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SIR CHARLES IN A HOLE

THE BEST MEN REFUSE PORTFOLIOS IN HIS CABINET

And he Begs Bowell to Assist Him, but the Ex-Premier Will Have Nothing to do With the Crew that Knifed Him—Premiers of Five Provinces Will Support Laurier.

Sir McKenzie Bowell has resigned, and Sir Charles Tupper is busily engaged in forming a cabinet; but so far has met with but indifferent success. Hon. Mr. Chapleau, who is the only man that can save Quebec for the Conservatives, has, after much hesitation, finally decided *not* to go in. This means that Angers will probably be the man in the gap for Quebec, and that Foster remains. The three vacant Ontario portfolios are also giving trouble to Sir Charles, and he is at his wits end how to fill them. Now that Chief Justice Meredith has refused to join him, Sir Charles has begged Sir McKenzie Bowell to remain, but he evidently relishes the difficulty of his successor's situation, and says he has enough of politics. Then B. B. Osler's name was mentioned as Minister of Justice, but the great lawyer would have none of it, and said "I am in law and not in politics." The inference drawn from the whole situation is that the defeat of Tupper's party is so certain that men who would lend some weight to his support, simply refuse to give him aid or the use of their names.

Again too, many of the "old timers" are finding "snaps," like rats leaving the sinking ship. Hon. T. M. Daly is finding a judgeship in Manitoba. Sir Donald Smith goes to London as High Commissioner, Mr. McDougall is to be Commissioner of Customs and Messrs. McKay and Boyle, ex M.P.'s, are to be collectors.

LAURIER'S STRONG SUPPORT.

On the other side all is hopefulness and unity. Hon. Mr. Laurier, Sir Oliver Mowatt, Premier of Ontario, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Premier of Nova Scotia, Hon. A. G. Blair, Premier of New Brunswick, Hon. Frederick Peters, Premier of Prince Edward Island, Hon. Thos. Greenway, Premier of Manitoba, are all counselors in arms in the coming battle and will put up such a fight as has never been fought before in Canada. The premiers of every province in the Dominion, but Quebec and British Columbia, are leading the fray in their own districts, and calm critics predict a sweeping victory for the Liberal party. Their chances of success, too, are rendered much brighter by the lamentable display of uncertainty and indecision of Sir Chas. Tupper's party. The latest forecast of his ministry is as follows: Premier, Tupper; Finance, Foster; Public Works, Ouimet; Railways and Canals, Haggart; Justice, C. H. Tupper; Post Office, Angers; Marine and Fisheries, Costigan; Agriculture, Montague; Militia, Dickey; Interior, Macdonald; Secretary of State, Pelletier; Customs, Wood; Inland Revenue, Prior; Solicitor General, Tisdale.

This aggregation is not a happy one and is dwarfed by a comparison with the powerful men on the other side. Truly comparisons are odious.

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1-11 MARGARET GRAVES.

Vancouver, B. C., April 15th, 1896. 1-11

THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

Polling Places in West Kootenay—Returning Officers for B.C.

The following polling subdivisions are appointed for West Kootenay and the polling places will most probably, be as stated, though it is as yet uncertain, the matter being in the hands of the Returning Officer for the constituency—E. T. W. Pearse, of Kamloops:

DIVISION	POLLING STATION
Big Bend	McCulloch Creek
Revelstoke	Revelstoke
Illecillewaet	Illecillewaet
Lardeau	Thomson's Landing or Lardeau City
Trout Lake	Trout Lake City
Nakusp	Nakusp
Kaslo	Kaslo
New Denver	Three Forks or New Denver
Fire Valley	Killarney
Nelson	Nelson
Ainsworth	Ainsworth
Goat River	Hyketts
Waneta	Rossland

The following are the returning officers for British Columbia constituencies: Victoria, Sheriff McMillan; Nanaimo, Marshall Bray; Kootenay-Yale-Cariboo, E. T. W. Pearse; Westminster, Sheriff Armstrong; Burrard, Mr. Schofield.

"A powerful friend of the Dominion Government" writes as follows to the Rossland *Miner*:

"I am pleased to state that I have just seen Mr. Mara and he has done everything that could be done. Another revision cannot be had before the election takes place in June, but Mr. Mara is confident he will get a polling place established at Rossland and Trail, and also permission for any person residing in either of those places who is already registered in any other part of British Columbia to have the privilege of voting at either of these places, which will be a great way towards accommodating the voters."

Mr. Mara stated to a representative of the Mail, on Tuesday, that his amendment allowing voters to vote in any polling division where they may be on election day had not passed the House. Mr. Mara's "confidence" in this case is somewhat akin to his "belief" in "provision made for canyon" affair.

NORTH KOOTENAY MINING FLOAT.

BIG BEND.

H. S. Howard Lettemore and Ed. Bloom are down from the "Big Hole" claim on Gold Stream. They have put in an enormous piece of work, having now 800 feet of fluming, 20 feet wide at mouth, and averaging 12 feet in width throughout. They put this all in by hand, using whip saws and round timbers, and deserve success if ever men did, at their next sluicing, which will be about August next.

J. W. Haskins has come down from Canoe River country, where he has been looking for marten, mineral, and Kellie's agricultural lands. He looks well after his long trip of several months.

Prof. Mason and assistants reached their diggings last Monday night. Tom Horne is still on his way up.

Charlie Norleins came down from the "Hidden Treasure" on Gold Stream, last Saturday. He had some placer gold with him.

ILLECILLEWAET.

A site has been chosen for the bridge to cross the Illecillewaet River, which with a trail will give access to the North Fork camp. In this camp there are several properties on which work to the extent of $1,500 has been done, and three carry crown grants. All that has held it back was egress to railroad.

Mr. McCallum, of the Royal Hill claim, in Illecillewaet, will now get out 100 tons of ore.

Everything points to a good season's work in here and a large number of men will be employed in the mines.

LARDEAU.

Three claims have been located by Glendenning and partner between Pingston and Foxall Creeks, on the west shore of Upper Arrow Lake.

Four claims have been located at Arrowhead already.

A rich lead, two feet wide, of gold ore has been located by Charles Bullard on Fish Creek. It will be worked this year.

Provision has been made for the trail from Fish Creek up to head waters of Boyd Creek, where are situated the Glengarry and other good properties.

Machinery for the S.S. Lardeau has all arrived. The boat will meet all trains.

THE 77th ANNIVERSARY

Of Odd-Fellowship Celebrated by the Members of Revelstoke Lodge.

The members of Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, I.O.O.F., celebrated the 77th anniversary of Odd-Fellowship by holding an "At Home" last Monday evening in Bourne's Hall. Invitations had been sent out in large numbers to friends of the members both in town and district, and a big turnout of old and young was welcomed by the reception committee, Dr. McLean and Messrs. Lee and R. S. Wilson. The first part of the entertainment consisted of a concert with readings, recitations and *bee gees galore* thrown in.

"Dowlby, says the Bard of Avon, "is the soul of wit," and on this account alone, if on no other, the opening remarks of Mr. Lee were extremely witty. They were to the effect that the chairman—whoever that was—had "skipped out," and that accordingly the programme would at once begin. This was received by loud applause from the gallery and other parts of the crowded house. And then the Band played, and very well they did it too, the "Elizabeth" march. Rev. Mr. Yolland then gave in eloquent manner a reading from "Pickwick," descriptive of the rock shooting and love making adventures of Mr. Tupman. He was followed by Mrs Chas. Wilson, who gave his unique rendering of the well-known song "The Maiden of Cadiz." Mesdames Cornsier and Dent came next with the duet "Good-bye," a pretty song prettily sung. The "New Woman," as humorously described by Miss Lilly Valentine, next made her appearance to the amusement of all, after which Mrs. Dent again favoured the audience with the ever popular "Some Day." The "Beatitudes" favorite by the Orchestra proved most acceptable to all, and then came what was by very many considered the hit of the evening. This was none other than the well-known W. J. Lee, artfully disguised as an ancient spinster who told to a sympathetic audience the woes of "Mehitabel Jones," and her unsuccessful efforts to procure her partner to share her joys and sorrows. This was vociferously applauded and in response to a loud and long-sustained recall Mr. Lee gave, as an encore, another old maid's plaintive lament: "They're all getting married but me."

The first part of the programme was brought to a close by a clever, original dramatic sketch, entitled, we believe, "Chaos," in which the characters were portrayed by Messrs. Craig and Cotton. The former gentleman is well known as a capital impersonator of female characters, and on this occasion fully sustained his reputation by the excellent way in which he filled two parts, one, a charming young lady and the other an old beldame. Mr. Cotton took the part of a young barrister, greatly troubled with a baby, a pug dog, and his fiancee, in his usual first-class manner which left nothing to be desired.

Incidentally, more than a few words of praise should be accorded to Mr. Bourne for the improvements made in the stage appointments. A new interior and a street scene have been added, while the proscenium has been redecorated in a very tasteful manner. The work has been done by Mr. Hatton, scenic artist, of Kamloops.

While preparations were being made for serving refreshments, the orchestra again kept the company in the best of humor by a spirited rendering of the "Pleona" march. To the numerous good things supplied under the supervision of a committee consisting of Messrs. W. Sargent, E. O. Lewis and A. M. Craig, the guests did ample justice, after which the floor was cleared for dancing, which was carried on to the enjoyment of all till nearly four o'clock.

The forethought of the committee provided a light lunch about two o'clock, which recuperated the tired but merry guests.

The music of the orchestra was all that one could wish, if we except the want of novelty in some of the numbers, "After the Ball" and some others being, in our humble opinion, just a little stale.

Brethren from other lodges were present to add *eclat* to the occasion, amongst whom we observed Messrs. Booth and Harris from Vancouver; Rev. F. Yolland representing Ashcroft; Messrs. Mack, Fraser and Kincaid, of Donald; Mr. Cossar, Calgary, and Mr. J. Carlisle from Michigan.

To the members of No. 25 are due the hearty thanks of all who had the good fortune to be present for the thorough manner in which all the details of a most enjoyable entertainment were carried out. All agreed that the words Oddfellowship and goodfellowship should hereafter be considered synonymous.

Services will be held in the Methodist church by Rev. J. A. Wood to-morrow morning and evening at 11 and 7.30. Sunday school at 2.30.

STRANGE BUT TRUE.

An Egg Story That Rivals Sheriff Redgrave's Best.

The West has become noted as a country of "illimitable possibilities," "immense distances," and many other wonderful qualities; but to none has it acquired such a reputation as for its illimitable and immense "stories" and "story tellers." Its men, birds, fish and snakes are all such wonderful creatures, doing most unheard of things, that it has become chronic to suspect, when anything new is told of any of them, that the narrator is but telling another "story," and he is allowed to proceed with an air of meritorious generosity and incredulity that is most irritating to all lovers of the truth. Then, the story finished, the auditor smiles and remarks ironically, "how very probable," and, disbelieving it every word, repeats it as his own to the very next man. It is with mingled feelings then that the following is given to the sceptical world as a fact, and it is their misfortune if not believed, as it did, really, happen:

On Wednesday about 5 o'clock a.m. as Anton Burgosen was going to his work at Allen's brewery he saw a flock of wild geese flying overhead. Thinking better to look at them he took off his hat, holding it outstretched, and then, to his astonishment, saw one goose drop in the air towards him. His vision being keen (he had not reached the brewery, yet; indeed, had he, this would not be related as a fact, for Allen's beer is good) he saw something drop from the goose, like a shot, straight for his hat and fall safely and squarely therein. The something was—what think you—an egg! A real egg!! The goose, evidently, saw the opportunity to deposit its egg in a safe place and gauged it to a hair. Burgosen could not believe his eyes, yet there was the egg, sure enough, and, save for a slight bruise at the upper end, perfectly uninjured. The egg and Anton are now at Allen's brewery and will verify this story. It is a most astonishing thing not heard of more than once in a lifetime.

Some Peculiar Passengers.

Yesterday's No. 2 brought into Revelstoke some very peculiar passengers. Six of them being couriers from Corea *en route* to St. Petersburg to raise a Russian loan, or in other words mortgage their country. The leader of the party is brother of the King of Corea, and a very self-collected and dignified personage he looks. The party was dressed in a most laughable mixture of Asiatic and European costumes that occasioned much mirth for the boys.

Another peculiar passenger was a tall strapping Highlander in a half-and-half costume, whose occupation was the leading about of a very small and not well fed fox terrier. "To what base uses may we return."

Protect Your Homes.

The new fire wardens have commenced work in earnest, and have issued letters to several people in town, notifying them to take all precautions against fire. Every house or place of business should, as a matter of course, have a brick chimney and proper thimbles for pipes passing through partitions or walls. If the records of past fires are examined, it will be found that more are occasioned from the absence of these protections, than almost anything else. Householders and others who have been notified, should not be hurt by the actions of the wardens, but should do, as a matter of protection to themselves and to others, what they are told; and if they pay no heed to the warning, they deserve, richly deserve, the penalty attached. Attention also is drawn to the necessity of clearing away all refuse or garbage, and all fire wood or other inflammable matter, from the neighborhood of residences or stores, as such things are a deadly menace to the health and safety of the town. Protect the houses and buildings, clear the lots and have them off, and the slight trouble or expense will be well repaid. It is a good investment.

Laugh and Grow Fat.

The Palmer Comedy Company, which will play at Peterson's Hall to-night, is a troupe well worth going to see. They are all well and favorably known in Vancouver, Victoria, and Seattle, and carry the very best of recommendations. Mr. Palmer is a first-class comedian with a rich *vocal* voice. Miss Darrell has also a moist pleasing voice (contralto), and dances prettily. Mr. Harper is one of Vancouver's best organists and pianistes and his performances are well worth hearing.

The performance will consist of musical pieces and an olio of comic and vocal specialties that will please all. Look out for the local "gags" and be prepared to smile. The prices are the usual popular ones, 50 and 75 cents. Book your seats.

British Columbia Miners' Association.

The adjourned meeting of the British Columbia Miners' Association was held in the court house at Nelson on Wednesday. Vice-president Davenport occupied the chair. A constitution and by-laws was adopted in part, and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, that the executive of this association take such steps as they may deem necessary to test the validity of the Assessment Act, passed at the last session of the legislative assembly, on the ground that it discriminates against gold quartz miners in favor of gold placer miners.

The annual membership fee was fixed at $1, and anyone holding an unexpired free miner's certificate is eligible for membership. The following names were add to the roll of members: Robert C. Adams of Montreal, D. D. McPhail of Kaslo, J. Keith Reid of Montreal, H. E. C. Carry of Carlton, Robert Yuill of Kaslo, Frank Fletcher of Nelson, J. B. McArthur of Rossland, and W. C. Wancount of Denver, Col. The meeting was adjourned for a month.—Nelson *Tribune*.

From Down River Points.

TRAIL CREEK.

Four feet of beautiful copper ore has been uncovered in the north cross cut on the Centre Star.

Ore from the Josie's tunnel shows up worth $120.40 gold.

A three-drill compressor has been ordered for the Georgia where there are 8 feet of ore in a 16 foot tunnel.

Work on the St. Elmo will be resumed with a large force on May 1st.

A 200 foot vertical shaft is to be sunk on the Lily May.

The price in the Monte Christo sale is $25,000. The property will be incorporated.

There are 11 feet of ore in the face at the O. K. mine. There is ore to the value of $33,000 in sight in this mine.

President Corbin announces that the Red Mountain Railway will be built immediately and expects to have it completed in four months.

The Delaware mine on Gold Hill has been bought by Glass Bros and will be incorporated as the English Gold Mining Co. Ltd.

The Queen's birthday is to be celebrated on a magnificent style in Rossland this year.

J. L. Warner has succeeded Mr. Cole as president of the O. K.

The Sovereign mine, on Lookout Mountain, has been sold for $25,000 to a Montana syndicate.

Even the business houses at Rossland are incorporating. The Crescent Dry Goods Co. Ltd. has been formed with a capital stock of $20,000.

SLOCAN.

The Mollie Hughes is being worked by two men.

The Two Friends, on Springer Creek, is bonded, or at least a ¾ interest in it, for $37,500 to Chas. T. Dunbar of Vancouver. The owners C. Murphy, A. Provost and P. M. Schonberg also agree to bond either the Dundas or Black Prince claims, which adjoin the Two Friends, for $12,500.

W. J. Hoar has sold to C. T. Dunbar a ¼ interest in Bunker Hill, a ¼ in True Friends, ¼ in Buck Horn, and ¼ in Maud S. for the sum of $2,000.

The persons injured in the New Denver fire are reported progressing favorably.

The Silver King, in the Jackson Basin, has been purchased by D. W. Moore, on behalf of Eastern people, for the sum of $10,000.

A. M. Whitely is reported insane at Kaslo. He was lately constable there.

C. T. Dunbar has obtained an option on the Ottawa at $25,000.

The Hall mines Ltd. have sent a diamond drill to prospect the Iron Hand with.

The Bank of Toronto is contemplating putting in a branch at Kaslo.

Hall Mines shares are quoted at $7.50.

Ore, Matte, and bullion shipments from West Kootenay so far for '96 are 19,578 tons, value $1,100,211.

The Kaslo *Claim* has been sold to D. W. King. It will support Hewitt Bostock in the coming election.

The out cut of the Slocan Star as secured by the Omaha-Grant people will come out by the C. P. R.

GENERAL.

The hydraulic property on Forty-nine Creek has been leased by the McVicars, of Ainsworth.

The Nelson smelter blew in last Monday.

An announcement was made Tuesday that M. Meline had succeeded in forming a new French ministry. This will help to calm the public mind, but it will probably not last long as the ministry is not a strong one.

The report is confirmed that the Indian government has given orders to General Rediseva to evacuate Kassala.

The Spanish troops at La Lagna defeated the Cubans under Maceo with heavy loss on Wednesday. Artillery took a prominent part in the fight.

FROM ALL QUARTERS.

THE TRANSVAAL RAIDERS' DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

To Imprisonment Exile and Heavy Fines Which the Chartered Company will Probably Have to Pay—Fighting in South Africa—Arbitration of the Venezuela Dispute.

The death sentences imposed by the Boers upon John Hays Hammond, the American engineer; Col. Francis Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes; Lionel Phillips, president of the chamber of mines, and George Farrar, journalist, who all pleaded guilty of high treason, was on Wednesday commuted. The extent of the commutation is not yet known, but it is expected it will be to a heavy fine and long terms of imprisonment. The other 59 prisoners have been sentenced to two years imprisonment, three years banishment and a fine of $10,000 or, in default, another year's imprisonment. It is thought that the plea of guilty was made to save the British South Africa Company from exposure of complicity with Jameson, and that the company will now be called upon to foot the fines.

On Tuesday Mr. A. J. Balfour, leader of the British House of Commons, said that communications re Venezuela question had been received from the U. S. and were now under consideration. He added significantly that it was confidently hoped by patience and tact on both sides, a peaceful and satisfactory solution of the matter would be attained. This hope, it is now known, is based upon a general plan of arbitration between Britain and United States which has been proposed by President Cleveland.

A big engagement took place at Buluwayo Tuesday morning. The fight was visible from the town and was the most determined that has occurred. It caused great excitement. The Matabeles evidently intended to crush the whites and to attack the town. The whites were equally determined to be ready for them. A body of 500 Matabeles came within half a mile of the town and cut off some of the pickets, killing two. Maxim guns were placed upon the roofs of the buildings to play upon them. The fighting was desperate, and the enemy retreated in disorder, amid an incessant rifle fire. The friendly Matabeles completed the route of the enemy with assegais and axes. Captain MacFarlane and Administrator Duncan, who assisted in the fight, complimented the troops, who were greeted with wild cheers and the singing of "God Save the Queen" while returning home.

Sir Henry Parkes, for many years premier of New South Wales, is dead. He was born in England in 1815, and went to Australia in 1839. In 1851 he first entered public life and became an office holder in 1860. In 1872 he first became premier, and between then and his death was at the head of the ministry four different times. He was married three times, and was 81 year old when he died.

There is much talk in semi-official circles of negotiations to conclude the war between Spain and Cuba being offered mutually.

A severe cyclone struck Dakota Wednesday, and besides doing considerable damage to crops, wiped the little town of Epiphany clean off the earth.

Severe storms of rain and wind, accompanied by lightning, have been occasioning fearful damage in Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin. Nearly two inches of rain fell in one hour at Dubuque, Iowa.

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REVELSTOKE, MAY 2, 1896.

THE arrangements made by Inspector Fletcher for Trout Lake mails this season are entirely inadequate (we are credibly informed), and fail to meet the wishes of the people there. Mr. Fletcher, who represents the Dominion Government, wishes to let a weekly mail contract from Arrowhead to Trout Lake—a distance of 22 miles and return—for $7.50 a round trip, and makes it optional with the contractor to take it through or not on the day it arrives at Thomson's Landing. Mr. Fletcher says no more can be allowed as the Trout Lake office is not a paying one. Why is it not a paying one? Simply because the people prefer sending out their mail by private messenger to giving it to the present imperfect service. The office at Thomson's, we understand, is a paying one, yet there were not nearly as many people there as were in Trout Lake last winter. In Trout Lake there were no less than 200 men, including miners on the Abbott, Silver Cup, Great Northern, and American claims, 12 permanent ranchers, placer miners and others, and these people, or some of them, subscribed liberally to supplement the service of last year. There is no reason to doubt but that if Mr. Fletcher gives the service required, which is not a once-a-week service as is proposed for this summer, but a semi-weekly one, that it will result in profit to his department.

Can it be proved? Yes, if the estimates of the people—mine owners and others—with whom we have spoken are correct and who anticipate seeing 800 men in Trout Lake division this summer. The mail of 800 men will easily pay for a semi-weekly service at the rate of $7.50 a round trip. This amounts to but $60 per month, or 7½ cents per man of 800. Does Mr. Fletcher or his Government do the people of this section justice in withholding such a consideration at a time and place where it is all important and when there is more than a probability of its being repaid. There is not a camp in Kootenay that has not had or is having a vigorous kick on the inefficient mail service of the district.

ELSEWHERE in our columns will be found a letter from a correspondent signing himself "Lux." He says, in a nutshell, that Mr. Mara is not to blame for the absence of an appropriation. Supposing Mr. Mara is not to blame, who is then? The Government, surely, who led him to "believe provision made for canyon." But we do not believe that this is true. We believe that Mr. Mara knew very well that there was no provision made for this work, and so did every member of the House since April 19th, the day the estimates were brought down, and in saying what he did he was just blinding the people to the facts of the case. If Mr. Mara cannot get what he wants from the Government for us here, how comes it that he can get $4,000 for the Kootenay Rapids? And how is it that the work on this job could be commenced on March 1st, when it was not provided for until April 10th. The only explanation is that he could get what he wanted for what would benefit himself, and get it done for before the estimates came down, which might be opposed by the Liberals, but the work once done the Opposition could not refuse payment. The only conclusion we think, to which "Lux" or anyone else can come to in the matter, is that Mr. Mara, if he wished, could have done as much for us as he had cuteness enough to do for himself.

In the debate on the matter *Hansard* reports Mr. Daly as saying, in defence of Mr. Mara, that through the efforts of Mr. Mara subsidies of $3,200 per mile had been given to the C. & K. Ry., the Nakusp & Slocan Ry., and the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake branch, and that he deserved the thanks of his constituents for having made the efforts he did and succeeding in getting government aid for these enterprises. Mr. Daly further stated that there was no more indefatigable member that had business to do with him than Mr. Mara. He had persistently endeavored and succeeded in getting everything he could for his constituency. Here is a statement that will convince "Lux" that Mr. Mara could get what he wanted, and it so appears to other members of the House, for Mr. Casey and Mr. Lister spoke as follows:

Mr. Casey.—This is certainly a big advertisement for the member for Yale. The aid to these railways was given, not because the Government knew anything about the matter, but because the member for Yale kept at them about it.

Mr. Lister.—It is a most astounding statement, that the Government should have aided a railway not because the Government knew of its necessity, but because the member for Yale asked them to vote $120,000 for that purpose.

Will "Lux" admit now that Mr. Mara could have got a paltry $2,000 to open up this northern river to the trade of this town? If he won't he ought to. But "Lux" is evidently a thick and thin supporter of Mr. Mara, even at the expense of the party he represents, and we can hardly hope to convince him.

As to our not being actuated by a desire to benefit the country but to injure Mr. Mara, we hardly feel it necessary to deny the charge. We are actuated by as earnest a desire to upbuild this section of the country as is "Lux," every bit, and by an examination of his mercantile standing we are assured that we have more at stake even than he. If then we are not allowed to fit the cap on him who should wear it, be he Mr. Mara or anyone else, or to do our duty to this country or ourselves without being accused of political malice, we shall certainly allow the opportunity to do so to somebody else who will not, perhaps, offend "Lux" or men of his stripe by kowtowing to J. A. Mara, M.P., or any other politician who pretends to see what he sees not.

WAS Mr. Daly really serious when saying that Mr. Mara deserved our thanks for getting subsidies for the C. & K., N. & S. and Arrow Lake Railways. Surely Mr. Daly knows that all these lines are feeders to Mr. Mara's boats and that personal friends of that gentleman are interested in all three roads. Mr. Daly must be joking. But the point of the whole thing is when he says that Mr. Mara had succeeded in getting everything he could for his constituency. What a joke this is, or is it meant to be ironical. Did Mr. Daly make an intentional error and say "constituency" when he meant *corporations*. If he didn't, he certainly did make a mistake, and would have been much nearer the truth in saying so.

As Others See Us.

Seattle *Telegraph*:—The Kootenay Mail, published at Revelstoke, B. C., comes to us this week greatly improved in appearance and make-up, and containing the announcement that the paper had changed hands, the new firm being Atkins & Smith. This paper is one of the best published in the mining districts of British Columbia, and we wish it increased prosperity under the new management.

Vancouver *World*:—The Kootenay Mail has changed proprietorship, B. R. Atkins and J. A. Smith being now owners. In the issue of the 11th inst., this announcement is made, as well as the policy to be pursued by the Mail hereafter. A decided change is observable in the paper, and that greatly for the better. The letter press matter is all home set, the local news written up in a pleasing, crisp style; the editorials dealing with all affairs are up to date. The mechanical execution is exceptionally good, everything considered. In short, from our knowledge of the senior of the firm, Mr. Atkins, the patrons of the Mail can always depend upon receiving the fullest possible news concerning Northern Kootenay, the Upper Columbia and the Big Bend country. We wish the new proprietors every success.

Kamloops *Sentinel*:—The Kootenay Mail, published at Revelstoke, has changed hands, the new proprietors being Messrs. B. R. Atkins and J. A. Smith. Their initial number has shown a great improvement in the Mail. The mining interests converging at Revelstoke are considerable and should give scope for the efforts of a wide-awake journal. In politics apparently the Mail is to be a free lance.

Ashcroft *Journal*:—The Kootenay Mail, of Revelstoke, has changed hands. Messrs. Atkins & Smith now having full control, the first issue being quite an improvement. They are both able men and deserve success.

South Edmonton *News*:—The Kootenay Mail, Revelstoke, has passed from the hands of the shareholders to Messrs. Atkins & Smith, who have improved the paper very much. They make no great protestations, but intend to run it on a more business-like plan than heretofore. Revelstoke is the coming town of the Kootenay valley and deserves a good live newspaper, and for this reason we wish Messrs. Atkins & Smith prosperity.

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The Trout Lake Mail.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL.

Great dissatisfaction exists here at the mail service of this division. For the last two winters a mail has reached us but once a month and in summers but once a week. This weekly mail was never regular and was sometimes two weeks before it arrived. So irregular indeed has been the service and so infrequent that the people of this camp have personally paid up different sums of money ranging from 50c. to $15 to get our mail regularly and more frequently. All that the Government could afford to do for a camp with 200 men and several mining companies was to allow $30 for a twice a month trip. Now it is proposed to give us a weekly mail at the same price as the monthly one cost, and it is said that it is offered as an inducement to the contractor to carry it at this price, that he need not do so when it arrives at Thomson's. These are the same terms as were in vogue before but now that there will be a daily boat to Arrowhead, and a daily stage to Trout Lake City there is no excuse for imposing these conditions on a contractor to save a miserable little pittance to the Government. The people in here are indignant at the way they are put to expense in coming down from the mines on the day that the mail should arrive if promptly delivered, but not finding it there and expecting it daily have to stay till it does or go back to camp and come down again. This is not only injustice but a hardship, as the Abbott mine, for instance, is 28 miles from the post office, and men must go in from there to get their mail. There are also besides the Abbott group, that averaged 15 men on pay roll last winter, the Silver Cup, 25 men; Great Northern, 14 men; American, 6 men; and other properties with two and three men working. All these mines are from 6 to 23 miles from the post office. So the hardship and injustice the miners suffer in having to walk in and not get their mail is apparent. I doubt very much if Post Office Inspector Fletcher would care to travel this distance for mail, not find it and go home again. I rather fancy he would do what I am doing now on behalf of the camp—*kick*. This could all be avoided if the inspector would pay a contractor a proper price for a regular delivery and do something for the money this district and province gives his government.

This year several new properties will be worked, a waggon road will be built and a considerable number of prospectors and miners will be here to do their work. Everyone in here looks to see fully 800 men at work this summer. Surely such a camp deserves more than a weekly mail, time of delivery uncertain. There is not a camp in Kootenay that in its infancy was not treated better than this, and more will be heard about it if not bettered.

CHAS. C. MOLSON.

Trout Lake City, B.C., April 20, 1896.

A Lame Defence.

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL.

In your issues of April 18th and 25th you seem to think that Mr. Mara alone is responsible for not getting this appropriation. Isn't it quite possible that Mr. Mara could not get the money from the Government who have so many important places to put it, that they must exercise great economy. Mr. Mara did his duty in asking for the appropriation, and because it is not in the estimates is no fault of his, he cannot get what he wants always, even if it would do his much benefit here. It seems to me that your attacks on Mr. Mara are, though carefully veiled, not dictated by reason, or benefit to the country merely, but by a wish to do him political injury. Hoping that, in this Editor particular, I may be mistaken, I remain, Sir, Yours truly,

LEX.

Revelstoke, B.C., April 28, 1896.

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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 6th day of May, A.D., 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

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

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 30 days after date I will apply to the Chief Commissioner Lands and Works for license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay:

Commencing east bank of Fish Creek at mouth of Pool creek, thence north 11 miles, thence east ¼ of a mile, thence south 11 miles, thence west ¼ (three quarters) of a mile, containing 640 acres.

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 160 acres. In all 1000 acres.

GEO. D. SCOTT.
Vancouver, April 6, 1896. 51-tf

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Commencing at foot of rapids below One Mile Bridge, thence along the river bank north 2 miles, thence west ¼ of a mile, thence south 22 miles, thence east ¼ of a mile, containing 1,000 acres.

Also commencing at cabin, 11 Mile Post, thence north 11 miles along river, thence west ½ mile, thence south 11 miles, thence east ½ mile, containing 660 acres. In all 820 acres.

KATE SCOTT.
Vancouver, B.C., April 6th, 1896. 51-tf

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

Also commencing at 6 Mile Post on creek bank, thence north ½ mile, thence west 3 mile, thence south ½ mile, thence east ½ mile, containing 240 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 120 acres. In all 1,000 acres.

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In a Private Box.

I first met the old man in a large London cafe; indeed, up to the time of the occurrence I am about to relate I had never been in his company elsewhere. He used to play chess there, and so did I, and our acquaintance had been confined to chats across the checkered board. I was an enthusiast at the game, while he, though a much stronger player, seemed to use chess as a solace for some trouble, or to divert his mind from unpleasant thoughts. Of this I was convinced. Many months passed before I even knew his name, which I at last discovered to be Francesco Astarita. He was a decidedly good-looking Italian, about 30 years of age, but his features already bore lines of care or affliction, I never could tell which. I always found him very variable in manner. Sometimes he would be almost affable, at others silent and morose, but there was always a dash of melancholy in his conversation.

We met only at night, and I gathered that he held some mercantile appointment in the city. He spoke almost perfect English.

"Will you have a game?" I said, one evening, as I took a seat opposite to him at one of the marble-topped tables. "I should like to try that variation in the Ruy Lopez again."

"No thank you," he replied, gruffly. "I am just going."

"You are not feeling unwell, I hope?"

He certainly looked very pale and careworn, but he gave no answer. A sickly smile, half sneer, stole over his face.

A few minutes later he rose, put on his hat, and, with a curt "Good-night," strode toward the door. Then he suddenly stopped, came back, and said:—

"I am going to the Jollity. Do you care to come? I have taken a private box—quite alone."

Music halls, even when called theatres or varieties, were not much to my taste, but I was disappointed of my chess, for there was no other person present with whom I cared to play, and at any rate I could come away from the Jollity when I was tired.

So I accepted his invitation and we strolled along the street together. He was unusually silent and as I failed in several attempts to get him into conversation I at length fell back on my own thoughts.

What could induce a man of his temperament to go to a music hall especially in such a particularly unsociable mood? Could it be possible that the entertainment would take his mind off his troubles? That he had troubles and serious ones I could not for a moment doubt. But what most astonished me was to find him indulging in the luxury of a private box, for I was sure that he was a man of slender means. The ticket might have been given to him, but he had distinctly said that he had "taken it," which meant "hired it."

The bright and brilliantly decorated house was already crowded in many parts when we took our seats, and the entertainment had begun. A girl in an idealized male attire was singing a song with a rollicking chorus, and youths were grinning with enjoyment at the same old jokes their fathers and grandfathers had relished in days gone by.

Astarita looked horribly bored. He sat at the back of the box in silence. Suddenly he pulled his chair nearer to mine and became communicative.

"You can't understand me," he said. "You think I am not happy. Well I am not. And do you suppose this programme is likely to cheer me. Come back out of that noise. I will tell you a story—a true story—a page out of my own life.

The audience was applauding, and I moved my chair into the interior of the box.

"My father was an Italian—"

"So I should judge by your name," I interrupted.

"Yes; but he died when I was very young, and my mother was English. My home was at Naples. When I was a lad I went into the office of a large firm of fruit merchants there. I stuck hard at my work for some years, and I was doing very well. Then I met the only woman I ever loved—I must have been about 25—and the only woman I believed to be worthy of my devotion. Ah, those were happy days!"

Astarita paused in his story, and seemed to be dwelling on memories of the past.

"What was I saying?" he suddenly began again. "Ah, yes, I remember. Angela knew of my love and returned it. There was not a shadow on our path—until an English scoundrel, called Herbert Ross, appeared on the scene. I never knew what brought him to Naples, but he came, and while there, in an evil hour, met her—my sweet Angela.

"That man, sir, had what the world calls a winning manner. He could talk well, played the violin, and was an amateur conjurer and ventriloquist. The world loves a mountebank, and there were plenty of fools in Naples ready to welcome him as a guest. The villain fascinated my Angela—instilled into her a desire to go on the stage. He had influence with actors and managers everywhere, and, as her parents were dead, and she was living with friends, he had no difficulty in getting her an engagement.

"She was mad. But I saw through his scheme. He wanted to get her away from me and persuade her to marry him. Yes, he succeeded. Two years later she was his wife—his wife—and lost to me forever."

The orchestra was playing loudly, and I drew my chair back farther.

"Can you not guess that it broke my heart? I could not stay in Naples. I came to London. Once since her marriage have I seen Angela. I met her in Piccadilly one day last August. We walked in the Green park. It was the happiest hour I have known since the old time in Naples.

"At first she declared that she was happy, but no you not think I could read her face—I told her that I did not believe her. She wept, and confessed that she was leading a miserable life. And how happy I might have made her! Failed on the stage? Yes, but not only that. Her husband, who was now a professional entertainer, was cruel to her. He had struck her—yes, struck her!

"I said, 'I will avenge you!'

"'No, no,' she cried, 'for my sake do not raise a hand against him! Promise me. Promise me, Francesco.'

"What could I do? I promised her that while she lived I would not touch him. And I have kept my word. But, by heaven—"

Astarita did not finish the sentence. He was livid with emotion, and trembling from head to foot. I urged him to be calm.

"Yes, I must be calm," he said. "What is going on on the stage?"

I stepped forward.

"A trouble of acrobats—No. 5."

He leaned back in his chair and wiped his forehead. I glanced around at the audience and immediately felt a grip on my shoulders, while Francesco Astarita whispered, almost hissed, into my ear—

"She is dead!"

I turned and looked him in the face.

"Then try to forget it all," I said. "Let the past be buried."

The curtain had descended.

"Give me the programme!" he said, quickly.

He held it in front of me with the long, taloned nail of his right hand cutting through a point in the middle of the page.

"Look there! The next item—Mr. Christopher Gurney, ventriloquist. That is the stage name of the scoundrel, Herbert Ross!"

"—let us go away," I urged. "You are excited and unwell. It will do you no good to see him. Come away."

"No, no, not yet," he answered. "Presently."

The bell rang and the curtain rose, discovering a row of grotesque and grinning figures, waiting to receive animation from the magic powers of the ventriloquist. Christopher Gurney appeared and made his bow. Taking his stand in the midst of the puppets he began his entertainment. His dialogues and jests were bright and "up to date," and peals of laughter were frequent from the audience.

"I looked around at Astarita." He was standing behind me, leaning against the side of the box, half concealed by a long curtain. I could only see his face, and noticed a wild madness in his eyes.

"Shall we go?" I said, again.

"Presently," was all the reply.

The ventriloquist was now making one of his figures sing a comic song. It was accompanied by the band, and had a refrain that I have never forgotten, and that never comes into my head without bringing back that night at the Jollity.

The song came to an end and loud applause rang through the building. In the midst of the clamor the performer bowed his head, and, to the alarm of everybody, fell face downward in front of the footlights. There he lay, motionless, with his row of uncanny puppets grinning down upon him.

Attendants now rushed on from the wings, and as they lifted the inanimate body I saw a red stream flowing from his head and a dark stain on the floor of the stage. The curtain was immediately rung down and the audience was stunned by the terrible scene they had witnessed. I turned instinctively to Astarita. He was pale and excited.

"This did it!" he said.

He held in his hand an air-gun, which till now he had concealed from my sight. I was transfixed with horror at his crime. I sat like one dazed, looking into space and just conscious that some one was standing before the curtain addressing the audience. Then I awoke to a full sense of my position and determined to secure the criminal. I rose to do so.

He had gone.

I went out into the noisy streets. There was a fine drizzle and the roads and pavements were slippery, but I walked like one in a dream. Where I went I cannot remember, but I know that I did not enter my chambers until nearly two o'clock in the morning. I was wet through and covered with mud. As I crept into bed I resolved to tell the police all that I knew on the following day.

Next morning I rose calmer, but with no appetite for breakfast. I took up my newspaper to see if there was any account of the tragedy at the Jollity, when my eye fell first on the following paragraph:

"Late last night a man was seen to throw himself into the Thames from Waterloo bridge. Attempts were made to save his life, but without success. The river police, however, recovered the dead body. From articles found on the deceased it would appear that he was an Italian named Francesco Astarita, but at present nothing is known of him nor of his motive for committing the crime."

But at the end of the account of the scene at the Jollity I was relieved to read:

"On making inquiries at the hospital we were informed that the injuries of Mr. Gurney are not so serious as were at first feared and there is every hope of his complete recovery. There is at present no clew whatever to the criminal."

I have, therefore, rightly or wrongly, held my peace.—*Tit-Bits.*

One of the Wonders of Physics.

An experienced mechanic, who was asked what he regarded as the most wonderful thing for general utility, replied: "The tracking of a car wheel is the most wonderful thing to me in the whole range of science and invention. Here are two rails, up hill and down hill, around sharp curves and along false tangents, and upon them flies at the rate of more than a mile a minute, without jar or jostle, a dozen heavy cars, drawn by an engine weighing sixty tons. Passengers realize no danger, yet there is only the little flange of a wheel between them and eternity. An inch and a half of steel turned up on the inner side of the wheel holds up the whole train as if it were bolted there in grooves."—Albany Express.

Only One Difficulty.

With their usual lack of a good subject for conversation, a group of women were discussing lately what death they would prefer to die. One preferred drowning, another heart disease, a third strangling. One who poses as very clinging and soulful said, with a Beardsleyesque languish that she thought she'd "like to be kissed to death." The remark was repeated to Mrs. Craigie, (John Oliver Hobbs), who was immediately extremely curious to see the woman who said it. One night at the theater Mrs. Craigie's hostess said, "There, in the second box, is the woman who wanted to be kissed to death. What do you think of her?"

"That woman!" exclaimed John Oliver. "I should think she'd have trouble to find an executioner."

A Brave Officer's Answer.

During Napoleon's campaign in Russia a young officer was very successful in defeating, with a handful of men, a large body of Cossacks, who had been skirmishing along the line for several days, doing considerable damage. The officer risked his life in a daring deed of bravery, and Napoleon hearing of it, sent for him and praised him.

"Sire," said the officer, "I am happy for your praise, but the Cross of the Legion of Honor would make me happier."

"But you are very young," said Napoleon.

"Sire," answered the brave officer, "we do not live long in your regiments."—Harper's Round Table.

Counting a Million.

I wrote to the Treasury Department in Washington, and I put two questions, which one of the leading authorities answered in the most obliging manner.

Treasury Department, Office of the Treasurer, Washington, D. C.—Sir: You ask me the following questions: (1) How long does it take, under the most advantageous circumstances, for an expert to count 100,000 silver dollars? (2) How long does it take, under the most advantageous circumstances, for an expert to count 100,000 notes?

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To the second inquiry I may say that it will take an expert 16⅔ hours to count 100,000 new notes, and for a current or ordinary day's work 40,000 notes is about all that can be done. Respectfully yours, E. H. NEBEKER, Treasurer, United States.

Take, then, $1,000,000 silver dollars, and set an expert counting it. If he worked night and day over it, lost no time in eating, drinking or sleeping, he would finish a fairly tough job of counting 1,000,000 silver dollars in precisely eight and one-third days.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut timber on a one thousand acre tract of land situated on east side of Arrow Lake at Galena Bay, about 6 miles south from Arrowhead. Commencing at post at south-west corner, about 40 chains east from lake shore, running north 120 chains, east 80 chains, south 120 chains, west to initial post 80 chains, 1000 acres more or less.

ADELINE POUPORE.
Nakusp, April 23rd, 1896. 1-4t

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut timber on a one thousand acre tract of land situated on east side of Upper Arrow Lake at Galena Bay about 6 miles south from Arrowhead, commencing at a post at south-west corner, about 100 chains east from lake shore, running north 160 chains, east 60 chains, south 160 chains and west to initial post 60 chains, 1000 acres more or less.

MATILDA PAYNE.
Nakusp, B. C., April 23rd, 1896. 1-4t

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Commencing on east bank one half mile south of 13 Mile Post; thence north one mile; thence east ½ mile; thence south one mile; thence west ½ mile, containing 320 acres.

Also commencing ½ mile south of 14 Mile Post, west bank; thence north one mile; thence west ½ mile; thence south one ½ mile; thence east ½ mile, containing 320 acres.

Also commencing at north-west corner of Geo. D. Scott's claim, mouth of Pool Creek, east bank of Fish Creek; thence north ½ mile; thence east 14 miles; thence south ½ mile; thence west 14 miles, containing 360 acres. In all 1000 acres more or less.

MARGARET GRANT.
Vancouver, B. C., April 15th, 1896. 1-4t

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 30 days from date I intend applying to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situated on Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay:

Commencing ½ mile south of 6 Mile Post, adjoining Geo. D. Scott's claim on the west; thence north 14 of a mile; thence west ½ mile; thence south 14 of a mile; thence east ½ mile, containing 600 acres.

Also commencing one quarter of a mile north of 11 Mile Post, adjoining Kate Scott's claim on the west; thence north 14 miles; thence west ½ mile; thence south 14 miles; thence east ½ mile, containing 400 acres. In all 1000 acres more or less.

ROBT. GRANT.
Vancouver, B. C., April 15, 1896. 1-4t

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

BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE.

The attention of householders is directed to the following:

(1) No person shall suffer the accumulation upon his premises, or deposit, or permit, the deposit upon any land belonging to him or under his control of anything so as to endanger the public health, or shall deposit or suffer to be deposited in, upon, or into, any street, square, lane, by-way, wharf, dock, slip, lake, pond, bank, harbour, river stream or water, any manure or other refuse, or vegetable or animal matter or filth of any kind.

(2) Between the 15th day of March and the 1st day of November, no hog shall be kept except in pens seventy feet from any house, with floors kept free from standing water and regularly cleansed and disinfected.

(3) All privies must be cleaned out at least twice a year, and garbage must not be dumped on river bank but be removed or burned.

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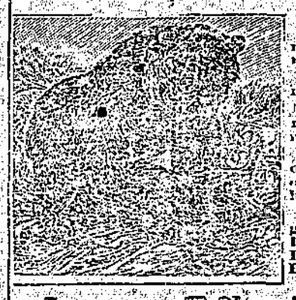

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NOTICE.

TRUE FISSURE MINERAL CLAIM. Situated in the Trout Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District, located north-east from Trout lake and about five miles from the mouth of Cariboo creek on the north branch. Take notice that I, Thomas Downs, free miner's certificate No. 5,015, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

THOMAS DOWNS.

Dated at Trout Lake City this 11th day of March, 1895. 15-2t

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

The regular meetings are held in the Masonic Temple, Boarding House Hall, on the third Monday in each month at 8 p.m. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

H. E. SMYTHE, Secretary.

REVELSTOKE LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 25.

Regular meetings are held in Oddfellows' Hall every Thursday night at eight o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed.

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Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1653.

Regular meetings are held in the Odd Fellows' Hall on the second and fourth Wednesday's of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

F. STEED, W.M. J. L. WOODROW, Rec-Secy.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

A nice range of children's foot-wear at Coursier's.

Mrs. Shields and family left on Thursday for Trail Creek.

Mr. Sussman, C. P. R. mining expert, went down river Sunday.

Arrowhead is to have a post office with G. Newman, P.M.

Geo. Newman, has a few men building a 24x40 ft. store at Arrowhead.

The C.P.R. intend starting a quarry near Arrowhead. It will supply stone for bridges.

Bob Hoyland is taking John Hopgood's place on the Arrow Lake Branch.

Blackwood & Poole are making preparations to work some properties at Whisky Point.

Send your next order for cigars to Borthwick & Co., Kamloops. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Mr. Cory Menhenick, mining recorder at Lardeau, was in town for some time this week.

D. Hall, of Hall's Landing, was visiting Revelstoke in the week's early part.

Read and observe the Board of Health notice. It is essential to the well being of the town.

Andy Craig, of Thomson's Landing, and Tom Edwards, of Trout Lake, were in town for a number of days this week. Come again, boys!

Messrs. Bourne Bros. have just got in a carload of the best Lake of the Woods Milling Co.'s flour.

Mr. Gordon, representing Bradstreet's, was taking some business ratings here this week.

A Liberal-Conservative organization has been formed in town. It will assist in Mr. Mara's candidature.

Three gentlemen from Chicago arrived in town this week, who intend investing some money in Kootenay.

Mr. Crage intends building a residence next to Rev. Mr. Yollands house, which is now well toward completion.

Lardeau City has at last been made a post office, to commence business May 1st, C. Menhenick, P.M.

Election time is a good opportunity to kick for post offices. Both Arrowhead and Lardeau should have had them before now.

Guy Barber, who has been in the watchmaking business for years in Revelstoke, left for the East on Tuesday.

Don't go limping along because you have corns. Get a pair of Slater's comfortable and perfect fitting boots at Coursier's.

Mr. F. Fingland, of Vancouver, who holds some mineral properties near Three Forks, came in on Thursday en route to the Slocan.

Mr. Mara, M. P., went through to Kamloops on Monday's train. He was met at the depot there by 60 Bostock supporters and 2 of his.

W. Cowan is putting in some more improvements on his telephone system. The old wires are being restring on new poles.

Mr. B. Paxton, W. G.'s brother has at last arrived. His arrival was chronicled two weeks ago but that was his fault.

The Oddfellows parade and service were very interesting. The brethren presented a good appearance, and the service was appropriate.

John Hopgood, conductor on the Arrow Lake Branch, left this morning on No. 2 for Montreal and New York. He will be gone a month.

Smoke Interior, La Moreno or Pride of Kamloops cigars. They are made at home by G. Borthwick & Co., Kamloops. Orders promptly attended to.

Mr. Ballegaard has sold his house and lot on Front Street, to Messrs. Vandall & Norton for a consideration of $1,000. Terms ½ down, balance in six months.

Firemen will please attend a special meeting of the brigade, in the Fire Hall on Wednesday evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp, to elect officers for the ensuing year.

O. H. Allen, Revelstoke Brewery, has put in new fermenting tubs in his lager beer cellar to give a capacity to brew six days a week. Mr. E. Picard was the contractor.

J. D. Graham, Government Agent, took the would be suicide, Oscar Schedl, to the lunatic asylum at New Westminster, on Wednesday. Mr. Graham will be back next week, but while he is at the coast will make a strong effort with the Government to allow him an assistant.

Engineers W. S. Nicholson and H. J. McStorley returned from a pleasure trip to Vancouver on Wednesday morning. They say weather and times are bad over there.

Good smokers require a good cigar. Smoke the Interior, La Moreno or Pride of Kamloops and you will be satisfied. Borthwick & Co., Kamloops, manufacturers.

Mr. McCarty's large building will soon be ready for occupancy and when complete will present a most handsome appearance. It will have a full glass front.

If the river bank is to be protected at all, it should be done now. If it goes out in the stream a great responsibility must be assumed by somebody. Who is it?

The Columbia House is being completely overhauled and painted, inside and out. When finished it will be one of the most comfortable houses in town.

The attention of all householders and others is requested to the Board of Health notice. Sanitary precautions must or should be taken as the health of the town requires it. Any remissness in attending to the requirements of the law will, we are informed, be promptly punished.

Mr. Peterson is setting an example worthy of imitation by all in the clearing up and improving of his property. Well kept premises, free from rubbish and inflammable material, not only adds beauty but safety to your property and catches the eye of a visitor.

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Board of Health. Govt. Agent, Revelstoke Division.

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ADELINE POUPORE.
Nakusp, April 2nd, 1896. 14c

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MATILDA PAYNE.
Nakusp, B.C., April 2nd, 1896. 14c

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