, it seems, does not allow unrestricted emigration of her people. One hundred and sixty in any month is the limit that may be sent to Canada, although those who have previously been here may naturally return just when it suits their business or convenience.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Having proved his ability to hold the fort, General White is to be made governor of Gibraltar.

Cuba is to have an election of a municipal governments on June 16, but the people are not content with an indefinite tutelage to the United

A DYNAMITE GANG

Accused of Plotting to Wreck the Welland Canal.

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 23.—Chief Young and Detective Main, assisted by Buffalo detectives, have unearthed a gang of dynamiters operating from the Dolphin house, Suspension Bridge, New York, the Rosalie hotel here and Buffalo, N. Y., by rounding up John Walsh, aged 27 years, John Nolan, 35 years of age, and Karl Dullman, all of whom are charged with having attempted to blow up lock 24 of the Welland canal Saturday night.

The general impression is that this gang has been operating as the hirelings of capitalists to cripple the Welland canal in order to divert the traffic of the upper lakes from Montreal to Buffalo.

A detachment of the Forty-fourth battalion is guarding the court house to prevent any attempt of a mob from Buffalo, which, it is reported, is preparing to liberate the prisoners.

The court house this morning was crowded when the hour of trial arrived. Among those present to give evidence were American government secret service detectives. After the reading of the charge against the accused by Police Magistrate Logan, Solicitor McBurney, on behalf of the three accused, asked for immediate trial, but the magistrate refused and remanded the case for eight days. The prisoners were taken to Welland jail this afternoon.

ELECTION IS NEAR

It Will Shortly Follow Tarte's Return from Paris.

Montreal, April 24.—It is announced here that the Hon. J. I. Tarte will return to Canada on May 20. A local Conservative paper couples with this the announcement that the general elections are likely to follow shortly after the minister of public works returns.

Ottawa, April 24.—A caucus of Conservative members was held this morning, at which the sending out of campaign literature was discussed. It was also decided to make a vigorous protest in parliament against the delay in bringing down certain departmental reports.

It was decided to insist on investigation into the charges of corruption in the Brockville and West Huron election cases.

TURKEY MUST PAY UP.

Her Ambassador Says Uncle Sam Will Not Stand Procrastination.

Constantinople, April 24.—The porte has received telegrams from the Turkish minister at Washington, Ali Ferrough Bey, pointing out the bad impression created in the United States by the non-payment of the indemnity due, and announcing the determination of the American government to insist upon a prompt settlement of the claims.

Dr. Borden on the War.

Hamilton, Ont., April 24.—Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, delivered an address at the banquet of St. Georges society in this city last night, in which he referred to the important part Canada was playing in the South African war the result of which would tend to bring about closer relationship between the mother country and her colonies.

Shelling on the Vaal River.

Warrenton, April 23.—Shelling was renewed this morning, the fire being directed at the British river redoubts, which are steadily being pushed forward. The Boers appear to be in stronger force down the river, and the yeomanry patrols are frequently "sniped." It is constantly believed that important developments are not far off.

THE TRAP IS SET

A Rapid Movement to Cut Off the Boer's Retreat.

London, April 25.—4:37 p. m.—The war office received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

Bloemfontein, April 25.—Pole-Carew's division reached Roodekop yesterday without casualties. Its advance was covered by cavalry and horse artillery, which drove back the enemy with heavy loss, their dead being left on the ground. The mounted troops halted for the night at Grootfontein and at 7:30 this morning were crossing the Modder river at Valsbank, in accordance with my instructions to French to endeavor to place himself astride the enemy's lines of retreat. French's arrival near the Modder river evidently, however, alarmed the Boers, for they evacuated their strong position near Dewetsdorp during the night and it was occupied by Chermside's division this morning.

"The mounted infantry under Ian Hamilton drove the enemy off the kopjes in the neighborhood of the water works without casualties to our side.

"The Highland brigade marched 24 miles yesterday to support Gen. Hamilton, and halted for the night at Klip kral, four miles from Sanna's post.

"Brabant and Hart are still a few miles short of Wepener, and the numbers of the enemy appear to have been somewhat increased during the last few days. But it is not likely that there will be much trouble in the neighborhood of Wepener, once Dewets dorp is occupied by our troops.

"I inspected the city imperial volunteers battalion on their arrival at Bloemfontein yesterday. They are in fine form and look very workmanlike. I also inspected the first company of the Imperial yeomanry, which have arrived here. The men turned out smart, and their horses are in admirable condition."

Report that the Boers Were Trapped

Hershel, Cape Colony, April 24.—It is reported that the British have occupied Wepener, after heavy fighting. It is also said that the Boers are unable to escape to the north and that great developments are expected.

London, April 25.—The indecisive actions and slow progress of Generals Hart and Brabant are relatively unimportant, when compared with the progress of General French. It is now evident that Lord Roberts wishes not only to defeat the Boers but to pen them in, as at Paardeberg. For this end, 40,000 British troops are concentrating in the southeastern part of the Orange Free State and are operating a ccording to carefully devised plans, in which delay may be as much due to strategy as to necessity.

The success of this important movement almost entirely depends on General French. If he can sweep down from the north with the rapidity of execution which he displayed at Kimberly and Paardeberg, he will effect the same swift, sudden transformation which followed the cavalry evolutions two months ago. According to the last accounts he was pushing on successfully. Every day the Boers remain at Wepener improves General French's chance of success.

To put a girdle round the twenty-fivethousand Boers estimated to be in the southeastern part of the Orange Free State, Lord Roberts has evidently taken large chances, The British critics differ regarding the result, some declaring it is already impossible for the Boers to escape from the net. There is a general impression that the advance upon Pretoria will be taken up without any reconcentration at Bloemfontein. With more than half the British army stretched in echelon across the Orange Free State such a change in directions would indefinitely delay the accomplishment of Roberts' objective move. News received today has little bearing upon the question of the hour.

Gen. Meyer Dead.

A dispatch from Durban, dated April 24, reports that Gen. Meyer is dead. He is known to have been well on the previous day.

A Boer version of the recent British attack at Fourteen Streams says that two Boers were killed and four wounded. Little damage was done to the camp, though it was vigorously bombarded.

Natives' Gallant Fight.

The arrival of Mafeking dispatches has reduced the interest and anxiety in regard to the fate of its defenders. Lady Sarah Wilson's account of the slaughter of 33 natives who went out from Mafeking last Friday to recover some cattle which had been looted by the Boers and who, while they were sleeping, were surrounded by the burghers and shot without quarter, apparently harshly misrepresented the action of the Boers. A dispatch received by the Associated Press from Mafeking says the natives in question were unauthorized raiders, and that, instead of being ruthlessly slaughtered by the Boers while asleep, they beat back the burghers, who were obliged to get reinforcements of Maxims and Nordenfelds. The dispatch adds: "There was no question of surrender. The leader of the natives rallied his men to the last and the fight progressed from the rising to the setting of the sun. Until their ammunition was finished, the natives fought, and then the Boers killed all but one, who, hiding in the reeds, escaped."

Mafeking Weary of Waiting

The correspondent concludes: "Mafeking may be forgiven if it begins to prefer some attempt at relief rather than empty congratulations for its gallant stand. Though there is only sufficient to keep body and soul together, it will never dream of surrender. But it is very weary of it all."

British Take Dewetsdorp.

London, April 25.—2:25 p. m.—Lord Roberts has telegraphed the following message to the war office:

Bloemfontein, April 25—Dewetsdorp was occupied by Chermside without opposition at 9:30 o'clock this morning."

Boers Advance by Night.

Maseru, Basutoland, April 24.—On the breaking up of the bivouac this morning, General Brabant discovered that the Boers, who fell back towards Wepener yesterday, had advanced during the night several miles nearer to Strauss' farm, which is a favorable position for resistance.

Another Attack on Dalgetty.

Colonel Dalgetty's garrison was severely attacked with six guns this morning, probably with a view of preventing him from assisting the relief column. It seemed yesterday that Dalgetty had practically been relieved, but the offensive attitude assumed by the Boers this morning shows this idea to have been erroneous.

General Hart is now a few miles behind General Brabant's division, which is waiting for the former to come up.

Thirteen British wounded were removed to Mafeteng at midnight and placed in the English church.

British Advance Is Slow.

Maseru, April 24.—Evening.—Generals Hart and Brabant covered only a short distance today and, finding a strong force opposed to them, bivouaced on the ground they had occupied. The firing has been desultory and the casualties very slight. The British are edging up to the Basutoland border.

Persistent rumors are in circulation that Commandant Olivier, with 1500 men, is preparing to attack General Hart's rear.

There is no sign of the advance of General Rundle from Dewetsdorp.

Fire in New York.

New York, April 25.—Three persons were killed and three seriously injured in a fire today in the six-story tenement, 74 Forsyth street.

AFTER THE TURK

Other Powers Join America in Demanding a Settlement.

Constantinople, April 25.—In view of the steps taken by the United States government in regard to the claims arising out of the Armenian massacres, the embassies of Great Britain, France, Austria, Italy and Germany have asked their governments for instructions as to making similar claims.

The promulgation of the irade authorizing the building of the American structures burned at Kharput and the enlargement of Roberts college is regarded as showing clearly the desire of the Yildiz Kiosk to be agreeable to the United States, in the hope that the latter will not press for the payment of the indemnity. The United States government, however, has no intention of abandoning its claims.

WILL BE PUNISHED AT HOME.

United States Will Not Extradite the Thorold Conspirators.

Buffalo, Agril 25.—A special to the Express from Washington says:

"The state department will continue its investigation in the Thorold affair with a view to punishing the perpetrators, if they can be found in this country. The extradition treaty will be strictly adhered to as to its wording, however, and as there is no provision for extradition in cases of conspiracy, the men responsible for the explosion, if found in this country, will receive their punishment here, if at all. It will not be possible to extradite them under the terms of the treaty.

"England has not protested and the state department is not expecting a protest."

No Evidence of Conspiracy.

New York, April, 25.—An investigation extending over the last two months into the reports that a conspiracy had been planned in the United States against Canada on account of the Boer war has brought out nothing to substantiate them, says a Washington special to the Herald. This investigation was conducted as a result of representations made to the state department by the British government. It is certainly a fact, according to the state department officials, that no evidence has been obtained showing that persons in this country conspired to blow up the Welland canal.

Brabant and Hart Fighting.

Aliwal North, April 24.—It is reported that firing has been heard between Zastrom and Wepener, and it is believed that Generals Brabant and Hart are in contact with the enemy. The Boers are so numerous that it took them two days to cross the Caledon river at Barsard's Drift.

FATE OF A MISER

Volney Bull Crushed to Death at a Barn-Raising.

Dunkirk, N. Y., April 24.—Volney Bull, an eccentric farmer holding mortgages against 100 farms in Chautauqua county, was crushed to death today while assisting at a barn-raising at his home in Greenfields.

Bull has a terror of burglars and often went to jail, paying his board, to enjoy safety. On one occasion he was tortured by masked men and forced to give up $1000 in cash. He lived the life of a miser, although the richest farmer in Chautauqua county.

Dynamiters May Be Pro-Boers.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 24.—An afternoon paper says: "By descriptions furnished this morning of the three men charged with attempting to blow up lock No. 24 of the Welland canal, there is an indication that they are Boer sympathizers."

ENEMY DRIVEN OFF

The Relieving Army Drives Them from Strong Positions.

London, April 21, 6:18 p. m.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April 21.—Rundle's force came in contact with the enemy yesterday, four miles southwest of Dewesdorp. They occupied strong positions covering the town. The yeomanry and mounted infantry seized another position, which enabled Rundle to drive the enemy off and occupy the high ground the enemy hud been holding. Rundle advanced this morning early and is now again engaged with the enemy. Our casualties yesterday were two men severely and Lieutenant O'Connor and seven men slightly wounded."

Fight With Besieging Boers.

Bloemfontein, April 20.—Continuing their march on Friday, Generals Chermside and Rundle came into contact with the Boers near Dewet's Dorp at noon. Fighting continued until dark, and was principally carried on by the artillery, which temporarily silenced two Boer guns. The British command the hills for miles around the Boers, who are reported to hold strong positions, but are probably retiring. The casualties on the British side were slight, and most of them occurred among the yeomanry and mounted infantry. The firing was at long range. None of the British troops were killed.

Boers Strongly Reinforced.

Maseru, Basutoland, April 21.—The Boers around Wepener have been reinforced and are now stronger than ever. The firing of cannon and rifles, heard today in the direction of Dewetsdorp, was looked upon as meaning that relief was approaching. Heavy firing is hourly expected. Two large Boer forces left the vicinity of Wepener this morning, one going in the direction of Dewetsdorp and the other towards Rouxville.

The Boers are excited and jubliant in consequence of President Steyn's assertion that foreign intervention is certain and that it is the only thing to continue the struggle for a short time. Generals Dewet and Olivier are inspiring the burghers with inflammatory patriotic speeches.

Several houses have been filled with the Boer wounded and others have been sent to Ladybrand.

Field Cornet Bouwert, who surrendered to the British and afterwards joined the Free Staters, has been arrested by the Boers. His wife offered £600 bail for his appearance. It was refused.

Boers Claim Many Prisoners.

Pretoria, April 21.—President Kruger has received, through President Steyn, an official report sent by Gen. Dewet under date of April 20 to the effect that the latter still surrounds Gen. Brabant's forces at Wepener and had captured 115 prisoners, including the chief artillery officers. The report adds that the British from Aliwal are destroying farm houses.

The Irish brigade paraded this morning in front of President Kruger's house and the president made a speech to them.

Relief Should Come Tomorrow.

London, April 21.—Gen. Chermside's and Gen. Rundle's divisions were only 50 miles from Wepener yesterday, and unless unfortunate difficulties arise, they should be getting into touch today with the little colonial force, which is besieged, and by tomorrow have accomplishished its relief, the two divisions being overwhelmingly superior to the Boer forces.

As governor of the Free State, Maj-Gen. Prettyman is organizing a corps of mounted police and dividing the country into sections to be administered by commissions, probably army officers.

Lieut.-Col. Girouard, director of railroads, is forming a railroad corps with prospect of permanent employment. Many of the colonials have joined.

Methuen Repulses Boer Attack

Boshof, Orange Free State, April 21.—At midday yesterday General Methuen's field force at Swartzkopjesfontein was ordered to return to Boshof. Its convoy extended over six miles and with the escort took up a position on a hill commanding the road just in the nick of time, as a force of 2000 Boers, with two guns and a pom-pom, suddenly appeared in the vicinity and fired heavily. The British however held them in check until the column reached a point of safety, when they retired. The British had several casualties. The Boers fought determinedly and must have advanced to within 300 yards of the hill, whence a concealed detachment of the British opened a heavy fusilade on them.

Bracing Up Boers With Lies.

Kimberly, April 20.—Boer official notices have been found placarded at Campbell and elsewhere, saying that in the recent battles the Boers captured 18,000 troops, 18 cannon and 800 wagons, and setting forth that the burghers were full of valor, that the outlook was bright, and saying confirmation had been received of the report that Russia had invaded India with two and a half million men. Another official Boer notice appoints Gen. Liebenburg to command Griqualand West, and warns all burghers to join under penalty of punishment in accordance with the martial law of the Free State.

Canadian Dead and Wounded.

Toronto, April 21.—A Globe special from Bloemfontein says: "Private J. McMillan of Winnipeg, an artificer, who came here with the second contingent and was attached to the Thirty-eighth company of the army service corps, died today (April 20). The following were sent to England by the steamer Austral on April 5: Color Sergeant Thompson, Privates Lohman, Finch-Smiles, Beach and Carter of the Western company; Private Rae of the Toronto company; Privates Craig and Maentette of the London company; Private O'Connell of the Ottawa company; Privates Johnston, Durant, Frandshaw and McFarland of the New Brunswick company. Most of these men were wounded in the ghting at Paardeberg.

THE SULTAN'S NEW STAND-OFF

He Denies That American Claimants Are Preferred Creditors.

Washington, April 23.—The state department has received through Lloyd Griscom, the United States charge at Constantinople, the reply of the Turkish government to the latest representations of the United States touching the American missionaries' claims.

It is gathered that the very brief outlines of the Turkish response cabled from Constantinople, to the effect that American claimants must take their position along with those of other nations, do not convey accurately the tenor of the whole note, though it is admitted that it does set out clearly one portion of it.

The opinion prevails in diplomatic circles here that, assuming that the Turkish government has insisted on including the Americans' claim with the others, it has played a diplomatic card of some strength, as it places the United States in a position of seeking to extort better terms from the Turks than are to be accorded to the claimants of other nations.

The state department has determined not to abandon the preferential position respecting its claims that it has secured through the sultan's own promises, so it is anticipated that an energetic response to this last note will be sent to the porte through Mr. Griscom.

BOXERS MURDER CHRISTIANS.

Foreign Warships Sent to Suppress the Chinese Fanatics.

Tientsin, April 23.—Members of the Boxers Society on Saturday masacred many Chinese Catholics near Pao Ting Fu in the province of Pe Chi Li, southwest of Tienstin.

The German gunboat Iltis arrived at Taku Saturday. Other foreign war vessels have left for those waters.

NEWS FROM NOME

Scarcity of Wood the Great Qnestion in the Arctic Camp.

Victoria, B. C., April 21.—C. P. Dam and Capt. Hecklman of Nome, formerly of Seattle, who left there January 24, and came by the Katmai route, arrived in Victoria as passengers on the Cottage City this morning. They brought out the U. S. mail and completed the last stage of their journey in company with J. D. Morgan and John Fredericks, also from Nome, but formerly of San Francisco, who had left fully a month in advance of them.

It has been a quiet winter at Nome, according to Mr. Dam, and while there has been considerable scratching of the country in all directions, no really notable new discoveries have been reported since the last advices from the camp were sent forward.

The great difficulty of the Nome camp has been during the now ending winter, and still is, the scarcity of fuel. The cold is piercing and the problem of getting sufficient wood to keep the cabin holders from freezing has become very erious. For miles east and west of Nome all the wood had been gathered up before January and consumed, and miners' meetings were talked of for the purpose of compelling a sharing up by those who thriftily had gathered a store of wood, when it was available for the purpose of ground thawing.

Stealing from the piles having grown common, it had become the practice, even before Mr. Dam started out, for the wood owners to mount guard day and night, rifle in hand, over their property. The current price of beach wood on January 20 was $40 and $50 a cord (of most inferior quality), while coal was quoted at from $125 to $150 per ton. There is a fortune in it for the first steamer that lands fuel in the camp this spring.

Good reports continue to reach Nome from the Port Clarence district, Norman Smith, the United States deputy mineral and land surveyor, and Charles L. Cole being among the latest to return from the port. Each had staked and recorded a number of claims.

At Norton Bay, Christmas was followed by a series of tragedies. These included the killing of a man named Wright, and the slow death by starvation and cold of another named Keyser, the disappearance of a third, Scott, and the accidental death of Haines, a fourth.

The Cottage City brought upwards of forty passengers, many of whom were from Dawson, having left there as late as the third of the present month.

Amazons Among the Boers.

London, April 21.—A letter from a nurse in a hospital at Capetown says the medical officers, for sanitary reasons, forced a number of Boer prisoners to bathe in the river behind the hospital. Several of them absolutely refused to strip and, when forced to do so, it was found they were women in men's clothes. The writer adds "quite a number of the dead on battlefields have been found to be women similarly disguised and, worse than this, it has often been these women who were guilty of atrocities, killing the wounded, etc., mentioned in the dispatches."

DAY AND NIGHT

The Struggle Near Wepener Continues in Rain Storms.

Boer Camp, Thabanchu, Orange Free State, April 27—Fighting continues day and night at Jammersburg drift. The English trenches are so full of rain that the men have been obliged every now and then to clamber to the banks, only to be shot down. The Boers were so drenched on Saturday that they were unable to sleep, so they started a debate on the subject of the good to be derived from virtue and courage. The discussion lasted most of the night, shells at intervals interrupting the speakers.

Robertson's lower mill is reported to have been captured April 21, and it is said that the Cape mounted rifles have lost during the siege 120 out of 500 men. The British prisoners defy the burghers to capture Colonel Dalgetty's camp, even if the British are not reinforced. A surprising number of relatives are fighting on opposite sides at Wepener.

Boer Movement Fails.

Wakkerstroom, April 22.—Evening.—After yesterday's shelling, it was expeeted that the Boers would open again, but Colonel Brabazon, with the yeomanry, made a thorough scout to the left. The Boers endeavored to turn the British right, but the movement was detected by the yeomanry and mounted infantry, and the guns opened fire and drove them off, greatly extending the position. None of the Boers' guns were in action. There were no British casualties. Many of the Boers are moving southward.

Motive of Boer Movements.

New York, April 23.—Isaac N. Ford cables to the New York Tribune from London:

"Light has been thrown upon the mysterious operations in the southeastern section of the Free State. The Boers have been less intent upon raiding the main British line of communications than upon holding possession of the granaries between Wepener and Ficksburg, and drawing off General Roberts' forces from a direct advance northward. They have from Wepener to Harrismith a base well stocked with good supplies and well suited for guerilla warfare. Reports of the strength of their forces in the mountainous districts are exaggerated, but with the advantage of a hilly country and roads impassable for British artillery, a few commandos can do much to harass the flank of General Roberts' army. It now seems probable that General Roberts has adapted himself to these tactics and, without abandoning his direct line of advance, may sweep the eastern border as he goes and carry out a wide turning movement. Otherwise the relief of Wepener would have been left to Brabant and Hart, who are advancing northward through Rouxville.

Two strong divisions are approaching Wepener through Dewetsdorp and it is conjectured that there may be another one headed directly toward Ladybrand. The British preparations are made on so large a scale that the relief of the small colonial force at Wepener is likely to prove an incident rather than the main motive. When the garrison has been rescued, Ladybrand may be occupied and Ficksburg approached. The large British force will be in the right quarter for turning the Ventersburg-Senekal line of entrenchments and for clearing the eastern frontier."

London, April 23.—General Rundle is evidently advancing towards Wepener, every step being closely contested by the Boers. From the republican side, there is a good deal of interesting news today. A Thabanchu dispatch, dated April 20, reports the arrival there of Commandants Dewets and Villiers and an attack upon 3000 British under General Gatacre. The latter, of course, is a misstatement, and probably General Rundle is referred to. The British, it is added, occupy some kopjes, but their left wing was driven back. The Boer loss was one killed and five wounded.

British Patrol Captured.

From Brandfort comes the news that on April 21 a British patrol of ten men ventured to that place and suffered the loss of one killed and two men captured, including a Free Stater, who was leading the party.

A Pretoria dispatch dated April 21 says the latest official news was that fighting was proceeding within half an hour's march of Dewetsdorp with no recruits.

To Take Care of Boer Prisoners

The Transvaal government, it is added, is to be allowed to send a clergyman to St. Helena, and also a neutral consul to watch the interests of the prisoners, in the same manner as Mr. Adelbert Hay guards the interests of the British in Pretoria.

A proclamation has been issued, prohibiting the working of the mines on Sunday, and inflicting punishment on managers paying over a pound a month to natives.

From Ladysmith today comes a dispatch saying all is quiet and that Boer guns are silent.

No News of Roberts' Advance.

There is nothing from Bloemfontein to indicate the progress of the preparations for the main advance.

At Capetown a government contractor named Ball has been arrested for harboring three escaped Boer prisoners, dressed as clergymen. The prisoners were sent back to Simonstown, whence they had escaped.

Canadians Are with Roberts.

Toronto, April 23.—The Globe's correspondent with the first contingent cables from Bloemfontein under date of April 21 as follows:

"The Canadians moved this afternoon to Springfield, six miles east of this place. John A. Ewan has arrived here."

Ewan is the Globe correspondent with the second Canadian contingent. His arrival at Bloemfontein indicates that the second contingent will take part in the movement toward Pretoria, which has probably commenced.

Hospital Ship Maine Arrives.

Southampton, April 23.—The United States hospital ship Maine arrived here from South Africa this afternoon, unexpectedly early, with Lady Randolp Churchill on board. Immediately after the vessel was moored, the Netley and other officers boarded the Maine, and within an hour all the wounded men were removed in ambulances and placed on board a train bound for Netley.

A Bid for 10,000 Army Horses.

Chicago, Ill,, April 21.—An English army captain and a special commissioner called upon a firm of horse dealers at the stock yards yesterday to ascertain what they would charge for 10,000 horses for the English government for service in South Africa. The firm submitted estimates in the neighborhood of $100,000, and they were sent to England by cable.

Toronto, April 21.—The imperial officers sent out to purchase remounts for the army in South Africa are meeting with success and expect to have the first consignment ready for shipment from Montreal by May 1.

English Capture Camphor Monopoly.

Tacoma, April 23.—Oriental advices just received state that Samuel & Co., an English firm, have outbid Americans and other foreign firms, and secured the Formosa camphor monopoly for ten years.

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TRUST IN ROBERTS

No One Questions Justice of His Criticism of Buller.

London, April 21.—It is marvellous to note the wholeheartedness of the English public trust in Lord Roberts in his criticism regarding the engagement at Spion Kop. Not one paper has attached to his criticism of General Buller—his predecessor in the command—one iota of unfairness or self-interest. This, perhaps, is explained by the universal recognition of the fact that the field marshal has little to gain by this campaign, and that he gave up all to which long and brilliant service entitled him, in order to serve his country. Whatever the outcome of the Boer war, Lord Roberts' name would stand in England's military annals as one of the most successful and best-loved of her commanders. This fact is ever before the public, and they believe their commander-in-chief in South Africa to be miles above any jealousies or rivalries that might actuate other generals.

Democratic King Oscar.

The visit of King Oscar of Sweden to England, though undertaken incognito, has attracted a surprisingly small amount of interest. The spectacle of that monarch—burly, despite his 71 years, and standing head and shoulders above his fellows—pushing his way past the station barricades to shake hands with the Swedish workmen, who had cheered him as he entered the London depot, can for impulsiveness be scarcely exceeded in the actions of the most democratic ruler.

Turkey Buying Big Guns.

The possibility of trouble between the United States and Turkey has attracted passing comment in England, though the average newspaper reader is much more interested in the Croton dam situation. In connection with the former subject, the Birmingham Post is responsible for the statement that Turkey has placed several important commissions with the Krupps, to be completed before the end of the year, which include better machine guns than are at present used by any European power, and 10,000 mausers, which, immediately upon their receipt, will be delivered to the Turkish first army corps.

Spain Shows Hindsight

Spain is apparently scared by a post bellum publication showing how many authorities thought the United States would have been well advised immediately to attack the Canaries, for Premier Silvela's ministry is now sending to these islands a number of heavy guns for defensive purposes. One of the most frequent comments heard in English naval circles is that America should have captured the Canaries at the outbreak of the Spanish war.

BLOODY WEEK'S WORK IN LUZON

Americans Accounted for 1000 Filipinos With Slight Loss.

Manila, April 23.—The last week has been the bloodiest of the war since the first day's fighting around Manila. Authentic reports, mostly official, show a total of 378 Filipinos killed, 12 officers and 244 men captured and many more wounded. The number of them is hard to guess. Considering that the Filipinos entirely lack hospital facilities, a great majority of the wounded will die.

Probably the week's work finished 1,000 insurgents. The American total loss was five killed, 16 wounded. Two sergeants and one private were killed in ambushes, while escorting provision trains.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Competition between cities is growing too hot for comfort when it leads to dynamite plots like that at Buffalo.

Judge Spinks has sold the B. C. No. 2 in Summit camp to Jonathan Miller and J. B. McLaren, of Vancouver, for $5000.

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EDITORIAL CROPPINGS.

The scene of labor troubles has been moved from the Slocan to Nanaimo, where the Dunsmuir miners are on strike for more pay. Here is an opportunity for Smith Curtis to get in his auger.

John Houston has announced himself as a candidate for Nelson at the provincial elections. He is an anti-party man. The people of Nelson appear to be in the Czar's favor, but what will become of Joseph when John goes to Victoria?

THE DRILL has been threatened with a deluge of political effusions from various sources. Don't waste your energies, excited quill pusher, as the office boy is overworked now in piling away rejected manuscripts. A persuader to the tune of ten cents a line would cause a slight relaxation of the prohibitive restrictions, but not otherwise.

Each week witnesses greater activity in the Slocan and more mines in operation. The Four Mile camp will once more be in full swing after the 1st of May. Business men feel happier, the miners are contented, the mine-owners urbane and pleasant, and even the C.P.R. officials appear more comfortable. What a contrast to the past winter.

The chaotic condition of the provincial political arena has been somewhat cleared up during the week. Numerous candidates have been nominated by their supporters and more interest is being evinced in the contest. So far the mass of opinion seems to be against the introduction of party lines. Some shape is being taken in the situation in the Slocan riding, and it looks very much as if it would resolve itself into a three cornered fight at least.

The practical ethics of socialism are making great headway in the west. Hugh John Macdonald is spreading its tenets, perhaps unconsciously, in Manitoba, and every platform in sight in our own provincial political lumber yard is full charged with the same commendable material. Our politicians are imbibing the socialistic ozone in large doses, for they know it is the elixir of life to this and coming generations. Public franchises for the public and freedom for all are powerful levers with the masses.

Slocan owes much to the operation of the Arlington mine, as to it is largely due the present solidarity of the town. The management contributes directly to the welfare of the place by purchasing supplies here, and by employing so many men whose earnings are expended among local business men. To this debt will be added the final completion of the much agitated wagon road to the Arlington basin, proving of material assistance to scores of likely prospects. This greatly needed highway will be built without awaiting the pleasure of a capricious government. Slocan would like to have several more Arlingtons assisting her progress and growth.

The purifiers of the voters' list have been out-manœuvred by the same law which has permitted them to stir up so much trouble. At least, their scope for operation has become circumscribed. It appears no objection can be filed with the collector under thirty days' notice previous to the sitting of the court of revision, so that scores of new names sent in of late, will remain on the list undisturbed by the meddlesome actions of notoriety seekers. Of course, their votes can be challenged at the polls, but that cuts little ice. This one fact is assured, however, the atmosphere in the Slocan has become suddenly surcharged with sulphurous ejaculations, anything but complimentary to the instigators of the mischief.

DRILL POINTS.

Some tall fish stories are in circulation.

Percy Dickenson will be here by the 2nd of May.

Several well-defined jags were in evidence of late.

Commercial men are seen more frequently in Slocan.

Tuesday night a social dance was held in the Music Hall.

E. J. Felt made a special trip to the Smuggler this week.

Eggs are selling at eastern prices here: three dozen for 50 cents.

La grippe has been epidemic of late, claiming a host of victims.

Blake Wilson, of Nelson, was a welcome visitor to Slocan Tuesday.

An eight-pound rainbow trout was caught in the river Tuesday by a fly.

A pile-driving outfit arrived Monday from Nelson for use at the wharf here.

When finished, Mrs. Blench will have one of the neatest residences in town.

J. Rae's residence has been adorned by the painter's brush during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson returned from their honeymoon on Saturday.

John Souter, mate of the Slocan, has been off duty this week through illness.

Bobby Allen has his full pack train here now and ready for the season's business.

The Nelson Tribune was singed by fire Tuesday night. It issued as usual, however.

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

Gold Commissioner Turner has returned to Nelson from his visit to the Old Country.

J. G. McCallum's cottage has been under the painter's hands this week. It looks well.

J. G. McCallum will erect a new residence closer to the business portion next month.

T. D. Woodcock & Co. have had their block under Billy Kerr's skillful brush this week.

Sloan Bros. will improve the old Victoria premises on Delaney avenue by a nobby fence.

James H. Ashdown, the noted Winnipeg hardware man, was in town during the week.

Married, in Nakusp, on April 22, by the Rev. C F. Yates, Mrs. L. A. Snowman to A. S. Blondin.

Bruce White, manager of the Molly Gibson, and wife, pass d through here Wednesday for Sandon.

John Keen, of Kaslo, is a candidate for the coming elections, as a straight Conservative and the business men's nominee.

Billy Callanan arrived in town during the week. Since his raise out of the Molly Gibson he has been touring the States.

The lake has risen rapidly during the week, and the railway transfer apron has to be pushed up every other day.

Several carloads of old rails have been placed as ballast on the track to the railway slip, owing to the rising water.

W. B. George headed a fishing party of three to Evans creek last week and registered a catch of 405 for the day.

D. O. Lewis, C. P. R. engineer, has been making frequent trips here of late, keeping an eye on the condition of the wharf.

A beautifully developed case of the jim-jams found lodgment in the Bastile Saturday afternoon. It was an imported article.

Purviance Bros., E Lemieux and A. R. Bolderston have greatly improved their respective premises by the erection of neat fences.

Mike Darraugh is among the number of protested citizens. Mike avers his vote is one of the family heirlooms and he prizes it above worth.

As an evidence of how THE DRILL is prospering, it may be cited that seven subscribers were attached to the honor roll on Wednesday.

Charles Wilson, leader of the Conservative party in this province, has written, stating that he hopes to be here shortly to address the electors.

Next Sunday afternoon the Oddfellows will hold their annual church parade to the Presbyterian church, Rev. C. F. Yates being the preacher.

Various causes tended to make last Tuesday night's meeting of the Social Science Club slimly attended. The subject of debate was adjourned for a week.

Rev. Messrs. Roberts, of New Denver, and Sanford, of Sandon, passed down Tuesday, to attend the district meeting of the Methodist church at Nelson.

A large number of men have been passing up and down the lake this week. Tuesday evening a wave of prosperity swept over the various hotels in town.

At the Miners' Union meeting, on Wednesday night, James Farrell and George Nichol were appointed delegates to attend the Sandon convention for the nomination of a labor candidate in this riding. They went up yesterday morning.

To Rent.—I am prepared to fix up at short notice a five or seven-roomed house, at Brandon, for a desirable tenant. Water connections; rent reasonable. Will sell on easy terms. W. H. Brandon.

J. Sloan is superintending the operations of the first incubator in the Slocan and it is working well. Close to 300 eggs are in course of transformation, so that the poultry supply for the winter is assured.

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