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FROM ALL QUARTERS

RUMORED ALLIANCE 'TWIXT SPAIN AND ENGLAND.

Cuban Resolutions have Roused Spain—Italians Leaving Kassala—South Africa's Dictator Reported Dead—Greenway may Resign.

New York, April 6.—The *World* correspondent in London writes that England has concluded a treaty of alliance with Spain, and the latter has made important concessions to England, in return for more or less active support in her quarrel with the Cuban rebels. No details are furnished but it is said that Spain gives England the right to harbour and refit her fleets in the Mediterranean. In event of this being so, the French fleet at Toulon would be at England's mercy.

Washington, April 6.—The house of representatives has adopted the senate concurrent Cuba resolutions by an unofficial vote of 244 to 27. The official announcement fully confirmed the statement of the unofficial vote, no change whatever being shown. The vote on the resolutions was taken in the shape of a motion to adopt the conference report, showing that the conferees had agreed to the senate resolutions. The resolutions, being concurrent do not need the approval of the President but will be sent to him to-day by the secretary of the senate.

New York, April 7.—A special from Madrid to the *World* says: Admiral Sanchez Ocana, commanding the great navy yard at Ferrol, on the extreme northwest coast, reports that he has completed preparations for sending to sea a Spanish squadron composed of these vessels: The iron-clad Pelayo, the first-class belted cruisers Infanta Maria Theresa, Almirante, Oquando and Vizcaya, the second-class armored cruisers Reina Mercedes and Alfonso XIII., one torpedo destroyer and seven fast torpedo boats. The Madrid papers plainly say the movement of the fleet will depend on the course of President Cleveland after the vote of congress on the belligerency resolutions. Six trans-Atlantic steamers have been turned into fast cruisers. They will be ready for service by the end of April.

London, April 7.—The Globe this afternoon, commenting on the belligerency vote in the U. S. House of Representatives yesterday, says: "The chief danger of the situation is that Spanish pride will never surrender Spain's most valuable colony until she is beaten to the ground. Should there be a repetition of popular demonstration against the United States, American passion might flame up in an ugly manner and compel President Cleveland to demand satisfaction. This would inevitably lead to war. The United States would, of course, crush Spain, but American trade, already very delicate, would be largely wrecked." In conclusion, the Globe expresses the opinion that it is improbable President Cleveland will seriously consider the concurrent resolutions.

The St. James Gazette remarks:—"Congress voted with the intention of being offensive to Spain. This, presumably, is new American diplomacy. We must candidly confess we do not admire it, when it is tried against sensitive people already in difficulties, and it is eminently calculated to provoke an explosion. The Spaniards do not understand it is part of the presidential campaign."

London, April 9.—It was rumoured on the London Stock Exchange to-day that Cecil Rhodes, who has been ill at Salisbury, Matabeleland, is dead. The report is generally discredited, especially by officials of the So. African Co., nevertheless it caused a fall in prices of the Company's securities.

A wire has been received from Rome stating that orders have been forwarded from Massowah under date of April 5th, that General Baldisera, now commander in chief of the Italian army, has ordered the evacuation of Kassala unless found impossible.

London, April 10th.—Kassala has not been evacuated but a column of men has been withdrawn with a view to the fact that an ordinary garrison is strong enough, and because the dervishes have vacated their post in its vicinity.

Buluwayo, April 7th.—The latest news received is that Gifford repulsed the Matabeles this morning and the fighting continued all day. Gifford lost three followers. The Matabele are massing again 15 miles distant.

London, April 7th.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg reports another outbreak in Korea. The trouble is the outcome of intriguing between Russian and Japanese factions at Seoul. The danger of a clash between Japan and Russia is becoming daily more imminent.

Winnipeg, April 8.—Following the departure of Premier Greenway for Toronto, and the east yesterday, interesting political rumors were in circulation during the afternoon and evening. The chief of these was the statement that Manitoba's premier was about to recenter Dominion politics, and would run as a Liberal candidate for the Commons at the approaching general elections.

Ottawa, April 9.—The general impression in parliamentary circles is that there will be no let-up to the committee stage on the Remedial bill until Saturday. From that time out the Government will barely have two weeks in which to close up the necessary legislation. The supplementary estimates for the fiscal year must be passed and are not likely to meet with much opposition from the Liberals provided the amounts are reasonable. The Government will require the greater part of next week in order to get these estimates, and certain legislation through the House. It is not likely the Remedial bill will be considered to any great extent after this week.

A GRIEVANCE REMEDIED.

The C.P.R. Instruct Store Car to Sell No More in Revelstoke.

Mr. Lavoie, the store car keeper, has received a letter from F. Baker, C.P.R. store keeper at Donald, to sell no more goods to the employees of the company in Revelstoke. The only ones who are to be supplied from the car in future are, section men and bridge men, who are not counted as being in Revelstoke. This is very satisfactory and is, no doubt, the result of the action of our Board of Trade.

On Wednesday last, the Vancouver Board of Trade moved to do all in their power to help the Revelstoke board. On Tuesday, some boys at the round house were refused goods at the car.

Ore Shipments via Revelstoke.

FROM APRIL 1ST, 1896.

April 2	Idaho	40,000	$2,234.00
" 2	Slocan Star	160,000	6,315.41
" 4	Idaho	40,000	2,230.00
" 6	Slocan Star	150,000	6,315.00
" 10	"	120,000	4,772.00
" 10	Alamo	40,000	2,379.00
	Totals	550,000	$24,336.00

They Make a Mistake.

If the report is true that the B. C. Iron Works have really decided to locate at Trail, they have made a mistake which time will prove. There is no better location for handling the trade of West Kootenay than at Revelstoke, situated as it is, on the main line of a great railway which can handle their raw material with dispatch. By locating here a great saving can be effected in gross freights, which now will have to be shipped through to Trail. Coal, a great desideratum surely, can be cheaply and quickly put upon the premises here, but will cost considerably more and be subject to delays, no doubt, at Trail. If the company is thinking of forestalling the Crows Nest Pass road, they are very liable to be disappointed for many years to come. At Trail they will meet with American competition and be awkwardly situated for controlling the business of the Slocan and Kootenay Lake trade. The trade of this North country too is something, and will be in a little time worth looking for. Hydraulic operations are but commencing in the Big Bend and concentrators and tramways will soon be in operation at Lardeau and Illecillewaet. The company could also secure the trade of the towns along the C.P.R. and could even reach East Kootenay by locating here. It may be said that it is the Iron Works' business to locate where they please. That is true, but they will have no objection to have the advantages, which they perhaps have not noticed, of a location at Revelstoke pointed out.

Subdued In Four Minutes.

Some little stir was occasioned this afternoon about 2:55 by the ringing of the fire bell. A few seconds afterwards the fire engine was out and, dragged by a score of men, reached the seat of the fire in quick order. The water was turned on, and, in four minutes the fire was got under. The catastrophe occurred in an annex of the Victoria Hotel, and originated, probably, from the stove pipe catching the lining or woodwork. It might have proved a most disastious fire, indeed, but for the promptitude of the brigade and others, who worked with remarkable coolness and steadiness till it was subdued. The fire engine, too, did its duty well and threw a very fair stream of water.

The market for Rossland mining stock is very active. The O. K. advanced to 30c. last week, and War Eagle and Josie are reported selling well. For Iron Mask 60c. is bid while the Le Roi is sought for at $1 but not sold.

The MAIL has just received a fine line of bill heads, letter heads, envelopes, etc., and is prepared to execute all orders for every kind of job printing needed in town.

The McKenzie Grand Concert Co., said to be composed of excellent musical talent, will perform here on night of April 14th, at Bannon's Hall. As it is said by eastern papers to be worthy of patronage, a treat may be expected. Reserved seats 75c., general admission 50c.

NORTH KOOTENAY MINING FLOAT.

BIG BEND.

The French Creek Mining Company have purchased the interests of Thomas Hennessey in the Nugget placer claim, Madsen and McRae's in the Bahamas, and Vandall and Beaton's in the Gold Hill, and George and Jessie Atkins's in the Chicago and Royal. The inference is that this company will work these claims this summer and by buying out the whole list of claims secure a working dump on the Madsen claim.

Some parties from Seattle are now in Revelstoke preparing for a trip up the Big Bend to look at, with a view of locating, some bench diggings at mouth of Carnes Creek.

An eighth interest in the Little Falls placer on French Creek has been sold by A. Bowen, of Tacoma, to R. Joslyn of same place.

TROUT LAKE.

Atkinson, Knowles and Humboldt, who have just quit on Lardeau creek on account of freshets, report an average clean-up of an ounce each day. They worked about ten days, clearing $155 at $15.50 per ounce. This gold is coarse looking and free from quartz.

James Snell was also fortunate on Lardeau creek, finding in one day a large nugget worth $25. Along with the nugget, he fished up 15 smaller pieces totalling $40. This was on a claim just above Atkinson's. All, and there have been a few, working on Lardeau creek have done well.

The Great Northern lead is looking well and is in some high grade ore. Hugh McPherson has a bond on this property from Downs, Holden and Walker.

The Silver Cup ore is very rich and goes some 120 ounces to the ton. The shipment already sent out netted quite a round sum.

Three shifts are working on the Abbott group running tunnels.

LARDEAU.

The government have intentions of building a waggon road from Lardeau City up Fish Creek, on which, and on Poole Creek, some of the best claims in Lardeau division are located. This would materially help this division, as Fish creek, which is more a river than a creek, is navigable for 12 miles up, and a big tributary country would be opened up.

On the Sable creek group of mines, controlled by Kootenay Consolidated company, work will soon be begun on a very large scale. These properties are of a valuable concentrating character and carry, too, a large per centage of bismuth which is worth some 60c. per lb.

Several transfers are reported from here, one among others the Silver Bell, Leadville, Sunshine and American, mineral claims.

ILLECILLEWAET.

Captain John Grant is trying to form a company to work five claims on the North Fork of the Illecillewaet. These properties carry galena and gold in fair quantities and have occasioned considerable comment. A trail and a bridge, to cross the river to the North Fork, is urgently needed to develop this new field, which is of considerable value, and the people of the camp will, it is expected, move in the matter of petitioning the Commissioner of Lands and Works before the session closes.

It is confidently expected that this summer will see a gravity or other tramway put in operation on the Maple Leaf, Isabella and Lanark properties, which are now controlled by the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields Company, and it is said this company will work these properties for all they are worth this year.

ARROWHEAD.

At Arrowhead there has been some talk over two mineral discoveries recently made by Pete Arena and Carlerson. Samples are in Government Agents office in Revelstoke, but no assays have as yet been made on them.

For the Big Bend.

There are now being built on the river bank, by Thomas Horne, two large flat boats for transporting material up the Columbia into Big Bend. These boats are each 40 feet long, 9 feet wide, and three feet deep. They will be capable of carrying, going up, 7 tons, with a draft of 8 to 10 inches; coming down, they can take 20 tons. These boats, with the repairing being done on the "Big Bend," which was built some time ago, will cost all complete, $1200. Horne has contracted with the Columbia Hydraulic Mining Co. to transport their machinery and probably supplies, to their property on Smith Creek. The boats will navigate to Death Rapids, but there the stuff will all have to be portaged, and the empty boats taken up. Should the water be 6 feet higher than at present, or what is known as the middle stage, the boats themselves would have to be taken out and skidded over. In any case, the trip is an arduous one, and requires great skill and some courage to undertake. The boats are to be christened "Beaver" and "Trump," which are eminently simple and apropos, and will be launched next Monday.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

What Our Legislators at Victoria Have Been Doing This Week.

VICTORIA, April 9.—The School Lands bill has been discharged and a substitute introduced. The new bill is entitled an "Act to Amend the Land act and Amending Act," and amongst other things reserves to the crown a royalty of 50 cts. per thousand feet board measure, on all timber suitable for props for mining purposes, and a royalty of 25 cents for every cord of wood cut upon crown lands, patented lands, timber leaseholds or timber limits or other lands hereafter granted. This royalty is not on wood cut for personal use for fuel or domestic purposes but upon wood for sale.

Coming to the head of sales of crown lands, this act allows the purchase of unsurveyed, unoccupied and unreserved crown lands, to every person to the extent of 640 acres in one lot or not less than 160. The lands are classified as (1) lands suitable for agricultural purposes or containing lumber suitable for lumbering, (2) lands needing irrigation nor containing lumber suitable for lumbering, (3) mountainous or rocky lands. The price of first class lands is $5.00 per acre; second class, $2.50, and of the third class $1. The purchase price must be paid in full at time of purchase, 25 per cent down and 75 per cent when survey is complete.

The committee's report on the Cariboo Gold Fields Bill was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Col. Baker moved an amendment to the Mineral Bill, permitting free miners to locate claims on lands granted to railway companies without first furnishing security for damages.

The Sandon Water Works bill passed. An amendment proposed by Mr. Hume requiring the company to supply water within a year was defeated.

The amendment to the Small Debts Act 1895, allows the removal of actions of $25, or upwards, to county court jurisdiction on payment of costs. Also, instead of the fees allowed under the old act, magistrates shall be paid a salary.

The bill authorizing the grant of land to the Columbia & Western Ry. proposes to give them, in the districts of West Kootenay and Yale, 10,240 acres for each mile of narrow-guage railway upon condition of their completing their line from Trail to Penticton within four years. The lands shall be taken in alternate blocks of six miles frontage on the railway line by a depth of sixteen miles, and not less than one mile square. A right of way of two hundred feet is considered necessary for the company, and the land granted shall not be subject to taxation by the Province until the expiration of ten years from their acquisition. Nothing in this act shall interfere with miners' rights to prospect for mineral, and they (miners) shall also be entitled to acquire surface rights of mineral claims from the company at not exceeding $5 per acre. In event of the company substituting a broad for a narrow gauge, it shall get 20,000 acres per mile.

Mr. Kellie presented an amendment to the Placer Mining Act, 1891, as follows: Any free miner in a placer claim who advances moneys or does his work may, if other co-owners neglect theirs, lodge notices of amount due with Recorder who shall notify such co-owners to pay same within 60 days, and if not paid shall issue certificate of non-payment and amend certificate to vest all interests in applicant.

Mr. Graham moved to amend the Placer Act by striking out the words 'ten acres' (dry diggings) and substitute words '200 feet square.'

Victoria, April 10th.—Supplementary estimates were brought down to-day and provided additional allowances to North Kootenay, as follows:

Works and buildings—Repairs to Government buildings (additional to $200 voted) $55.00.

Roads, Streets and Bridges—(Additional to $12,000 voted) $6,400.

An interesting item is Schedule B, "Sum granted to Her Majesty to dispose of certain sums which appear as a liability against the undermentioned officers of the service for moneys improperly diverted which are irrecoverable, and authorizing the same to be written off as a loss directly to the Province, 30th June, 1896:

J. C. Prevost	$22,506.14
W. H. Falding	1,416.27
Chas. Warwick	10,250.93
Total	$31,272.34

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS

A BRAKESMAN KILLED IN SNOW SHED NO. 15.

He Fell from the Train and was Run Over—Heavy Traffic on the Arrow Lake Branch. Additional Accommodation Necessary.

About five o'clock on Wednesday morning, as Conductor McLean's special reached snow shed No. 15, between Bear Creek and Rogers Pass, Brakesman Joseph Lucere fell off the train in some mysterious way and the cars passed over him, cutting off both legs at a point somewhat below the knees. There was but little light at the time and the shed was dark. The brakesmen, of which there were three, were using their lanterns, and thus it was that the accident was discovered first. The middle brakesman missed Lucere's light, and not seeing it stopped the train promptly and walked over to where Lucere's station was. He was not there, and a search disclosed the poor fellow in a shocking condition, cut in two by the cruel wheels, but still alive. He was taken back to Donald on a light engine with as much dispatch as could be made, but he arrived there in a state of collapse and died, sad to relate, about one o'clock Thursday. Lucere was of French extraction and a very amiable fellow, whose loss is deplored by his fellow railroad men.

The present passenger accommodation on the Arrow Lake branch is entirely insufficient for the present heavy travel, and is a subject of some complaint. The travel, however, this spring is so early and the branch new that when the matter is noticed it will be rectified. Another good coach is needed.

Friday's No. 2 was very heavy, having thirteen cars in the train. There were four cars of Chinamen alone, all en route for New York. They came over in the Empress as did also two cars of silk which were in the train's make-up.

Robert Cruickshanks one of the old bridge hands got his foot slightly hurt with a falling timber on Thursday while working on the bridge. He was limping around on Friday.

There are 17 cars of rails, seven of coal dumps, 2 cabooses and 1 engine for the Columbia & Kootenay Ry. (the Trail narrow gauge) in the yard which will go down south Saturday.

It was rumored that Lord Spencer (the Red Earl) and party would go through here on Thursday's No. 2. They were not there but the mail was.

Freights over the C. P. R. for Kootenay points are increasing in quantity. Some ore too is coming out, but the season for rawhiding is over.

The president of the Fitchburg Railroad, with his family, passed through Revelstoke in his palatial private cut on Sunday.

A big gravel slide in the cut at Mountain Creek delayed Tuesday's No. 1, making it 11 hours late at Revelstoke.

From Down River Points.

Rossland is to have a variety theatre.

Seventy men are at work on the Idaho near Three Forks.

Lenz & Leizer, of Victoria, are erecting a store in Kaslo.

The customs receipts at Trail for first quarter of 1896 were $30,107.52.

The Iron Horse was bonded recently by A. E. Humphreys for $51,000.

The Banks of British North America and Montreal have opened at Rossland.

The Hall Mine tramway is now at work; having been cut in two it will no doubt prove serviceable.

The Str. Nelson left Kaslo for Bonner's Ferry, on her first trip of the season, on Friday.

Last week John A. Finch and others purchased a half interest in the Queen Bess group in the Slocan.

The Two Friends, on Springer Creek, it is reported, has been sold for $75,000 to some C.P.R. officials.

A daily mail system between local points has been inaugurated on Kootenay Lake.

The Skyline mine at Ainsworth has shipped, during March, 880 tons of ore to Pilot Bay smelter.

The final payment on the Great Western and Golden Chariot claims, situated near Rossland, was made last week.

Chas. F. Law has returned from the coast to attend to the final arrangements for closing the deal on the Noble Five.

The new steamboat Kolsance, to ply on Kootenay Lake, will be launched this week. She will be about 300 tonnage and very fast.

Business at Kaslo is reported good. The council intend issuing debentures and promise soon to supply the town with waterworks.

It is reported that D. C. Corbin has bonded the Le Roi mine at Rossland. If so, the figures, which are not stated, will be of interest.

The roads to Rossland from Trail and Northport are almost impassable, and the advent of the narrow gauge is anxiously awaited.

The total shipments of bullion, matte and ore from West Kootenay so far for 1896 amount to 9,185 tons valued at $490,685.

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REVELSTOKE, APRIL 11, 1896.

THAT mining is undoubedly the industry of greatest benefit to British Columbia, which will bring the greatest amount of money to the country and wealth to its people, is undeniable. Already the mineral production is chief in the country's list of exports, and it has but now commenced. To this production South Kootenay is by far the largest contributor; a result which is in a great—perhaps the greatest—measure due to the untiring efforts of its Press which, in and out of season, has kept its merits as a mineral field before the notice of the investing world.

That North Kootenay, containing such well known camps as Big Bend, Lardeau, Trout Lake, Illecillewaet and others, has mineral of equal richness, quantity and variety as contained in South Kootenay is, by prospectors and mining men well qualified to judge, readily admitted. Yet its development has been comparatively slow, which is in a great measure due, no doubt, to the fact that its resources have not received that degree of public attention which their worth deserves.

This, however, will no longer be (at least from the want of publicity,) as the KOOTENAY MAIL, the only paper in all North Kootenay, has now changed ownership and every effort will be made in the future to do full and adequate justice to the mineral wealth of this section and press its claims to public notice.

The policy of the MAIL under its new management will be to advance, at all times, the country's good; to resist all infringements of public rights; to lend no countenance to schemes opposed to the public weal; and, to further the true interests of this section and people. Locally it will endeavor to be up-to-date and the advantages of Revelstoke as a centre and distributing point for the trade of West Kootenay will receive its earnest advocacy, and it will not be the MAIL's fault if this recognition is withheld.

In making the MAIL a newspaper worthy of the many interests of this section and town, it requires the financial and moral support, active and cordial sympathy of all concerned. To this end we respectfully solicit your patronage for our advertising columns and subscription lists and the pleasure of receiving all genuine news items on subjects of local and general interest. Do not flag in your interest in the MAIL and it will be duly mindful of yours.

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Proprietors and Publishers.

THE Rossland *Miner* in abusing Mr. Kellie, local member for North Kootenay, takes occasion to repeatedly sneer at the place where he resides, and terms it thrice in one paragraph—the village of Revelstoke. We do not feel called upon to take up cudgels for Mr. Kellie, the quarrel is his own, but though Revelstoke is not even a "city," we are anxious to assure the *Miner*, lest it should again make a similar error, that there is no such place as the "village" of Revelstoke in West Kootenay, but at the present time a very go ahead town of that name is there. The *Miner* forgets itself, and should not, without cause, speak slightingly of other towns in Kootenay. It is not justified by facts, neither is it necessary.

AT the present moment, when Kootenay is being extensively advertised in the east to a people not over busy, it is apropos to remark, and in our opinion too much stress cannot be laid upon it, that there are plenty of men in West Kootenay for the amount of labor performed. While anxious to secure the reliable and respectable citizens of every country who may have means enough to assist in making homes and developing the district, we earnestly deprecate the invasion of Kootenay by a swarm of men who can only earn money by occasional labor, and who minus it become a menace to its peace and a charge to the country. What Kootenay wants just now is capital to open the unquestionably rich properties that are here, and make them into mines. Then will be found employment for plenty of labor indeed and openings for many who cannot now find them. In this section of the district, however, we warmly welcome any or all men who come with the intention or ability of prospecting for minerals, and much better results can be obtained with a small outlay by this means, than by any other in the district. There is an inexhaustible supply of mineral in the North section of Kootenay which has not yet been touched and awaits the blast of powder and sturdy strokes of independent and persevering men to secure to them in a short space of time indeed valuable and, perhaps, priceless returns.

The Prospectors are Satisfied.

A recent issue of the Kaslo *Claim* contained a lengthy article on the Lardo-Duncan country, in which little is said of a few properties on Hall creek and much on the hardships thrust upon the prospector through the recent change in boundaries of the mining divisions of Trout Lake and Ainsworth. It is argued that prospectors should be allowed to record at Kaslo as they would then not have to cross the divide to Trout Lake. At present the only way from Lardo-Duncan to Kaslo is by the Duncan river, which this very article says is "a very rapid stream which requires the presence of a person thoroughly conversant with the methods of navigating such waters to be at all possible as a means of access." Need more be said as to the present best place for record, Trout Lake or Kaslo. The writer himself would no doubt prefer rather the crossing of a divide, to navigating to Kaslo by the Duncan river which "he repeats is dangerous for even an expert boatman."

The *Claim* writer did not evidently consult the wishes of the majority of claim owners in this district of Lardo-Duncan who are almost entirely in favor of the Trout Lake office, and in his desire to bring men down the Duncan river to record at Kaslo he does so from the motive so innocently expressed elsewhere that it would prove of inestimable benefit to Kaslo. No doubt!

The *Claim* urges the necessity of building a trail from head of Kootenay Lake to Hall Creek and estimates its cost at $2,750. While the people of Kaslo are welcome to all they can get, it is necessary to explain that the people of Trout Lake properties are almost all perfectly content with their present boundaries and outlet and, in the present state of depletion in which the public purse is, it is well to be careful and economical in its expenditure and do it from some other motive than that merely of conferring "an inestimable benefit" on some one place or increasing the revenue of its record office.

Origin of the Boers.

In view of a request of a correspondent, laid aside through stress of other matter, it may be interesting to inquire as to who and what the Boers really are, and whence comes their heroic and stubborn defence of their rights which has exalted to some degree these South African agriculturists in the eyes of the world. After the revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV., numbers of Huguenots in 1688 left France, and settled in Cape Colony under the Dutch, who then had possession of it, which Government at that time denied the very privileges to the Huguenots that their descendants and those of the Dutch have until recently denied the Johannesburgers, which has led to this unfortunate revolt against the Government of the Transvaal, as in the 18th century it led to the French exodus from Cape Colony. Two centuries ago, when the Huguenots in Cape Colony presented a petition to the governor for electoral rights, Vandel Stell was enraged, and dismissed them with a severe reprimand, "to restrain their French impertinences," which had a parallel in Pretoria lately, when some reasonable appeal for representation by the Uitlanders was "received with jeers" by the members of the Raadzaal. In 1701 the use of French in addressing the Government on official matters was publicly forbidden. In 1724 the church service in French was permitted for the last time, and 70 years after the arrival of the Huguenots in South Africa their children ceased to speak French entirely. When the settlers could no longer endure the tyranny of the Dutch they "trekked," or tracked, into the interior, and it is therefore quite as likely that the Dutch-speaking Frenchmen are more entitled to be called the owners of the Transvaal than the Dutch themselves—that is, if we consider, as civilized nations do, that the original native has no territorial rights what ever. If the original Huguenots have been deprived of their language, they had not been deprived of their name, and these we find all through South Africa: Du Plessis, Malherbe, Rossouw, Fouche, Du Toits, Malan, Marais, Jerosen, Mesnard, Du Pre, Notier, Le Roux, Cordier, Retief, Le Roux, Jerson, Hugo, Le Grange, and dozens of others. What are the names they gave to the homes they established if not French—Normandy, Le Parais, Fontaine, Rhone, Champagne, Languedoc, etc? The name of the Commandant-General, Joubert, is French, and he is probably also a descendant of one of those who, in 1688, exiled themselves from France for the sake of their religious liberty. The name of the Boers, de Beer (not Van Beer) Tolsepan, whose farms were first visited when diamonds were found in Kimberley, are evidently of French origin, so that it would appear that the President of the French Republic has more reason for offering sympathy, than the German Emperor.

A PHENOMENAL RECORD.

West Kootenay is a Country to Be Proud Of.

The following very conservative article, which recently appeared in the *Engineering and Mining Journal*, is worthy of reproduction as a sample of the attention now being paid to the district. It might, however, have with perfect truth said more. For instance it quotes the output of West Kootenay for 1895 as $1,870,000, whereas it should be some $2,175,000 or possibly even more:

Judged by the standard of the Rand, Westralia, or Cripple Creek, the district of West Kootenay, British Columbia, can hardly be regarded yet as one of the foremost producers of the precious metals. But if the almost incredible difficulties in the way of the development of the country, arising both from its large area and rugged nature, and from the fact that while it is politically a part of Canada, it is geographically tributary to the United States, be taken into account, the advance it has made since 1891 is most striking. West Kootenay is not a single ore belt, like Cripple Creek or the Rand, but a collection of mining camps of widely different characteristics scattered through the mountains which fringe the course of the Columbia river from the 49th to the 51st parallel.

In 1891 a little desultory mining was being carried on at the Hall mines on Toad Mountain, at Ainsworth, and at the Blue Bell mine on Kootenay Lake. Means of Communication with the outside world there were none except during the summer months, and only a few sample shipments of ore had borne witness to the possibilities of the country.

Now there are no fewer than five short lines of railway in continuous operation connecting the different producing camps with the main waterways by which their output finds its way to the smelting and refining centres. And railway construction is not by any means at a standstill, but is being pushed forward in all directions to keep pace with the requirements of the mines.

In 1891 there was not a single producing mine in the country; now there are no fewer than 48 properties which are actually producing and shipping ore. The output from some of these during 1895 was very small, and the heaviest producer in the district, the Le Roi, at Trail Creek, only shipped 10,500 tons. The approximate value of the ore shipped during 1895 was $1,870,000. The output was divided among the different camps as follows: Trail Creek Division, 21,025 tons of copper gold ore; Ainsworth Division, 2,270 tons of silver lead ore and concentrates and bullion; Nelson Division, 1,315 tons of copper, silver and gold ore; Slocan Division, 8,100 tons of silver lead ore and concentrates; the total value being in round numbers as above.

The total output of the district for the first two months of 1896 has been 5,516 tons of ore concentrates, bullion and matte, of which the approximate value was $530,000. If this bears the same relation to the output of 1896 as the output of January and February did to that of 1895, the value of ore bullion and matte exported during 1896 should be $3,350,000 in round numbers. But there are various circumstances which make this an underestimate. In the first place, it takes no account of the output of the Le Roi, the heaviest shipper in 1895, and which for the last two months has been shipping to a local smelter not yet blown in, to which it is under contract to deliver 37,500 tons of ore, or nearly twice as much as the total output of the Trail Creek mines during 1895. Second, it takes practically no account of the output of the Hall mines, on Toad Mountain, which are now running 100 tons of ore a day through their smelter at Nelson, and are only credited with a little over 100 tons of matte during January and February. Another important factor is that railways which have only come into operation lately will have a great effect in regulating the output. During 1895 there was a continual succession of aggravating stoppages from bad roads and want of storage room at the mines.

It has been estimated that if the mines at present opened in West Kootenay worked continuously this year the output would be worth $10,000,000. A allowance being made, however, for the apparently inevitable breakdowns from one cause or another, the output should not at the worst fall below $5,000,000 and will probably reach $7,500,000.

There are two possibilities which, if they occur, will altogether upset these calculations, the first, the influx of a large amount of Eastern or English capital, the second, the discovery of some new phenomenon like Trail Creek, which exported 2,000 tons in 1891 and over 21,000 tons in 1895. But these belong to the element of the unforeseen, which, while it makes half the charm of existence in a mining country, cannot be reckoned on in a sober estimate of its immediate future.

The United States House has voted $35,000 to improve the city.

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TO THE POLE IN A BALLOON.

HOW ANDREE WIIL ACCOMPLISH HIS JOURNEY.

Interesting Details About the Extensive Preparations Now Uuder Weigh—The Start to be Made Late in May or Early in June—The Balloon Being Constrncted in Paris.

An exchange gives some interesting particulars about M. Andree, the balloon expert, for whom the natives and residents of Northern Canada have been requested to be on the lookout by the Hudson's Bay company. Andree has the courage of his convictions, and he believes that the undertaking planned by him is not by far as dangerous and more feasible than the trip upon which Nansen entered some two years ago. For a long time Andree had been figuring and experimenting and planning, until he has reached a point where no detail of the pending journey has been left untried.

The aeronautic exploits of Mr. Andree have become known all over the world, and he has made a name for himself as one of the most audacious men that ever ascended in a balloon.

Once he went up from Stockholm and crossed the gulf of Bothnia, landing on the shores of Finland, a deed never before tried. Another time he sailed in his balloon from the city of Gothenburg on the western coast of Sweden, to the Island of Gothland, in the Baltic, traversing the distance of 230 miles in five hours. The noticeable feature of his doings on these and other similar occasions was not that with the help of chance he performed feats never before accomplished, but that in every instance the aim to be reached stood clear before him and that he reached that aim along the roads mapped out in advance.

The little expedition of which Andree will be the head, will be made up of three men, Andree, Nils Ekholm and Nils Strindberg. Ekholm is a man of 48 years, a scientist by natural inclination and by subsequent development. For the last twenty years he has been devoting his undivided attention to the study of meteorology. In 1882 he acted as the chief for the Swedish expedition to Spitzbergen, which was working in concert with similar expeditions from this country and ten European countries. It is generally asserted that the result achieved by the Swedish expedition surpassed those gained by any one of the other expeditions, and that this was chiefly brought about by the excellent work done by Ekholm. At the present time Ekholm is, by all European students, considered an authority on the branch of natural science to which he has devoted himself.

The third member of the trio of explorers is a very young man, only 24 years of age. Yet Nils Strindberg has already succeeded in making a name for himself as a physical student of high standing having paid special attention to electric phenomena. He is also an expert photographer, and as such will be of great use to the expedition.

"Pole Nord," or "The North Pole," is the name Mr. Andree has chosen for the gigantic balloon which is to carry him and his fellow explorers to the pole. It will have a diameter of some 65 feet and it will hold about 160,000 cubic feet. At present it is being built at Vanguard, a suburb of Paris. The silk to be used has been especially ordered from the best looms of Lyons. Three thicknesses of silk are to be used. To join them together a new kind of varnish has been especially invented by Mr. Andree. When ready the balloon will be practically gas proof.

Hanging down from the balloon are the guide ropes, weighing 2,200 pounds. They are made of cocoanut fiber, the lower end of them being saturated with a mixture of vaseline and lard in order to enable them to float on water and glide over the ice without being torn to pieces. Mr. Andree is giving careful attention to these items, in which he is wont to see the safeguards of the expedition. They have been submitted to the most exacting tests before being attached to the balloon. First, the ends of the ropes were fixed against a rapidly turning wheel with rough surface and was allowed to stay in such position until the turns made by the wheel represented a way of more than sixty miles. At the conclusion of the tests the lines showed no marks whatever of the rough treatment to which they had been subjected. But not satisfied with this, Mr. Andree submitted them to another still more rigid test. In the neighborhood of the Swedish capital a small area of ground was covered with ice block's with as rough surfaces as could be found. A special mechanism was arranged which kept the lines dragging over the ice until the entire length of way as in the first test had been passed. The result was the same. By other tests it was proven beyond doubt that the line would be kept floating by the fat substances with which they had been saturated.

Circulars concerning the expedition have been spread all over the countries adjoining the Arctic regions. With the assistance of the English, Russian and Danish government they have been carried to every point within these regions where civilized people are residing, as agents or representatives of these governments or their subjects.

Another feature of the equipment will be a small colony of carrier pigeons, trained at the expense of the great Stockholm paper the *Aftonbladet*. The station to which the pigeons are being trained to return is located in the northernmost part of Norway. There are 102 of them.

A great part of the equipment of the expedition has been donated by merchants from all quarters of Sweden, the old king heading the list with a subscription of $7,500 and Baron Oscar Dickson following him with a similar amount.

During the latter part of May or the early part of June the expedition will leave the Swedish port of Gothenburg, on board the steamer Virgo, which has been chartered for the purpose. The steamer will at once head for the islands of Spitzbergen, a group of two large and several smaller islands located between four and five hundred miles to the north from the Scandinavian peninsula.

The first business of the explorers and the crew of the steamer, in which several skilled workmen are included, will be to erect the house to be used when fitting and preparing the balloon.

Along the top of the house is built a balcony from which the balloon is to be handled when it is to be raised for the start.

Finally, when everything is ready, the balloon filled and impatiently tugging on the restricting lines, the gondola fastened under the gigantic gas filled globe, and the three courageous men that are to make the trip ready and at their posts; then a few short words of command will be heard and the sailors and laborers will let the ropes glide out of their hands. The swelling balloon floats majestically upwards to be caught and carried away by the southern breeze. A last shout of farewell! And Andree and his two comrades are off for the pole.

Will Supply Wives.

The Department of the Interior has received a communication from Wm. Weeks, of Cleverton, Chippenham, E. g., who is starting shortly for Canada with a party of men and boys, stating that farmers who are in want of female help or wives should communicate with him. He says that there are any quantity of girls willing to come if their expenses are made. He suggests that if 20 or more people will pay a deposit of £15 at the Dominion land office, Winnipeg, to cover the expenses of a second-class ticket, and a share of the expenses of a matron to take charge of them, and at the same time furnish him with a full description of the kind of girl they want, he will endeavor to fulfill their requirements, the money to be returned to them should he fail to do so.

Edison and the X Ray.

A *Times-Herald's* New York special says: "Thomas Edison has succeeded, with the aid of the X ray, in penetrating the human body with the naked eye, the successful experiment having been made last week. He looked into the lungs and heart and examined the arteries, muscles and blood vessels of one of his assistants. With the powerful cathode light behind the subject, he looked through a screen of prepared chemicals, and is said to have plainly seen the workings of the various organs of the body."

In Brooklyn.

They had been sitting on the sofa in the twilight as they had every Sunday evening for three years, talking about the weather and the last church social.

Suddenly drawing the girlish figure toward him he exclaimed: "Agnes, I can no longer dissemble—I love you!"

The slender frame was racked as with uncontrollable emotion. Starting from his embrace she half rose to her feet, clutched wildly at her throat, then sank gasping by his side.

"Heavens!" he cried, "what means this? Art thou ill? Was my declaration too sudden for you?"

"Sudden?" she gurgled faintly as she struggled to smile. "Sudden? I should say it was. You scared me so I've swallowed my chewing gum."

A Hat-Lifting Machine.

An eccentric citizen of Spokane has just been granted a patent, by the commissioner at Washington, for what he calls "a saluting device." When attached to the head it relieves the wearer of the manual labor of lifting his hat when he meets an acquaintance and his hands are otherwise engaged. All he has to do to accomplish this is to slightly nod. The motion starts the machinery, which is in the interior of the tile. The hat is suddenly hoisted about one foot above the head, on an apparatus like that attached to a self-dumping coal cart. Then after remaining at rest a moment, it describes a semi-circle and settles back upon the cranium.

SAMPLES OF READY WIT.

Rough but Rich—Smart Sayings by Smart People.

The reply of Lord Rothschild to an English snob is given as a good sample of ready wit. It happened at an assemblage of wealthy people in England not long ago. Rothschild was surrounded by many men of learning, and was conversing with one who always allowed his detestation of everything Jewish to overcome ordinary good manners and common politeness. Commenting upon the beauties of a place which this gentleman of standing and position had visited in his travels, he so far forgot himself as to add to one of his remarks: "And I was informed, too, that there are neither Jews nor hogs to be found there!"

It was an unpardonable affront under such circumstances, and the great financier doubtless felt that it merited a stinging retort, for he immediately responded: "Is that really so, sir? Then you and I should certainly pay that spot a visit. We should be great curiosities."

The son of an English earl, staying in Vienna, was one evening at a dinner, to which also had been invited some of the most distinguished ladies and gentlemen of that city. One of the ladies, noted even amongst her intimate friends for saying shrewd but ungracious things, considered the Englishman worthy of her somewhat embarrassing observations, and smilingly asked him how it was that the English people generally spoke French so indifferently.

"Why, my lord," she added, encouraged by the smiles of some of the others, "we Austrians use that tongue with the same freedom as we do our native language."

"Madam," was the biting rejoinder she had little anticipated, "I can only account for it by the fact that you have twice entertained the French army in your capital, and we have never permitted them to enter ours!"

At the first performance of Dumas, "Etrangere" everybody appeared to be so preoccupied and wore such a serious countenance that Marshal Canrobert, who happened to be present, remarked it, and inquired the reason. Madame Brohan, it is recorded, answered:

"We are on the eve of a great battle, and I suppose fear affects us as you see."

"Fear?" the marshal said, looking round with a puzzled air.

Madame Brohan immediately summoned an attendant and briefly said: "Picard, a dictionary for the marshal."

A neater or wittier compliment in fewer words it would be impossible to produce.

A lady once ventured to publicly reprove a well-known London society man for his over-fondness of good living. The gentleman made himself conspicuous by the way he gorged himself at a dinner to which he and others of the upper ten had been invited. To make matters worse he was sufficiently unwise, or thoughtless enough, to attempt to excuse himself with the remark that: "In eating well I praise the food," thereby using a well-known quotation.

It was an opportunity not to be lost by the somewhat disgusted and witty lady sitting at his elbow.

"Really, sir," she observed with a sweet smile, "you should not carry praise to the point of flattery."

Well woven Yarns.

"You observe this plain gold ring on my little finger," said the man from Chicago, turning the circlet off as if it were a brass nut on a screw, "it has my wife's full name engraved on the inside. Well it is our engagement and wedding ring. My wife lost it once when we lived near San Francisco, and, though we searched high and low, we couldn't find it. One day, nearly two years after, a friend of our insisted on presenting me with a small cherry tree—"

"I'll take a cigar this time, please," remarked the man from Oil City.

"I said cherry tree, continued the man from Chicago, "and I'm giving you a true story. Well, this offer of my friend was declined at first, but my wife insisted, saying we could set it out in a particular place in the lawn. She marked the spot and I sent for the little tree. I dug down about fourteen inches, where she designated, and so help me I turned up that ring! How it got there we never could guess."

"There's nothing improbable about that," said the Oil City man, "unless it is the cherry tree. But did I ever tell you the story of my watch? This's me watch—" pulling out a gold hunter. "Several years ago I was drilling a well up in the Bradford district and had got down about 1,200 feet, without any sign of luck. I was looking at the hole under the derrick with something like despair one day—for we had stopped work on it. Pulling out my watch, which I carried without fastening, it suddenly slipped from my fingers and down she went, chuck! into that dry hole. The idea of adding that to my loss riled me, so I got a cylindrical tube, such as we get tests of sand with, and put some putty near the open end and let it down the hole, which it fitted neatly. My watch came up with the suction, stuck fast to the putty. It hadn't stopped running. Yes, and do you know we renewed work on that hole the next day and got first sand in six hours!"

"I hadn't finished about my ring," put in the Chicago man. "We had moved to Iowa, and my wife lost it again. I offered $100 reward for it, but no use." We came to Chicago, and seven years after I had left the Iowa place I received the ring through the mail from the man we had sold out to. He said he was pulling cabbage in the garden and found it solidly grown on the root of a cabbage!"

We began to move away before the Oil City man could recover.

"Just as I expected!" said the struggling young genius, opening a letter from the editor. "He says my poem is 'very good,' and he accepts it, but 'under the circumstances' he does not feel justified in allowing more than $1 for it, which he 'begs to enclose.' When he finds out it's an acrostic conveying the statement that the editor is a stingy old cuss he won't think he got that poem so blamed cheap after all, gol-ding him!"

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Also commencing at cabin, 11 Mile Post, thence north 1½ miles along river, thence west ½ mile, thence south 1½ miles, thence east ½ mile, containing 120 acres. In all 320 acres.

KATE SCOTT.
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Also commencing ½ mile south of Seven Mile Post, thence north along river one and five-eighths of a mile, thence west three-eighths of a mile, thence south 12 of a mile, thence east ½ of a mile, containing 400 acres. In all 1000 acres.

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Commencing at a stake one-quarter of a mile east from north-west post of Lardeau Townsite Company's property, thence east one mile, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, containing 640 acres.

Also commencing at 5 Mile Post on creek bank, thence north ½ mile, thence west ½ mile, thence south ½ mile, thence east ½ mile, containing 320 acres.

Also commencing midway between 8 and 9 Mile Posts on creek bank, thence north ½ mile, thence west ½ mile, thence south ½ mile, thence east ½ mile, containing 320 acres. In all 1,280 acres.

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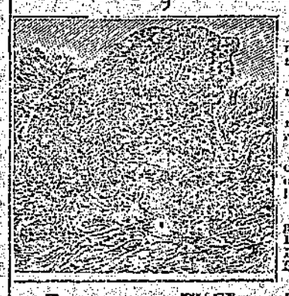

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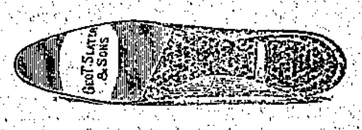

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a sitting of the County Court will be holden at Revelstoke, B.C., on Wednesday, the 8th day of May, A.D. 1895, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOS. A. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.
Revelstoke, March 27th, 1895. 49-6t

Kootenay Lodge No. 15 A.F. & A.M.

The regular meeting are held in the Masonic Temple, Bourne's Hall, on the third Monday in each month at 8 p.m. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

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T. STEED, W.M. J. J. WOODROW, Rec. Secy.

BORN.

TOMLINSON.—At Vancouver, April 4, the wife of W. Tomlinson of a son.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Ernest Miller, Vancouver, was in town Tuesday.

Capt. Moore, of the concentrator, came in Thursday.

Swan Anderson, of Illecillewaet, is with us.

The very latest in millinery at Coursier's.

The Columbia House is having a new coat of paint.

W. R. Angus, of Montreal, registered at the Victoria, Tuesday.

Street clearing is all the vogue and the weather kindly assists.

E. H. Lewis, of Coursier's Trail house came up on Wednesday.

J. E. Halton, scenic artist, is at work on more scenery for Bourne's Hall.

P. R. Peterson is effecting some much needed improvements upon Front Street.

The "bike" has reached Revelstoke already this spring. When will the bloomers blossom?

About 30 sacks of mail leave here every other day for South Kootenay points. This means business.

Rev. Father Peytavin will celebrate mass at 10.30 a.m. in the Catholic church, to-morrow.

The effects in colour on grand old Mt. Begbie on Thursday evening at sunset were sublime.

Best California creamery butter in 1lb. rolls or tubs of any size at Bourne Bros.

Mrs. J. Valentine left for Vancouver, Sunday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Tomlinson.

Sibbald & Pease will have in stock, within a week, a carload of Ogilvie's best Hungarian Flour.

Tuesday's west bound train was delayed 11 hours on account of a gravel slide at Mountain creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector, of Nakusp, arrived in town Wednesday on a visit to friends.

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Several parties from Seattle and California, destined for the Big Bend district, are in town.

T. Curtis has made application for certificate of improvements on his pre-emption at Halls Landing.

Rev. Mr. Robbins, of Donald, will preach in the Methodist church to-morrow at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The "boys" are practising daily at the pigeons, getting in training for the recapture of the cup from Donald.

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Chief Justice Davie and sons arrived from down river points on Tuesday, and registered at the Union Hotel.

D. R. Gillespie brought down some furs from the Big Bend, Thursday. J. B. Lane is also down from the Bend.

Mr. Percival, of the Columbia & Kootenay R'y., which is registered as the Columbia and Western, is in town.

Warm weather is coming and ladies should see the blouses, duck suits, wrappers and white wear at Coursier's.

C. F. Law passed through here on Thursday and said the Noble Five deal was completed. No figures given.

See Bourne Bros. for full line of wall papers in new designs, paints, varnishes and other essentials for Spring cleaning.

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The Columbia river is rising slowly, having made three or four inches this week. These warm days if continued will soon make it hum.

The president of the Fitchburg R'y., in his private car Pitchburg, accompanied by his family, passed through on Sunday.

W. Cowan is completely renovating the Telephone system and will have the central office at his building on Front Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beaupre, brother-in-law and sister of George Lafleur, arrived from Worcester, Mass., and will reside here in future.

Wm. Beattie, of Knox College, arrived here on Wednesday afternoon to take charge of the field of Slocan in the Presbyterian interest. They need converting all right.

F. G. Cotton, who has been assistant post-master for the past year and a half, has resigned. R. R. McLean succeeds him.

The regular services of the English church will be held in the schoolhouse to-morrow at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. by Rev. F. Yolland.

The extra number of the *Colonist*, devoted to Victoria and other Island cities, was a most creditable production, and much appreciated. It deserves a circulation throughout the upper country districts, to enable the people to become familiar with the coast houses.

The *Province* issue of April 4th was a special number and deserves a word of praise. It is copiously illustrated and its contents, though following its usual lines, are of much interest. It is also announced in this number, that the Province will be but $1 per year in future, which the public will no doubt fully appreciate.

A Public Boon.

The switchboard of the local telephone system is being removed from the Victoria Hotel to Mr. Cowan's office. In future a boy will be on duty all day at the central office to answer calls, also other improvements will be inaugurated that will much improve the service. Under the peculiar conditions of Revelstoke's situation, the business centres being so far apart, this local telephone system is very necessary to the dispatch of business, and is a boon to merchants and residents. Several new instruments are expected shortly, and will be put in at business houses for $1 per month, at residences for $2.50.

Latest From London, England.

Mr. McKinnon, of the firm, McKinnon & De Beck, of Vancouver, passed through Friday on his way home from an extended trip to London. He reported himself well satisfied with the result of his trip, and said it would be the means of securing considerable capital for this country. Any interests committed to his firm will, no doubt, be carefully protected as they have had a long experience and knowledge of British Columbia.

Extremes Meet—Funny but True.

The Trail Creek *News* in quoting the report of the geological survey for 1895, makes a typographical error (and what paper does not) that is not only irresistably funny but remarkably near the truth as well as to the ordinary, than geological charts are like one of Sir David Brewster's kaleidoscopes. This is the item: "In the early part of the year Mr. J. McEvoy was chiefly occupied in the complication of parts of the Shuswap map sheet, British Columbia, employing for that purpose data obtained during the previous summer."

TABLE

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1895.

SPRING ASSIZES.

Nanaimo	Tuesday	5th May.
New Westminster	Tuesday	12th May.
Vancouver	Tuesday	19th May.
Clinton	Monday	25th May.
Victoria	Tuesday	26th May.
Kamloops	Monday	1st June.
Vernon	Monday	8th June.
*Nelson	Monday	15th June.
*Donald	Monday	22nd June.

*Special Assizes. 51-9t

Examination for Certificate in Assaying.

BUREAU OF MINES,
Victoria, B.C., 8th April, 1896.

ON HAVING LEARNED that many who desire to obtain the above Certificate do not feel sufficiently prepared for the examination it was proposed to hold here during the last week of this month, the Hon. the Minister of Mines has decided to postpone said examination until the autumn, when it may be held at two or three places in the Province for the better convenience of the candidates; due notice to be given of the time, places, and examiners appointed by the Minister.

An excellent book on assaying, embracing most of the best and latest methods for all the metals required for this examination, Furman's "Manual of Practical Assaying," $3.00, John Wiley & Sons, New York, is strongly recommended.

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