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NAKUSP CITY HAPPENINGS

PROGRESS OF THE RAILWAY WORK ON THE N. & S. AND E. & A. L.

The First Native Born Citizen of Nakusp
Makes His Appearance in Town.—The
Sub-Contractors on the Railway Work
Complain That They are Short.

Nakusp, Nov. 16.—With scarcely any of its newness worn off, Nakusp is settling down and taking on that quiet phase of existence which nature designed it for. The usual following of gamblers and other loose characters which generally attends the accouchement of new towns has deserted Nakusp while yet it is in its swaddling clothes. Any town can well afford to be quit of such characters, but their defection indicates that someone has almost succeeded in pricking the Nakusp bubble. These people never leave a town while there is any loose change lying around.

Railway Construction News.
Contractor Dan McGillivray of the N. & S. arrived in town this week with several N. & S. railway dignitaries, from the coast. With the exception of a few short pieces, the grading on the road is completed from Nakusp to the head of Slocan lake, and the middle of January is set as the date for the completion of the grading on the remaining portion, from Slocan lake to Three Forks.

Work on the E. & A. L. road, which is also under the charge of Contractor McGillivray, has not progressed as rapidly as many thought it would. The grading on the greater portion of the line has been completed, the Illecillewaet has been bridged, and the rails have been laid for a few miles out of Revelstoke, but difficulties of one kind and another have hindered the work since.

There is a general complaint among the sub-contractors on the N. & S., that their work has not paid them, and some have confessed to going in the hole on their contracts. Close prices and rather unfavorable weather are assigned as the cause. Billy McLean will be an exception to this state of things. He is satisfied that when his work is completed he will be the right side of the mark.

The locomotive employed on construction work on the N. & S., which lost its tender through the giving away of the roadbed, is at work again after being laid up for several days for repairs. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in keeping this locomotive on the track. It is too heavy for the road and crowds the curves.

The Reason Why.
A Nakusp citizen, in accounting for the prevalence of intoxication in his town, said that much of the difficulty experienced by the citizens was not traceable to over-indulgence in liquor, but rather to the necessity which compelled many to walk over the Nakusp & Slocan grade, and follow the intoxicating system of high degree curves.

Nakusp's First Baby.
Nakusp is this week rejoicing over the appearance of its first native born resident which on Tuesday evening came to cheer the home of the town officer H. G. Fauquier. The youngster's dad is of the opinion that the townsite company should give the newcomer a start in life by deeding over a couple of lots to him, but it remains to be seen whether the officials of the townsite company are of the same mind as the delighted dad or not.

THE IDAHO'S OUTPUT
This Famous Mine has been Holding its Own This Season.

Superintendent Behne of the Idaho mine, one of the principal properties of the Slocan, reports that the mine has shipped 120 tons of ore this season. Of this all but one carload went to San Francisco. Returns on the shipments were of the most encouraging nature, showing an average of 150 ounces of silver and 65 per cent. lead.

The Idaho is now employing 12 men underground. Work will continue all winter.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

The Funds of Which will go to Aid Nelson's Brass Band.

The managers of the Nelson band have discovered, since they embarked from the theoretical to the practical in conducting a band, that there are quite a few things which intervene between

subscribed subscriptions and paid up subscriptions, and that such differences are more liable to produce deficits than otherwise.

To overcome a deficit caused in part by this means, the band gave a concert on Thursday evening, in the Oddfellows hall. The programme, provided was of high order, but what was more to point there was a crowded hall to listen to the performers. The lady performers were each recalled, as was also Chas. Tweedie, for his plantation song with banjo accompaniment. The concert programme, which is appended, was followed by a dance:

OVERTURE—Laurel By the Band
BANJO SELECTIONS Chas. Tweedie
PICCOLO SOLO—Through the Air. E. J. Webster
SOLO—Never to Know, by Marzials. Mrs. Davys
CORONET SOLO—Fantasia Chas. Scanlan
SOLO (with flute obligato)—Beauty's Eyes. C. Hamber
SELECTION—On Banjo and Harmonica. Chas. Tweedie.
ANDANTE AND WALTZ—Danube Waves. The Orchestra
SOLO—Why Not To-day? by Edith Cooke. Mrs. Goepel.
DUETT (flute and coronet)—Swiss Boy and His Love. Messrs. Webster and Scanlan.
SOLO—Love's Old Sweet Song Mrs. Davys.
SEPTETTE (in Bass)—Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep, (with variations. Messrs. Scanlan, P. Turner, Kilby, Brown, Keefer, Sprout, and Duke.
SAND JIG— Chas. Tweedie.

GILKER—WALKER.

Nelson's Postmaster Joined the Benedicts Rank This Week.

There were upwards of a hundred Nelsonites assembled in the Hotel Phair Wednesday evening to witness the marriage of James A. Gilker to Miss Lizzie Walker.

The knot was tied by Rev. William Black Miss Irvine acting as bridesmaid, and Mr. Fred Irvine and James Walker performing like service for the groom. Following the marriage the company proceeded to enjoy themselves as wedding guests should and a most happy time was spent. The bridal party took part in the first quadrille, after which the dancing did not cease till an early hour next morning save for the partaking of the refreshments provided.

The newly wedded couple have been the recipients of several useful and valuable presents from private friends as well as from the local body of Oddfellows of which the groom is a member.

Prospects of the Big Bend.

In view of the probability of the present uncertainty with respect to the value of silver continuing for some time, the people of Revelstoke have great hopes that next spring operations will be commenced on the gold reefs in the Big Bend country. One of the chief draw backs which have been in the way of this district's advancement has been the difficulty of getting supplies into it, but an inkling has been given of the governments alleged intention of spending a liberal amount of money to obviate this difficulty, and consequently hopes for the Big Bend run somewhat high in Revelstoke. With proper working it is said that many of the placer grounds in that district could be made to pay handsomely.

The Farwell Case.

A. St. George Hammersley, city solicitor for Vancouver, was present in Ottawa when the case of Farwell vs. the C. P. R., for the possession of the Revelstoke townsite, came before the Supreme court of Canada. D'Alton McCarthy Q. C., handled the appeal of Farwell. No judgment was given in the case, but from the utterances of the several judges Mr. Hammersley was convinced that the case would go against Farwell. A serious complication between this Province and the Dominion will follow in such an event.

A S. S. Idaho Landing.

It is reported of one of the crew of the wrecked steamer State of Idaho, that when steamer ran full steam ashore on the rocks recently breaking her bottom in the middle he was thrown out of his berth by the force of the concussion. Mistaking the collision for one of the steamer's famous wharf landings he crept back into his berth with the remark "I wonder when that wheelman will be able to make a wharf comfortably."

A. M. Johnson has returned to Nelson after a three weeks holiday run down to the coast.

Silver is going up. Latest New York quotation 70 cents.

Christmas is Coming.

Turner Bros. have just received a good assortment of fancy goods, toys, etc for Christmas trade. Just the place to buy presents for your friends, from a baby-rattle or Christmas card to a Singer sewing machine or Bell Piano.

SUMMING UP THE SLOCAN

A FEW POINTERS ON THE WINTER OUTLOOK

D. P. Porter, Superintendent of the Mountain Chief Mine, one of the Leading Slocan Properties, Gives Some Interesting Facts About the Various Mines.

The MINER received a call during the week from D. P. Porter, the well known mining man, at present superintendent of the Mountain Chief mine in the Slocan. In answer to some questions as to the condition of affairs up his way, he expressed himself as well satisfied with the general probabilities.

"There is," said he, "no reason to think but that the Slocan country is on as solid a basis as any mining camp in America. The majority of the properties on which any amount of development work has been done have in almost every case turned out well.

"You know of course that a number of good shipments have been made lately from the principal mines up our way, but I think that most people will be surprised to see the shipments that will be made as soon as the roads get in good condition for sleighing. There must be many hundreds of tons of ore piled up on the various dumps, waiting for the time when the 'rawhide' can get in its work.

"The Mountain Chief mine is looking better than ever before, and I know of no reason why this should not become one of the most valuable mines in the Slocan. The ore is not only high grade, ranging from hundreds to thousands of ounces, but there is plenty of it. A short time ago we got out a chunk of ore that was all seven men could lift after it was fixed up in a sling. This specimen which will weigh from 700 to 900 pounds, will be sent down to the Midwinter fair at San Francisco. We have 12 men at work now, and expect to increase the force soon. In case it was deemed advisable there would be no difficulty in turning out seven or eight hundred tons of ore from the Chief this winter.

"The Noble Five group is working about the same force of men as the Mountain Chief. Part of these are engaged in running in two new tunnels on the Bonanza. I have heard that this property will come near the 1,000 tons mark by next spring.

"The Slocan Star is now in splendid shape for working. There are three tunnels now in on this lead and the various levels have been connected, so that a large force of men can be put at taking out ore at any time. The Star lead, I am told, is an unusually strong one, ranging from four to eight feet of ore. This is of the usual high grade found all through the Slocan.

"Several hundred men will be kept busy taking out and handling ore in the Slocan this winter. The result should, and no doubt will be satisfactory, in face of the present condition of the metal market."

A Trial Shipment.

The hauling out of the ore for a trial shipment from the Silver King will begin the first of the week. The non arrival of ore sacks caused the delay. These are now on hand and the first shipment of ore under the new management will soon be on its way to Swansea Wales. It is now in order for the N. & P. S. to get in and bid for the handling of this ore. The truck is announced to reach Nelson on Monday or Tuesday, and it would be quite an all round ad if the first train going out should carry a shipment of Nelson ore.

Drowned at Victoria.

H. G. Fauquier, of Nakusp, formerly of Nelson, this week received a telegram to the effect that his brother had been drowned at Victoria. He has been unable to obtain any particulars as yet.

PARAGRAPHS.

R. E. Lemon slipped, while walking down Josephine street Wednesday evening, and in falling struck very heavily. He will be confined to his room for several days as the result.

Contractor E. Kilby Was in to register a kick re the Tribune's skit on the Ward Creek sewer. Mr. Kilby claims that the work is being done according to plans and specifications, "regardless of price." The MINER suggests a visit to Bro. John, and an endeavor to arbitrate before proceeding to hostilities.

When your watch does not keep time or needs repairing, take it to Hunt & Dover who are fully equipped for this class of work and who guarantee every job turned out.

A BROKEN LEDGE

"Turns them to shape, and gives to airy nothing a local habitation and a name.—Shakespeare"

"Why does the western man become hardened? Why does he appear in the eyes of those unacquainted with his peculiarities, to be almost beyond all hopes of redemption?" These questions were asked recently, by one of a little circle, gathered round a cord-wood consumer in a well-known Nelson business house. The seeker after information was one recently arrived from the east, and the query was addressed to a veteran whose locks have grown grey with hardships more than age. The answer was duly pondered. "I don't think it is a question of becoming hardened. That air of hardness really conceals a deeper feeling—that of weariness. The average man who has pushed out here has become 'intellectually tired.'"

In the first place he is, in many cases tired when he starts for the west. He had grown weary of the petty quibbles of creeds and dogmas; the narrow grooves in which the lives of men must run; the continual exaltation in the eyes of the world, of that which he knows is mean and lowly. When he becomes so tired that he can no longer stand the strain he comes west. Here he hopes for that freedom from all these things which have been the bane of his life. In many ways he finds the hoped for freedom, but again other things combine against his peace of mind and tend to keep him perpetually tired.

He gets tired along religious lines. Back home he heard so much that was narrow and dogmatical that his powers of discrimination became blunted, and in time the state of his chances on the other side come to trouble him very little. Once in a long time he does not mind listening to a stirring sermon from some old timer, who like himself has roughed it along the lonely trails, and in the savage wilderness. But from the theological seminaries come the young and tender sprigs, intent on saving souls and keeping their feet warm. Men who test the water for their morning sprinkle with a thermometer, whose dainty stomachs revolt from anything less mild than chicken broth. When one of this class tackles him after a hard summer's prospecting—no luck, and things generally blue—it makes him tired.

I had a case in point related to me a day or two ago. One of these very enthusiastic—and very tender—young men was on a visit to Nelson. While here he came in contact with an old-time miner, who has carried his pack into nearly every one of the important mining camps in British Columbia, and had been in at the discovery of more than one of them. The old man is known favorably wherever he has been for his many kindly acts and the ready manner in which he invariably responds to any call from those in distress. While this is true, he has in common with many other western men, some rather original ideas about theoretical religion, though there is seldom any effort made to crowd these views upon others, and thus make them tired.

To the speculative eye of him of the cloth, here was a brand to be snatched from the burning. No time was to be lost. The task was undertaken with zeal, but unfortunately not with commensurate success. All the old arguments that this man had listened to before the would be regenerator was born, were gone over. The lost sheep remained lost. At the end of an hour the exhorter retired disgusted and mortally offended because he failed to gain a convert along his own peculiar lines. His feelings were in no wise elevated by the after remark of a veteran minister to the effect that he had known the old man for twenty years, and considered him a better Christian than many who made far more pretensions.

NEWS VIA SPOKANE

Concerning the Salmon River Gold Fields Rather Pleasant on the Whole.

S. L. Strickland, a miner and mining man of years of experience, recently returned from a trip to the Salmon river gold fields and reports that there is much excitement there over some recent locations of placer claims made on what is known as "Horseshoe Bend," 60 miles

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from the mouth of Salmon river and about 35 miles from Grangeville. The locations are 14 in number, most of them made by a man by the name of Gardener, holding powers of attorney from George Harris, Conklin and others who are unknown to that part of the country, but who are thought to be Spokane or Coeur d'Alene parties.

Mr. Strickland says that it is most unaccountable that a bar of this kind, containing millions of dollars in gold, and which can be worked at the slightest expense should have remained unoccupied for all these years.

The "Horseshoe" is marked on the common government maps of Idaho, and is where the river makes a deep bend, coming back after a run of two miles and three quarters to within 80 rods of itself, and making a heavy fall of 60 feet in that distance. The poorest of this gravel wash, it is claimed, will go from 5 to 20 cents a pan.

The scheme for working this is to turn the entire flow of the river from its present bed across the neck of the bar and then wash, not only the bar but the entire bed of the river which is included in the locations, for two miles and a half. The "neck" is gravel with nothing harder than a little sandstone, and the cut would at the deepest point be but 30 feet. Mr. Strickland claims that the cut can be made for from \$1,500 to \$2,000 at the most, and the beauty of it all is, that after it is all made, instead of being out that much to get the work started, the owners will have realized from the gravel taken out, a clean-up which is sure to net them several times the amount expended.

After this is done it will be an easy matter to wash, first the bed of the river which contains perhaps 150 acres full of glittering gold, and then, using the old channel for a dump, the bar itself which contains from 160 to 180 acres, and which is all a gravel wash, and at the highest point is 90 feet above the river; the 60 feet fall making it all that the heart of a miner could desire for sluicing.

Mr. Strickland attempted to ascertain who the locators were, but failed, and only discovered that, whoever they were, they evidently knew their business, and left no flaw in their locations, and made them true and strong.

Mr. Strickland had been informed of this per by one of the men he has prospecting, and went to the Salmon river for the express purpose of investigating, and then locating Horseshoe Bend, but arrived a few days after October 7, when the locations were made.

He reports over 100 men mining on the Salmon river bars, mostly with rockers, who take out from \$1.50 to \$4 or \$5 per day. Just above the Horseshoe Bend is a claim owned by a Walla Walla company, who have a six mile flume which cost them \$21,000, and which for several years has paid them well, while a company of Chicago people are about to wash one of the rich bars at the mouth of the Salmon river with water raised by means of pulsumeter pumps; but the Horseshoe Bend, thinks Mr. Strickland, will prove more valuable than all the others combined.—Review.

AFFAIRS AT RIO.

The Revolutionists Continue to Make Head Against the Government Troops.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The Herald's Montevideo dispatch says: Word is just received from Rio that all banks closed to-day and the bombardment was renewed. There was heavy fighting between the rebel forces and loyal troops at Nichero. Fire from the fort finally sank the rebel torpedo boat, though not before the insurgents' guns inflicted considerable damage on Nichero. The republican newspapers of Rio report that the federal troops were defeated by Marcio Lopez. The British consul here advised the shipping interest that all goods now in the harbor either on ships or lighters will hereafter be protected by the commanders of the foreign warships. The revolutionists gained foothold on land in a suburb of Caretta and held it in spite of considerable skirmishing.

Thanksgiving Entertainment.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment in Hume's hall on the evening of Thanksgiving day, November 23d. The best local talent will take part in the programme, and the ladies will spare no efforts to render the entertainment a very enjoyable one.

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CLEARWATER PLACER

A Company Formed to Work Some Rich Idaho Ground.

A company composed of residents of Wallace, Idaho, has been formed to develop a large area of placer ground near Warrens on the Clearwater. The company includes Superintendent Neal of the Campbell and Finch mines, Southerland & White, Howes & King and other well known Wallace citizens, 20 in number. A series of experiments have been conducted recently with results that have proved flattering, and the necessary ditch work will be done in the spring.

Nearly a hundred test pits were dug at different points, and a large quantity of the gravel was carefully measured and subjected to the washing process. As a result its value is estimated at \$1 per yard, which is exceptionally high. The gravel is five feet thick and many hundred acres have been staked out by the locators. The lay of the land is also exceptionally favorable to economical working by hydraulic process.

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NOTICE.

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 Good 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 Government agent, Nelson.

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NOTICE

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements. Wellington Mineral Claim. **TAKE NOTICE THAT I, AS AGENT FOR** the Kootenay & Columbia Prospecting and Mining Company Limited, free miner's certificate No. 44,298, 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 Mining Recorder, and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.
EDWARD WATTS
 Dated this first day of August, 1893. Aug 5

CROWN GRANT APPLICATION.

NOTICE.

MINERAL ACT, 1893. Notice of application for Certificate of Improvements. "Bobtail" Mineral Claim. **TAKE notice that I, as agent for the Shafer** Gold and Silver Mining Company, free-miner's certificate No. 43,640, intend sixty days from 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 Mining Recorder, and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.
THOMAS JOHNSON
 Dated this 18th day of August, 1893. Aug 26 Ainsworth, B. C.

NOTICE.

MINERAL ACT, 1893. Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements. "Jay Gould" Mineral Claim. **TAKE notice that I, as agent for the Shafer** Gold and Silver Mining Company, free-miner's certificate No. 43,640, intend sixty days from 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 Mining Recorder, and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.
THOMAS JOHNSON.
 Dated this 18th day of August, 1893. Aug 26 Ainsworth, B. C.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Frank Fitch, as agent for Maxwell Stevenson, has filed the necessary papers, (and made application for a Crown Grant in favor of the "Highlander" mineral claim. The "Highlander" is situated about half a mile south of Ainsworth, and one-quarter of a mile from Kootenay Lake. Adverse claimants will forward their objections within sixty days from the date of this publication.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Gold Commissioner.
 Nelson, B. C., Aug. 23, 1893. Aug 26

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A. S. FARWELL, as agent for Oliver Durant and Alex H. Tarbet, has filed the necessary papers, and made application for Crown grants in favor of the "Centre Star" and "Idaho" mineral claims, situated about five miles west from the Town of Trail. Adverse claimants will forward their objections within 60 days from the date of this publication.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Gold Commissioner.
 Nelson, B. C., Sept. 6th, 1893.

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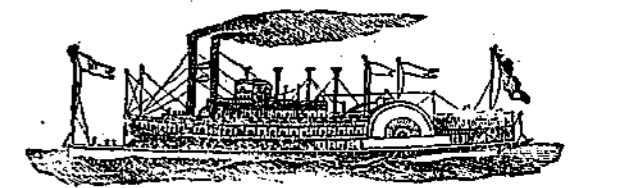
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RUSSIA AND SILVER.

The silver problem has of late developed some rather novel features. All the financial woes of the United States, and indirectly, of the world, were loaded upon the unfortunate white metal by its foes. The goldbugs howled for repeal as the only means of rescue from impending ruin. The fact that matters were on the mend long before repeal came was overlooked, and recovery since the passage of the bill has not been perceptibly hastened.

This latter fact is probably owing to the announcement that Voorhees, the tried and trusty "friend" of silver has not give up the fight, but will continue the struggle in the regular session. It is just such "friends" as this blatant old demagogue that silver has cause to fear. It brings to mind the pious ejaculation "God save me from my friends."

Treading fast upon the heels of the repeal comes the state elections. The lonely prospector far up in the mountain range must bear the thunder of some unpleasantly near landslide with much the same feelings that Cleveland heard the returns over the wires. It was entirely too personal.

The people of the United States seem to think that they have made a mistake, and it is quite possible that they have. If so they are just now doing their best to remedy it. The action of the special session of congress in the silver contest had more to do with the overwhelming Republican majorities in the recent elections than many people in the east would be willing to admit.

If it was free trade alone that they feared, they would have thought of that at the time of the last presidential campaign.

In the meantime cable advices run to the effect that the price of silver continues to advance in London. The opinion is expressed in Washington that the continued rise in silver in London during the past few days, is due in part to the belief that the government of Russia is contemplating the steps of adopting silver as a part of her monetary system. It is said that instructions have been received here by government officials that Russia will replace her uncovered paper money with silver to be used as subsidiary coin.

At present the amount of silver in use in Russia as money is not 53 cents per capita. Russia has \$500,000,000 of uncovered paper, or about \$4.42 per capita. It is stated that Russia can easily absorb \$200,000,000 of silver, and is desirous of doing so for the purpose of pushing her commerce in the east with Persia, India and China, which use silver almost exclusively as money.

It is impossible to say how much of the above may be true. It is however a grain of comfort for the producers of silver, and it may be that in this unexpected quarter may be found a solution of the vexed question of "what shall we do with our silver?"

THAT KASLO ROAD.

Much speculation is rife concerning the probability of the building of the Kaslo-Slocan railroad. For the benefit of the mine owners of West Kootenay the MINER, like a great many others, would like to see the road built by such a corporation as the Great Northern if possible—so that competitive rates would reign—falling this, by shorter speculators or any one else. The topography of the Slocan is such as to render

it impossible for the one road at present under construction to serve the whole of the district to advantage, even though it may serve the major portion of it.

Railroads, however, cannot be built by wishes. It requires cold cash in strong doses. The Kaslo-Slocan railroad company is engaged once more in assuring the people that their road is going to be built at once. Once more it is announced that the contract has been let for the clearing of the right of way, and again it is insinuated that the Great Northern is behind the scheme. But in view of the present financial stringency, associated with the immediate outlook for silver, together with the season of the year, there are many who question the likelihood of the road being built within the next few months. By far the greater number believe that the present move of the company is but in keeping with the series of bluffs which the Kaslo-Slocan railroad company made to keep its charter and avoid the painful necessity of forfeiting its bonds to begin operations within the specified time.

THE MIDWINTER FAIR.

The holding of a midwinter fair at San Francisco following so close on the closing of the great fair at Chicago, would appear like rather overdoing the matter. All reports from that section, however, tend to show that there is every evidence of the successful outcome of the venture.

One feature of the fair will be made especially attractive, and that is the mining exhibit. Mining men all over the west seem to feel that this is an opportunity to vindicate their claims with regard to the vast importance of the mineral industries of the west. It is quite probable that a greater effort will be made than ever before to make this the most complete and representative display of the various mineral products of the different mining regions that has yet been gathered.

British Columbia succeeded in making a very good showing at the World's Fair, though there was much yet to be desired. The value of such exhibits is hard to estimate. Up to the last season but little was known in the far east of the actual wealth of this section, and no effort should be spared to further spread this knowledge.

The Review contains the following on the subject:

"Deep interest is manifested in the request from the management of the midwinter fair at San Francisco for ores from the mineral regions tributary to Spokane. There is unanimity of opinion that the mines of this locality should be creditably represented there. With the view of bringing the proposition into definite shape Mayor Powell has issued the following call for a meeting:

All those interested in mines and the business men generally are requested to attend a meeting at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Mining Exchange to consider the feasibility of sending an exhibit to the midwinter fair at San Francisco, Cal.

E. L. POWELL, Mayor.

If it is possible the mine owners of the West Kootenay country should either join in this move or make an independent one of their own. Every man who has investments in this section is interested directly in seeing that a good showing is made in what will be an almost entirely western exhibition, and where mining will play such an important part.

As it is rather late in the day to attempt to organize a separate exhibit it might be well to co-operate with whatever move is made in Spokane. No doubt it would be possible to so arrange the matter that the Kootenay ores would be so grouped as to make a separate and characteristic display of the resources of this section.

This display even though small might be made of great value. The MINER proposes to correspond with the Secretary of the Spokane Mining Exchange with regard to the steps that body will take, and those interested in the matter are invited to communicate with this paper.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is satisfactory to note that one power at least is ridding the silver question. Those who complain of the dilatoriness of the last United States Senate evidently have no consideration for "the silver threads among the gold."

Now that the Kamloops Sentinel has

changed hands and some new blood has been infused into the concern a great improvement may be looked for in the publication of the sheet. The new combination possesses technical knowledge of the printing business and admitted journalistic ability and the Sentinel's weekly visit will for these reasons be manifestly more welcome than heretofore.

An old familiar face has appeared again in the provincial journalistic world under the name of the Nanaimo Telegram. The publisher has commenced his publication where he left off in Vancouver. It is the same paper, printed on the same press, from the same types, and in very truth from the same old plate matter which was wont to mystify readers in Vancouver.

The water in the upper Columbia is getting lower and the pile of freight awaiting shipment down is growing larger daily. When there was plenty of water in the river the boats had little or nothing to do. Now when low water is apt to stop navigation there is a month's work ahead of the boats. It might be well for some merchants to remember the truism: Time and tide don't wait for you when you tied for time."

Early this spring the Kaslo Examiner predicted that Kaslo would have 10,000 inhabitants before the end of the year. The months have sped along since then and but few weeks remain of old '93, but in its last issue instead of giving some record of the whereabouts of the promised multitude, it furnishes an evidence of solitude's charms, by reciting the circumstances attending a deer hunt which it says took place inside the city limits.

MINING NOTES.

One of the wonders of the Slocan country will soon be a thing of the past. The Big Boulder is being broken up, and will be sacked and sent to San Francisco. This chunk of ore, estimated to weigh over 100 tons, and valued at between \$17,000 and \$18,000, stood solid and clear on the hillside, probably the largest and most valuable nugget in the world. The boulder was photographed before the breaking up process began.

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