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GENERAL NEWS.

The republicans of the State of Washington will this fall demand for senator and congressmen men who are unqualifiedly in favor of the free coinage of silver.—*Cheney Sentinel.*

The O.K. mine on Sheep Creek, Trail, has been equipped with a five stamp mill, supplied by the Parke & Lacy Machinery Co. of Spokane. It is the first one in the district and the experiment in milling this ore will be watched with interest.

Elmore Gilmore, a country school teacher of Eckerty, Ind., recently married a farmer's pretty daughter, and three days afterwards a letter was received from a firm of barristers in Ireland, stating that he had fallen heir to a fortune of $3,000,000, left by an uncle in county Derry.

Considerable discussion has been caused in Victoria and Vancouver as to whether the "Blind Tom" now performing there is the real Blind Tom. Many people think this man is too young and too light in color, and say that the musical negro died years ago.

Wonderfully fine onions may be seen daily on the Winnipeg market, grown in the market gardens near the city. They are of the Spanish variety, such as are imported from the south in the spring of the year. Some of them are as large around as saucers, and a few of them would fill a half bushel measure.

Gen. Wm. Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, has arrived in this country, and will visit all the large cities in Canada and the United States during the next six months. He will visit Tacoma, Dec. 20; Seattle, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Leaving Seattle the general will go to Victoria, B.C., and thence traverse the Canadian Northwest.

Mr. McIntosh, of Kildonan, near Winnipeg, has a fine melon patch this year, some of the melons being equal in size to the famous Georgia watermelons while the quality is much sweeter and finer than the southern melons sold in this market. It is generally supposed that melons cannot be grown successfully north of the 49th parallel, but this shows that they can be.

A monster salmon was lately taken out of the Spey, Scotland, by the fishers employed by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. It weighs exactly 60 lbs. and is 4 ft. 4 in. long. Its girth about the shoulder is 2 ft. 4½ in., and just above the tail it measures about 10 in. round. British Columbia can beat this. Last season a salmon was on view in Victoria which weighed 83 lbs. It was taken by men fishing for the canneries.

At the Kingston, Ont., city council meeting last week, in discussing the advisability of sending a delegation to the waterways convention at Toronto, Ald. Gaskin, manager of the Montreal Transportation Company, stated that there was not money enough in the Bank of England, the United States and Canada to make a 20 foot waterway between Kingston and Montreal.

A quick telegram, which crossed the American continent and Atlantic ocean, is reported from Victoria. The C.P.R. telegraph people forwarded a dispatch from their Victoria office to Manchester, England, and delivered the reply all inside of ninety seconds, just a minute and a half. The Victoria operator, Mr. Gus Morris, worked direct with Canso, the Canadian cable terminus, whence the message was passed to Manchester direct.

Wm. Caldwell, one of the pioneer miners of the Lake of the Woods district and late superintendent of the Sultana mine, is in Winnipeg to purchase machinery for a new enterprise, which he is undertaking in connection with W. G. Motley, an English mining engineer who is in Chicago to purchase portions of the plant that cannot be purchased in Canada. These gentlemen intend to open up a new mine on Whitefish bay, as the representatives of a British syndicate.

Farmers' day at the Toronto Exhibition was the largest in the history of that institution, there being 80,000 visitors and the receipts amounting to over $19,000. This beats the record by several thousand dollars. On Monday, Citizens' day, 1891, the figures were $14,399.55; for the same day in 1892, the receipts were $16,001.35; for Farmers' day, Wednesday, 1891, the sum was 16,819.00; for Wednesday, Farmers' day in 1892, the figures were $16,389.60.

Death of Manager Goldsmid.

Mr. Arthur W. P. Goldsmid, the well-known ex-manager of the Vancouver Opera House, died last Saturday night in St. Joseph's Hospital, after a long and painful illness caused by cancer in the stomach. Mrs. Goldsmid, summoned all the way from England, arrived just in time to be with her husband in his dying moments. Deceased was in his 42nd year, and was the son of Sir Frederick K. J. Goldsmid, Bart. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

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ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Twenty-Two Chiefs Plead for Red Bluff Charley at Clinton.

At Clinton Assizes last week there was a large number of Indians—quite 400—attracted by the trial of Red Bluff Charley. The facts of the case were stated as follows:

Last July Red Bluff Charley, who is an industrious, hard-working and popular Indian, returned to his home at Dog Creek, 20 miles from Clinton, and caught Johnnie, another Indian, in a compromising position with his wife. Charley happened to be armed, and following his first impulse, shot Johnnie dead. He was arrested and made a full statement of the facts and the grand jury returned an indictment for murder. The court then began an inquiry as to the character of the prisoner and it led to one of the most remarkable scenes that ever took place in a British Columbia court of justice. The Crown had accepted the offer of the defence to plead guilty of manslaughter. Twenty-two chiefs from Chilcotin, Bonaparte, Alkali Lake and other places filed into court and lined up by the box to hear the judge's admonition to the prisoner in passing sentence. The wife who had caused the trouble was brought in and in answer to a question said she wanted her husband to be free. Six of the chiefs were then heard. All delivered orations in their native tongue, which were interpreted by J. N. Brown, a well educated Indian of Dog Creek. They extolled the good qualities of Charley, but said every man should be virtuous and good and seek heaven, and they were content to accept the decree of the court. They would receive the sentence of the court as a mandate from heaven and expressed the belief that the court could not err in its judgment. Justice Walkem complimented them on their noble words and sentiments and told them that the law gave them equal protection with the white man. In view of the high character of the accused and the extreme provocation the penalty was made 18 months' imprisonment. At the close of the trial Charley took leave of his friends and the scene was a most impressive one. At the door of the jail he was cheered.

FREE LUMBER.

The placing of lumber on the free list by the United States Tariff Bill has not as yet been of any great benefit to Canadian lumbermen. The Toronto *Monetary Times* says: "American buyers show little or no inclination to purchase stock, and are making attempts to break our market quotations. The transactions made are upon a basis of values slightly lower than the sales at the close of last year. The better grades of lumber, however, are weak stock at the moment, and sales can only be effected by a considerable shading in prices. The operations of American buyers have so long been of a hand-to-mouth character that the lumber yards in the eastern States must contain light stocks, and it is but reasonable to expect a good trade next spring or later in the fall.

WILL DO AS THE BRITISH DO.

The patrolling of the Behring Sea against pelagic sealing has cost the United States Government over $400,000 this season, while not a single legal seizure has been made. The only vessels captured were the Victoria sealers Wanderer and Favorite, both of which have been discharged. Great Britain had but one vessel in the sea, while the United States had nine. In a private letter from Washington, the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Herbert, has expressed a determination to send only the same number of revenue cutters next season as do the British.

The "Canuck" Still on the Boards.

Viva Glen Visscher, daughter of Col. Will L. Visscher, the well known actor author and journalist, made her debut last Monday night at Seattle, with McKee Rankin's company in the "Canuck," taking the part of Archangel Cadieux. This was played by Miss Patrice O'Neill when the company performed here last month.

The Interstate Fair at Tacoma.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

TACOMA, Sept. 25th.

Cassassa's famous Midwinter Fair band is now the Interstate Fair band, opening its engagement last Saturday night. Two regular concerts will be rendered daily, and on special days other music will be given also. Saturday was British Columbia day, one of the most notable occasions of the whole season. A better day for the opening could not be had. The fair was crowded with visitors, not only from British Columbia, but all over the Northwest, and they gave the band a most enthusiastic welcome.

British Columbia day proved the greatest special day of the fair season so far. It was successful in every way. The arrangements were carried out perfectly, and about 3,000 subjects of the Queen returned to their homes after the celebration was over, pleased with the fair, pleased with Tacoma, and profound admirers of the energy, push and perseverance shown by the people who conceived and carried out the fair project. Two large excursions were run from British Columbia. One from Vancouver on the steamer Yosemite brought about 1,500. The steamer Islander, from Victoria, brought even a larger party. On board were Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and Mrs. Dewdney, the Mayor of Victoria and city officials, the president of the B.C. Agricultural Association, the president of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., commanding the B.C. Garrison Artillery, and other distinguished persons. The headquarters band of the B. C. G. A. accompanied the party, and the band of No. 5 company, B. C. G. A. went with the excursion from Vancouver. These two bands, which are both excellent musical organizations, gave concerts during the day in the liberal arts building and elsewhere about the grounds.

The B. C. visitors had a taste of Tacoma's hospitality even before they reached the city. A reception committee went out in a special boat, and met the incoming excursionists about ten miles up the sound and escorted them to the wharf. The entertainment of the visitors during their stay was properly looked after. The ladies were entertained by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Tacoma Chamber of Commerce.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer is giving away free tickets of admission to all children in the Northwest for the paper's celebration. A special boat load of youngsters from Seattle will be sent over at the P-I's expense.

Four days are to be given up to the celebration now being arranged by the Grand Army of the Republic. They are October 1, 2, 3 and 4. The event promises to be the biggest gathering of old soldiers ever held in the Northwest.

Didn't Know it Was Loaded.

A bluejacket named Reece, of H.M. S. Royal Arthur, at Esquimalt, was killed on Saturday evening by a companion named Perry, who playfully discharged at him a loaded shotgun. Perry did not know it was loaded, and he is now distracted with grief. Midshipmen Allington and Napier of the ship had been on a hunting expedition in the afternoon, and when they returned about 7 o'clock the guns were given to Perry, who is a "sideboy," to take below. Having laid one down on a chest, he pointed the other at his friend Reece, and with the remark, "Look out, or I will shoot you," pulled the trigger. Reece received the full charge of gunshot in his left breast and died instantly, the terrible wound almost cleaving his heart. He was about 18 years of age and Perry is a year older. The boys entered the naval training ship at the same time and have been fast friends ever since. An inquiry into the circumstances connected with the accident was held on the ship, and steps were taken with a view to prevent a repetition of the carelessness by which the loaded gun was brought aboard.

A Fakir From New Westminster.

The people of Toronto Junction have been warned against a man of small stature, fair complexion with light moustache, and about 27 years of age, who poses as a doctor. While there he succeeded in taking in three hotel men, a doctor, a druggist and a photographer. With the druggist he left as security for borrowed money a bank book with the name of W. A. Milburn, New Westminster, inscribed on it.

Beating High Freight Rates.

A man came into town last week with a ton and a half of wool. He teamed it from Minnedosa, and was on his way to Winnipeg, 177 miles, where he was sent by Sewell, a Minnedosa butcher, to sell the wool and bring back with him some plate glass. Sewell expected to save about $50 freight by the transaction.—*Gladstone Age.*

COINAGE OF SILVER IN THE U. S.

Since the Cleveland administration came into power 1,957,223 standard silver dollars have been coined, of which 520,079 have been seigniorage.

Prior to the 1st July, 1890, silver dollars to the amount of $36,318,264 were coined from the bullion purchased. The so-called gain in the seigniorage arising from this coinage was $6,687,803, which was paid into the treasury as miscellaneous receipts, leaving $29,480,461 to be held as a fund to provide for the redemption of treasury notes as provided by law. At the beginning of the present administration some of this $29,480,461 was still in the treasury, and standard silver dollars to the amount of $1,957,223 have been coined since that time. Of this last sum, however, $520,079 was seigniorage, leaving $1,077,144 to be held in the treasury. It appears, therefore, that the whole coinage under the Act has been $31,905,487, and that the amount to be held in the treasury for the redemption of purchases was $30,557,605. Of this sum $4,121,000 has been used in redemption of the notes and that amount has been retired and cancelled.

As shown above, there were held in the treasury at the beginning of this administration $29,480,461 in silver coined from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890. Notwithstanding the fact that $1,057,223 has been coined since that time, there is now on hand only $26,180,187.

POACHING IN ALASKA.

Mr. Jos. Murray, fish commissioner for Alaska, who has just returned from the north, gives a gloomy account of the seal and salmon fisheries in that country, he says: "Unless some steps are taken there will shortly be no fur-bearing animals in Alaska. The adventurers who flock in there are rapidly exterminating the animals, and the companies who are canning salmon are no better. Fox skins range in value from $10 to $200. A party goes on an island with a supply of strychnine. Bait is poisoned, and the foxes eat it. They are then skinned and a stake is made. The carcasses are eaten by crows, and the birds die. Foxes that missed the poisoned bait eat the poisoned birds, and in a short time there is not a fox on the island. The seal fisheries are fast playing out. Five years ago there was no trouble in getting 100,000 skins. This year, though allowed to take 20,000 skins, the company succeeded in getting about 16,000. The salmon fishers spread their nets at the mouths of the rivers up which the fish endeavor to go in order to spawn. Every one is taken and as a result there are no young fish. Unless something is done soon Alaska, instead of being a source of revenue to the government, will be unable to support even its native population."

Lord Swansea and West Kootenay Mines.

Lord Swansea and his daughter, Miss Vivian, are at present making a Western tour through the States. His lordship is head of probably the largest smelting concern in the world. If he could be induced to take a look at some of our silver mines he would no doubt be astonished, as there has never been their like seen in any other country. His good word spoken in the Old Country would go further than the word of any other man living. It would be good policy to invite Lord Swansea to take a trip through the Lardeau and Slocan.

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Dated this 13th day of August, 1894.

TABLE

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, and Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1894.

FALL ASSIZES.

*Nelson	Monday	10th September
*Donald	Monday	17th September
Clinton	Thursday	20th September
Richfield	Monday	24th September
Kamloops	Monday	1st October
Vernon	Monday	8th October
Lytton	Friday	12th October
New Westminster	Tuesday	6th November
Vancouver	Monday	12th November
Victoria	Tuesday	20th November
Nanaimo	Tuesday	27th November

*Special Assizes adjourned from the Spring by Mr. Justice Walkem and now fixed for these dates.

TURF NOTES.

Record Breakers at Work.—Nancy Hanks Eclipsed.

At Galesburg, Ills., last week, Alix beat the world's record by coming under the wire in 2.03¾. It was a noble performance from start to finish. The best previous record for a mile trot was Nancy Hanks, at Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 28, 1892, 2.04, and Alix at Terre Haute, Sept. 12, 1894, 2.04.

Another brilliant event was Ethel A going to beat the 3-year-old pacing record of 2.10. She made the mile in 2.10, equalling the record.

Robert J was started to beat his own record of 2.01¼ (the fastest mile ever gone in harness, paced at Terre Haute, Sept. 14, 1894) but failed, although the track was in splendid condition. His time was 2.02¼.

Directly shattered Carbonate's record for 2-year olds of 2.09 made at Terre Haute recently, covering the mile in 2.07¾.

Online attempted to beat the 4-year-old record of 2.07¼, but the watches showed the same figures when the horse came under the wire after a splendid effort.

Joe Patchen, 2.04, and John Gentry, 2.03¾ were matched for $5,000 a side.

Nationalization of Mines.

At the quarterly meeting of the Mining Institute of Ontario, held in Toronto last week, Mr. J. Bawden, of Kingston, read a paper on "The Nationalization of Mines." Mr. Bawden advanced the theory that all mining operations in the country should be conducted by the Government under a system of day labor, and with the object of providing employment rather than of making a profit out of the industry. He submitted a draft of a bill, which he maintained should be passed for the attainment of this object. Several of those present took part in the discussion which followed, but the views set forth in the paper met with little encouragement.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1894.

THE RIVER BANK QUESTION.

THERE is a lot of valuable time being wasted if the two Governments intend doing anything towards protecting the river bank this fall. The water is now low enough for either piling or building a wing dam. Mr. Gamble, the Dominion engineer, may know his own business best, but even he is liable to make a mistake, and he will make a very great mistake if he procrastinates until the snow comes. It would be easy work now to dig foundations, but later on five or six feet of snow would be an impediment that would make the work a costly one. Mr. Davie says we need have no fear but that the work will be done, but he cannot say when Mr. Gamble will be ready to commence. If the Dominion Government intends hanging back until the decision of the Privy Council is rendered in the Farwell case, there is little likelihood of a commencement being made this year.

FREE TRADE.

THE *Province*, which, considering its brief existence, has taken an astonishingly prominent position amongst the Pacific Coast journals, ably expounds every question it takes up. Not the least of these questions is that of free trade, to which it devotes a whole page in reply to the rather undecided opinions put forth by this paper three weeks ago. Like the Jew apostrophizing the dead porker, one might say: "Verily, thou almost persuadest me to be a—free-trader." But between the theoretical adducements put forward by the *Province* and the actual working of the free trade doctrine there is a very great difference. Actual experience of its working in England has shown that it injures as many as it benefits. What has become of the lace factories at Tiverton, Honiton and Nottingham; the glove factories at Biddeford and Torrington; the ribbon industry at Coventry; the carpet manufactories at Axminster? All killed by the admission of cheaper made goods from the continent, which could undersell them in their own market. Free trade in England drove British iron manufacturers to the United States back in the '70's, and hundreds of British artizans and craftsmen followed their employers' example—left a free trade country for a protected one. We must admit, however, that at that time the United States were the English ironmasters' best customers, and that the American tariff bore heavily on British iron. But if this does not actually prove that England lost these manufacturers through free trade it proves that the United States gained them by protection. Free-traders say if one industry is destroyed and workmen are thrown out of employ, let them turn their hand to something else. Only an anarchist or socialist can be so callous towards his fellow-man as to utter such an inhuman sentiment. A man cannot turn his hand to anything else when he is past middle age, at least not with competence enough to earn a living for himself and family.

While believing that free trade would benefit our province, because we have no manufactures to injure, we see no chance of getting it. Neither Mr. Laurier, Mr. Fraser nor any other gentleman of the party could explain whence the country would derive its revenue if the custom-house were discarded. Of the $30,000,000 of revenue received by the Dominion $20,000,000 are raised from customs duties. How would the Liberals make up this deficit, two-thirds of the whole revenue? We have no wealthy class here as in England, and a tax on luxuries would bring in but a small fraction of the twenty million dollars a year. A personal or direct tax would be even more objectionable than the present mode of raising revenue.

THE MASSEY-HARRIS CO.

IT is said the Massey-Harris Co. will move over to the States because the Dominion Government has knocked off 15 per cent. of the duty on imported agricultural machinery. Mr. Massey says, to be able to compete in the markets of the world, the company will have to go where the raw material, such as steel, iron, nails, coal, etc., can be obtained cheaper. If the Dominion Government were to admit this kind of raw material free, it would still be obtainable cheaper in the States, because of the distance from the foundries and iron centres, and the Massey-Harris Co. would still have the same excuse to go. But will they go? If it is not possible to run a profitable business in a country where the company is "protected" to the extent of 20 per cent. how will it be profitable where it will not be protected at all? Will the small amount of duty between 20 per cent. and 35 per cent. represent the whole of their profits? That they have hitherto been able to compete in the markets of the world is illustrated by the fact that Massey-Harris machines are used in England and Australia. If a reduction of only 15 per cent. in the duty on agricultural machinery is sufficient to drive a Canadian manufacturer out of business, what becomes of the great outcry against permitting the bloated manufacturer to become a millionaire at the expense of the poor farmer? Again, if a 15 per cent. reduction will shut up a Canadian business, what would be the result if the whole tariff were removed? While the United States will welcome the Massey-Harris Co. with open arms, the United States alien law will prevent the Canadian employes from going over there to work for the firm. Only Americans need apply, and the poor Canadian workmen must find something else to do this coming winter—or starve. Our Government should make some concessions, even to the placing of all raw material on the free list.

THINGS SAID AND DONE ABOUT TOWN.

[BY DIOGENES.]

(*Continued from page 4.*)

whether the Government or the Opposition won in the late election! Several of the residents of that town subscribe for the *Kootenay Mail*, but they cannot get a copy, although regularly dispatched from the *Mail* office every week. Tom Edwards came up this week, and he was particularly requested to ascertain the reason of the non-arrival of the paper. The reason is that Post-Office Inspector Fletcher is a relic of a bygone era and cannot understand the situation of to-day. He should be placed in the Victoria museum and labelled "An Antediluvian Mossback." As a post-office inspector he's a failure. The arrangements for opening the Trout Lake office have been left in the hands of this faraway official. Therefore Trout Lake will get no post-office this year.

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When Douglas street was opened up—or I should say a portion of Douglas st.—all those who owned teams promised to use that road as much as possible, so as to keep down the weeds, if nothing else. But, alas, promises, like pie-crust are easily broken; and one would require a powerful microscope to find the trace of a wheel on Douglas street to-day. The bush is springing up with vigorous growth all along the the centre, and next year gardeners will be able to cut their pea sticks and bean poles from it. A narrow footpath meanders along one side, and the industrious weed luxuriates over the remainder. There are nearly a score of houses on the street, but vehicular traffic is unknown there. If it cannot be used for anything else, why not turn it into a bicycle track?

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Regarding the assessment of lots here, it is said that no less an authority than Judge Spinks has stated that occupation alone renders one liable to be taxed. In the case of a squatter this may be all right, as he squats on land which has not been bought and which does not belong to him. He has made no outlay for purchase. The tax in his case may be considered in the light of a rent. But where people have bought lots, paid for them and expended considerable money and labor in improving them, and still their ownership rests on the result of a lawsuit, the case is very different. The Government has not heretofore enforced the tax in consideration of this uncertain tenure, and it is rather late in the day to commence now, at least until the matter of ownership is definitely settled. Suppose Farwell wins, those who bought of the Dominion Government will probably receive back the purchase money paid for the lots, but the money expended on improvements will be forfeited, as it can hardly be expected that Farwell will allow people to occupy his land when he has not received a cent from them in the way of purchase money. The Dominion Government will respect all Farwell's titles, but Farwell has stated that only those who bought of him will be recognized. Until the dispute is settled and lot owners confirmed in their rights, it ill becomes the Government to assess this land for taxes, and I believe if the thing is attempted trouble will ensue.

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The tame bear belonging to Mr. C. Lindmark is no more. He was clubbed to death because he exhibited a fondness for pork. For my part I can't see where the bear offended. The pigs were too inquisitive, but then they were very young things, and had probably never seen a bear before. He was a playful cuss and very fond of wrestling. I had a hitch or two with him last fall myself, but he was younger then and not very difficult to throw. No doubt he thought he was wrestling with the pigs and meant them no harm. I think it was a shame for a crowd of men to rush into a man's back yard and club his bear to death because he (the bear) was helping to abate what is conceded by all who do not keep pigs to be the greatest nuisance at present existing in the town. I hope Mr. Lindmark will sue those people for the value of the bear. But is it not time that steps were taken to put down this pig nuisance? How our citizens tolerate it is beyond my comprehension. Have we no law that bears on the subject? In the present case I should say the subjects had no law on the bear, but they killed it all the same.

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THE MINING OUTLOOK.

STEADY PROGRESS IN KOOTENAY.

While we have all been complaining of hard times ever since the fall in the price of silver, it is not discouraging to look back and note the steady progress that has been made in our district during the last twelve months, and this in the face of greater discouragements than any mining district probably ever encountered before. Although the work done has been chiefly development work, which would have had to be done in any case, we can point to several mines which, in spite of hard luck by flood, fire, and stringency of capital, have come to the front as paying properties, and are now shipping large quantities of ore to the smelters and receiving handsome returns. Over a dozen mines in the Slocan have been proved sufficiently to show that they *are* mines, and that the amount of mineral underground more than fulfils the promises of the surface showings. Take the Alpha, from which 1,000 tons of ore are being shipped to the Omaha smelter by way of the N. & S. Railway and Revelstoke. The ore averages $110 a ton, and it is stated that the profits on this lot will foot up to nearly $70,000. Among the other mines ready to ship ore are several that have established a reputation for the size and richness of the ore bodies opened out, such as the Slocan Star, probably the most advanced mine in the whole district, and therefore the best; the Idaho, the Mountain Chief, Fisher Maiden, Alamo, Last Chance, and Wonderful group, and many other Slocan properties that have from fifty to a hundred tons of high-grade ore on the dump, ore that will return a handsome profit, even with silver at 63 cents an ounce.

Awaiting the arrival of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway, 1,000 tons of ore have been stored at Three Forks for some time, and it is believed the many producing mines within a comparatively small radius of the end of the track will this winter rawhide large quantities of ore down the mountains to the cars, keeping the N. & S. Ry. in active operation between the Slocan and Arrow Lakes. Had silver kept its value the Slocan to-day would be the busiest mining camp in the world, and the output of ore would have been greater than those of the famous Comstock and Broken Hill combined. Fifty times the number of men would have been employed, and the population of such towns as New Denver, Kaslo and Three Forks would be counted by thousands instead of by hundreds. But, all things considered, the progress made in the Slocan has been most satisfactory.

In the Lardeau, while several mines have ore on the dump, none has been shipped. This is owing to the non-completion of the wagon road from the Northeast Arm, work on which was stopped within three miles of Trout Lake, the centre of the mining district. Development work has shown that the Lardeau mines are fully equal to those of the Slocan, and in many instances better. As a rule the ledges are larger and the ore higher grade. Within the year one mine, the Black Prince, has forged to the front, and the showing there is said to be magnificent. It is being opened up by a company, under the management of Mr. A. J. Murphy. Assays of the ore from this mine have equalled in richness the ore from the famous Silver Cup, which assayed from 300 oz. to 1,300 oz. silver to the ton. The Silver Cup, which is but a short distance from Trout Lake, has ore on the dump and will ship as soon as the wagon road is completed. Development work on other claims has proved their wonderful richness, notably the Glengarry group, Pool group, Black Bear and Lexington groups, Sir John, the Iron Horse, North Star, Highland Chief, Canadian Girl and other claims on the Great Horne ledge. On some of these claims the ore body can be traced for miles, and in nearly all cases the enormous size of the ledges astonishes even old prospectors. Several important finds have been made this summer, and as a great portion of the Lardeau is comparatively unexplored it is safe to say that the discoveries of rich mineral bodies are not yet at an end. In spite of the numerous drawbacks, which would have killed an ordinary mining camp, the Lardeau has made good progress.

On both forks of the Lardeau river placer miners have met with very good results. Although the work has been of the most primitive kind, merely shovel and pan, over $5,000 worth of coarse gold and nuggets was taken out before the high water put a stop to operations. Since the water has fallen work has been resumed with greater activity than before, one or two companies having been formed to work these placer mines in a systematic manner, and several miles of ground along the river has been staked. Until the wagon road is completed placer mining will pay better than silver mining, and it is most fortunate that the prospectors had such rich ground close at hand during the stagnation in silver mining just passed.

Turning to Big Bend, we may say that never since the excitement of '65 and '66 has there been so much activity in gold mining as now. Of course the direct cause of this activity in the Bend was the fall in the price of silver. "It's an ill wind that blows no one any good," and Big Bend has proved a profitable field to many who left their silver claims to lie idle and turned their attention to seeking gold. They did not have to leave the district to do this, for right here we have nearly every valuable mineral that can be named. Some magnificent specimens of gold quartz have been brought down this summer, the richest coming from the Monarch and Eureka, two claims on the divide near McCulloch Creek, and also from the Crown Point. But while there are some good quartz claims located none are being worked as yet, on account of the difficulty of getting up machinery for crushing. On this account there has been very little prospecting for quartz ledges, and the district can hardly be said to have been scratched yet. But the placer and hydraulic mines along the creeks and benches are panning out well and some of them bringing their owners a handsome competence. The recent high water retarded operations for two months, but such floods were exceptional and may never occur again. Since July the greatest activity has prevailed from Carnes Creek to Gold Stream and its tributaries. A company has been formed to work Carnes Creek, 2½ miles of good placer ground having been staked. On French Creek the Consolation mine panned out to her four owners $10,000 in the ten months previous to the washout on that property. It has taken two months' work and $4,000 to replace the buildings, etc., and to build a wing-dam to prevent a similar loss in future. Work was re-started about a month ago, and good pay is being made. The Vandall claim, worked by Vandall and Beaton, has produced as high as $100 a day. The North Star, on McCulloch Creek, the Whalen and Kirkup claim, the Smith Creek Co.'s and Fairhaven properties, all new ventures, are showing favorable indications, nuggets being frequent, although bedrock has not yet been reached. The Sol Holden mine is still a good dividend payer, and a deal is on for its purchase by an eastern syndicate. There are many other properties, both placer and hydraulic, that are doing well, but space forbids details. Men are still going up, although the season is somewhat advanced for prospecting. The outlook for gold mining in Big Bend was never brighter than it is to-day.

The only mining camp in the district that has not shown much progress is Illecillewaet, and even here one or two mines have made a favorable showing, notably the Silver Bow, which has 40 tons of ore ready to pack out to the railway. Mr. Wood, of Hamilton, Ont., part owner of this mine, has been on the spot, and he will work the property on an extensive scale. Comparatively little is being done on the Maple Leaf and Lanark, which were the leading mines in this camp two or three years ago.

Altogether the progress made in mines and mining in West Kootenay has been satisfactory, and in some camps encouraging. It only now remains for silver to go a notch or two higher to make this the busiest mining section on the continent, and the hope that next year will see this great desideratum realized will carry us through another winter with more cheerfulness than we have known for a long time.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

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Lord Brassey is *en route* to Vancouver over the C.P.R. and will probably pass through here to-morrow.

Just arrived, at C. B. HUME & Co.'s, a fine assortment of Gents' Underwear. Prices cannot be undersold.

A. C. McArthur, station agent at Illecillewaet, was in town yesterday and returned home this morning.

Mr. J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., returned to town last Tuesday. He has been away for some weeks doing assessment work on claims on Prairie Mountain.

A varied line of Mitts, Gloves, &c. The winter stock has now arrived at C. B. HUME & Co.'s. Call and examine.

The Provincial Legislature is called by proclamation to meet at Victoria on Monday, the 12th November, for "the dispatch of business."

Tom Edwards has returned to town from the Lardeau, having completed development work on several claims there. He intends going into the Slocan next week.

William Mackie, night watchman on the bridge, who was injured about three weeks ago by being struck by the Pacific express at the east end of the bridge, is about again. He is able to walk with the aid of a stick.

Lewis Brothers, the bakers and confectioners, are still carrying on business at the old stand, as their advertisement this week will show. They have two large wedding cakes in hand, and others in prospective. Who are the victims?

You can get a few remnants of splendid washing prints at a bargain at Coursier's.

We beg to call attention to the "Health Brand" of ladies' underwear, as advertised on our second page. There is no better preservative of heat during our cold winters than tight-fitting underwear, and children especially should be protected with a suit of the "Health Brand."

Some large vegetables have been grown here this summer in spite of the drouth. Cauliflower weighing 11 lbs. and measuring 40 inches in circumference, have been cut in a garden on Douglas street. A turnip 18 inches in diameter was pulled at the station, and a gardener in the lower town has cabbages weighing over 20 lbs.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen arrived in Winnipeg on Wednesday, where they were accorded an enthusiastic reception in the shape of a torchlight procession with military escort and a grand illumination of the whole city. The Governor-General is on his way to British Columbia, and while here he will visit his ranch in the Okanagan.

The recent heavy rainfall has caused considerable damage to the Big Bend trail. Three or four large land slides have occurred in the neighborhood of the canyon which rendered the trail impassable. A gang of men, under Tom Downs, were set at work yesterday and they succeeded in clearing the obstruction sufficiently to permit the pack trains, which have been waiting, to start this morning.

Beautiful patterns in Ceylons for children's dresses, at Coursier's.

Mr. Lewis' race horse ran away last Monday and a catastrophe was narrowly averted. The animal was harnessed to a water cart, which it very naturally resented, and tried to get rid of the encumbrance by strewing the road between the water trough and the mill with the wreckage of the water barrel, vehicle and driver. How nobody got killed has been the wonder of that end of the town all the week.

Hon. Theo. Davie arrived here on the Lytton last Monday and left for the west the same evening. In a brief interview, Mr. Davie said the Provincial Government are ready to commence operations on the river bank, but Mr. Gamble, the Dominion Government engineer, was in favor of waiting a few weeks longer. He said the work would certainly be done, and that he was in constant communication with the Dominion officials on the matter.

The first frost this fall came in with the early part of the week, and was sharp enough to cut potato stalks, tomato vines and other tender garden stuff. The following morning the frost was even more severe and hardly anything but cabbages and turnip tops escaped. It appears to have been general all over the Northwest and Manitoba, but fortunately there is not much to hurt in the gardens just now.

The *Cosmopolitan*, New York, $1.50 a year, has an average circulation of 230,500 copies a month, which is an enormous increase since the price was reduced from $3 about twelve months ago. There is scarcely one of our readers who has not seen this popular magazine, and any description of its splendid illustrations, its beautiful letterpress and high-class articles, would be superfluous. There can be no better publication for the family circle than the *Cosmopolitan*.

Mr. T. W. Bain, a well-known prospector, has taken up land near Downie Creek, and built a house for the reception of his family, now living at Dewdney. He sustained great loss by the late flood there, and is too much disheartened to give Dewdney another trial. Mr. John Boyd, his partner, will also move his family to the Bend this fall as he has taken up some excellent land there, mostly beaver meadows. This will be handy to his mining claims.

Danebrog, a Danish newspaper published at Ottawa, sends us "The Handy Interpreter." It is a small book of 26 pages, each page having four columns of words in common every-day use and alphabetically arranged. In the first column is the English word, and the other three columns show its equivalent in Danish-Norwegian, Swedish and German. It is a very handy medium of communication between Swedish, Danish-Norwegian and German newcomers and the English-speaking population. The price is 5 cents.

Fishing is excellent here just now, and many good catches have been made during the week. Some fine salmon trout have been taken at the mouth of the Tum Tum by amateur fishermen. One lad has had remarkable success, having caught several from 3lb. to 7lb. in weight, and a very fine freshwater ling about 5lb. The small brook trout in the Tum Tum, which are caught with a net, afford excellent bait for the big fellows. Two Indians on Thursday passed along the street with some fine ling and trout, some of the fish weighing as much as 9lb. They sold out their catch in a few minutes.

SAMUEL HILL'S CASE.

Kamloops Assizes will open on Monday before Mr. Justice Walkem. The case of Samuel Hill will come up for trial. It will be remembered that Hill shot an Indian named Cultus Jim at Galena Bay, Arrow Lake, on the 11th of May last. The Indian, who was accompanied by his squaw, ordered Hill to vacate some land, claiming that it belonged to his tribe. As the Indian became very aggressive, Hill took up his rifle and ordered him off. Cultus Jim took his rifle from the squaw, pointed it at Hill and both fired together. The Indian was hit, but ran away, while the bullet from his rifle almost grazed Hill's neck. Hill fired again and the Indian fell dead. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide, but early in June Hill was arrested, brought to Revelstoke and tried before Justices Fraser and Coursier. The squaw gave evidence, and after a lengthy hearing Hill was committed to the assizes which was to have been held on June 15th, but was postponed. It was not until the end of June that Hill was released on bail—himself in $500 and four business men of the town became his sureties in $500 each. Adeline, the squaw, has been retained in the town ever since, and will give evidence on Monday.

McWhirrell, the convicted murderer of the Williams couple, near Brampton, Ont., is to be hanged on Monday next.

Another Chinese leper has been unearthed in Victoria and taken to the D'Arcy Island lazaretto. There are now nine Chinese lepers confined there. One or two of them are in the last stages of the disease and will soon drop off.

THE STAR LODE.

A Rich Claim in the Lardeau.

W. H. Hickerson and L. C. Myers, the former of Centralia, Wash., were in town this week, and were disposed to give some particulars of a remarkably rich mine they have opened up on the north fork of the Lardeau river about twelve miles from Trout Lake City. They located the claim about a year ago, but not knowing whether they had a good thing or not they simply located and said nothing about it to the papers or anyone else. As soon as they could get in they returned to the claim and commenced development. As the work proceeded they were more than pleased with the look of things. They were astonished and say that never before in all their experience have they met with such enormoth veins and showing such vast ore bodies. There are three parallel veins on the claim, one the large one, varying from 30 to 140 feet in width, and running the whole length of the claim. Another vein shows 70 feet of surface depth on the mountain side with a width of three feet. It is a contact vein with a cap rock of carbonates. These veins can be distinctly seen and traced two miles away. Mr. Hoar, who visited the claim, said it was worth photographing, and that he would do so if he had time. Messrs. Hickerson and Myers had an assay made last winter from the surface ore and it went 820 oz. silver, $6 in gold, 60 per cent. lead and some copper. The opening up of this property has caused considerable excitement in the Lardeau.

Supplying Liquor to a Squaw.

On Monday, Magistrates Fraser and Bourne had before them an Italian named George Venito, who was charged with supplying a squaw named Adeline, widow of Cultus Jim, with liquor on Sunday last. The kloochman was found drunk and incapable on Sunday evening and was locked up. Venito was found guilty, and it being proved that it was not his first offence, he was fined $100 and costs; in default of payment he was sentenced to three months in Kamloops jail.

FIELD—PALMER.

A very pleasant affair was the wedding of Mr. Charles M. Field, of Revelstoke, to Miss Lucetta Palmer, which took place last Wednesday at the residence of Mr. J. Palmer, at Clanwilliam. Rev. G. McKay, of Donald, officiated, and after the ceremony a *recherche* breakfast was partaken of by the relatives and friends who had been invited. Mr. and Mrs. Field left on No. 2 for the Glacier, where they will spend a few days before settling down in Revelstoke.

THE ORIENTAL WAR.

A despatch from Shanghai says: Capt. Fong, of the Chinese turret-ship Tsi Yuen, has been beheaded for cowardice in the Yalu fight. The despatch also says that the Chinese ship Kwang Kai became stranded on a reef near Talien Bay while endeavoring to make her escape from the Yalu battle, and was afterwards blown up by the Japanese. This makes a total loss of five ships to the Chinese, including one ship which was rammed by the Tsi Yuen while trying to ram a Japanese vessel.

Li Hung Chang will shortly be superseded as Viceroy of Chi Li by Wu Ta Cheng, late governor of Hu Peh. Lord Li, late Chinese minister to Japan, has been degraded. Yu Lu, the military governor of Moukden, will succeed Li Hung Chang as superintendent of northern trade. Four imperial princes are watching events in the emperor's behalf at Tien Tsin.

The massacre of foreigners at Pekin is regarded as imminent. The legations have asked that bluejackets shall be landed to protect them.

One hundred and eighty thousand men, mostly rabble, and some ill-armed cavalry, have assembled to defend Moukden. A battle is expected within a fortnight.

The Japanese warships are scouting in the Gulf of Pechili. Naval experts say that the Chinese vessels will never appear on the scene again.

KILLED IN A MINE TUNNEL.

Louis Kirkpatrick, Joe Atier and Chas. Roe have been working for some years driving a tunnel to strike the old channel of Siwash Creek, and have reached a depth of about 800 feet. On Monday, Kirkpatrick and Roe were working in the tunnel, the latter picking out dirt from the heading and the former wheeling it away. Roe was engaged with a crowbar endeavoring to loosen a boulder, and in swinging back the bar it struck a false prop behind him and knocked it loose. A cave-in followed and several tons of loose dirt and boulders descended upon the unfortunate man, instantly crushing him to death. His companion was far enough away to escape the main body of the slide, but enough loose earth fell upon him to bury him up to the neck. He could not get out and called loudly for assistance, but it was half an hour before the other partner, Atier, heard his cries and came to his aid. A few minutes after he was dug out an immense boulder and several tons of earth fell on the spot. Roe, who was completely covered up, was dug out with considerable difficulty and danger.

The deceased was an old timer in this province. He was a native of Cornwall, about 55 years of age, and as far as is known has no relatives in this country. He was a steady and industrious miner and is highly spoken of by his old time associates and friends, all of whom express deep regret over the sad event. The remains were taken to Armstrong for burial.—Vernon *News*.

Bear and Pig.

The pig nuisance at the station resulted in the death of Mr. Lindmark's tamed bear on Tuesday. The bear, which was about 18 months old and very playful, was kept chained in the rear of Messrs. Hume and Lindmark's premises, and had never been known to injure any animal before. But on Tuesday two or three small pigs came within his enclosure and he naturally resented it. He caught one of them and hugged it to death and then went for another. He was in the act of serving it in a similar manner when some men, attracted by the squealing of the porker, rushed in and clubbed the bear to death. Who owned the pigs we have not been able to ascertain.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

PURSUANT TO THE CREDITORS' TRUST DEEDS ACT, 1890, AND AMENDMENTS.

TAKE NOTICE, that Robert E. Cooke and Tom M. Hamilton, carrying on business in Front, Lake City, British Columbia, as hotelkeepers, by deed dated the 27th day of August, 1891, assigned all their real and personal estate whatsoever to Clarence Burpee Hume, of Revelstoke, for the purpose of satisfying ratably and proportionately, without preference or priority, their, the said Robert E. Cooke and Tom M. Hamilton's, creditors. The said deed was executed by the said Robert E. Cooke and Tom M. Hamilton, the debtors, on the 27th day of August, 1891, and by the said Clarence Burpee Hume on the 27th day of August, 1891, and the said assignee has undertaken and accepted the trusts created by the said deed. All persons having claims against the said debtors, Robert E. Cooke and Tom M. Hamilton, must forward or deliver full particulars of their claim, duly verified, to Clarence B. Hume, Revelstoke, on or before the 1st day of October, 1891.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL.

The Lawn Tennis season was brought to a formal conclusion on Tuesday evening, when a Social was given by the Excelsior and Revelstoke Tennis Clubs. Mr. T. L. Haig read out the results of the tournament, of which we annex a list, and congratulated the members of both clubs on the very enjoyable summer's play just brought to a close. He expressed a hope that next year would see a much larger membership of both clubs and an increased improvement of the grounds. The prizes won at the joint tournament of the two clubs, held on the previous two days, were then presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Haig, who, in her usual graceful manner, had some appropriate remark for each winner. A very enjoyable programme interspersed with dances was rendered.

PROGRAMME.

Dance.
Song:—Killarney ..... Mrs. Brown
Recit.:—The Bishop and the Caterpillar ..... Howard West
Dance.
Presentation of Prizes by Mrs. Haig.
Song:—Anchored ..... Guy Barber
Dance.
Recit.:—McLean's Revenge ..... Stella Brown
Song:—It was mine. ..... Howard West
Dance.
Song:—Boys of the Old Brigade ..... W. Sykes
Dance.
Song:—Jock McCraw ..... W. G. Paxton
Mouth organ solo ..... A. Johns

The whole programme was pleasingly rendered, but special mention may be made of Miss Stella Brown's recitation, which was very well rendered for so young an artist; and Mr. Paxton's song, rendered in burlesque Highland costume, which was without doubt the hit of the evening, and which was loudly re-demanded, "Ta Phairson" being given as an encore.

The use of the hall was kindly granted by Mr. H. J. Bourne, and refreshments were provided by the lady members of the club. During the interval Mr. Smith entertained the audience with some excellent songs, accompanying himself on the piano.

LIST OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

Men's singles—W. F. Crage.
Mixed doubles—J. Edwards and Mrs. Crage.
Men's doubles—H. J. Bourne and W. F. Crage.
Juvenile doubles—Miss Stella Brown and Alfred Palmer.

SILVER DROPPING AGAIN.

Speculation in silver on the London market gives evidence of having been overdone. Large importations from the United States have taken place, while the demand from the East has failed to come up to expectations. London prices for bars were consequently lower, and New York followed. Silver bar prices—Sept. 20th, London, 29 9-16d.; New York, 64½c.; Sept. 27th, New York, 63½c., a fall of 1½c. per oz.

SUICIDE AT QUESNELLE.

D. T. Thompson, a surveyor, went to bed at the Australian ranch, Quesnelle, about 9 o'clock on Tuesday night. At 11 o'clock the other occupants of the house, hearing a choking sound, went to his room and found him in a pool of blood. It seemed to be the coolest thing ever heard of. Thompson laid on the floor, put a basin under his neck and cut his throat with a razor. He then threw the razor in the basin, and as long as he had strength allowed the blood to run in the basin. He then straightened himself out and laid his head on his arm, and was in that position when found. An inquest was held next day and he was buried in the afternoon, Mr. A. McNaughton reading the Church of England burial service.

VERNON EXHIBITION.

It was expected that the Governor-General would have arrived in time to open the show, but a letter has been received from His Excellency in which he states that owing to unforseen circumstances he would not be able to reach Vernon until October 15th at the earliest. Mr. J. A. Mara, M.P., will be present, and it has been suggested that he be requested to open the show.

For the Middleweight Championship, Bob Fitzsimmons "knocked out" Dan Creedon in two rounds at New Orleans on Wednesday night. The fight occupied 4½ minutes and Creedon lay insensible for five minutes. The bout was for a purse of $5,000 and the middleweight championship of the world. Both men are Australians, but Fitzsimmons is a native of Cornwall, England. After the fight Fitz challenged Corbett for the championship of the world, but Corbett refused until Fitz had met and conquered Steve O'Donnell.

At Victoria, on Tuesday, application was made by C. E. Pooley, Q.C., before Mr. Justice Drake, to change the venue for the trial of Sydney Lobb, charged with wife murder, from Nanaimo to Kamloops. A. G. Smith, D.A.G., for the Crown, objected that the time to the Kamloops assizes was too limited. The Court changed the venue to Westminster assizes, which are to be held on November 6.

John Shands, representing the Messrs Bartram, Limited, Edinburgh, is at Port Arthur in connection with the erection of a pulp and paper mill at Kakabeka Falls. The proposed mill will be the largest in the world, of 14,000 horse power, and the daily product will require one train.

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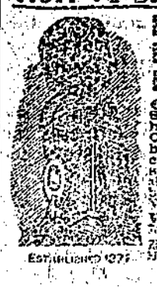

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THINGS SAID AND DONE ABOUT TOWN.

[BY DIOGENES.]

Probably few people are aware of the romance attaching to the wedding which took place here last Saturday morning. The bride and bridegroom had never seen each other before the previous evening, when the young lady arrived in on the Pacific Express. The bridegroom came up from the Lower Kootenay metropolis by steamer on the previous Monday, and had put in the intervening days wandering around town with a mutual friend and picturing to himself the joys of wedded life, with now and then a flush of expectancy as to the good looks or otherwise of his coming bride. The mutual friend in the case was Mr. William Starmer Smith, of Sunnyside, Victoria, who had written the young lady that he had a nice young man for her if she would come out, and also wrote in the same strain to his friend in Lower Kootenay. Both were willing, and a correspondence ensued. Mr. Smith had been in town about ten days awaiting the arrival of the unacquainted lovers from two opposite points of the compass, when, after introducing them to each other, he would join their hands and say, "Bless you, my children, be happy!" The long journey across sea and land, commenced in fear and doubt, ended in bliss here in Revelstoke. The young couple spent their honeymoon in town, putting up at the Victoria, and on Tuesday morning left on the Lytton for down river and home. Conscious of having brought his philanthropic work to a successful termination Mr. Smith departed for his home Sunday night.

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I wonder some of our enterprising townsmen do not endeavour to try their hand at street lighting these wet, dark nights. An oil lamp on a post outside some of our business establishments would not only be a blessing to the wayfarer stumbling along in the darkness, but would also enhance the attractiveness of the store that adopted it. The expense would not be very great, as the lamps could be removed at closing time, say eleven o'clock. After that hour those who choose to be abroad should, like Diogenes, carry their own lantern. Ladies, especially, would be thankful for such a boon. Mr. Cowan, I see, has inaugurated the project by a very good light outside his office, but as it is at the far end of the street, where there is comparatively little traffic after dark, its benefits are not felt by the many. How cheery it would look to see a few street lamps dispersing the gloom which pervades our town during the wet, dark nights which prevail here in the late fall and early winter. Who of our business men are going to be public spirited enough to follow a good example?

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I see our ubiquitous townsman, Mr. Thomas Cadman, is going around with a list of the various lot-owners in town for the purpose, he says, of getting the correct numbers of the lots and the correct names of the owners. Further, he condescends to enlighten the curious by stating that the Government intends to collect taxes on all lots in the townsite. Asked as to the author of this bright idea, the genial Thomas says it is Mr. Smith. Smith! Had it been Brown, or Jones or Robinson one would not feel so contumacious over the matter. But Smith! So this Smith, whoever he is, thinks he can collect taxes from land which people have paid for but cannot tell whether they own it or not. Smith is a genius, there is no doubt about that. But this idea of taxing land which cannot be registered certainly lends color to the reiterated charges brought by the Opposition journals—that the Provincial treasury *is* empty!

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The precedent set by the Dominion Government recently should be followed by our citizens in this matter We should combine to resist the imposition of taxes until the townsite dispute is settled and registration allowed. Then, and not till then, shall we be glad to drop our nickels in Mr. Smith's assessment hat. The fact of the Government having allowed the tax on Revelstoke lots to lapse for so many years *because titles could not be registered* is a strong reason why it should not be imposed now, as titles cannot be registered yet. But the dispute may be settled within the next three months, and in that case there will not not remain the slightest objection to commence paying taxes from the 1st of January next, and the over-astute Smith may work his little scheme without bloodshed. Otherwise let me advise Smith to read up the history of a certain Boston tea party.

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Why is it that the Dominion officials are so apathetic in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the people of this district, especially the Post-office people? A post-office was granted to the Trout Lake City people some two or three months ago, and C. B. Hume was appointed postmaster. But the office is still *non est*, and letters from Trout Lake still take about a month to reach outside points. Complaints are pouring in thick and fast from the Trout Lakers that they can get little or no mail from Revelstoke, and as for newspapers, why they hardly know yet

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