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The Mines in Kootenay are Among the Richest in America.

THE MINER

The Ores are High-Grade in Gold, Silver, Copper, and Lead.

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THE KOOTENAY ORES

The Government Assay on the World's Fair Exhibit.

West Kootenay's Ore Averaged 237 ounces in Silver

And Fifty-Eight Per Cent Lead on the Entire Exhibit.

A short time ago THE MINER published the results of some Government assays on the ores of the Slocan country, and in commenting on the same remarked that it was doubtful if any other mining region in the world could show such an average of high values as those given.

This receives an added confirmation from the results of the assays recently made of the Provincial mineral exhibit at the World's Fair.

W. Pellew Harvey was appointed by the Government to make complete assays of the ores from the different sections represented by the exhibits. The results have been embodied in the report recently submitted to the Minister of Mines by Mr. Harvey. Some extracts from this report may prove interesting, especially to those ignorant of our wonderful possibilities in the way of rich ore.

Mr. Harvey assayed in all some 200 samples from all parts of the province.

East Kootenay was represented by thirty-five specimens.

The results are given in the language of Mr. Harvey's report:—

Some ore carried argentiferous lead, others argentiferous copper, and some were quartz carrying small quantities of silver, with a good sprinkling of gold.

The silver average, taking one with another, was 45.50 ounces per ton.

The gold average, taking one with another, was $4.30 per ton.

Adding these, we have a result which is exceedingly encouraging, particularly when the fact is kept fully in view that some of the specimens from which the average is obtained should not really be classified as silvering at all.

The silver lead ores which come under my notice, having reference to this particular district, were those from which a smelting company having opportunities for mixing their purchases, would have no necessity for a deduction for zinc or other baser metals which are detrimental to the working of the product.

With the exception of the Monarch ores at Field the little zinc contained in nearly every case is counterbalanced by the proportion of iron.

Copper ores—It will be noticed on glancing over the return sent to the department by me that the signs of the existence of copper in this district are numerous and encouraging. We have carbonates, sulphides, and oxides of this metal, as well as in combination with antimony, in which latter case the silver contents run exceedingly high.

The Windermere mountain deposits and also those of the Spillimacheen are very interesting, producing good smelting ores. The former carry it as red oxide and carbonate, and the latter carbonates. From Jubilee Mountain we have splendid showings of purple copper ores, the assays in each case covering a range of from 35 to 59 per cent., and there are instances outside of the collection sent to Chicago, where even higher results than these have been obtained. In a few cases where the ore carries sulphides and a consequent decrease in the percentage of the metals contained a little trouble and expense would be the means of eliminating the excess of sulphur and placing on the market parcels of such ore as would pay handsomely to ship.

Gold Ores—The samples I treated were chiefly quartz and quartz containing as a gangue iron pyrites and arsenical pyrites. In the majority of the cases the gold was free.

FORT STEELE.

I am sorry to say the average contents of the silver and gold in the specimens from this camp was not so encouraging from other parts of East Kootenay, but this may be accounted for by the fact that several samples were sent which should have remained where they were found. To compensate, however, the North Star comes in with a 47 ounce silver and 63.07 per cent. lead ore. The partial analysis of this ore may be of incerest to smelting men, showing as it does good smelting properties:—Lead, 69.56 per cent.; iron, 6.63 per cent.; zinc, 1.90 per cent.; antimony, 5.41 per cent.; silver, 47.31 ounces per ton.

The coal specimens from the Crow's Nest Coal Company were exceptionally good, judging from appearances, but not having made any test I am unable to refer to them technically.

WEST KOOTENAY.

Although the number of specimens received from the camps in West Kootenay is greatly in excess of those from East Kootenay, there remains very little to say. The average in silver is an excellent one and also that of lead throughout. Thirteen specimens were received from the section, which includes the following well-known mines:—Best, Great Western, Lucky Jim, Washington, Northern Belle, Monte Cristo, White Water, Wellington, Blue Bird, Rico, Bonanza King, Payne and Dardanelles.

The silver combined averaged 237.00 ounces per ton.

The lead combined averaged 58 per cent.

With very little detrimental impurities, if any, in a single case, so no remarks need be made. There was a little antimony found and in some cases a small percentage of zinc.

HOT SPRINGS.

Eighteen specimens, averaging in silver 58 ounces per ton, and in lead 53 per cent. No gold.

A few of these were certainly refractory ores, but the majority could easily be smelting with mixing facilities. Sulphide of antimony is present.

SLOCAN.

The eighteen samples from the Slocan were truly excellent specimens of galena, but unfortunately, owing to their richness and damage in transit, much of the beauty of the ore has been rubbed off. Some fine cubes were badly broken.

The silver average was 198 ounces per ton, and the lead average was 69.30 per cent.

As in the former case they carried no gold. The grade is too high here also to call for any comment. Some of the ores would be easily reduced. They carried with lead and silver, antimony and iron .

The high percentage at the average shows one what is in store for the Slocan. Combining this group with that of the Payne and Dardanelles, etc., I doubt if any mining section of North America can equal these results.

NELSON.

I treated three pieces of quartz containing their gold in the free state. This came from near Nelson, the exact location I do not know. The gold average was $60.12 per ton, a fact which should lead to a strict investigation of the reef from which the specimens were obtained.

TOAD MOUNTAIN.

A few samples only were sent from this part. There was one fine ferruginous quartz specimen from the Majestic, carrying much free gold. The Silver King argentiferous copper, with silver 444 ounces and 23.50 per cent. copper require no further mention.

TRAIL CREEK.

Smelter specimens comprised this exhibit. They contained various specimens of gold, silver and copper. The ore is a yellow sulphide and should be treated and converted into a matte on the spot. The extent of the deposits and the gold combined should make these ores valuable, apart from copper. I should expect to find nickel in such ore.

NAKUSP.

These ores were certainly good and particularly clean. Eighteen made the total sent, all of which were good wet ores.

The silver contents averaged 85 ounces per ton, and the lead 60 per cent.

There is little else to be said of this camp as the remarks of the Slocan are adapted to it.

LARDEAU.

I treated from the Lardeau 11 samples. The specimens were very heavy and showed much metal, but in many cases it was not lead, as the assays will show. The concentrator will have to be used freely in this camp, if the surface indications are to be the index of the deposit. With development, however, we may expect more gold. These specimens showed remarkable contrast to any other argentiferous lead ores of West Kootenay in the gold contained. The Silver Cup was decidedly the leader in value of assay, which ran to 251 ounces silver and $40 in gold to the short ton. The future treatment of these ores will require much consideration and careful analysis.

It will be seen by the above that of the 100 samples of lead-silver ores treated the grand average was 124 ounces in silver and 60 per cent. lead, giving at the present market prices of lead and silver a value of about $118 per ton.

Part of these ores contain gold in sufficient quantities to become an important factor in their values, and in some cases copper plays an important part, notably in the Silver King, which could be worked for copper alone.

PRICE OF THE SILVER KING

Large Sums Involved in the Transaction—The Cash Portion a Fortune in Itself.

A late copy of the Cork Examiner, just received, contains a column account of the formation of the Hall Mines Company, Limited. The matter is almost identical with that which appeared in the last week's issue of THE MINER. The only additional information is contained in the paragraphs:

The price paid for the whole property, including the 1-26th interest referred to in the report was £215,000, payable £165,000 in fully paid ordinary shares of the company, £40,000 in cash, and £10,000 in ordinary shares or cash, at the option of the directors.

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THE SOUTH KOOTENAY BOARD OF TRADE

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Grange V. Holt,
John Houston,
Geo. R. Robson,
W. J. Wilson,
J. Fred. Hume,
John A. Gilker,
Edward Applewhaite,
J. D. Marsden,
Fred. J. Squire,
Frank Teetzel,
D. B. Bogle,
James Watson, } Members of the Council.

Edward Applewhaite,
John Houston, } Auditors.

These are the officers of the South Kootenay Board of Trade elected at the regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

W. A. Jowett, of Nelson, and James R. Robertson, of Victoria, were elected members of the board.

The Council were empowered to take such action as they considered best to secure needed improvements on the Government wharf; the creation of Nelson and Kootenay Lake district as an independent customs district, with headquarters in Nelson; and the completion of the Kaslo-Slocan wagon road to New Denver.

The Secretary was authorized to draft a letter deprecating the attempt made to apply Government funds in discharge of private debts in connection with the building of trails, and in defiance of the judgment of the Gold Commissioner.

The following members were present: Messrs. Lemon, Bigelow, Applewhaite, Holt, Wilson, Renwick, Houston, P. B. C. Turner, J. A. Turner, Gilker, Hume, Hunt, Madden and Squires.

A COSTLY WAGON ROAD

The Kaslo Committee Feed Fat Loaves and Fishes in Anticipation of the Government Subsidy.

Gold Commissioner Fitzstubbs has not the highest form of regard for the ability of the Kaslo wagon road committee.

The Gold Commissioner explained that while the road was in the committee's hands over $7,000 of the Government appropriation had been spent. Upwards of 35 men were employed on the work, including a number of "rockmen." The wages paid were higher than any paid on any other Government work of similar nature, embracing a foreman at $6 per day with $2 per day additional for his horse.

"On the whole, for over $7,000 the Kaslo road builders have given the District one and one quarter miles of roadway," added the Gold Commissioner.

The Band Concert.

March,—Radiance ..... Chambers
Overture—Medland, with baratone solo ..... Southwell
Solo by S. D. Schultz.
Andante and Waltz—Elysian ..... Bowman
March—Ococe ..... Chambers
Cornet Polka ..... Ripley
Solo by Charles Scanlan,
Andante and Waltz—Tandresse ..... Waldtenfel
Auld Lang Syne.

The above programme will be rendered by the Nelson band this evening in the open air, under Charles Scanlan, musical.

Session of the County Court.

Judge Spinks adjudicated upon the following cases at session of the County Court on Thursday and Friday:

Heisterman v. Perdue.—Action on promissory note. Plaintiffs non-suited with costs. Elliott for plaintiffs. Bowes for defendant.

Reed v. Hewitt.—To set aside default judgment. Adjourned until next court. Elliott for plaintiff. Bowes for defendant.

Bailey and Halpin v. LeRoi Mining and Smelting Co.—Action on Mechanics' Lien. Judgment for defendants with costs. McLeod for plaintiffs. Bowes for defendants.

Fillimore v. Corbell and Wyant.—Mechanics' Lien case. Judgment for plaintiff. McLeod for plaintiff. Bowes for defendants.

There were 80 cases for small debt and accounts.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A. S. FARWELL, as agent for the Josephine Mining Company, has filed the necessary papers aud made application for a Crown grant in favor of the "Josephine" mineral claim. The "Josephine" is a northerly extension of the "Highland," Lot 258, Group 1, and is situate about 2½ miles north-west from Ainsworth. Adverse claimants will forward their objections within 60 days from the date of this publication.

N. FITZSTUBBS,
Nelson, B.C., July 20th, 1893. Gold Commissioner.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SIXTY DAYS from date hereof I intend to apply for a Crown grant to the "Etna" mineral claim situated on Toad Mountain, West Kootenay District.

This application will be made under clause 35, "Mineral Act, 1891."

Copies of the field notes and plat can be seen at the office of the Goverhment agent, Nelson.

CHARLES VAN NESS.
Nelson, B.C., July 10th, 1893. 158-8

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IT is pleasant to note that now, when the sky seems darkest, a new hope has been born for the province.

The sealing industry for the present year is an assured success, and the most conservative estimate that over $1,000,000 will find their way into circulation as a result.

The prosperity which this will bring to Victoria must of necessity have its influence on the other sections of the province. It will tend to greatly lessen the financial strain which made business uncomfortable in Victoria for the past year, and will doubtless afford considerable money for outside investment.

In view of the scarcity of money in West Kootenay, and the uncertainty attending the issue of the silver question, the District offers some wonderfully good buys to those who have ready money to invest and sufficient courage to stay with silver through the few dark days which seem to have closed round the white metal.

LOSING VALUABLE PRIZES.

The London Mining Journal neglects no opportunity to give its host of readers the latest and most reliable information regarding British Columbia and its resources. The following from their last issue is an index of the feeling which the Journal entertains toward this province.

We have not yet done it will be seen, with British Columbia or its mining, railway and allied industries. There is nothing to be got in this world without agitation and hammering away; and though British Columbia is a great and coming colony—both as regards mining and other things—its advent to a foremost rank can only come about when it is driven home to the public on this side that their masterly inactivity and indifference with regard to the resources of the colony are combining to loose for them many valuable prizes.

Having dealt fully in former interviews of this series with metalliferous mining in, and the railway developments of British Columbia, we had no hesitation in seizing an opportunity which occurred the other day of supplementing what had gone before with further independent information from a reliable source. Mr. H. T. Ceperly, a gentleman with long American experience, a resident in British Columbia for some years, and the Vice President fo the Vancouver Board of Trade, has been on a flying visit to this country on business, and sailed on Saturday last on his return to his adopted home.

The views of so shrewd, capable, and "live" man were worth having, and Mr. Ceperly very courtiously called at Finch-lane on the eve of his departure and placed himself at our disposal,

Then follows a lengthy interview on the general resources of the province, in which many important points are brought out in strong relief. This course on the part of this and other leading British journals cannot fail to accomplish much good for us, not only in the way of causing this region to become better known, but in inducing capitalists to turn their attention this way.

Once this is done. and the result proven remunerative, as they no doubt would be if properly directed effort went first, the remainder of the problem solves itself. There will be no difficulty in finding thousands eager to follow the first few successful ones.

In the mean time, as the Journal justly remarks, many valuable prizes are being lost through inactivity and indifference.

COST OF SILVER.

SOME weeks ago THE MINER published an estimate of the cost per ounce of producing silver in the various western mining states. The statement was in general terms, that but very few mines in the west could run with silver under 70, and that the number would rapidly decrease as the price went down, until at anything below 60 the mining industry of the west would be paralyzed.

The Mining and Scientific Press takes this matter up in its last issue, and by an elaborate set of figures arrives at the same conclusion.

Some of the figures are as follows :

The average cost of the silver product of the United States for 1891 was 85c. per ounce, not allowing for assossments or other forms of new capital invested in the business.

The U. S. Mint Director addressed interrogatories to producers in this country, and received many replies. The results are not very satisfactory, but serve as the best basis obtainable. From the appended calculation it will be seen that for the given selection of enterprises in California, Arizona, Colorado, Montana and Utah the mean cost of producing one fine ounce of silver, the selection being limited to 155 in number, is not less than $0.524. This is exclusive of all allowances on capital account for amortization. The 12 enterprises selected in Montana produced two-thirds of all the silver of that region. The five mines in Utah yielded over two-thirds of the product of that territory. The Colorado properties were distinctly silver mines. The four California mines were producing silver and no gold. The summary is as follows :—

State or Territory	No. of silver mines selected	Product of silver—fine ounces	Average working cost of producing 1 ounce of refined silver	Total working cost of producing silver	Mean working cost per ounce
Arizona	5	1,119,562	$0.832	$ 931,475	.....
California	4	237,737	.51	121,246	.....
Colorado	129	4,420,642	.61	2,696,591	.....
Montana	12	8,072,993	.433	3,495,606	.....
Utah	5	3,803,453	.525	1,997,338	.....
Total	155	17,655,387	.....	$9,242,256	$0.524

Adding to this interest on capital invested in costly plant, and making due allowances for amortization of capital account, and it will be seen that the figures given by THE MINER were sufficiently exact.

A BETTER FEELING.

The rapid formation all over the western portion of the United States, of Bimetalic leagues and the important part which they appear destined to play in future American politics, leads to some questions regarding their principals and object. The motto blazoned on the banners of the League is "We must have the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1".

Back of this is a well defined idea of the growing importance of the West as a factor in the scheme of government. As yet however, many of the ideas advanced by the silver leaders, while they may sound very well from a platform, and read well in the columns of the newspapers, unfortunately most of them as yet scarcely seem to be of that nature which will enable them to stand the test of time.

When the blood of men is up and they stand together to resist what they feel is a common wrong, they often overlook vexatious details, and for a time work for the common good. But the pressure removed, and amidst the endless routine of dull work-day life, self again comes uppermost, and the man who found it very easy to charge up to a cannons mouth in the face of shot and shell, develops a sneaking desire to let his wife split kindling wood.

All this talk about "Riding in blood to the horses bridles" will not hasten the quotation of silver at 100. The true friends of silver must not only be brought to realize this, but must be shown the folly of vigorously applauding every "jaw-smith" who chooses to pour out his cheap eloquence (?) on the situation, and rounds his periods with incendiary clap-trap.

Let them come together and discuss these great and difficult problems like men who realize the gravity of the situation, instead of acting like a mob of angry school-boys deprived of a half holiday. For the ultimate success of the silver agitation the "bridle deep" style of orations are beginning to give place to something more sensible. The following from Montana sum up the feelings and ideas which have taken the place of the "give me gore" sentiments.

Is there any good reason why the trans-Mississippi states may not have a sound banking system of their own?

How much longer is this vast region going to bend the knee to Wall street and its transatlantic dictators.

Where is the east going to invest its millions of idle capital if we do not give the high rates of interest which they demand?

California, Oregon, Colorado and Washington can furnish us with mining machinery, woolen goods and almost everything which we do not produce at home. Why can we not through mutual interest patronize each other?

We can have a gold and silver banking system of our own. If we cannot coin our own metals we can issue cirtificates for gold and silver bullion, use our gold for paying interest on state, county and city bonds held in the East until we refund them, and make them payable in gold and silver. The silver can be used at home for labor, produce and local obligations.

California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Idaho South Dakota and Montana can more than double their present output of gold, provided that we who toil in the depths work the old, and in many cases, abandoned camps in the states and territories here mentioned.

Will it pay to work those diggings? This in the majority of instances can be answered in the affirmative. Can we get $5.50 per day for our work? In many cases we cannot, but where average judgement is used in selecting gronnd to work we can make a fair living until better times come, and we are justified in returning to our former positions. We will have to cut down our expenses, we cannot treat so often, and our families may be deprived of many of the little luxuries which they heretofore enjoyed, but we can by steady effort support ourselves respectably until the future becomes brighter.

PRACTICALLY INOPERATIVE.

ELSEWHERE in this issue appear two letters on the vexed question of surface rights. The Act as amended in 1893 states that a Crown grant to the surface rights contains only the right to the surface of the claim for the purpose of getting out the minerals contained therein, including all operations connected therewith. All remaining surface rights shall be deemed vested in the Crown and may be granted and disposed of as provided by the land laws for the time being in force. It would appear from Mr. Sproat's letter that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works has decided to temporarily render this section inoperative pending the next session, by refusing to grant pre-emption of the remaining surface rights.

In the meantime, under the Premier's interpretation, the miner has a right to consider his claim his home.

DAVIE ON SURFACE RIGHTS

THE PREMIER ENDEAVORS TO EXPLAIN THE INTENT OF THE ACT.

He Reiterates the Statement that the Object Sought to be Obtained by the Act was the Prevention of Land Grabbing under the Guise of Mining.—There may be Further Changes.

"I have your letter of the 29th of April, in which you say that you are informed by the Gold Commissioner that he is not in a position to pass any opinion on section twenty-three of the revised "Mineral Act," as he does not understand it.

"I can see nothing fraudlent nor unjust in section 23, of the Act; on the contrary it seems to me to be a provision that should have become law long ago. It has not any retrospective effect, and consequently would not, I take it, apply to any record made prior to the 11th of April, but it certainly will, and is intended to, govern all cases of record made after that date.

"There is nothing in the principle of this section at variance with your opinion that the miner's mineral claim is his home. So long as he occupies his claim, it is intended that he shall have a home there, and shall have the surface for all purposes connected with the working of his claim, which of course includes his making his home upon his claim.

"What is aimed at by the section to abolish, is the right under guise of a mineral record to appropriate large quantities of Crown Land, when the acquiring of Crown Land, except under pre-emption or purchase by auction, has been abolished by statute.

"It is not the policy of the mining law that mining claims shall be taken up for anything but the actual acquisition of the mineral thereunder, and the policy of the law moreover is that as soon as a mineral claim ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was located, that the surface rights thereunder should revert to the Crown.

"However, of course we cannot interfere, and do not desire to interfere, with the locations already made although proceeding, as I think we must all admit, under an imperfect law."

THEODORE DAVIE.

The above was received in Nelson in answer to a request that an explanation be given on section 23 of the amended act, the Gold Commissioner having considered himself not in a position to give any opinion as to the meaning of the clause.

Since the above was written applications have been made for Crown grants on properties located prior to April 11, but in each case the surface rights were withheld.

Nevada has no mines worked exclusively for gold, although gold occurs to a greater or less degree in all the silver ores. Hence the closing of the silver mines will effect the gold output.

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN—CARIBOO DISTRICT.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF RESIDENT Physician for the lower part of the Cariboo District will be received at the Provincial Secretary's Office, until Saturday, the 15th day of July, next.

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A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
28th June, 1893. 157-2

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SPROAT ON THE CONCEPTION

OF THAT CELEBRATED MINERAL ACT AMENDMENT ACT.

Another Kick is Registered Against the Clause in the Act which Witholds the Surface Rights from the Crown Grant of a Mineral Claim.—Where the Remedy Lies.

To THE MINER:—I have had occasion, lately as the agent or trustee of several clients holding mineral claims in Slocan, to bring to the notice of the government the situation in which their claims are or may be placed by the operation of section 23 of the "Mineral Act (1891) Amendment Act 1893" relating to surface rights. The Land Office recognized promptly the evils of the dual ownership of the surface which this section purports to create, and the Chief Commissioner will do immediately what is in his power, and seems to him fit, with a view of affording relief under the circumstances outlined, pending the next session of the Legislature.

This mitigating, if not wholly remedial action may take the form of an order forbidding the pre-emption of the "Remaining surface rights" on claims, thus maintaining the status quo at any rate. The matter being of general interest you may perhaps permit your columns to be used for the purpose of giving the above information to the miners of West Kootenay district.

The lawyers say that no matter when, or under what act, claims were taken up, grants issued in respect of them, after the 12th of April last, must be issued subject to that section. I am going to recommend my clients not to apply for any grant until after the next session. What the legislature should be asked to do requires careful consideration. The mere repeal of the section will leave claims in respect of which grants are or may be issued after the 12th April last, in an exceptionally bad position as regards surface rights, and some of these claims are the most important in the district,

You cannot have a stronger illustration of the disadvantage of our district being only nominally represented in the legislature. This cobra-headed clause, which poisons a great industry, now needing all reasonable help, and which lowers materially the value of every claim in the district, except those which have grants dated before the 12th April last, passed the House without debate, or even remark, during the last week of the 1893 session. It fitly tops the misbegotten, bastard act of 1891, scissored by a parcel of laymen, some of whom could not understand a section when it was spelled out for them. We all suffer thereby, and are bound to suffer, but the difficulty is that the ordinary miner, naturally enough, has little forecast of the effect of bad law, until it grinds him personally. The legislature, and we may now say the government, only desire sound information and the welfare of the district.

The electorate of West Kootenay may cry out as they will, they themselves are wholly and solely to blame for the existence of a law which vexes investors, deters capital, and breeds law suits that settle nothing. As it has been so I suppose it will be. The degree of the intelligence of the electorate must remain the measure of our mining legislation.

G. M. SPROAT.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIRTY DAYS from date I intend applying to the Gold Commissioner, for a license to sell liquor in my hotel, situate at New Denver, B.C.

Nelson, B.C., July 3, 1893. HENRY SHERAN.

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The Anaconda Standard refers to the present American congress in the following mild language.

The American people do not fully understand that the great menace to the American government for the past 30 years, and to-day, is the American congress. They do not realize that if all Europe were arming to-day to come over here to subjugate us, that we would not be in half the danger of the destruction of our government that we are to-day from the corruption and debauchery and dishonest vicious legislation on the part of our own American congress.

They do not grasp fully the fact that it is but a bankers' and railroad presidents' club, a standing political convention, the leading burlesque of the age on popular representation, a body of special pleaders, and shrewd attorneys for trusts and monopolies, the house of Judas Iscariot and and the rendezvous of all shades, kind and classes of political buzzards and boodlers.

What possible ground is there, then, for the American people upon which to base any hope of relief from the financial slough of despond that such a congress has brought the country into? This condition is not the result of accident or oversight. It is the enevitable result of long years of chicanery, legislative jugglery, trickery and bribery. The American people have paid that congress salaries and mileage for the last 20 years, only to be misrepresented and robbed by them. While the toilers have labored, and the great middle classes pursued unsnspectingly their various avocations, this same congress has passed and set in motion the desolating laws known as the "seven financial conspiracies that have enslaved the American people," one of the darkest and most damnable of which is the demonetizatinn of silver.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SIXTY DAYS after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Commissioner of Lands and Works for West Kootenay District for a lease of 2,000 inches of water, to be taken from the Three Forks of Carpenter Creek at a point about five miles from the mouth of Carpenter Creek, the water to be sed for milling, mining, water works, domestic and other purposes.

CHARLES HUGONIN.

Nelson, June 19, 1893. 155-8

NOTICE OF SALE.

To Augustus Carney, of the Town of Kaslo, in Kootenay District, of British Columbia, and Albert Barrett, of the Town of Nelson, in said Kootenay District, and the Bank of Montreal, at the said Town of Nelson, and all Others Whom it May in Anywise Concern:

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the twenty-fifth day of November. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and duly registesed in the office for the Registration of Deeds at the City of Victoria, in said Province of British Columbia in Charge Book, Vo' 12, Folio 11, and numbered 13890, and made between the said Augustus Carney and Albert Barrett, therein described as of the said town of Nelson, merchants, of the first part, and Malcolm McInnes and Patrick Burns, of the town of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, one of the Territories of the Canadian North-West, cattle dealers, parties therein of the second part, there will for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by said mortgage, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction at the premises herein described, on THURSDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JULY NEXT, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the lands and premises mentioned and described in said indenture and mortgage as follows:

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Dated this 6th day of July, 1893.

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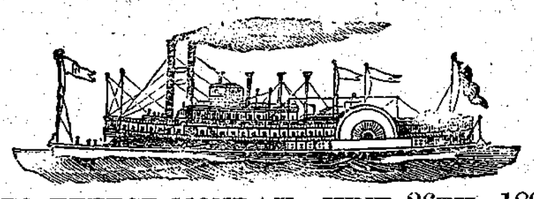

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TROUT LAKE CITY

As might have been expected the glorious weather which has prevailed during the past week has given a powerful stimulus to business. Andy Craig, C. B. Hume's manager, reports a steady increase in his sales and sufficient goods are disposed of to keep thirty pack horses constantly on the trail between the town and the north-east arm.

Prospectors and others continue to arrive daily, and tents are scattered profusely among the big trees on the outskirts of the townsite.

Mr. Crocket, of Poole & Co., was in town today. He reports most favorably of the prospects of the Poole group. Three shafts have been sunk to a depth of ten feet each, with similar results, namely, the lead is twelve feet wide and appears to become richer as the depth increases. One set of samples assayed showed an average of 80 per cent. lead, 51.30 ounces of silver, and $49.60 gold. Another set averaged the same amount of lead and silver and about $2 less gold. There is also a small quantity of free gold.

The Lexington claim has been bonded to Mr. Guy, agent for Bond, Emerson & Co., of Seattle and New York. Mr. Guy went out some weeks ago to visit the claim, but owing to the depth of snow was unable to find the outcrop. Digging haphazard in the snow he found a superficial deposit of iron ore beneath which was the original lead, four feet wide. The assays show 63 ounces of silver and 7 dwts. gold.

Jack Stauber, of Stauber's Lake, has been working the Ajax. He says the ore is all that could be desired.

John Hirch, with Campbell, Johnson and Ward, made an unusually rich strike back near Gainor creek. The ore runs rich in lead, copper and silver. Messrs. Savoy and Carey staked two claims close by.

A. H. Harrison went out to Revelstoke.

Four prospectors who have just arrived from the Duncan river report that the Golden Eagle claim in that countay is as yet not very successful.

Andy Craig, manager for C. B. Hume, has some magnificent bear skins, the original possessors of which were shot at the lower end of the lake. Andy is also a successful and enthusiastic fisherman, but, fearing the fate of Ananias, I will refrain from giving the weights of the monsters of the deep which have recently succumbed to his prowess.

A gigantic white bear has been seen and shot at by several persons lately. The uncanny brute appears to frequent the range in the vicinity of Lime creek. Some maintain stoutly that it is of the Polar persuasion, while others say that it is but an Albino silver tip.

A petition is in circulation praying for the appointment of J. O. Piper, of the transpontine ward, to be Justice of the Peace, pending which appointment certain order-loving citizens have formed themselves into a Vigilance Committee. Their first notice may be seen posted outside Hume's store, and is headed by an æsthetic-looking sketch of a gentleman reposefully dangling from the limb of a tree.

T. Downes, P. Walker and C. Holden intend to commence shipping ore from the Silver Cup as soon as they can put the trail in order. The Silver Cup lead is 22 inches wide and carries 400 ounces of silver to the ton.

The fruit trees planted out this spring are all doing well and appear to be well suited to both soil and climate. Potatoes, radishes and other roots are surprisingly forward.

It is expected that a postoffice will be established here next month. Meanwhile, many and grevious are the complaints about mail delayed and lost on the way.

The trail between the lake and Thompson's Landing needs systematic attention, otherwise it will soon degenerate into a hopeless mud puddle.

Wm. Thompson's hotel is rapidly approaching completion, and the Maison Bourke will be open for the reception of guests in a few days.

Tom Hamilton has returned from Victoria.

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Dan McGillivray Secures the Contract for Building the Road—Its Construction Will Have the Grand Effect of Propagating the Mining Industry in the Slocan District.

An advance in the silver quotations could not mean more to the people of West Kootenay than did the announcement that work had been commenced on the Nakusp & Slocan railroad.

D. McGillivray, of Vancouver, has secured the contract, and the work must be completed to the head of Slocan Lake by the end of the year under forfeiture of heavy bonds.

The Slocan country, from its peculiar conformation, will be one of the easiest camps in the west to tap by means of a railroad. The principal mines are in such shape that their output can be run into some central point like Three Forks very readily, and once the problem of transportation is solved from such a point to the outside world the first shipments of that famous high grade ore will cover the entire cost of preparing a permanent means of transportation to the line of railroad. The mere fact of the railroad being built will thus warrant the outlay of thousands of dollars on the properties along its line, and will stimulate the development of hundreds of promising claims now lying idle for want of sufficient capital to push work when quick returns on the output are impossible, as is the case at present.

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"Things 'aint like they uster wuz,"
Said Kicker to his chum.
"I'm thinkin' that we hev good kuz
To hunt another hum."

"I tramped to Nelson on the trail,
And humped a whalin pack,
Bein' tired o' hearin' whistles wail
Their civilizin' clack.

"But now I guess the N. & S.,
The R. and A. L.,
Fort Sheppard too are comin' through
A tootin' up like — well

"I tell you Jim, its mighty hard
A quiet man can't rest.
I'm going to git, so long old pard,
I'm going furder west.

"Or else I'll mosey up the lake
To ther place they call Kaslo,
Ther roads up ther is only fake
Ther whistles never blow."

TO DEVELOP THE ABBOTT GROUP

Messrs. Jowett and Chadbourne Put a Gang of Men on for Two Months.

Messrs. Jowett and Chadbourne have given instructions to have consideaable work done on the Abbott group of mines in the Slocan.

The work will be commenced at once under Engineer Walton. A gang of twelve men have started for the property under Foreman Cody. The men will be kept at work constantly for two months at least, doing assessment and development work.

These mines were bonded for the London Mercantile Association by Messrs. Jowett and Chadbourne last fall.

NOT AFRAID TO SHIP

Another of the Slocan Mine Owners Who is Not Afraid to Ship Silver

W. A. Allen, of Ottawa, the representative of an Eastern syndicate having extensive mining properties, has gone into the Slocan to look at the Wellington group and other properties.

Mr. Allen informed THE MINER that if he could arrange with the smelters to take his ore he would continue work all winter, as the ore would stand the decline in silver.

Two extensive shipments of this ore netted over 300 ounces to the ton, so the owners have not much to fear.

PUSHING THE WORK ALONG

The C.P.R. Company's Men Were Making Fast Time in Stringing the Telegraph Wires.

On Wednesday morning a gang of about fifteen men commenced work out of Kaslo erecting the poles and preparing the way for the new C. P. R. telegraph system connecting the Kootenay Lake country with the main C. P. R. system direct. The men had advanced over two miles in the direction of Watson in as many days.

A second party is working down from the Nakusp end of the line so that everything gives promise of the speedy completion of the system.

Kemp on the Situation.

R. H. Kemp, of Kaslo, is responsible for the latest assurance that the Kaslo-Slocan railroad is an assured thing. He affirms that the management has started a new man out on the work with a brand new pick and shovel.

Just Cleaning Up.

C. A. Griffith, the Great Falls smelter man, came down from Kaslo on Friday. He says the smelters are not purchasing ore at present except for the purpose of cleaning up.

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