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DISORDER IN KASLO.

One Man Imprisoned for Two Months—Another Heavily Fined—Rowdyism Must Cease in That Town.

Justices of the Peace Green and Bigelow have made a praiseworthy attempt to quell the unruliness and disorder which have been making too much headway in Kaslo. They have used their powers to imprison one street rowdy for 60 days and imposed a heavy fine on another.

The question is simply whether Kaslo is to form a disgraceful exception to the good order prevalent in British Columbia, or whether the law and order of which we are so justly proud is to be preserved there. An element in Kaslo seem to think that the unrestrained license of U. S. mining camps will be permitted on this side of the line; and hitherto they have had somes reason for their belief. Some time ago there was a scrap in Kaslo and one man was cut up pretty badly. The offender escaped scot free through want of evidence. It is time these rowdy citizens were disabused of their notions on this subject, or we will soon have ordinary scrapping giving way to shooting and then the nuisance will require stern treatment indeed to stop it. Disorder must not be allowed to make headway. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The institutions of this country provide that if one man takes the life of another he shall certainly hang for it, and hitherto he always has; but they also provide that disorder in the streets shall be followed by two or three months' reflection in the gaol; and if exceptions are made to this rule, we shall find people who think there will be exceptions allowed to the other. The central authorities are by no means blameless; there are too few J. P.s in West Kootenay, three in all between Nelson and Kaslo, we believe, and no stipendiary magistrates. In Kaslo, with a population of over 1000 people, a large number of them transients from the States, there is one policeman and no resident authority. If any serious defiance of law and order occurs it will reflect grave discredit upon the Government at Victoria.

GRILLED HIS CALF.

A story reaches us, for the truth of which we cannot vouch, but which, at the same time, is fairly well authenticated; it reads, however, so much like a miner's yarn that nine people out of ten will put the thing down as being an out and out fabrication. Be that as it may, we give the story for what it is worth. It would be unfair to the relatives and friends of the subject of the following adventure to raise hopes which may never be fulfilled; so that until we are more certain than we are at present that the details of the case as told to us may be considered authentic, we prefer to suppress all names. It may be remembered that some two or three months ago, two men started on a prospecting trip along the trail that runs from Arrow Lake to Cherry Creek. One of these men left camp one morning for a day's hunting, and was never seen again by his companion, who, after searching for him for 10 or 12 days, returned to Nelson to report his loss. The story that now reaches us is to the effect that the lost man is alive and well at Cherry Creek, but that he has only one leg. The loss of the other member he is said to account for as follows: "After leaving camp," he said, "I travelled for some four or five miles without seeing anything to shoot at. However, after having been out for some two hours and a half, whilst passing through thick brush, I put up a deer, and taking a snap shot, wounded him pretty severely. He was not too much hurt to make good going, and I had followed him as fast as I could for perhaps half an hour, when suddenly, without the slightest warning, I slipped on the wet moss, and went crashing, feet foremost, through a narrow belt of thick brush, and then fell through the air for a clear hundred and fifty feet onto the ground below. I must have remained insensible for some three or four hours, but at length came to, and, on trying to move, felt an agonizing pain in my left leg. On examining it I found that the shin bone was sticking through the flesh just below the knee and that the lower part of the leg was badly torn, so much so, in fact that only a few muscles and sinews connected the foot and calf with the knee. It is a marvellous thing that I had not bled to death whilst insensible. The only thing that saved me was that I had fallen amongst some dead timber, and that a broken stick had been pressed by the weight of my body and the right leg against the broken limb, just on the artery. I bound my leg tightly above the knee, and began shouting. I hadn't much voice left and couldn't have made much noise, anyway nobody heard me. I was fearfully thirsty, and, suffering dreadful pain, managed to drag myself for, perhaps 200 yards, to a place where I found a very small pool of stagnant water in a dried up creek. I then fainted again, and when I awoke it was getting cold and dark. I managed to light a small fire and got through the night somehow. Next day I could find no more water, and the flies began to bother me; towards evening I must have become delirious and continued so, off and on, for two days longer. When I came to my senses it was to find myself lying on my chest, in front of a small fire, with a bone in my hand, from off which I was ravenously tearing chunks of meat, and enjoying the first good meal that I had had for four days. When the bone was picked clean, I began to wonder where the meat had come from. I was feeling much stronger and better, and turned over on my back to think the matter out, when I found to my horror that my left leg had been cut off just below the knee, and on examining the remains of the meal I had just made, I knew that in my frenzy I had myself cut it off and eaten it. I was found that afternoon by a party of Indians who were out hunting and brought by them to Cherry Creek, where I intend to remain for the winter. Though my leg undoubtedly saved my life, I don't intend to diet myself on that class of food. Beans and bacon are good enough for me as a general thing."

FREE SILVER IN INDIA.

The silver question is more acute in India than even in the United States at the present time. India, from time immemorial, has had its currency based on the free currency of silver; and for many years the gold value of the rupee has been steadily falling. This movement has variously affected different classes in India and opinions are widely divergent as to what, or whether any remedy is required.

On Anglo-Indians serving the Government on fixed salaries, calculated in rupees, the depreciation has unquestionably worked great hardship, through their having to make so many payments on the gold basis in England, for the maintenance and education of their families there. And there is a strong feeling among them that the Government should interfere to rehabilitate the value of the rupee, by restricting the coinage of silver and thus practically adopting a gold standard. Among the merchants and traders it is not depreciation so much as the instability of the rate of exchange which is found fault with. Before there was telegraphic communication between India and Europe trading in the East was indeed a speculative business, and a large margin had to be allowed for possible fluctuations in exchange during the transit of news. This has, to a large extent, been obviated; but the instability which exists has a bad effect upon both export and import trade. At the same time the merchants are by no means agreed that the best remedy will be the adoption of a gold standard.

There is yet another class whose relation to the currency is most important, in fact, it may be said, all important—the producing class, the peasant and the mechanics. The last 20 years has witnessed a great advance in the position of this class. The population of India has increased 35,000,000 during that period. The obligations of the peasantry have decreased, famines have become less frequent and are more easily handled when they do occur. This is partly due to the magnificent organization of the Indian Civil Service and the equal administration of justice, and freedom from unjust exaction which are secured under British rule. The building of roads and railways, which render the produce of the country more easy to distribute, and lessen the effect of local scarcity in particular districts, has also had its effect. But this favorable condition of affairs is attributed by the inhabitants of India themselves to an "unrestricted supply of cheap silver." A memorial was lately presented to Lord Herchell's Indian currency committee, which is now dealing with the Indian currency question, from the inhabitants of Poona, which is the centre of native public opinion in Western India, and it is worth quoting:

"During the last 20 years the burden of obligations of the peasantry appears to have pressed more lightly on them, a favorable result which your memoralists consider has been due to the operation of an expanding export trade, in which India has had the advantage of an unrestricted supply of cheap silver."

Surely the spectacle of a nation of 288,000,000 people, living and prospering under a policy of the unrestricted coinage of silver, is an object lesson which should not be altogether lost upon the producing classes of the North American continent. What free silver has done for India, joined to an expanding export trade, may not free silver be also able to do for them under similar conditions.

NELSON SOCIAL CLUB.

The mock trial held on Tuesday evening was the most ambitious effort the club has yet made and must be admitted to have been an unqualified success. The house was full, all available sitting and standing room being taken up by an audience which was nothing if not appreciative. The case taken up was an action for damages where two men had been joint owners of a sheep. The plaintiff wanted to have the sheep sheared and the defendant did not. The plaintiff accordingly sheared his half of the sheep, and thereafter it wandered into a thicket, was caught in a briar bush and worried to death by a dog. The plaintiff sued for damages on the ground that if the defendant's half of the sheep had been shorn it would not have been caught in the briar. The defendant replied that if the sheep had not been shorn at all it would never have wandered. The leading counsel for the plaintiff made a brilliant touch when he showed that the sheep was the pet of Mary, the plaintiff's daughter, and the identical animal regarding which the pathetic lines had been written:

Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was black as ink;
At everyone that Mary wink,
The lamb was sure to wink.

The exhibits in the case, designed by Mr. O'Farrell, were also very funny, consisting of the dog before and after worrying the sheep, and of a very highly colored picture of Mary and the little lamb.

Mr. Elliot as the skilled witness for the defense, Mr. Theophilus Snively Gladstone Roarback, was a great success; while Mr. O'Farrell as junior counsel for the defence was fairly convulsing. All the others who took part also did their share towards the general effect.

At the next meeting of the club six members will read short papers giving their opinion of the character of Mr. Gladstone. This is a novel, and should form an interesting, contribution to the proceedings of the club. Messrs. McLeod, Elliot, G. O. Buchanan, Reid and Turner have been appointed to read papers.

WARDNER IN SPOKANE.

Jim Wardner is one of the most scientific boomers that has ever operated in this country, or else the Spokane Review is inaccurate in parts of its report of an interview, published in its issue of January 28th, in which, amongst other things, Mr. Wardner says:

"I anticipate that Kaslo will have a population of 6,000 to 10,000 this year and eventually 20,000. It drains a larger and more productive region than is tributary to either Deadwood, Helena, Butte, Denver or Leadville."

When asked as to the transportation prospects, he answered that "President Hill of the the Great Northern spoke the other day of a passenger boat. Let me say that the boat for the Kootenay Lake next year must be something like the Flyer on Puget Sound. It must be supplied with reclining chairs and glass windows, affording travelers an opportunity to obtain full benefit of the magnificent scenery. Machinery will be at Bonner's Ferry to-morrow for a new boat. This has been taken from a Willamette steamer at Portland, and is said to be very good.

"Captain Tibbetts is endeavoring to organize a company to put in such a boat as I spoke of for passenger business. If he is successful, that boat will be fully up to the standard indicated by Mr. Hill. The water of that lake requires not only a speedy but also a seagoing craft, as the surface is at times exceedingly rough."

The above statements may be accurate enough. We have no kick coming with regard to them, anyway, but the following sentence is decidedly inaccurate in several particulars:

"It may not be generally known that the Slocan miners have a ready market at Kaslo for their ores. Transactions are made in this way: George Hughes has a bonded warehouse and issues warehouse receipts on all ores consigned to him. These warehouse receipts, with two assay certificates, are recognized as good collateral at John M. Burke's bank, the Bank of British Columbia or the Bank of Montreal of Kaslo.

It certainly is not generally known that "the Slocan miners have a ready market at Kaslo for their ores." It is of course perfectly true that money can be raised on ore in Kaslo, but it is only done because the Tacoma smelter has expressed its willingness to advance money to the extent of 75 per cent. of the assay value of the ore in the bonded warehouse, and to endorse notes for the owners of ore to that extent. Neither the Bank of Montreal nor the Bank of B. C. have branches in Kaslo, and it is only by special arrangements that they will make advances on warehouse receipts. At present there is only one instance where such arrangement has been made. Kaslo is a good live town, and has a future before it, but it is a mistake to claim more for the town than is justified by facts. It is in the interest of Kaslo that exaggeration of this description should be corrected

C. & K. S. N. CO.

Captain J. W. Troup has recently been in Seattle for a few days, and during his stay there has been interviewed. He reports that prospects are very bright for a good season's business in the Kootenay country, as miners are crowding in there very rapidly, and it promises to be a very active year in the development of the mining resources of the country. Good for Troup. But how miners can be crowding in rapidly is a puzzle that the residents of West Kootenay are at present unable to solve. Owing to the catch-as-catch-can-and-when-you-can system on which the C. & K. S. N. Company are conducting their business, it is extremely diffi- for anybody to get anywhere, leaving rapidity of movement out of the question altogether.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The Montreal Star's cable from London says: "To set at rest all conjectures about the successor of Lord Stanley of Preston as Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, I have authority to state that the Right Honorable John Campbell Hamilton Gordon, seventh Earl of Aberdeen, will succeed His Excellency.

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EDITORIAL REMARKS.

Good wine needs no bush, and a good mining country needs no booming. The exact meaning of the word boom seems to be by no means clear; we take it, however, that it generally signifies not only to advertise a place for all it is worth, but for more than it is worth. Of course when one says in conversation that a place is booming, one does not necessarily or even usually mean that efforts are being made to advance the price of real estate in that place by unfair means, but still the application of the word as an adjective to the name of a townsite is not as a rule regarded as a compliment by the owners of that townsite. A boom-town is not a nice thing to have anything to do with, and anyone who booms a place without having very good reasons for doing so, ought to be punishable in some way other than by the expressed contempt of his fellows. There seem to have been quite a number of excitements of late in America which have been started by interested parties, without there having been the smallest justification for a rush. The San Juan stampede is an example of this. Thousands of men from all parts of the States spent every cent they owned in going to the immensely rich placer fields which were reported to exist in that district; many of the thousands have returned home absolute paupers, and as many more remain there simply because no other course is open to them. This doesn't do a country much good, yet some one must make money on the process, as the thing is always happening.

In West Kootenay there are no booms. A rush of business affects now one place and now another, but there is something to more than justify the excitement, and every man in the country realizes that it is not by creating a false and selfish interest in the place, but by doing his best to advance the interests of the district, that he is going to make his pile. This is as it should be, and it is by means of plain truthfulness that our district will shortly become known as the richest on the earth.

We have always been in favor of having a land registry office located in Nelson, and we believe that every inhabitant of the place agrees with us in so thinking; yet it strikes us as being somewhat inconsistent of land owners to howl about the inconvenience they are made to suffer through having to register in Victoria, when on examination it is found that some two or three only of the owners of lots in Nelson have their crown grants registered. Such carelessness seems almost criminal—it is certainly unwise. Of this we are very sure that the first Nelson lot owned by ourselves will be registered just as quick as the circumstances of the case will allow, whether the office be at that time located in Victoria, Nelson or Timbuctoo.

We have been unfortunate in having no skating this year, and the glad free spirit of the Western young man has had to find sources of amusement other than that of falling on the back of his head. The consequence has been that everyone at times, and for most of the time, seeks seclusion and thinks deeply as to jokes that he may play off on his fellowman. As the outcome of this, one of our parsons was seen this week wandering round town with a card pinned to his coat tail on which was written "This style $8.50. He is worth more than that, however. The C. & K. Navigation Company has come in for a large amount of chaff, most of the cartoons being extremely clever. It is just as well that we should be able to work off the surplus of our high spirits, for the summer cometh when no man will have time to cartoon.

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Vague as a Delphic Oracle—Going to Tap the Country by Means of Schemes Hopes and Opinions—No Definite Promise of Construction.

The following letter has been received in Nelson in answer to the memorial sent to headquarters by the citizens:

MONTREAL, 29th January, 1803.

MY DEAR SIRS.—The communication signed by yourself and a number of others, upon the subject of railway facilities in the Kootenay District reached me in due course, and was read with interest. There is no question to which more serious consideration has been given during the past year than the best means of providing facilities for the mineral territory between our main line and the international boundary. The country, as you know, is an expensive one in which to build railways, and a mistake in location would therefore be a serious one. We think, however, that we have very nearly matured a comprehensive plan for the whole district, and I hope that during the current year we shall be able to commence work on a portion of the system. Yours truly,

J. J. SHAUGHNESSY,
Vice-President.

Possibly no more was to be expected. The C. P. R. is trembling and quivering before a great plunge and dreads a mistake in location. We understand the following to be an outline of their great and comprehensive scheme: They project a line from Revelstoke to the Arrow lakes, the terminus to be at the head of the Upper Arrow Lake. Having arrived there, they will wait for developments, and eventually will build down to Kootenay Lake by way of the Lardo. They also will build from Slocan Crossing to Nakusp, leaving the Arrow Lake and Kootenay Lake waterways as the connecting links of their system, and putting on steamers which will double discount all Jack Frost's endeavors. The probability is that the only part of this scheme which 1893 will see carried out will be the branch line from Revelstoke to the Arrow Lake. But there is an off chance that the line from Slocan Crossing to Nakusp will be begun from the Slocan Crossing end. It is a very off chance, although to any one who knows the country, the whole salvation of the C. P. R. lies in connecting Slocan Lake with the Columbia and Kootenay Railway.

THE MAIL SYSTEM.

That West Kootenay is not the only district around that has a kick coming as to the present system of mail distribution is evidenced by the following from the Northport News:

"The mail from British Columbia passes through Northport without being distributed. It goes 130 miles to Spokane, is then distributed and the mail for Northport returned, arriving here four days after it passed through. This enables Spokane people to receive their mail four days before we do. This is not right, and it will, no doubt, soon be changed."

SMALL NUGGETS OF NEWS.

George Hughes of Kaslo is hauling 20 tons a day from the Washington and Freddie Lee. He has in his warehouse perhaps 500 tons, and has made a tender to carry 150 tons from the Jackson group in response to their advertisement.

The success of Cripple Creek as a great gold mining district is now assured beyond question. The dead work has been done on a large number of claims and many mines are on pay ore. Travel into the camp continues unabated, on an average fifty people going in daily. The Colorado Midland has 300 men employed in completing the extension into the camp and as soon as the branch line is in operation a new impetus will be given to the camp.

Mr. J. C. Anderson has returned to Victoria from a two years' exploration of the West Coast of Vancouver Island, in the interests of the Washington Prospecting Company of Seattle. He is highly pleased with the results of his labors, and reports having discovered a piece of ground near Barclay Sound, some six miles in width, which he declares to be the richest bed of marble on the continent. From the samples which Mr. Anderson has brought down with him, and which he forwarded to Seattle yesterday evening, it is clear that he has struck something very rich. In addition to the marble beds, Mr. Anderson has located three good bodies of iron ore as well as some fine quartz and placer gold. His company means business, and intend to work their claims for all they are worth.

Notice is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of British Columbia, application will be made for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a line of railway from a point at or near the town of Nelson, in Kootenay District; thence westerly along the Kootenay River to the Slocan River, thence northerly along the Slocan River and Slocan Lake to a point at or near the town of New Denver and on through the Nakusp Pass to a point on the Upper Arrow Lake; with power to construct, maintain and operate branch lines from any point on the main line to the headwaters of Carpenter Creek and Four Mile Creek and, with power to build wharves and docks and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines and all necessary works.

CORBOULD, McCOLL, WILSON & CAMPBELL,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Dated at Nelson this 7th day of January, 1893. 131-6

Notice is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of British Columbia, application will be made for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a line of railway, commencing at a point near the town of Nelson, in Kootenay District, thence following the West Arm of Kootenay Lake to Balfour, thence along the west shore of Kootenay Lake to Ainsworth, thence to a point at or near Kaslo, thence running up the main fork of Kaslo Creek to Bear Lake, thence to a point at or near the Forks of Carpenter Creek, with power to build branch lines to any mine or mines adjacent to the line of railway, and with power to build wharves and docks and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines, and all necessary work.

BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated the 14th day of December, 1892.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of British Columbia at its next Session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate a railway from a point near the international boundary line, at or near Bedlington, in the Province of British Columbia, thence following up the Kootenay River to Kootenay Lake, thence along the west shore of Kootenay Lake to its northerly extremity, with power to construct branches to the headwaters of the Lardeaux and Duncan rivers, in said Province, and to construct telegraph and telephone lines and to equip and operate the same in connection with the said line of railway, together with the usual powers to acquire lands, privileges, bonuses, or other aids from the Dominion or Provincial Governments, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual and necessary powers rights and privileges. JOSEPH HETHERINGTON BOWES,
Solicitor for Applicants.

Dated at Nelson, the 16th day of December 1892.

SHAFER GOLD AND SILVER MINING COMPANY.

(Foreign.)

Registered the 16th Day of December, 1892.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

This is to certify that I have this day registered the "Shafer Gold and Silver Mining Company," (foreign) under the Companies Act, Part IV, Regisfration of Foreign Companies, and the Companies Act Amendment Act, 1889.

The objects for which the company is established are: To carry on the business of mining for gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc and other minerals, in the State of Washington, in the Province of Britisn Columbia, and at other places in the United States and in British North America, and of operating quartz mills and smelters for the purpose of working the quartz and ores from mines owned or worked by said company, and ores and quartz brought to such mills and smelters by other persons or corporations.

The amount of the capital stock of the said company is Four Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into four hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

The term of existence of the said company is Fifty years.

The place of business of the said company is located at Ainsworth, Pnovince of British Columbia.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 16th day of December, 1892, at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia.

(Seal of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies British Columbia.) C. J. LEGGATT.
Registrar Joint Stock Co'ys.

NOTICE.

Thirty days from date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a liquor license for my hotel situated on Carpenter Creek at the mouth of Sanders Creek.

133-4 A. G. KIRLIE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Take Notice that I, Joseph Edward Boss, of the City of Spokane, United States of America, (free miner's certificate No. 41642) being the lawful holder of the mineral claim Young Dominion, recorded by H. Howson, on the 10th day of June, 1892, in the recorder's office, New Denver, intend applying at the end of sixty days for a certificate of improvements on the said claim for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant therefor. And further take notice that adverse claims, if any, must be sent to the Gold Commissioner at Nelson, and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

J. E. BOSS.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1892.

NOTICE.

SLOCAN BOY MINERAL CLAIM, SLOCAN DISTRICT, WEST KOOTENAY, B. C.

Take notice that we, E. J. M. Hale, free miner No. 40257; Jno. W. Goss, free miner, No. 42784; S. K. Green, free miner No. 40277; S. J. Silverman, free miner No. 42490; 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.

N. E. LINSLEY, Agent for the Above.

Dated this 30th day of October, A. D. 1892.

NOTICE.

The Columbia & Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act authorizing it to construct and operate a railway between a point on its present line and Revelstoke, together with such branch or branches, not exceeding in any case thirty miles in length, as may be hereafter authorized by His Excellency the Governor in Council, and for other purposes. J. D. TOWNLEY,

Vancouver, November 24th, 1892. Secretary.

Notice is hereby given that Harold Selous, as agent for G. H. Colwell, B. Thomas, J. A. Turner and F. M. McLeod, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Hidden Treasure," situated on Toad Mountain, West Kootenay District. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from the date of this notice.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 3, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that James Fox, as agent for A. H. Kelly, E. S. Topping and A. M. Esler, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Ollie," situated on Toad Mountain, West Kootenay District. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from date of this notice.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 3rd, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that Harold Selous, as agent for W. R. Will and R. G. Tatlow, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Ivanhoe," situated on Toad Mountain, West Kootenay District.

Adverse claimants will forward their objections within 60 days from the date of this publication.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 26th, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that Harold Selous has filed the necessary papers and made application for crown grants in favor of the mineral claims known as "Yankee Girl and "Annie," situated on Toad Mountain on the divide between the east and west forks of Give Out Creek, West Kootenay District.

Adverse claimants will forward their objections within 60 days from date of this publication.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 26th, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that E. D. Ainsworth, for himself and as agent for E. E. Brockhausen and D. C. Joslyn, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Copper King," situated on Toad Mountain, West Kootenay District. Adverse claimants will forward their objections within 60 days from the date of this notice.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 5th, 1892. Gold Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of British Columbia application will be made for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a line of railway, commencing at a point on the international boundary, on the right fork of Sheep Creek, thence running north along said creek to the Trail Creek Mines or, more particularly, to Red Mountain, with power to build, maintain and operate branch lines from any point or points on the main lines or branch lines to any adjacent mine or mines, and with power to build wharves and docks, and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines and all necessary works.

BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1892.

NOTICE.

SPRINGFIELD MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATED ON MILLER CREEK, SLOCAN DISTRICT.

Take Notice that we, Nathan E. Lay, free miner's certificate No. 42556; William T. Jones, free miner's certificate No. 42631; and E. Smith Miller, free miner's certificate No. 42632, intend, sixty days after 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.

JOHN ELLIOT, Agent for Applicants, Nelson.

Daten this 18th day of January, 1893. 134-8.

CERTIFICATE OF IMRNOVEMENTS.

MOUNTAIN CHIEF MINERAL CLAIM, SLOCAN MINING DIVISION.

Take Notice that I. William H. Smith, free miner's certificate No. 40200, 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, said claim being recorded by me at the Town of Nelson, District of West Kootenay.

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.

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

Dated this 24th day of January, A. D. 1893. 134-8

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The Cartoonist Gets His Work in on the C. & K. S. N. Company—The Window of Their Office Gaily Decorated.

A most elaborate cartoon has been placed in the office window of the C. &. K. S. N. Company, for the amusement and edification of passers-by. One of Messrs. Wm. Edmunds Jr, & Co.'s advertisements has been used as a groundwork. The large bottle which crosses the card diagonally has been covered over with white paper. and the scroll which usually bears the legend "Dublin XXX Stout, Messrs. Wm. Edmonds & Co.," has been similarly treated and now reads "Columbia & Kootenay Stagnation Co.," while on the bottle there is an elaborate picture of the Nelson in a cobweb for a trade mark, and the production is described as "Our Nelson Brand: Not to be opened till the 1st of June," and at the bottom is the warning: "To be carefully kept from ice." Mr. Christie is cleverly depicted on the neck of the bottle, driving one of the pigs which belong to the original advertisement, to the World's Fair by the tail. The effect of the whole is most artistic and Mr. Christy will, no doubt, have an opportunity of admiring its merit when he returns home. We understand that he will bring back with him a large collection of six-shooters, bowie-knives and horse-whips when he returns.

Notice is hereby given that one month from date we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Lieutenant-Governor in council for the incorporation into a city municipality, under the name of the City of Nelson, of that certain locality in the Province of British Columbia described as follows: Being a subdivision of lot 95, group 1, West Kootenay District, as shown on the official plan of the Town of Nelson, comprising three hundred and seventy-two acres, more or less.

Dated at Nelson the 7th day of February, 1893.

F. M. McLEOD.
E. APPLEWHAITE.
A. J. MARKS.

136-4

NOTICE

WONDERFUL MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATED ON MILLER CREEK SLOCAN DISTRICT.

Take Notice that we, Nathan E. Lay, free miner's certificate No. 42556, William T. Jones, free miner's certificate No. 42631, and E. Smith Miller, free miner's certificate No. 42632, 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.

JOHN ELLIOT, Agent for Applicants, Nelson.

Dated this 18th day of January, 1893. 134-8

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa a plan and description of the site of the wharf proposed to be constructed by them upon the front or foreshore at mean high water, of lots 20, 22, 23, 24, block B, Third, Fourth, and Fifth streets, block A and I, and along Kaslo Bay 800 feet west of the west side of Fifth street, Kaslo City, District of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia, being a distance of 2,400 feet, and that a duplicate of such plan and description has also been filed in the office of the Registrar General of Titles at Victoria, and that the same persons have applied to the Governor-in-Council for approval thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 92, Sections 5 and 6, Revised Statutes of Canada.

R. J. BEALEY.
JOHN HIRSCH.
HORACE W. BUCKE.

Dated at Kaslo, this 12th day of January, 1893.

NOTICE.

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WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

All Placer Mining Claims in this District, legally held, may be laid over from the 15th day of October, 1892, until the 1st day of June, 1893.

N. FITZSTUBBS,
Gold Commissioner.

Nelson B. C., November 15th, 1892.

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THE TOWNSITE

Now on sale at the office of the undersigned. The terms are reasonable, and there is every reason for stating that a handsome profit will be realized on all lots purchased at present prices. Arrangements have been made for the clearing of a portion of the Townsite, for the erection of hotel and stores, and for various other improvements, so that Lardeau City will build up rapidly in the early spring. Lardeau City is the entrance point for the Lardeau Pass, which reaches through to the head of Kootenay lake, and application has already been made for a charter to build a railway from Lardeau City to lake Kootenay and Nelson. Lardeau City is not a town competing with several other points in the same district. It is naturally the best point for supplying the surrounding mining country, and there is a brighter prospect for it to-day than there was for Kaslo a year ago. Lots purchased in the latter, last year, have been sold this summer at an advance of from two hundred to a thousand per cent. For further particulars apply to

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MINING NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Marcus Daly and other owners of the Anaconda Smelting works and residents of Butte and Anaconda have been in Great Falls, Mont., for the purpose of meeting J. J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railway and of the townsite company. The object of the meeting is to arrange terms on which the smelter and refinery at Anaconda can be moved to Great Falls. As located at present, it is greatly hampered by lack of water power.

The greater part of the business centre of Gem, Idaho, including ten buildings, and involving a loss of over $20,000, was destroyed by fire January 27th. The flames attacked that section of the town lying south of the Northern Pacific track and is believed to have been incendiary. It originated in Miners' Union hall, and several persons assert that a man was seen coming from the rear of the building perhaps half an hour before the flames were discovered.

Samples of gold ore taken from Marmora mines, Hastings county, Ontario, wlll be exhibited at the World's Fair, and the owners of the mines expect great results to follow when the richness of the ore from Canada becomes known in this way.

A Cripple Creek 12-foot hole has answered the oft-repeated question, "Is there any tellurium in this district?" The reply is positively in the affirmative. A sack of ore from this find contained tellurium in great abundance. The entire sack was tested and gave the enormous return of $15,750 to the ton.

Not far from Hahn's Peak, in northern central Colorado, where there was a big gold excitement some years ago, are new fields that were discovered in the winter of 1891-92. The district is known as Four Mile, the best diggings being on a stream of that name. Water is scarce during certain months of the year, but when the snow is melting in the lofty mountains, where there is a heavy fall, numerous gulches and little watercourses furnish an abundant supply of water to work ground with rockers. It has not yet been demonstrated whether Four-Mile is "poor man's diggings," but it is known that quite a number of washers took out a lot of gold during 1892 by panning and rocking. Recent reports from there indicate that men are constantly going in. A favorable report was published in a Colorado paper within the past few days and based on a private letter from a man who went there to investigate for himself. In conclusion, this article states: "There is no mistake about gold in paying quantities in the Four-Mile District. There has been no great rush in the latter place, but the number going in that direction is on the increase; and you may look out for a boom in the near future."

Old Mexico is enjoying a mining boom. Excitement prevails over the discovery of gold fields near Ures, in the State of Sonora. It is estimated that the new camp has a population of 15,00 people, mostly Mexicans, with a few American prospectors from Southern Arizona. Traces of old workings have been recently discovered, and this fact gives color to the belief that the long-lost mines of fabulous richness of the Aztecs are about to be rediscovered. There has been no trouble so far between the prospectors and the Yaqui Indians, although the latter view with sullen silence the encroachments upon their domain. Governor Torres has for some time been trying to attract the attention of American miners to his domain. There is a suspicion that this latest excitement was deliberately planned. In confirmation of this it is noted that within the past few weeks certain newspaper correspondents have been making special pleas on behalf of Sonora.

THE IDAHO SHIPMENT.

Mr. Albert Behne, the original locator of the Idaho group of mines in the Slocan country, who is in Spokane on business, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. F. McNaught, now largely interested in the claim, giving the returns from the first shipment of ore from that splendid property. Mr. McNaught writes substantially thus:

"The carload of Idaho ore netted $1,712.66. The ore went far beyond our expectations. The 19 sacks sent test went as follows: Eight sacks, 110.5 ounces silver and 66·50 per cent. lead; one sack, 125.50 ounces silver and 35 per cent. lead carbonate; five sacks, 139.8 ounces silver and 33.3 per cent. lead; five sacks, 90.50 ounces silver and 66.8 per cent. lead. Of the shipping ore 195 sacks went 170.5 ounces silver and 66 per cent. lead; 187 sacks went 205 ounces silver and 66.8 per cent. lead. The company deducted, on the 187 sacks, 2½ per cent. for moisture, and on the 195 sacks, 3½ per cent, for moisture. They deducted 5 per cent for loss in smelting and $22 per ton for treatment. We paid Hughes, contractor, for hauling, $936; freight, $317.40; duty, $393.48. It strikes me that is as good a showing as one could possibly look for."

It is proper to explain in this connection that the ore in the 19 sacks sent for test was ledge matter, gathered from various parts of the claim and entirely the surface showings. Mining men consider this one of the most satisfactory returns yet received from a test shipment of Slocan ore.

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KASLO NOTES.

"Frozen out" is very nearly true of our condition. I suppose, like ourselves, you have been enjoying seasonable weather. The thermometer has registered some degrees below zero, from 2° to 7° according to the different instruments and degrees of credulity. The reports of frozen beer bottles, etc., are loud and long. The blizzard of the north howls through our unseasoned timber, and the slight warmth emitted from a red hot stove is but a small oasis in a desert of chill and dreary aspect. However we are all pretty cheerful. Things look well and most people are satisfied.

As I mentioned in my last letter, Jim Wardner has bought 85 acres adjoining the present cleared portion of the town. The price is $40,000, of which $2,000 was paid down, the remainder to be paid in instalments.

We are forming a fire brigade here. J. M. Burke was elected president; O. T. Stone, vice-president; and R. J. Bealey, secretary-treasurer. At present the idea is to have ladders, buckets and tanks, the latter to be excavated in the principal portions of the town and to be kept filled with water. My own idea is that some hand fire extinguishers in bottles in every room would be the best thing, as it is the beginning of a fire we want to check. When it once gets a hold, nothing we can do with buckets and tanks would be of any use.

There was quite a large excursion to Lardo townsite last Saturday and, in spite of the wintry weather, the place was thoroughly inspected. The road from the townsite to the Government trail is practically completed, and the work of clearing the townsite is going on apace, and will continue till finished. The Nelson did the trip under two hours and came back flying. There was a merry party on board and singing and dancing were both resorted to and kept up with great go.

A. W. Bucke and Ford are storing ice in their ice house. the first supply having been brought in by the Nelson to-day.

Whether you will get this or not is wrapped in the dim bosom of a shadowy futurity (this expression would do for a prize puzzle, but it sounds very well, I think), for I hear that you are frozen in and only traffic along the bank of the river is possible.

The stage did not meet the Nelson at the head of the lake, and, after waiting a day, the passengers were brought back, so, I suppose, till the cold snap goes, communication may be shut off.

C. W. BUSK,

Assoc. M. Inst. C. E., M. Can. Soc. C. E.

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The sale of the "Dunderbird" mineral claim has been postponed until Monday, February 20th, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the court-house Nelson. W. P. ROBINSON,
Nelson, B. C., January 31st, 1893. Deputy Sheriff.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

H. H. Moody, who has been working all summer for Bremner & Watson, is lying very ill at Kaslo.

J. F. Ritchie left on Thursday morning for the Kettle River country, where he will be surveying for the next week or two.

Died: On Sunday last, under the influence of frost and gin, M. S. Davy's black Spanish rooster. Deeply lamented. No cards.

Dan Dunn nearly had his head kicked off on Thursday by the wild cayuse that had been hitched to the mail toboggan.

On Thursday the Lake mail got as far as seven-mile where the mule that was carrying it fell through the ice, and then returned to Nelson. The contractor left again yesterday with the mail on his own back.

W. W. West has almost completed the hull of a steam launch which he means to put on the water in the spring. The machinery has been ordered from Victoria and will be on hand whenever communication is re-established in the spring.

H. W. Bucke, B. H. Lee, D. Bremner and F. W. Jarvis came down from Kaslo early this week, and did not enjoy the trip much. Once they were here it was all right, though. On the way down Dave Bremner struck his toe against some protuberance and sprained it severely.

Over 600 tons of ice have been put up in Nelson, most of it this week. This is a large increase on last year's stock. It is expected that the Lake country will make great demands on Nelson for ice. The finest ice that has ever been known in West Kootenay is being stored this winter, some of it measuring 13 inches in depth.

The contractor had an enjoyable time in getting the Lake mail off on Thursday morning. He had a horse attached to a toboggan, and everything arranged in the most beautiful and scientific manner. The only trouble was that as soon as the horse began to move he also began to kick, and in two minutes had knocked the carefully devised toboggan to matchwood.

The mail, which left Robson on Saturday, arrived here on Wednesday last. The trail is very bad, but the chief cause of delay was the ice on the Kootenay at Ward's Ferry. It was found necessary, in order to get the mules across, first to shovel the snow off the ice, then to smash and cut a passage across the river so as to allow of the passage of the scow, the ice not being strong enough to permit them to walk over. Allan McPhee, who manages the train, seems to be no worse for the jab in the ribs which he got from the siwash's knife last summer.

The Nelson Social Club gave one of their pleasant little social dances last evening.

F. M. Chadbourne is on his way down to Nelson. He has been having a bad time of it lately with rheumatism.

G. O. Buchanan and Sam Green leave for the Coast on Monday on wagon road business, and it is probable that J. H. Bowes will travel with them.

Kenneth McLeod and John Sandon left Ainsworth for Sandon's ranch. The boat has been found on the lake bottom up, but nothing has been seen or heard of the two men.

The telephone is now open to Kaslo. Yesterday at about 2 p. m. Keno Jack rang up the central and told Jack Gibson that he was a darned fine chemist.

An engine started at about noon yesterday for Robson and made the trip before dark. It will, it is expected, return to-morrow, and will probably bring the mail with it.

W. Hunter came down from New Denver yesterday, and reports that though things are quiet there just now, yet nobody is at all discouraged as to the ultimate outcome of the place. Hugh Man is taking out quite a lot of ore through from New Denver to the head of the lake.

The steamer Kaslo is lying ice-bound in the outlet and nothing can be done to mend her propeller by breaking another flange off or to plate her with iron until the weather moderates. As soon as she can be got at below the water line and put in shape, she will be headed for Nelson, under full head of steam by her intrepid chief in command.

The Rev. T. H. Rogers, who last week started for New Westminster, got as far as Buchanan's old mill and found that he had an indefinite time to wait for the Nelson. On arriving at the end of the sleigh road he got left again, as the stage line and the steamer do not seem to connect. Finding that he could not reach the Coast in time to attend the Grand Lodge meeting of Odd Fellows, he returned home, arriving on Wednesday evening, after a hard day's walk from the open water.

We are glad to hear that a subscription has been started for Sam Sturch. Up to last evening the following amounts had been received: R. E. Lemon, $25; G. G. Buchanan, $10; W. Hansen, $10; Tom Ward, $5; Axel Johnson, $5; J. Lawrence, $5, E. E. Phair, $5; THE MINER, $5; A. Stewart, $2.50; A. Dolan, $2; C. S. F. Hamber, $2; Miss Sadie Brown, $1; Miss Mollie Smith, $1; a total of $78.50. R. E. Lemon will be glad to receive any subscription that may come along. Any one sending money along may be sure that they are helping a good honest fellow out of a hole.

Sam Sturch, known in Nelson annals as the Pinto man, drowned his team yesterday while attempting to bring down, on the ice, nine deer which were killed somewhere in the neighborhood of West's ranch. Sam is a steady, hard-working fellow, and has played in terribly hard luck. Last summer he lost a mare only a day or two after he had bought her for $200. However it's a long lane that has no turning.

GREAT LIBEL SUIT AT KASLO.

Kaslo has been stirred to its deepest depths by an action affecting the character and purse of two of its most prominent citizens. It seems that in the Kaslo Examiner of Saturday there appeared an article which was understood by Mr. Kemp of the Tribune to contain a libel on his character. When Mr. Kemp had sufficiently recovered from the stupefaction which this discovery caused him, he is said to have turned to the minions about him and exclaimed: "Hail the black catiff to the mineral spring that is by the wayside and there let him drink forever while I talk to him of its properties." At length he was persuaded to withdraw this fearful threat of punishment and proceed by the ordinary method of a summons. Promptness and secresy were necessary. If any inkling of his awful doom reached Mr. Musgrove's ears it was well known he would flee the country and place many a league of arid waste between himself and his enemy. All unsuspicious he was, as the vulgar phrase hath it, nabbed by the officers of the law and hailed before the seat of justice. The portentious drama had now advanced one act. But why need we detail the formalities of justice where guilt was so apparent and retribution so swift and so severe. The weighty judgment of that modern Lycurgus, Mr. G. O. Buchanan, is. we understand, to be inscribed in letters of gold on a piller of granite and set up for a memorial and warning to all journalists who have not enough of delicacy in handling the tender reputations of their fellow citizens. Suffice it that the defendant was found guilty; damages nil, with costs.

Since the days of Messrs. Pott and Slurk, of the Eatonswill Gazette and Independent respectively, and the fearful libel contained in the "Lines to a Brass Pott,"

Oh Pott if you'd known
How false she'd have grown
When you heard the marriage bell tinkle,
You'd have done then, I vow,
What you cannot help now,
And handed her over to W * * *

no such journalistic feud has been known to history. And our only regret is that we have not the pen of a Dickens to chronicle it.