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NEWS OF THE CAMPS

AN ACTIVE SEASON FROM BIG BEND TO CARIBOO CREEK.

A Good Showing on Carnes Creek—Trout Lake a Busy Camp, Much Development Work Being Done There—The Week's Doings Around Burton City.

Most encouraging reports are received from the development work on the Carnes Creek Co.'s properties, situated on Carnes Creek, Big Bend. The pay streak is widening and is about two feet, and the quality of the ore has greatly improved. The tunnel is now in more than 50 feet. Recent assays have returned from $11 to $58 per ton in gold, while assays last fall gave $18 to $23. I. T. Brewster, manager for the company, returned Saturday from a trip of inspection. He expresses himself as well pleased with the progress made, and is satisfied that the present showings augur a splendid future for this property. They intend to get out a carload of ore, as soon as possible, to make a smelter test.

Sandy McRae started out Thursday with 10 of his pack train with supplies. His train will operate between Downie and French Creeks, and will pack in the machinery of the French Creek Hydraulic Co.

From Trout Lake City.

They are cutting the lead on the Fissure on the east end at a depth of about 200 feet. The tunnel is in about sixty feet and in good ore.

Men who have mined from Mexico to British Columbia say that the Silver Cup is a world-beater, and it is doubtful if any mine on the continent can make any equal showing when grade and quantity are considered.

Gibbs and Williams have completed the assessment work on the St. Elmo. At the point where they cut the lead the ore body is 36 feet wide. All the St. Elmo needs to make it a great mine is more work.

Ben Ramey has made a great strike on Fish Creek, four claims all showing ore of good grade six to eight feet wide.

Gus Olson with eight men left yesterday to build two miles of trail up Canyon Creek to the claims located there last year. A contract for 150 feet of tunnel has been let on one of the claims. The ore is high grade galena.

Dan Kean and crew are repairing the road to Thomson's Landing, something that was needed, as there is an immense amount of freight coming in, more than the freighters can handle.

F. McCarty of the Revelstoke Meat Market was in town this week looking up a location and decided on Trout Lake as the most central distributing point, and he will build a large market, corralls an slaughter house here.

Work on the sawmill is progressing rapidly. The foundation is in and the greater part of the machinery is on the ground. If nothing happens it will be running inside of ten days, and a long felt want will be filled.

S. Woods, N. Swinton, A. McKenzie, H. Stewart, and H. McPherson are all clearing lots and preparing to build on Kellie street.

J. Hickman is erecting a commodious hotel on Vancouver street. It will be first class in every respect.

Abrahamson Bros. will increase the capacity of their mammoth establishment.

H. King will build an addition to his store, 18x20, two stories. He will carry a complete stock of miner's supplies.

A steamboat is to be placed on Trout Lake this summer.

Cariboo Creek Camp.

Messrs. Pryor & Bates left on Monday to do assessment work on their claims on Snow Creek.

Messrs. Daly & McKinnon are doing assessment on the Monte Carlo.

Two shifts are at work on the properties of the Canyon Creek Mining and Development Co. and so far the results are very gratifying. Mr. Muirhead, manager, brought down average samples amounting to 100 lbs. of very rich looking ore to be shipped to Toronto for assay.

A wide lead has just been struck on the *Honolulu*, nearly all of it being shipping ore. Assays from $52 to $90 per ton in silver and gold.

Mr. Bennet, of the R. J. Bealey Co. Ltd., of Trail, passed through on a business trip to Mineral City. He is well pleased with the claims there and is of the opinion that this will be one of the best mining camps in the Province.

A large hotel will be opened at Mineral City shortly.

Many prospectors are now coming in from all quarters.

Many outsiders believe that it is necessary to bring supplies with them. Such is not the case as all provisions, tools, &c. can be purchased here at reasonable figures.

The Cold Storage Scheme.

Prof. Robertson of the Dominion department of agriculture was in town Saturday inspecting the cold storage building being erected here by the federal government, and expressed himself as well pleased with it. The creameries in the Territories were found unprofitable for the farmer from various causes and the government took hold of the management of them placing Prof. Robertson in charge. He recognized that Kootenay afforded a great and growing market for their output and last fall recommended that a cold storage warehouse be built and selected Revelstoke as the site. The local board of trade having previously asked for such accommodation. His recommendation was immediately acted upon with the result that, he says, they have accommodation for handling about 15,000 pounds of butter besides being able to afford storage to B. C. fruit growers or other shippers who may wish to avail themselves of its conveniences to store perishable goods for which a small charge will be made. Prof. Robertson expects great results from the enterprise in the way of opening up new markets. The scheme is not undertaken as a revenue producer but will be run on a basis to be self supporting which Prof. Robertson expects it to be certainly after the first year. Mr. Grindly has been placed in charge of the local establishment and besides its management he will act as a general trade agent in the matter of promoting interprovincial trade generally. Prof. Shutt, chief chemist of the experimental farms, accompanied Mr. Robertson. They returned east last Sunday.

THE COUNTY COURT.

A Small Docket, Principally Actions For Debt.

The regular sitting of the County Court was held here Thursday, His Honor Judge Forin presiding. As usual most of the cases were actions for debt, and the debtors in almost every case were ordered to liquidate, His Honor apparently having very little sympathy with them or their various quibbles.

In the action of Sibbald & Pease vs. Lepien judgment was entered against defendant, who is the licensee of an hotel at Illecillewaet. The claim was for goods supplied to Peterson, who was running the dining room at defendant's hotel. The defendant repudiated the debt thus contracted on the plea that he was sole proprietor and that Peterson had no connection with the business. The Judge did not take kindly with this idea. The goods had been supplied to the hotel and must be paid for. As the defendant was proprietor he was liable and was accordingly ordered to settle.

W. M. Brown got a judgment of $20 against Capt. Linquist. This case had come over from the former court and defendant did not put in an appearance.

Robinson vs. Righton — Judgment was given against the defendant, who failed to file an appearance.

Gray vs Richardson—Was postponed owing to the unavoidable absence of defendant.

In the potato case of Peterson vs. Howard, judgment was entered for plaintiff for amount claimed with costs. Peterson also obtained a judgment in his garnishee against Howard and Brown & Clark. The latter owed Howard some money for potatoes and had a counter account against him. They were ordered to pay the difference into the court.

The case of Blondin vs. Arcand was postponed.

In Julian vs. Tompkins—Garnishee was discharged.

Ed. McLeod, who had escaped from custody, was tried for that offense and got three months more.

James Reighly, John Frisby and Charles Erickson were naturalized.

Rossland Has a New Stock Exchange.

Since the closing of the stock exchange in Rossland the brokers and board of trade have been negotiating with a view of organizing a new exchange under the auspices and in connection with the board of trade. A committee appointed for the purpose has drafted a scheme which has been adopted.

The proposed new stock exchange becomes the trade branch of the board of trade and is governed by that body's charter, every member of the exchange becoming a member of the board of trade and contributing his proportional expense for the maintenance of the caller, secretary and rent, which will amount to about $2.50 per month per member.

The public will be admitted, and there will be one call a day. It will require a sale of 5,000 shares to change a quotation, and the price must exceed 5c. per share. The British Columbia Review, of London, England, will contain a list of the stocks sold and quoted on change.

SOUTHERN KOOTENAY.

Happenings of Interest Amongst its Various Camps.

TRAIL CREEK.

Work on the New Centre Star shaft has uncovered a massive body of solid ore. The clear ore appears to be four or five feet wide and carries a slight percentage of copper.

The Le Roi shaft is now down 570 feet. In a few more weeks the 600 foot level will be reached. An assay of ore from the bottom of the shaft runs over $200 in gold and 15 per cent copper. The grade of the ore has improved with the depth.

A 50-foot shaft will be sunk on the *Royal Oak*.

The tunnel on the Kootenay and Columbia is now in 625 feet and the face is about 400 feet below the surface. The ore in both the tunnel and winze prove continuous.

An ore body from one to two feet in width and high in copper has been found on the *Red Mountain* mine. Their tunnel, which was driven 470 feet, has not yet reached the point where the survey indicated the main vein to be.

SLOCAN.

At a distance of 40 feet from the opening a five foot ledge of fine looking ore has been struck on the Chapleau, on Lemon Creek, owned by the Hall Exploration Co.

A tram with an elevation of about 2,000 feet will be built by the management of the Payne mine this summer.

Sluicing has been resumed on the Wonderful, and they expect to ship about $40,000 worth of ore during the summer, all of which will be derived from sluicing. They are also prosecuting tunnel work.

The Lucky George group has a 45-foot ledge of gold bearing ore assaying $15 in gold. It has a four-foot pay streak.

The last payment on the Argo and Belt, amounting to $13,000, has been made and these claims are now the property of the Argo mines of Sandon.

The Evening Star and Keystone have changed hands. The price paid, the Slocan Carbon Mining companies for these properties was about $25,000. The owners have spent several thousand dollars developing the Evening Star. Leighton & Williams were the purchasers.

New Westminster people have purchased the Ida May for a cash consideration. It is situated on Ten Mile Creek.

GENERAL.

The reported sale of the Whitewater mine to the Puget Sound Reduction company for half a million is denied in Spokane.

J. N. Susmann, C. P. R. mining engineer, has returned from Montreal and is examining the district around Slocan City.

The Hart block, consisting of two lots, was sold in Rossland last week for $15,000. This is the highest figure yet reached by improved property in that city.

The Montreal syndicate disposed of $30,000 worth of real estate in Rossland last week.

Hon. T. M. Daley, ex-Minister of the Interior, has been appointed License Commissioner for Rossland.

The streets of Sandon are to be lighted by electricity.

A Squatter Has No Rights.

On the hearing of the case of the Provincial Government against the squatters at Nelson, Judge Forin explained the status of the squatter:

"These squatters have no right on the land. They might just as well come up here and put up a house on the courthouse grounds, or as for that matter, on your own lot. As a matter of law the government land should be as sacred as private land. The act leaves me no discretion, and it is a question just how far the government is justified in going behind it." The land does not belong to the Premier or to the Legislature. It belongs to the people—to you and me. Personally I might say that the sooner these lands are built on the better for the city and all concerned. The act is a stringent one and all I can take cognizance of is the affidavit that the man is a trespasser, and it remains for me to see the provisions of the act carried out. Anyone who goes on government land without authority, and without it having been set up for sale, must take the consequences."

The case now rests entirely with the government and it would seem that it has the power to eject the squatters, many of whom have put up valuable buildings, if it so decides. A stay of fourteen days was granted to learn the government's intention.

CROW'S NEST ROAD.

Details of the Arrangement Between the Government and the C. P. R.

The principal details of the arrangement arrived at between the Federal Government and the C. P. R., whereby the latter gets the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass, was made known by the Minister of Railways to the Liberal caucus on Wednesday. There has evidently been some hard bargaining and the concessions obtained from the railway company are very important to the country. A monopoly of the coal lands has been prevented, and the freight reductions are claimed to be worth $600,000 a year to the farmers of Manitoba.

The Dominion will give $11,000 per mile to the Canadian Pacific Railway company for the 330 miles of road from Lethbridge to to Rossland. For this amount the company will give valuable concessions. In the first place it gives a large cut in the freight rates on specified articles of which it has handed a list to the government. On wheat for instance, the cut in rates will be 1½ cents next year per 100 pounds, and 1½ cents the following year, making 3 cents in all. On fruit going to the west there is to be a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. On agricultural implements there is a reduction of ten per cent in rates. The object is to make it easier for the farmers. The government will have the control of rates west of Fort William. It is understood that there will be a reduction of 20 per cent on the rates on coal oil; 10 per cent on agricultural implements; 33 1-3 per cent upon fruits; and a reasonable percentage upon binder twine, wire, boilers, nails, barbed wire, bags, belt, animals for breeding purposes, etc. All these reductions apply on through rates from the east. There will be no reduction on local rates.

The company will also give to the government 50,000 acres of its land grant of 2,30,000 acres of coal lands granted to the British Columbia Southern Railway. This 50,000 acres will be selected in small blocks, the government having the first choice of a block and the company the second choice of a block, on the checker board plan, so that there will be no monopoly in the the coal lands. Besides this the company cannot sell coal for a higher price than $2 per ton, free on board at the mines, and at no time can it charge more than 75 cents profit per ton. It is understood that other roads will have running powers through the Pass. Work on the line will be proceeded with at once.

Mr. Blair also announced that from Rossland to Penticton, the government had decided to give the subsidy to an independent company. This probably means that the Columbia & Western, Heinze's road, will get the subsidy.

A Daily Boat Service Now.

The daily service between Arrowhead and Trail was inaugurated by the C. P. R. steamers on Tuesday, June 1st, and has proved a great convenience to the travelling public. The service is being performed by the steamers Nakusp and Kootenay.

According to the new schedule the Nakusp is timed to arrive at Trail on *Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays* at 2 p.m. and to leave for Arrowhead again at 4 p.m. The new steamer Kootenay will arrive at the same port at 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. There will be no boats arriving Sunday, and the Kootenay will tie up at Trail and the Nakusp at Arrowhead until the evening of that day. These two boats will carry only freight for Robson, Trail and Rossland. Freight for points south of Robson will be dropped by the fast boats at that point and will be picked up by the Lytton which will handle the local freight for way points. The Trail will continue to tow down the barges from Arrowhead. On Slocan Lake the new steamer Slocan runs daily trips, except Sundays, calling at Silverton and intermediate points.

I. O. G. T. Entertainment.

The members of Columbia Lodge, No. 31, I. O. G. T. entertained their friends in the lodge room last Tuesday evening. The amusement was started by games of various kinds, after which Rev. J. A. Wood, as chairman, called the gathering to order and a programme consisting of instrumental and vocal music, speeches, readings and recitations, was rendered by members of the order. The programme having concluded refreshments were served and the happy assembly broke up at about 11 p.m. all being favorably impressed with the way they had been entertained by the Templars. There were about 50 present.

Leave to appeal to the U.S. supreme court has at last been granted Durrant, and as the court does not sit again until next October, this virtually gives the condemned man a further respite of six months.

Local and Personal Briefs.

The Sargents did not appear in the County Court as anticipated. The informations had been withdrawn and therefore the cases were not called.

F. P. Garvey has been transferred from the C. P. R. telegraph department at Vancouver to Revelstoke, taking the night shift on commercial here. He was here for a few weeks last fall.

Capt. John Grant sailed from England to-day. He is bringing the money to take up options. This will be good news for some of the boys who have been patiently awaiting the captain's return.

The building boom continues. Two new structures were commenced this week on Front street, one a store for John Hutchinson, the other a Chinese store. A carload of lumber has been delivered on Douglas street for a new building there.

Contractor Tompkins is erecting a warehouse for the British Columbia sugar refinery, next to the cold storage building. Bourne Bros. and F. McCarty contemplate building warehouses in this location also, it being contiguous to the freight shed and siding.

Hon. D. W. Higgins, Speaker of the Legislature, was in town Monday on his way north. Mr. Higgins has many investments in Slocan and Trail Creek districts where he will spend the greater part of the summer, besides visiting boundary districts in which he is also interested.

No new cases of diphtheria have been reported this week and the scare has entirely alated. The physicians are loud in their praises of the anti-toxine treatment and to it is attributed the rapid extinction of the disease which, at one stage, was feared would prove epidemic.

W. McInnis, who hails from Vancouver, was released from the coop here only a few days ago and was run in yesterday again on a charge of theft. He appropriated a hammock, while drunk, which was hanging in front of Coursier's.

Some miscreant unlocked Hull's corrall Thursday night allowing 19 head of cattle to escape. After a hard days chase 13 head have been recovered and the balance are thought to be in the woods in the neighborhood of the Illecillewaet. The local management will make an example of the guilty parties if found.

It was with much regret that the sad news of the death of Mrs. Edna McLauchlin, who had been ill, but a short time, was spread on Sunday morning she having passed away at 3 o'clock. Deceased had been a resident of Revelstoke since last December and has two daughters here, Mrs. Ed. Adair and Mrs. W. J. Lee, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. A short service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Wood at the residence of W. J. Lee on Wednesday morning after which the funeral procession proceeded to the station the remains being taken to Oakwood, Ont., for interment. Messrs. Lee and Adair went as far as Winnipeg where they were met by Mr. Edgar McLauchlin, son of deceased.

The New Fast Atlantic Service.

The contract between the Federal government and Peterson, Tate & Co. for a fast Atlantic service has been made public. The steamers are required to be of 10,000 tons register, to maintain an average rate of 500 knots a day, or 21 knots an hour. They are to be of 520 feet in length, and to be equal in every respect to the best steamers afloat. They must accommodate 300 first-class passengers, 200 second, and 300 steerage, with first-class dining-room capacity for 300.

The fleet will consist of four steamers and the contract is for ten years. The subsidy is £154,000 sterling, of which the Imperial Government pays £51,500. Two steamers are to be ready to commence the service on May 31st, 1900. The first pair constructed will give a fortnightly service, for which half, the subsidy will be paid. After 1900 the service will be weekly. The company is allowed to accept no other subsidy, and if it does the amount will be deducted from the British subsidy.

It engages not to discriminate against any Canadian railway. As a guarantee of good faith it must make a cash deposit of £10,000, and give guarantee for £10,000 additional. For each failure to provide sailings as required by contract a fine of £500 is provided. In summer the vessels must call at Quebec, and continue on to Montreal. In winter the company has the option of selecting either Halifax of St. John. The steamers must not call at any foreign port.

Discussing the Crow's Nest route arrangement the *Mail-Empire*, the chief organ of the Conservative party in Canada, says: "Putting all comparison aside, it may be said most heartly that that the government has done well. Mr. Laurier and his colleagues are to be congratulated on the magnificent work they have achieved for to-day and for posterity."

REFUSE TO PAY TAXES

THAT'S WHAT REALTY OWNERS OF REVELSTOKE WILL DO

Until Their Titles are Cleared—Tired of Delay They Have Banded Together to Force the Question to an Issue with the Government—A Last Resort.

We, the undersigned, property owners of Revelstoke, B. C., having regard to the fact that the land titles have now been in dispute for more that ten years and that in spite of every effort of the inhabitants of this town to obtain registration for their titles they are still apparently as far from it as ever, and, believing that the government have neither a moral or legal right to tax our property whilst they refuse to give it that protection which the registration laws provide;

Hereby resolve that until registration can be obtained for the deeds embracing the townsite of Revelstoke we will not pay taxes and will support one another by every legal and peaceable means in our power against any effort the government may make to enforce the payment of them.

At last the owners of realty here have taken a decided stand against that long standing grievance—the non-registration of titles—and have banded themselves together for mutual protection in an effort to force the question to an issue.

The above document was circulated this week, signed by almost all the property owners in town.

The story of the trouble is an old one and familiar to the whole province. It is the old railway belt bone of contention over which the provincial and federal governments and the original locator of the townsite have been wrangling for years past. The Province issues a grant to Farwell, the locator, who proceeds to sell lots; the Dominion steps in and compels the people who buy to re-purchase from it; the Province refuses to register titles; there are suits. All this occurred years ago, but owners cannot yet register their deeds. They have been advised time and again that the question was all but settled and that registration would soon follow, but on making the effort they have always been put off; there has been some hitch or other which prevented the completion of titles.

The uncertainty caused by the delay has worked incalculable injury to Revelstoke and has unquestionably retarded its growth. Revelstoke would have been a big town today had it not been for this question of titles and the apparent insecurity attaching to them. Favored as she is by location and other natural advantages, she has not made the progress she would have but for this incubus.

Property owners here, who have been the sufferers during this long period, have exhausted every expedient to clear the matter up, but without success. The question was discussed again at the recent public meeting and a committee appointed to make another effort. They sought advice and the method set out in the document quoted above is the result. All the principal owners of realty in town have subscribed to it.

The latest hitch in registration appears to be that maps from Ottawa have not yet been received at Victoria. Within a few weeks deeds were forwarded to Victoria and the parties sending them were advised by the Attorney-General's department that the necessary maps had not yet been received from the department at Ottawa, but were daily expected. This letter was forwarded to Ottawa by the interested parties and an explanation asked for, as it had been said the maps were in Victoria some time ago. As Premier Turner is at present in Ottawa he may be induced to expedite the matter.

The refusal of owners to pay taxes on the realty held by them until titles are given must bring the matter to an issue, and that soon, as the end of the fiscal year is near at hand. They have counted the cost and are prepared to take the responsibility of their present action.

Express Robbery at Kamloops.

A package containing $2,000 was stolen from the office of the Dominion Express Co. at Kamloops last Sunday night. The assistant agent locked it in a drawer at night and Monday morning it was gone. It was consigned to the Bank of B. C. A $200 reward has been offered for the capture of the thief.

For the first time in the history of the Derby the race has been won by an Irish bred horse owned by an Irishman. It was run over the historic course at Epsom last Wednesday, and J. Gubbins' brown colt Galtee-more won easily. Galtee-more started at 4 to 1.

There have been 40 desertions from the U.S. battleship Oregon since its arrival at Puget Sound, two months ago.

The Cheyne uprising in Montana has been checked. But there is conflict between federal and state authority as to jurisdiction.

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THE class of buildings which are being erected around town should receive some attention from the fire wardens. Being entirely of wood there is an increased danger from fire and the parties responsible for their construction should be compelled to, as far as possible, minimize this danger by erecting brick chimneys, etc. A fire amongst so much inflammable material might possibly prove very destructive notwithstanding our excellent water system.

THE closing of the Rossland stock exchange has furnished a text for many leading articles and occasioned no little speculation as to the permanence and stability of the town as a mining centre. Many there are who affect to believe that signs of decay are already visible and that it is only a question of time when the town will have gone the way of the average boom town, while there are others whose faith in its possibilities is still strong.

The drop in prices of stocks and the very small amount of business being done caused the suspension, but because the stock-jobbers have made a miss it does not follow that the city will have to go out of business. It is said that very few, if any, prominent practical mining men were connected with the concern.

The reactionary period for Rossland camp has set in but it does not by any means mean an eclipse; the camp has too many good properties for that. There has been produced up to date about 100,000 tons of ore of the average value of $30 per ton and yet the camp is in its infancy as not a mine is yet thoroughly opened up. The camp owes nothing to the stock gambler except any set back which it may experience, and the permanence and stability is in nowise dependent upon him. He is not a source of strength, but of weakness, to the camp.

The New Tariff and Freight Rates.

It is reported that the new tariff has already had more effect on freight rates than people aware, says the Winnipeg *Tribune*. The reduction in the iron duties, allowing American goods to be imported, the rates on which were previously prohibitive, has materially reduced the through lake and railroad rates from Montreal and Ontario points. The rates on these goods last season was 72 cents per hundred. This year, before the tariff announcements were made, it was placed at 67 cents. Since the new tariff came in, and American goods could be sold here, the rate while technically remaining the same, has been reduced to importers to 62 cents. This is to meet the rate on the other side, which, from Pittsburg to Winnipeg, lake and rail via Duluth, amounts to 57 cents. It is said that after the tariff announcement the C. P. R. and iron men got together in Montreal and met the tariff by a reduction on the price of the goods, on the one hand, and a reduction of the rates on the other, although the latter was not made public nor were the published rates altered. This was necessary for Canadian manufacturers to hold the trade was shown by the fact some Winnipeg houses had placed orders for as many as a thousand kegs of nails in a single order with American firms as soon as the duty went off. The way this 62 cent rate is divided is also interesting. The rate from Fort William to Winnipeg is 47 cents, while from Montreal to Fort William by lake and rail is 15 cents. In other words, goods are hauled by rail from Montreal to Sarnia or Owen Sound, about as far as from Fort William to Winnipeg, and then shipped 800 miles by water for one-third of the rate between Fort William and Winnipeg. The water rate is 5 cents, so that the Grand Trunk, for instance, gets 10 cents for hauling goods roughly about the same distance as the C. P. R. gets 47 cents for. These are some things that tariff reformers predicted would come to light when the tariff was changed, and it appears that they were right.

Montana Indians on the Warpath.

The Cheyenne Indians are on the warpath and are said to have killed almost a dozen men, including five U. S. soldiers.

The Indians have no reservation of their own, but roam over the southern part of the state, near the Crow Indian reservation.

White settlers are up in arms and women and children are being sent to northern towns for safety. Cavalry and infantry have been sent from Forts Keogh and Custer.

A Smooth-tongued Promoter.

Dr. Gustavus Hamilton Griffin, president of the Nanaimo Coal Co. and numberless other concerns by which he has succeeded in fleecing numbers of people, who recently disappeared from New York, leaving behind numerous victims mourning the loss of their cash and wondering what had become of the smooth-tongued quadroon physician, is well known all over the Pacific coast. In 1888 Griffin bonded a large tract of coal land in British Columbia, and endeavored to sell out at an advance of $500,000 to Robert Dunsmuir. The deal fell through, and Griffin was so exasperated that he wrote many anonymous letters to Dunsmuir, threatening his life. He was finally arrested in Victoria, B. C., convicted and sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

During Griffin's trial it developed that the quadroon doctor was an all-round crook. His real name is Jean Baptiste Leblanche. He is a son of a French plumber and a negress, and was born in the Island of Hayti. He left the island at an early age, and went to England and then to France, finally being engaged as valet to Gustavus Griffin, M. D., M. A., who was a prominent member of the French Academy. Leblanche picked up many of the forms of good society while in Dr. Griffin's employment.

In March, 1886, Leblanche, or Griffin, was arrested in Los Angeles on a charge of embezzlement. He started a bogus champagne company there some months before, and succeeded in swindling various people out of sums of money aggregating $25,000. Leblanche jumped his bail, fled to Victoria, B. C., and was there convicted, as stated above. He was released in December, 1892. Griffin has been located at Pittsburg, Pa.

Lawlessness in Butte.

Several thousand men, including hundreds of prominent business and professional men, gathered at the auditorium in Butte one night last week in response to the public call to meet to consider the serious situation brought about by the lawless element which has been terrorizing, robbing and murdering for several months. The situation was seriously discussed and a scheme to aid the police department in enforcing law and order and bringing the criminals to justice was promulgated. Two secret committees, one numbering 10 to act as a directory and another of 100 as an executive committee were appointed to work with the police and sheriff's officers to the end that crime may be suppressed and the criminals brought to justice.

The Banks Glutted With Money.

Never before in the history of this Province has such an abundance of money been deposited in the chartered banks and in the Dominion Government Savings Banks as there is at present. The banks are positively refusing to accept money on deposit bearing interest. Such deposits as are made with them are only for safe keeping and are placed in the banks under certain conditions as to withdrawal. Everything now indicates that there is to be a reduction in the rates of interest here-to-fore prevailing. In this connection it is no secret, however, that several, largely interested in mining propositions are paying very high rates of interest for money on collateral security. This, says an exchange, is not regarded as a healthy condition of affairs and to some must end in financial disaster.

According to the most recent announcements regarding appointments to the C.P.R., Mr. Cross will be general master mechanic of the lines west of Fort William; F. W. Jones will be assistant to the manager, and all assistant superintendents have been promoted to the positions of superintendents.

Revelstoke - Hospital.

Maternity ward in connection.
Vaccine kept on hand.

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SHELLED TO DEATH.

The Notorious Indian Murderer Disposed of by Police Artillery.

The news of the killing of several of the mounted police while attempting to arrest Almighty Voice, the Indian murderer, near Duck Lake last week, caused considerable excitement throughout the country. On Thursday a party of the Northwest mounted police set off to catch Almighty Voice, who was being tracked by a halfbreed scout named Venne. This man was shot from an ambush in the bluffs and seriously wounded. A charge was made on the bluff, but the Indians escaped. Twelve policemen, under Capt. Allan, of Prince Albert, started in pursuit. The party came on Almighty Voice next morning at 9 o'clock, when he shot Capt. Allan, breaking his arm, and Sergt. Raven was shot through the groin. As it was impossible to dislodge the Indians without reinforcements, the police retired with their wounded men. Later three policemen, Postmaster Grundy, of Duck Lake, and another civilian, approached the ambush, when Corporal Hockin, Constable Kerr and Postmaster Gundy were fatally shot, the latter two dying instantly and Hockin living only three hours.

The volunteers from Prince Albert arrived at the bluff about 8 p.m. on Saturday, under command of James McKay, Q. C., and took a position around the bluff. Shortly after 25 police from Regina in command of Inspector McDonnel came in, bringing with them a nine-pounder gun, and commenced to shell the bluff about 5 a.m. Sunday, keeping up a fire for about two hours, during which time the bluff was much cut up. The Indians not returning the fire the shelling was stopped at 11 a.m. After a consultation amongst the officers a general charge was ordered, the volunteers keeping up a continuous fire as they charged. When they arrived at the rifle pits they found all the Indians had been shot. "Almighty Voice" was literally riddled with bullets and the other two Indians were mortally wounded in several places. Police Constable Kerr and Mr. Grundy's bodies were found about twenty yards from the pit, both shot in several places in the head and body. They were stripped of their clothing, which was found on the bodies of the Indians. After the bodies of the three Indians had been identified they were left where they fell. They had no ammunition, when found, except for the pistol, and for provisions they had peeled the bark from about thirty trees and eaten it. On Friday they shot two crows which flew over the bluff, which, with the bark, is about all the food they had *since they took refuge in the bluff.*

The bodies of the murdered police were taken to Prince Albert, where they were buried on Tuesday, and the remains of Mr. Grundy were removed to his residence at Duck Lake.

Almighty Voice's victims since he escaped from the police in 1895 are: Killed, Sergeant Colebrooke, Corporal Hockin and Constable Kerr, of the Mounted Police, and Postmaster Grundy, of Duck Lake; wounded, Capt. Allan, Sergt. Raven and Scout Venne.

The scene of the late trouble was about ten miles almost due east of the spot where General Middleton's column branched from the main trail to enter Batoche in May 1885. The marks of the trenches dug by the volunteers around their tents are still visible, and other signs of Middleton's camping places are to be seen. The outlaws' retreat was little short of impregnable. Butts clad with dense poplar, with a strong growth of willows, entangled, entwined and matted, showed the great risk of anything like a rush. It was impassable to the men on horseback, and those on foot had to make headway on their hands and knees. The bluff is about 200 yards long by about 60 wide.

A Plea For the Man.

Numerous amendments to the criminal code have recently been introduced by Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, amongst which was one raising the age of consent from 14 to 18 years. Referring to this subject in the Weekly *Sun*, "Bystander," one of the best known writers on social topics, says:—

"At Ottawa they have been having a spell of moral legislation. Prevention of illicit intercourse between the sexes is not a pleasant subject to handle, yet it is one which we cannot afford to leave entirely unwatched in the hands of enthusiasts, who think that everything can be done by legislation. Nobody doubts that the purity of our affections is absolutely essential to our happiness as well as our virtue, or that all reasonable means ought to be adopted for its preservation. But some means are not reasonable; some remedies aggravate the disease. There is a tendency, *generous* it may be, but not justified by fact, and therefore not wise, to suppose that in these cases of illicit connection the man is always the sole sinner, and the woman only the victim. In the majority of cases the man, no doubt, is the chief sinner, because the passion is stronger in the male sex. But, unless there is violence the woman must at least consent. Against violence it is the duty of the community to guard the weaker sex by the necessary penalties, however severe they may be. But in the absence of violence a woman in a civilized country is the guardian of her own honor. To tell her that she is not the guardian of her own honor and that if she fails she will be treated as a passive victim, while the partner of her guilt will alone be punished, is to lead her into temptation. The passion with which these legislators are dealing is the most masterful in human nature. Were it less powerful men would not be so easily found to take upon themselves the maintenance of a wife and family. In an artificial state of society, where marriage is deferred, it is too certain that there will be aberrations; and in dealing with these the iron severity of the legislator may well be tempered by something of the spirit of the wise physician. Of all cures for this direevil the best is the prosperity which permits early marriage. As a rule, when the people are well-to-do and happy, they will be moral."

Scared His Speech Back.

A remarkable case of the recovery of speech and hearing is reported in the London Lancet from the canton of Ticino in Switzerland. An Italian, aged 11 years, who five years ago became a deaf mute in consequence of a serious disease, was startled by the sudden appearance of a runaway horse. As he jumped aside to avoid the animal he uttered a loud stream, and after it had gone by found that he was able to talk and hear.

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Durrant Will Hang Next Friday.

Theodore Durrant will hang next Friday, June 11. Gov. Budd has refused a commutation. Durrant has invited his parents to his execution.

The trial which began on July 22 and lasted until November 1, was one of the most celebrated in criminal jurisprudence. Nearly 1200 talesmen were examined before a jury was secured, and six weeks passed before the taking of testimony was begun. The evidence throughout was circumstantial, but when taken together formed a chain so strong as to admit of no reasonable doubt. The prosecution produced witnesses, who traced Durrant's movements on April 3 from the time he left Cooper Medical college until he entered the church with Miss Lamont. To all of this testimony the prisoner entered a denial. As the case became more hopeless Durrant went on the stand himself, and, although he maintained a remarkable composure throughout, his testimony on a number of important points was palpably false. The case was submitted to the jury in the afternoon of November 1, 1895, after having been on trial over three months. Twenty minutes after they left the court room the jurors returned and rendered a verdict of guilty in the first degree. The California law gives the jury power to fix the punishment of the criminal, but as no recommendation of mercy was made, Judge Murphy a few days later sentenced Durrant to be hanged on February 21, 1896. Since his conviction Durrant's lawyers have exhausted every expedient known to law to secure a reversal, pardon or commutation but without success.

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Notice to Joint Stock Companies.

THE following section, numbered 161, of the "Companies Act, 1897," relative to the issue of a free miner's certificate is published for the information of JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

JAMES BAKER,
Minister of Mines.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
14th May, 1897.

161. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 1 of the "Mineral Act, 1896," or section 1 of the "Placer Mining Act, 1896," or elsewhere in the said Acts or any other mining laws of the Province, no free miner's certificate shall be issued to a Joint Stock Company for a longer period than one year, and such certificate shall date from the 30th day of June in each year; and every free miner's certificate held by a Joint Stock Company at the passing of this Act shall cease and determine and shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1897. Upon applying to renew any such certificate on or before said 30th day of June, the Joint Stock Company shall be entitled to a rebate of a proportionate amount of a fee paid for a certificate heretofore issued according to the further time for which it would but for this section have been valid. 5-4t

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W. S. GORE,
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Lands and Works Department,
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

Sam Hill has gone down to Galena Bay.

Miss Olive Steen was in town this week.

A. McNeil has had his barber shop newly sided.

W. H. Vickers made a flying trip to Trout Lake Friday.

Angus McDonald left Tuesday morning for Albert Canyon.

Mrs. and Miss Hopgood returned Wednesday evening from Donald.

C. E. Shaw and family left yesterday for Ferguson where they will in future reside.

Rev. F. Yolland has sold his house in the upper town to Mr. Fraser, train dispatcher.

E. L. Kinman left Sunday for Trout Lake to commence the North Fork trail work.

Tom Edwards and Jack Shaw went up to the Bend yesterday on a prospecting trip.

The addition to the Stockholm House is now completed and neatly furnished.

Gus Lund came down from the Bend Wednesday and went up again yesterday morning.

Dave Ferguson of Ferguson was in town this week. He says things are booming there.

Mrs. W. B. Nicholson returned Monday from a visit to Trail and other lower country towns.

J. D. Sibbald will go up to Fish Creek next week. He will commence operations on the Glengerry.

Mrs. J. J. Foly of Arrowhead, Mrs. C. Temple and Miss Myrtle Temple left Tuesday for a trip to the coast.

Wm. Fleming is building a new stable and has added several horses and buggies to his livery business.

A. N. Smith, of the Revelstoke Bakery, has a carload of Lake of the Woods flour now en route for use in his bakery.

Bob Green and party came in the first of the week having completed work on the Big Bend trail as far as Carnes Creek.

A. N. Smith's new store building is completed and he has now a splendid display of canned goods in connection with the bakery.

H. McLean, assistant gaoler at Kamloops, and E. Mountain, constable at Three Forks, were in attendance at County Court this week.

Mrs. Lauder, whose child died recently of diphtheria and who has been in quarantine for some time, left yesterday for Laurie.

The spur to the new freight shed has been graded and ironed, and the old shed, which will be used as a bonded warehouse and office, has been moved.

C. H. Archibald, of Vernon, arrived in town Thursday bringing with him a carload of lime and brick to be used on some work which he has contracted for.

W. R. Page has taken Jack Shaw's place on the police force. He is a big man and an old hand at the business, having seen service in the old country, so look out, boys.

Wm. Lee jr., who has been in Winnipeg for some time, returned home Thursday evening and will leave again in a few days for Kamloops where he has accepted a position in the Inland cigar factory.

In his report to the Provincial Board of Health, J. D. Graham local health officer, says that from practical experience, the water supplied by the new system is the best in West Kootenay. He suggested that a health officer be appointed. "The health department is one of the many offices I hold," he said, "and I am unable to give the time to it that it requires." The kick is timely.

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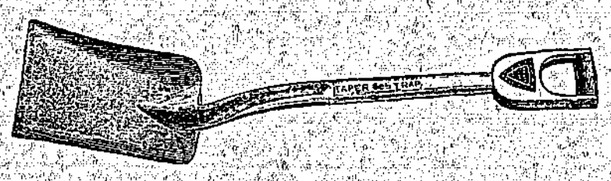

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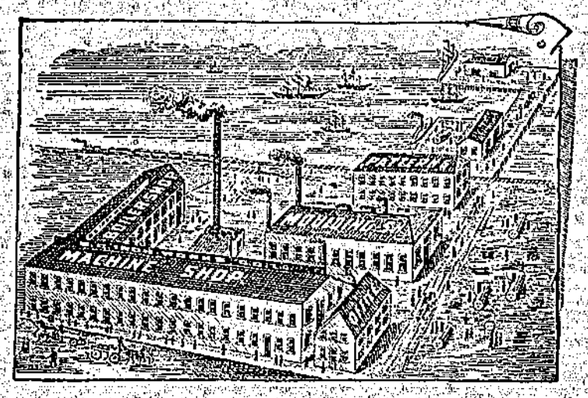

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