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OPENING UP THE MINES

PREPARING FOR EXTENSIVE WORK ON THE HALL GOY'S PROPERTY.

Engineer Harvey Completes his Examination and Outlines the Manner in which the Property is to be Opened up.—H. E. Croasdale in Charge.

The preliminary work on the Silver King property is rapidly taking definite shape, and the winter programme may be said to be arranged.

H. E. Croasdale will have charge of the general work, pending the arrival of a superintendent from England, who may or may not arrive during the winter. In any event Mr. Croasdale will be kept busy carrying out the plans of Engineer Harvey, who has completed his scheme for the first development work.

This will consist of running a 5x6 drift both ways from the old works, with a view to ascertaining the extent of the ore body in that locality. Similar methods will be employed in prospecting the lower workings. Contracts have been let for the driving of a tunnel in on the big croppings which appear above the old works, and the Kootenay Bonanza will be tried by means of a temporary shaft, the details of the sinking of which will be left to the judgment of the contractors.

After the completion of this work, a main working shaft will be sunk somewhere in the neighborhood of the present croppings, and the property will then be opened up in such shape that a large force of men can be put on at any time.

J. C. Yuill, and A. Findlay, have the contract for the tunnel on the big croppings. The temporary shaft on the Kootenay Bonanza is in the hands of Spencer and Bates. Cody and Landrigan have secured part of the drifting, and the remainder of it will be done by Mr. Connors.

Robt. Yuill, the old foreman so long connected with the property will retain his position during the winter.

The tramway will not be constructed till spring, but Contractor Nelson of the N. & F. S., has decided to figure on the work, and will probably winter in Nelson, provided he got an ore contract to fill in the interval.

Among the moves contemplated for the immediate future is the making up of a trial shipment of ore. A big shipment of the best ore, carefully sorted, will be sent to Swansea, for experimental treatment. Upon the returns received from this shipment, will depend to a great measure, the construction of a maturing plant.

The amount of work actually decided on for the winter should bring the property into good shape for extensive working when the season opens next year.

Some twenty-five or thirty men will be employed in various capacities during the winter, and the pay-roll of \$2,500 per month, will be of material benefit to Nelson.

SOMETHING NEW

Professor Walton Lays Bare Some Facts Concerning the Kootenay.

While making the usual round in search of "the new, the strange and the wonderful," the MINER man was last night informed that Professor Walton, the English mining expert who has been in this section for some weeks, was preparing to depart for London.

Thinking that the professor's impressions on the country might be interesting and valuable, he was approached and an interview solicited. The request met with a ready assent.

"Certainly, certainly," said the professor. "I will be glad to do what I can for you."

"Just a few words on your impressions—"

"With pleasure," was the smiling reply. "I have however been so often misquoted by the press that if you wish I will prepare something for you."

"But I scarcely like to give you so much trouble," replied the MINER man.

"Not at all, no trouble. In fact I exported the reporters after me when I arrived in Spokane, and have prepared a few notes for them. You know they publish such twaddle down there about this country that I thought best to insist on having myself quoted rightly. You are welcome to the notes."

Congratulating himself on having engineered a scoop on the Spokane newspaper men, the notes were stowed away in a coat pocket. They are appended:

"Professor A. E. Walton, M. E., M. T. M. M., of London, has had an extensive tour through the principal mining camps of British Columbia. He says that the existence of mineral has long been known, but it is only within the last

few years, that owing to the richness of the ore, that prospectors, miners, capitalists, and others have rushed to the sundry mining districts.

The Slocan takes the lead both in development, and shipping of ore, and can boast of over 16 producing properties. Among the best may be enumerated the Washington, Dardanelles, Freddie Lee, Noble Five, etc. The Lardo district is not yet so far advanced, numerous operations have been made, and development proceeding. At Ainsworth one or two mines are shipping. Among all the locations there will be the usual wild-cat, and it is not expected that all will turn out mines, still among them some prizes will be found.

The communication closed with a reference to the town of Nelson, and a prediction of the future, which is crowded out.

CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFY!

AND RAILROAD BUILDING MAY BE EXPECTED AT LAST

Jim Hill Carries on an Extensive Flirtation with the Kaslo-Slocan Company's Fly, and James May be Landed Shortly if the Fishermen Have Good Luck.

If outward and visible signs can be taken as any indication of the workings of the inner consciousness, it may be stated definitely that something is up in Kaslo-Slocan railway circles.

President Hendry, and Director D. J. Munn, have been in Kaslo for some days past, and their movements are significant to say the least.

Those who have kept a watchful eye on the progress of the great trunk line know that President Hill of the Great Northern has for some time been engaged in a mild flirtation with the directors of the Kaslo-Slocan road. These latter were so coy and wayward that the first announcement of an engagement was received with doubt and hesitation by the public. Since then the happy event has been announced to come off on several occasions, but strange to say it still remained among the things yet to be.

However the friends of Miss Kaslo-Slocan have renewed their hopes that she will not much longer pine in single blessedness. One of Hill's engineers has been spending some time in the Slocan country carefully looking over the ground. His report must have been somewhat favorable, for a few days ago Messrs. Guthrie and Foley, two well known Great Northern contractors, arrived on the scene of action in company with D. J. Munn, immediately departed for the mountains.

Careful enquiry developed the fact that the object of their visit was to ascertain the possibility of completing the line as far as Bear Lake before the hardest of the winter season should set in. The engineer has reported the road to be unusually easy of construction, and matters will be materially facilitated by the presence of the wagon-road which will permit supplies to be shipped to the various camps readily. In this way a very large force of men could be put on at once and the work crowded ahead rapidly.

Knowing ones express the opinion that the sending up of two of Hill's contractors, and the failure to ask for tenders on the work is an indication that Hill, Kootenay that there is no time to lose proposes to do the work himself.

All this rush may be occasioned by the remark attributed to the Premier on his last visit to this section. When asked regarding the road he is reported to have hinted that the feeble bluff which the company had made in building a station house and clearing a little right of way, could hardly be taken as construction work, and that under a strict interpretation of the law the company had forfeited their charter. He is said to have further intimated that at the next session of the legislature the matter would be given some attention.

This late and unusual hustle may arise from a supposition that if the legislature finds the road partly built before its sitting, nothing will be said about the fatal first of September, the date when construction was supposed to have begun.

At any rate all these hurrying to and fro may be taken as indicative that something in the way of actual railroad building is on foot, and it rather looks like the absorption of the Kaslo-Slocan by the Great Northern, and that in the immediate future.

The wife of Wm. Stewart, of Nelson, recently presented him with a daughter weighing twelve pounds.

When you happen to get a dollar to the good, drop it in the new postal savings bank, and thus provide for the "rainy day."

TALKING SECESSION NOW!

THE SOUTH AND WEST ANTAGONISE THE EAST.

The Silver Secession Convention Held in St. Louis Marks a new Phase of the now Much Vexed Silver Question.—The Game of Party Politics Responsible.

The silver secession convention recently held at St. Louis, predicts a feature of the silver agitation now going on in the United States, liable to cut a more important figure than was at first anticipated.

For years the northern and eastern states have, largely for political purposes, kept alive the old hatreds engendered by the war between the north and south. This feeling has kept a horde of hungry office seekers in employment and expectation, alternating for years past, and has been in the far east regarded as rather a good thing.

Now a movement is on foot to unite the interests of the West and South in a determined stand against the East, and the old sectional hatreds will make it far more easy to accomplish than the majority of the people would imagine.

According to the dispatches the committee on resolutions presented a report of great length, denouncing the East and its plutocrats and declaring a closer alliance between the West and South to be necessary. The resolutions demand free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, giving to such coin equal tender powers with gold, and unalterably oppose the repeal of the Sherman law except by passage of a law providing for said free coinage. The representatives in congress are instructed to call on the president to issue a call for an early convention of all the nations interested in and favorable to free coinage of silver at the ratio named, for the purpose of establishing closer commercial and financial relations with them.

Among the most important propositions presented for the consideration of the convention was that from the Colorado delegation. This took the form of a bullion bureau plan, which is to be urged upon the state legislature of Colorado. Under the plan of the bureau the state creating it should receive bullion for storage on the basis of units, such units to consist of 371 1/2 grains of pure silver, and certificates of such receipts of units to be receivable within the state for taxes, lands, except school lands, water rentals, interest, and all other dues to the state.

REVELSTOKE AND ARROW LAKE

The Road Will be Pushed Forward Fifteen Miles this Season.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Revelstoke and Arrow Lake railroad. The objective point for the seasons work is the Wigwam, a place about 15 miles below Revelstoke. This is the point where the ice usually jams first in the spring. The ice also forms early at this point. While this piece of line will not secure uninterrupted communication during the year, the chances are that the route can be kept open later in the year and resumed earlier than under the old system.

Contractor McGillivray will crowd the work on the R. and A. L., in order to facilitate matters on the N. & S. He hopes by this means to be able to get in a sufficient quantity of supplies to continue on to Three Forks without any cessation of work.

NOTES FROM TROUT LAKE.

The Coming of the Mail Forms Fruitful Funds for Speculation.

The town has appeared a little more lively during the past week. Many of the prospectors have been driven down from the mountains by the snow.

The Queen's hotel was formally opened on Monday night. The bar is quite a work of art. It is made of cedar cut on the lake shore, split by hand, dressed and oiled, showing the beautiful veining of the natural wood.

Andy Craig has been established in his office as recorder for the district. The necessity for a post office will be urged next. A gunny-sack full of mail was brought in last week by a charitable traveller. It had been at Thompson's more than two weeks.

L. Craig, of the Bank of Montreal, left Nelson this morning for the coast. He will be stationed temporarily at New Westminster, after which he goes to Victoria.

His friends, of whom he made a host in this town, bid him good-by with deep regret at the loss of a genial and popular member of their circle.

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HOME RULE IN THE U. S.

While the attention of the world is being directed to a considerable degree to the outcome of the Home rule movement in Great Britain and Ireland, another problem, similar in nature, and no less in interest, is being formulated on this side of the Atlantic.

For years the claims of the friends of Home Rule have found ardent supporters in the United States. In fact it is safe to say that the major portion of the funds raised to carry on this movement for many years past, has been contributed by those who have left the old country for the "land of liberty."

The efforts of those who have had the matter of collecting these funds in hand have been materially aided by the press of the United States. The right of any people to self government has been taken for the key-note of a long continued cry against the British government's policy of denying Home Rule to the Irish people.

The iniquity of a titled class using its heredity position and influence to grind down the masses, has been pointed out again and again. The substance of countless editorial and platform blasts has been to the effect that where one portion of a nation persisted in legislating against the best interests of another class, the latter have the right to demand such a modification of the existing state of affairs as would permit them to run their own section to suit themselves.

While this theory applied to a distant people, could be conveniently used to swing a party vote into line, the rant and roar was regarded as a very fine piece of political policy. Now however there appears to be brewing a large and not very palatable dose of this same Home Rule medicine which these political quacks are about to be asked to swallow. It remains to be seen whether they can accomplish this feat without making some very wry faces.

A convention was recently held in St. Louis which boldly announced for its object the combination of the South and West in self protective measures against the East. If other and milder methods fail, there were many in the convention who did not hesitate to advocate secession from the general government as a final resort.

Like the Irish people, these men are of the opinion that for years, the money centers of the East have been using all the means at their command to secure legislation detrimental to the best interests of what is in area at least, the largest portion of the United States. Having arrived at this conclusion they can naturally ask that those who have been so loud in their wail for Home Rule for Ireland, will be consistent enough to grant the same rights at home.

That they will be willing to do this, no one for a moment believes. Without doubt if the South and West should combine and demand anything like a system of government independent of that of the great eastern money machine, such a demand would be indignantly refused. It is quite within the realms of possibility that it may come to this before long, and when it does the change of front on the part of the home rule howlers will but form another chapter in the history of inconsistencies which the United States is building as rapidly as possible.

A NEW SCHEME.

A new and almost unique solution of the silver problem has been offered by

Senator Morgan. According to the press dispatches, he has offered an amendment to the repeal bill, which would if incorporated into the bill now offered practically bring about free coinage of silver. In addition to this the amendment provides for reciprocity with other nations by reducing import duties on goods shipped to the United States in American vessels, or in any vessel belonging to a country which shall recognize the United States silver dollar as legal tender.

That such a proposition will be entertained by the senate is very doubtful. It is, to say the least, a confession of weakness. If import duties can be dispensed with, they should be taken off without reference to the silver dollar, the problem of which belongs to another department.

SITUATION IN IDAHO.

Great distress prevails just now in and around Wallace and Wardner, Idaho, owing to the influx of unemployed miners into those camps. The papers of that section state that if all the mines should resume work there would be two men for every job.

In view of this statement the fact that the miners' union is holding out for a \$3.50 per day schedule is rather remarkable. While it is true that the miner from the dangers and hardships attendant upon his calling should receive a high wage, yet in view of the fact that the mining output has fallen so much in value, and present necessities are so pressing, at least a temporary acceptance of a lower scale would seem advisable.

LOWERY'S NEW LEDGE.

Authentic evidence came to hand this week, which proves that the great and only Lowery has been out prospecting again. His last claim proving a complete failure, after a considerable amount of assessment work, and the declaring of several Irish dividends, he concluded to go on a prospecting trip up into the wilds of Nakusp.

Here his usual luck attended him, and he has already located a Ledge in the heart of the town. This new property is apparently a contact vein rich in oxides of expectation, but carrying a heavy gangue of quartzite question marks.

Two small sample shipments have been made from Lowery's Ledge, but as yet the returns have not been received.

CABLES from Berlin continue to contradict each other regarding the condition of Prince Bismark. One day he is at the point of death from paralysis, and anon he is on the highway to recovery. The man who drew together the disjointed fragments of the German states, and gave them back in United Germany, never really recovered from his disappointment over the waywardness of the present emperor. With this almost last check on the ambitions of the young German emperor removed, it will be hard to predict just what the outcome will be. A splendid army and a ruler thirsting for military fame would be a dangerous combination, even in a less strained condition of affairs than now exists in Europe.

GOLDSTREAM PLACERS

A Successful Season in the Big Bend Gold Country.

J. W. Haskins, the well known mining man, is in Nelson after a trip into the Big Bend country north of Revelstoke. He gives a very favorable report on that section. "The best placer," said he, "that has been worked during the past season is probably the Consolation claim, owned by George LeForm. This property has been turning out some splendid coarse gold, and during the last run averaged from \$25 to \$30 per day to the man."

A number of claims in the same locality look very promising, and many of them have proved paying ventures during the season. The Selkirk, one of the old placer claims, has been opened again, and gives promise of doing well. The same general good report will hold true for most of the properties on Goldstream.

Lately some quartz discoveries have been made. In several of these very good rock has been found, and assay returns have shown some high figures. Of the quartz locations the Crown Point and the Homestake are the principal ones. The Ole Bull, belonging to Gus Lund, is showing up well; and Wm. Kirkup, Andy Whalen and Joe Dunn may be mentioned as among those who have secured valuable claims during the season.

In all some 40 or 50 men have been at

work during the season in this section, and I think most of them have done very well."

The Wild Horse creek district placers are said to have placed \$27,000 to their credit as the gold dust production for the month past. A new town has been laid out on this creek at a point about three miles from Ft. Steele.

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