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THE SAME OLD STORY.

James O'Neill, who recently returned to Victoria from the Kaslo-Slocan country, is full of its praises. "I went up," he said, "expressly to get at the facts, and I can truthfully say that the richness of the section surpasses any description I can give of it. The showings on the best claims are, according to experts and practical mining men, the largest and best—for the development work done—on the earth. I am assured that there is more than a million dollars in sight on the Noble Five group alone. Besides, the Washington, Lucky Jim, Blue Bird, Freddie Lee, Grand Republic and many others, are true fissure veins, and for the amount of development work done, have an immense amount of ore in sight. It is impossible to get an assay from any of the best claims, that will run less than $100 in silver to the ton, while some assays run as high as $8600. The lowest assay from the Grey Eagle is $303, the highest $3,681.60 in silver, to say nothing of lead, etc. My conviction is that it is no longer a question of quartz or quantity of ore, but simply a question of transportation. Mining experts, prospectors and miners are unanimous in saying that the big leads seen in this district are world-wonders. Judging from the excessive width of new material, the high degree of mineralization, the massive solid form of the mineral as exposed in croppings in veins of sulphide ore, the frequent occurrence of ore chutes and the remarkable value of the ore returned by many tests—an average value of 250 ounces silver per ton and about 50 per cent lead—I am forced to believe that this will prove to be the greatest camp in North America. If men in Victoria, who have money, will just get in now and buy up a lot of the best prospects in this district—which are really mines—and stay developing them, they can, in a short time, make Victoria the wealthiest city in Canada, as these prospects will pay for developing, and a handsome dividend besides, and when developed will be worth untold money."

F. S. Barnard, who, with regard to investing money in this district, practises what he preaches, after giving a glowing account of our future says: "The mine owners in the Slocan district and the property owners at New Denver are looking anxiously for the commencement of work on the wagon road from Nakusp to Slocan lake. This work is looked upon as of great importance to the province, for it means that ore can be shipped out and supplies taken in at a moderate cost. It will establish the townsite of New Denver, and divert the trade and travel in a direction that will be beneficial to Vancouver and Victoria. All in all, it is safe to say that the Kootenay country is in the most promising condition, but it seems strange that more interest seems to be taken in it by the people of Spokane than is evinced by either Vancouverites or Victorians; the great importance to our coast cities of the development of our interior cannot be over-estimated. Their growth from this time forward must depend upon a solid and substantial business to be created by the consumers and producers of the interior."

Trouble with the Indians.

The Kootenay reclamation works are at a standstill, the Indians refusing to allow the work to proceed. It appears that the line of the company's dyke runs through some Indian gardens on high spurs of the river bank which are not subject to overflow. There is an Indian reservation there which the operations of the company have respected, but the Indians have spread over all the available land on the river bank, and they refuse to have their potato patches trespassed upon with all the disregard for compensation for the value of their crops peculiar to the noble red man. Mr. Little reports that they have not yet proceeded to open hostilities, but so fast as the engineer placed in stakes a party of Indians pulled them up again and threw them away. He himself was interviewed by a dozen, all well mounted and armed with Winchesters, and given to understand there would be trouble if he did not desist from the work at once. There are between 70 and 80 Indians in the neighborhood, all armed and mounted, who can if they choose make quite a disturbance. Mr. Little had no choice but to stop the work and come down to Nelson and wire to headquarters. Meantime captain Fitzstubbs leaves on Sunday to find out the position of affairs and the feeling of the Indians. The settlers about Goat river have many complaints against them for their thieving propensities, and it would be best for all parties if the government were to place them all on the reserve and keep them there.

LEFT FOR PARTS UNKNOWN.

The man Lewis, who was arrested on a charge of forging Charles Pearson's name to an order for goods and was confined in prison awaiting trial, has succeeded in breaking gaol and making good his escape, presumably to the American side. He chose his time for the attempt well, captain Fitzstubbs and constable Miles both being absent. He evidently had everything well prepared, and the slickness with which he contrived his escape leads to the suspicion that he had "been there before." The outside entrance to the yard of the prison is secured by a heavy gate barred and padlocked, and while exercising in the yard Lewis had evidently got at the combination of the padlock and contrived to open the gate. It was customary for him to be sent into the yard for a short time just before retiring. And on the night on which he escaped constable Graham sent him into the yard for a few minutes. After a while it occurred to the constable that his prisoner was taking a very prolonged airing and he followed him into the yard only to find the gate open and the bird flown. Lewis was a very curious character. He prayed hard, lived hard and gambled hard. In prison his bible and hymn book were his constant companions, and he could preach a sermon and tell a loose story with equal facility. He was a dark complexioned, well set up man with a slight black mustache, and except that he was a little too stout had a striking resemblance to the stage Mephistopheles. According to his own account he had seen a great deal of the world, both in North and South America.

The Nelson & Fort Sheppard.

The engineers have experienced considerable difficulty in getting a good grade into Nelson by way of "Bogustown" without running the line far beyond Anderson creek. Three lines have been run, but none of them have resulted in a satisfactory grade. The engineers' next undertaking will be to find out if a suitable grade cannot be found by running the line round the base of the hill across Cottonwood Smith creek and cutting into the Columbia & Kootenay railway about a mile and a half below Nelson.

Home to Our Mountains.

M. S. Davys returned from his trip to Illecillewaet on Monday. He says that things are quiet up there at present. Mr. Wrightman has bonded several claims in the district and is doing development work on the best of them. The Lanark is at present shut down. Most encouraging reports continue to be brought in from the Fish Creek district, R. E. Fishburn especially being confident that he has a good thing in that country.

MINING NOTES.

J. E. Boss is daily expected in Nelson on business connected with the Iroquois.

Work on the Iroquois has uncovered a ledge about 16 feet wide with about 4 feet of high-grade ore.

Messrs. Jevons and Ashworth have struck it rich while doing assessment work on a claim at Ainsworth.

A new bond has been taken on the Bluebird by messrs. Burke and Garrison, mr. Taylor buying out mr. Coy's interest in the old bond.

Work is progressing on the Great Western and the Iron Hand, lately bonded by the London Mercantile Association, and indications point to the presence of an enormous body of ore on the Iron Hand.

A number of samples of ore from the Priest Lake country were brought to Nelson the other day by a prospector. The ore looks good and runs high, assays giving 1300 ounces silver; and according to reports large bodies of it have been found.

For nearly a year the boys on the Lizzie C have been pegging away at a tunnel through the hardest of rock. They are now nearing the place where they may expect to strike the lead. It is to be hoped they strike it soon, and strike it rich.

Rumors about the sale of the Silver King continue to fly round the country. The latest was that the Bank of British Columbia had received a cable that the transfers were signed and the money paid. This was an inartistic lie, as the wires happened to be down when the cable was reported to have been received.

There is little doubt in anybody's mind that the deal will be completed shortly, and meantime preparations are being made to accommodate a force of men during the winter.

So far as is known the intention of the purchasers is to place a concentrator on the mine, run the concentrates down the hill, and put up a matteing plant at Nelson. Mr. Roepel thought the most suitable site for such a plant would be on the shore of the outlet, where the steamer Nelson was built. The copper matte would then be shipped to Swansea.

The latest reliable news is that something definite will be decided about the Silver King deal by the 5th of September, although when news reaches Nelson is another question. The return of messrs. Hall, McDonald, and Croasedaile will not be long delayed.

R. B. Dugan has struck it rich on 49 creek. He has struck the old bed of the stream. A layer of quicksand covers the paystreak, which he has contrived to get through for the first time, and although he has not yet reached bedrock, he took out 10 ounces of gold from the gravel below the quicksand, in an hour and a half. A lease has been applied for to work a stretch of ground above his claim, and a company will be formed to take hold of it.

Rumor hints that a very rich find has been made on one of the claims bonded by judge Bond last winter. Serves judge Bond right. He laid himself out to bond "wild cats" on the chance of something been found on them, and then because the country was not solid ore from Kootenay lake to Slocan lake generally, and particularly on the portions of this area in which he was interested, he went out and "blackeyed" the district. If he has lost a good thing grief over his loss will be strictly confined to himself.

Handsome Block.

The Carney block on West Baker street is now completed. The lower story consists of 3 stores 22×65 feet, 2 of which are occupied by messrs. Carney & Barrett. The upper storey is divided into office rooms and a hall capable of seating 400 persons. A feature of messrs. Carney & Barrett's meat market is their ice-house, which can accommodate a carload of beef and registers 33°.

MINING NEWS OF THE WORLD.

By an explosion in a coal mine at Aberkenfig, Glamorgan, Wales, on August 24, 141 miners were entombed. It is feared all are dead.

S. Mason of New Orleans, has bonded from the owners, P. M. Walker, Charley Holden and Tom Downs, the Silver Cup, for $10,000, 10 per cent down, the balance in 6 months. It is situated in the Lardeau. Samples from this claim assayed very high (1314 ounces silver) which is apt to be the case with selected samples.

From the north fork of Sheep creek comes the news of a rich strike of free milling gold quartz. The discovery was made only last Sunday week. The vein is large and looks more promising than any yet seen in that district. The discovery was made the same as most of the other rich mines in the northwest—by accident. The discoverers were riding along the Sheep creek trail, when one of the animals slipped and rolled down the hill. When the miners went down after him they picked up some rock that had been knocked off the vein by the animal and found it to be free milling gold quartz. and very rich at that.

One of the biggest mining deals in Colorado has been consumated in the sale of the Orphan Boy M. & M. company's property at Copper Rock, consisting of 3 claims, to a New York and London syndicate at a cool figure of $1,000,000. The purchasers have bought the controlling interest at the rate of $1 per share, and stand prepared to take up all outstanding or floating stock at the same figure. Any one in possession of Orphan Boy stock can sell the same to the new company at $1 per share. Major Wm. Wise, president of the company, has not yet been seen as yet. N. C. Merrill, secretary, said that the sale had been made, and that $25,000 of the purchase money was placed in escrow until the transfer of title could be made. It has only been 6 months since the Orphan Boy was discovered, and all that time it has been the talk and the wonder of Copper Rock. This property side lines the claims of Copper Rock Gold Mint company, and in the past there has been much friendly rivalry between the 2 companies as to which possessed the best ore. There is no doubt but that the Copper Rock Gold Mint company will have as good ore as the Orphan Boy as soon as they can gain the same depth that the Orphan Boy now has. Orphan Boy is surely a wonderful property and the new purchasers are to be congratulated on securing so valuable a mine. A new stamp mill has just been started up and we understand was included in the purcase of the property. The balance of the purchase money must be paid inside of thirty days. Prof. Tilden of New York is given credit for the placing of the property.

Novel Executions.

The sultan of Keddah, in the Malay Peninsula, has a remarkable method of carrying out the sentence of death upon condemned convicts. It is doubtful if this method of execution is practiced in any part of the world. The sultan is the ruler of a country containing about 60,000 people.

On the morning of the day fixed for the execution the sultan, accompanied by his ministers. goes out a mile and a half from his palace to a vacant space reserved for the execution of criminals. Nothing can be seen in this place except the graves of the condemned, and a large tree which is called the tree of execution. The sultan takes his seat in a chair at the foot of the tree, while his ministers group themselves around him on the ground. Then the condemned man is brought forward and is made to kneel at a distance of 40 feet. His arms are tied behind his back and he is naked to the waist.

The executioner places upon the left shoulder of the condemned man a piece of cotton cloth. He then takes in his hands a lance of justice, which is very richly ornamented with silver, puts the point upon the man's left shoulder and grasps the handle firmly with both hands. When these preparations are made he looks at the sultan who is holding the sword of justice in his lap. The sultan suddenly raises his hand, and this is the signal for the fatal blow.

At this moment the executioner, who is always a Hercules in strength, with one vigorous blow drives the lance through the man's shoulder and into his heart. He dies as quickly as though he had been shot through the heart, and probably he is not conscious of suffering any pain. The executioner then withdraws the weapon, and staunches the small amount of blood flowing from the wound with a cotton cloth, in conformity with the rites of Islam. Usually the body of the victim is turned over to his family, who purify it by ablutions and hold elaborate funeral ceremonies. Jules Claine, who recently witnsssed one of these executions, says that in his opinion the spectacle is not nearly so revolting as that of some other methods of inflicting capital punishment.

A Land of Great Promise.

Every one who has read Stanley's book, or who has followed the adventures of the great explorers in the newspapers will at once recognize the name of Jephson, who was one of his most trusted lieutenants on the last expedition. Jephson has been with Emin Pasha for a long time, and in his recent lectures he has said that central Africa has a great future before it, and that its development is only a matter of time. Tobacco of a very fine quality grows almost everywhere. Cotton, however, he thinks, will be the staple crop. Emin has already cultivated considerable quantities of it successfully. Mr. Jepson expects the proposed railroad to Lake Victoria Nyanza to work wonders. He says that the present cost of transportation of a bale of cloth from the coast to the lake is 5 times as great as the original cost of the fabric.

NOTICE.

Until further notice Steamer Galena will make regular trips between Ainsworth, Galena, Balfour, Buchanan's, and Nelson daily. Will run through to Kaslo Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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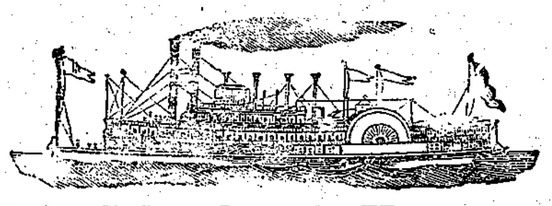

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Regular Passenger Service has been inaugurated on the Great Northern Railway, and in order to make close connection with trains the above card has been adopted. Passengers for all Kootenay points leave Spokane at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERTHIP.

The co-partnership (unregistered) heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of Brown & Bates, carrying on business as hotel keepers at Half Way House, Slocan river, has been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts are payable to Charles Brown, who will discharge all liabilities. CHARLES BROWN.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The crops are turning out well at Okanagan Mission this year.

John A. McDonald M. P. for Victoria, N. S. has left for British Columbia.

The Davies Sayward Mill and Land company give notice for application for incorporation with capital stock of $300,000 in $100 shares.

Returns from Cariboo give dr. Watt a majority of three at Snowshoe Creek, and mr. Morrison one majority at Forks of Quesnelle. Watt has now a majority of six with three places to hear from.

The Indian little Johnnie, who shot Indian Michael dead last week near the Mission has not yet been caught. Constable Tompson is out with Indians after him, and is taking every precaution to prevent his leaving the country.

H. M. S. Nymph, having been cleaned and overhauled has left the drydock at Esquimalt. The Warspite will not go in until September 6, by which time Chief Constructor Humphries will have arrived from England to superintend the work. He had charge of the last work done on the flagship.

Messrs. Reynolds & Atwood, with whom negotiations for the Rattler mine and mill were in progress for several days past, returned accompanied by F. J. Fulton of Kamloops, solicitor for mr. Reynolds. The sale was made to mr. Reynolds for $10,000. As the result of the deal the Joe Dandy is running full time and yielding handsomely for its owners. A very rich specimen was found in it last week.

G. A. Dow, of the Cromwell house, Victoria is in a fair way to strike it rich in the mining business. He, with others, is interested in the Waverley Hydraulic Mine at Barkerville. Recently the property has been improving, and an offer of $100,000 has been made for it. There is a likelihood of the mine being sold at that figure. If mr. Dow does so well in the mine, it will only be a just reward for patience, persistency and hard work. He located the mine in 1869 and worked it for a number of years. He withdrew for a time and then, late in the '70's, took hold again and has pushed it forward ever since. He with an old friend, John Pomaroy, are the pioneers of the mine, and both still hold their interests. A big cave-in occurred recently, just before the clean-up, but despite that the prospects are encouraging.

Mr. E. B. Hermon, of the surveying firm of Garden, Hermon & Burwell, who has been surveying for the government on the northern boundary of Vancouver Island, for some months back, states that another tract of valuable land was lately discovered by his surveying party, near cape Scott, containing at least 300,000 acres of the very best land for grazing and stock raising purposes. The land is a perfect park country and is said to be superior to any other section in the province for stock raising as there is an abundance of water, whilst the grass, in consequence of the humidity of the climate, is always green and in good condition to be fed upon. It is situated some 3 miles inland from the coast, 25 miles north of Fort Rupert, 200 miles from Vancouver, and 280 miles from Victoria. Other sections have been surveyed, in which there are found to exist considerable areas of excellent land suitable for all classes of farming. No one had any idea that such tracts existed as have recently been discovered at the head of the island. The policy of the government in prosecuting these surveys is a commendable, as well as a profitable, one for the province, as not until surveyors penetrate the interior are people aware of the richness of the inheritance which they possess.

Humbug About Madstones.

The madstone story is going its rounds again. It is the property of this wonderful agent to stick to a raw surface of flesh and suck the poison out it. That is, the owners say so. As a matter of fact, says the Brooklyn Eagle, no inorganic substance can suck except by the aid of machinery. Again, in 99 cases out of a 100 the dog bites are harmless and there is no poison to be sucked out. Thirdly, credulity is one of the most effective cures in the materia medica and ought to be used oftener, where people have no real disorder. The whole tradition of the madstone comes from the absorptive power of any anhydrous mineral. Such a stone is filled with pores and by a process akin to that of capillary attraction the water that it has lost—in the course of centuries, perhaps—it will soak up again when in contact with liquid. If one wishes to know the action of a madstone let him put a piece of tabasheer or dry clay or shale to his tongue. It will stick. That is all there is to it. There are millions of tons of madstone in every state in the union, and every family can afford to be without it. These stories of mysterious stones that have come from the far east or that were bought at enormous prices from voodoos and hoodoos and wizards are all humbug. If a person is bitten by a snake or a dog it will do him no harm to clap a chip of anhydrous stone to the cut surface. It will stick, just as it will to his tongue or his eye, but let him likewise consult a physician.

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EDITORIAL REMARKS.

In 1883 it was deemed "expedient in the interests of the province that a wagon road should be constructed through Eagle pass, from the Shuswap lake to the Columbia river," and an act was passed to enable such a road to be constructed. This act provides that, instead of paying cash for work done on this road, the government may give 'warrants for land in the Yale and Kootenay districts.' The act stipulates, however, that a crown grant shall only be issued for unoccupied, unrecorded and unreserved crown lands; and that no script shall be given for lands at that, or any subsequent time, the property of the dominion government in consequence of the construction of the C. P. R., or for land on Kootenay lake included in the Columbia & Kootenay Railway & Transportation company's reserve.

Application to purchase land under this act has been made in this district, and from all accounts it seems probable that a crown grant for the land in question will be issued.

Now the would-be purchaser cannot claim that at the time of application the land was unsurveyed; and there is a clause in this act which provides that in such a case the lieutenant-governor may, if deemed expedient, cause the lands applied for, to be offered for sale by public auction, and, further, that if the price offered is more than a dollar an acre, the applicant shall not be entitled to the surveyed lands applied for, unless he pays the additional sum required to make up the purchase money.

If the lieutenant-governor can be induced to consider a public auction expedient, then a large part of the injustice of the act is done away with. Otherwise the Eagle pass wagon road act affordsa very easy means of evading the provisions of our last land act, and many who would never think of pre-empting 160 acres would be glad to acquire a section or two in such a simple manner.

Speaking of surveys reminds us that it is necessary for all who made application to purchase land in or before February will have to get their property surveyed and their payments made before the 30th of the present month, if they wish to hold it.

Everyone who has lately visited this district, on their return to the outside world has raised a howl to the effect that more wagon roads, more trails, and more facilities for the transport of freight, are wanted in the country; everyone, too—and this is the extraordinary part of it—seems convinced that this is a valuable and great idea that has just occurred to themselves, and to themselves alone, whereas the fact of the matter is that everyone who has lived in the district for any length of time has devoted a large part of his energy to shouting for roads, more roads, and better roads.

"An item was published in the Sentinel last "week, taken from the Victoria Times, reflect-"ing upon the action of gold commissioner "Fitzstubbs of Nelson, for 'pardoning' one "Robert Stewart, sentenced to a month's im-"prisonment for stealing, after serving 25 days "of the sentence. The clemency exercised by "mr. Fitzstubbs in this case was doubtless "authorized by the rules which entitle a pris-"oner to a remission of 5 days of his sentence "for good behaviour. We take pleasure in "making this explanation and correction in "justice to commisioner Fitzstubbs."

The above taken from this week's Kamloops Sentinel is a sample of what will be the usual course of proceedure with regard to our ex-constable's communications to the press. At first his aspersions may seem to have something in them, but on investigation they will always be found to be the sneaking insinuations of a base and cowardly creature. The more conspicuous Gordon makes himself by this writing to the papers the greater and more complete will be his fall when he is found out, as he soon must be, thank goodness.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the legislature of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate a company to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard gauge line of railway from the town of Nelson, on the Kootenay lake, to the head of the said lake at or near the mouth of the Lardeaux river, and to construct, operate and maintain telephone and telegraph lines in connection therewith.

MCPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
August 13, 1892. Solicitors for applicants.

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Notice to Prospectors and Mine Owners!

We are placing on exhibition in our office specimens of minerals found in this district, with a view of attracting the attention of visitors and investors coming to Nelson.

Any minerals forwarded us, with full particulars, assays, etc., will be properly labelled, and any explanations regarding them cheerfully given to enquirers.

All visitors to Nelson or others interested in minerals are invited to inspect this collection.

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Prospectors' location notices for sale at THE MINER office

THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT.

It is said there is no apparent decrease of cholera at Hamburg in spite of the cold weather. The disease has also appeared on the islands in the Elbe. Hundreds of wealthy people have quitted Hamburg. There is no dearth of doctors. Several nurses have died.

Official statistics show that up to August 26 there were 1028 cases of cholera there and 358 deaths from the disease; at Altona, between Tuesday and Friday, there were 64 cases and 22 deaths.

Two cases of Asiatic cholera have occurred at Glasgow. The patients were a man and woman who were immigrants on their way from Hamburg to the United States. The authorities at Glasgow are taken all precautions to prevent the disease from spreading.

Outgoing transatlantic steamships from New York carry a very small passenger list which is due to the prevalence of cholera in Europe. So thoroughly have the people become frightened that a number cancelled passage secured for today.

The treasury department at Washington is acting promptly on all matters having bearing on the cholera epidemic, and nothing will be left undone that will tend to keep the infection from the shores of this country. To all intents and purposes there now exists a national quarantine with the co-operation of national and state authorities in the matter, resulting in the formation of a cordon which will make it extremely difficult for a case of cholera to reach the shores of the United States. Surgeon-general Wyman of the marine hospital service is now considering the proposition to continue the disinfection of baggage during the winter. This, it is thought, will prevent the importation of cholera germs. The old revenue cutter Ewing will be taken to Chesapeake bay, anchored off shore and fitted up as a hospital, so if any cholera patients are found aboard of incoming ships they will not have to be landed.

It is evident that the people living along the Canadian border are apprehensive the disease may enter the United States by that route, as 2 telegrams were received at the treasury department to-day, one from Troy, N.Y., and the other from Minnesota, regarding the precautions taken. Acting secretary Spaulding replied that the provisions of the department circular regarding the disinfection of baggage will be immediately enforced along the Canadian border under the direction of the Supervisor general of the marine hospital service, who has taken steps for the appointment of medical inspectors at all points where immigrants cross the border.

All Sorts of Weather.

There is a locality in Montana which has the greatest range of temperature of perhaps any spot on earth. That place is Havre, which is situated near the Canadian line. The town is 12 or 15,000 feet above the sea level, but despite that I have known the thermometer to register as high as 90 deg. in the shade, and the temperature the next day would perhaps drop to 32 deg. The sudden changes are accounted for by the fact of the town's peculiar location. It is on the western slope of the Rocky mountains, and so situated as to catch the full force of a hot wave peculiar to that region and called chinook. What creates this hot blast or where it comes from the scientists of the government bureau have for years been patiently endeavoring to determine. They know it's a scorcher, and that's all they know about it. It is very similar in its queer antics to the simoon of Sahara, and is dreaded almost as much as that monster of the burning desert.

Rich Placers Discovered.

Captain Farmer of the steamboat Torpedo, which is running between Newport and the Metaline mining district, reports a big find being made near the Blue Slide, which is about 40 miles below Newport. The find consists of placer gold and rubies. Some of the rubies have been taken out and examined and pronounced extra quality. The gold is fairly coarse, is of a good grade and from $6 to $10 per day to the man can be taken out. Several prospectors from Newport and vicinity intend leaving for the discoveries in a few days.

More than the Ship Can Carry.

The Japanese have a remarkable arrangement that scoops vasts quantities of fish into an enormous bag of netting hanging beneath the bottom of a vessel. In this receptacle something like 30 times more cargo can be conveyed to market than could be carried by the ship in the ordinary way. Furthermore, the merchandise is by this method brought into port alive and consequently fresh.

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NOTICE.

MINERAL CLAIM BEST.

Take notice that we, E. H. Hughes, of the city of Spokane, state of Washington, United States of America, free miner's certificate No. 41858, David Porter of the same place, free miner's certificate No. 39666, and George W. Hughes of the same place, free miner's certificate No. 41,800, all lawful holders of the said claim, intend in 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the gold commissioner for a certificate of improvement for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the said claim. And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the gold commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated, this 26th day of July, A. D. 1892, at Nelson.

E. H. HUGHES,
DAVID PORTER,
GEORGE W. HUGHES.
By JOSEPH HETHINGTON BOWES,
Agent for said applicants.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

The copartnership (unregistered) heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Delaney & Corning, carrying on business as hotel keepers at Nelson, B.C., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the firm are payable to Corning & Clement, who will discharge all liabilities.

Nelson, B. C., August 3rd, 1892.

Witness: ISAAC HOLDEN.
JAMES DELANEY,
E. C. CORNING.

APPLICATION FOR CROWN GRANT.

Notice is hereby given that S. S. Bailey and William Alperson have filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim "Dellie," situate in the Ainsworth mining division, West Kootenay district. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days of publication.

N. FITZSTUBBS,
Nelson, B.C., July 13th, 1892. Gold commissioner.

Just arrived at Jas. McDonald & Co's, consignment of miners' cots and camp stoves.

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CREAM OF THE WORLD'S NEWS.

John Blackstone sold the site of the city of Boston for $150 in 1635.

The French forces have begun hostilities against the Dahomeyans.

Locusts have invaded the province of Buenos Ayres, in the Argentine, and are doing great damage to crops.

The Congo state forces at Benakamba have been annihilated and commander Hodister tortured and beheaded.

England's imports for July, compared with a year ago, increased $335,000, and her exports decreased $1,240,000.

The uprising of the Arabs in Congo state is said to be in obedience to a proclamation of "holy war" from Mecca.

The census of India, just completed, shows that country to have a population of 280,000,000, a gain of 11 per cent over 1881.

United States minister Patrick Egan has announced to the foreign office at Valparaiso that he intends to leave Chili by the end of the present month.

The earth on which the depot of the New Orleans, Fort Jackson & Grand Isle railroad at New Orleans was constructed has caved in, and the buildings were a total wreck. The loss will reach $30,000.

A new series of postage stamps, in commemoration of the discovery of America, will soon be issued. They will bear various designs, all, however, representing a historic character or some incident in the life of Christopher Columbus.

The total immigration to the United States in the year ended June 30, 1892, amounted to 619,-320 souls. This large foreign influx has been twice exceeded. In 1881 the number of immigrants was 639,431 and in 1882 the figure rose to 788,992.

Reports from Buenos Ayres state that in consequence of the hostile spirit in congress and the threat to impeach him, president Pellegrini has resigned, and congress has asked the president-elect, Laensepna to assume the functions of the office.

When lieutenant Baker suggested to the Krupp representative that his gun be left on the trucks, Herr Lauter said it would depend altogether on whether they had their own car or were compelled to use one manufactured in this country. A special track will have to be laid on the grounds on which to haul the gun. A heavy foundation will also have to be prepared on which the gun can stand. In speaking of the matter yesterday, lieutenant Baker said: "Our biggest guns are about 45 feet in length. The Krupp gun will be, I think, about 87 feet long. If it were fired on the lake front the concussion would be so great that it would shatter nearly all the window glass in Chicago. It would carry a ball from the lake front up over the house tops of Evanston, a distance of 15 or 18 miles. Its initial velocity is 4500 feet per second." The gun will be shipped to America by a special steamship and transferred to Chicago from the seaboard by cars made expressly for it.

The Famous Halcyon.

The famous smuggling schooner Halcyon is out upon the ocean with 2,500 pounds of opium and 60 Chinese aboard. The destination of the vessel is some point within the United States where contraband cargo can be secretly landed. The Halcyon left Victoria late in the afternoon of August 24, and sailed down the straits to the Pacific ocean. The tug Wanderer came up from Cape Flattery last night and she reports that the schooner had crossed her bow at a distance of half a mile. The smuggler gave the tug a a wide berth, and kept well over in British waters. Agents of the treasury department, who have been watching the Halcyon in Victoria for several days, have notified the authorities in Washington. They furnished full particulars of the cargo. An attempt will probably be made to land the opium and Chinese at same desolate and sparsely settled point on the Oregon or California coast. The crew is well provided with arms and amunition, so the report says. The value of the opium aboard the boat at present is about $30,000. The amount paid for smuggling Chinese into the United States is $50 per head. If the cruise is successful, the profit realized will not be less than $10,000. Officers along the coast have been notified to watch for and intercept the Halcyon.

The Leper Colony.

Dr. Milne of Victoria, who visited the leper station at Darcy island a few days ago, reports that the unfortunates there are as comfortably off as could be expected. They are all Chinamen. They have a large piece of ground under cultivation, in which are planted turnips, beets, cabbage, potatoes, lettuce and other such articles. They have about 70 chickens and 9 young pigs, all their own raising this season. There is no change to note so far as the disease is concerned, except that in two cases it is making rather rapid progress. One of the Victoria Chinamen has developed lung trouble, and is not likely to live long. The other is the Chinaman who came from New York, and is known as the Vancouver Chinaman.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a power of sale, contained in a certain registered mortgage made by Leopold Walter to the vendors, default having been made in payment thereof, tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 1892, for the purchase of the "Nelson Brewery," comprising 2 frame buildings, tubs, casks, and other stock in trade and appliances. This property is well situated in the rising town of Nelson and is the only brewery in the neighborhood. For further particulars apply to CORBOULD, McCOLL & CO.,

Dated, 19th August, 1892. Vendors solicitors, Nelson.

APPLICATION FOR CROWN GRANT.

Notice is hereby given that Scott McDonald, as agent for A. W. McCune has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim known as the "Black Bird," situate in the Ainsworth mining division of West Kootenay district. Adverse claimants, if any, will forward their objections within 60 days from date of publication.

N. FITZSTUBBS,

Nelson, B.C., July 14th, A.D. 1892. Gold commissioner.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

His honor the lieutenant-governor has been pleased to make the following appointments: July 1st, 1892.—George Goldie, esquire, to be mining recorder, to reside at Windermere, in the East Kootenay district. August 15th, 1892.—James Fergusson Armstrong, of Golden, esquire, to be a justice of the peace for and within the county of Kootenay.

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Nelson, 8th August, 1892.

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GOLD MINING ON THE FRASER.

Reports from the neighborhood of Lytton seem to indicate that something like the revival of the historic period known as the "Fraser river excitement," may be anticipated before long. At a point about 3 miles north of Lytton, is likely to be the first scene of hydraulic mining on a considerable scale. At the place mentioned, is situated the Van Winkle bar, where 300 miners, between 1860 and 1863, took out immense amounts of gold. From time to time the ground has been worked over by Chinamen, who have reported to have made on an average $2 a day with their crude methods and a scanty supply of water.

For more than a year past messrs. de Wolfe & Munroe of Vancouver, have had men out prospecting for the most eligible sites for hydraulic operations. Among several locations which they finally selected as appearing likely to yield good results was the old Van Winkle bar, about 3 miles north of Lytton, on the Fraser river. The banks rise in a series of steps or benches, the distance between the levels being on an average about 150 feet. The facilities for bringing water for the hydraulic appliances from various creeks are excellent, while the situation is not unfavorable for the disposal of the tailings, or dump. In order to get as much information as possible before actually incurring large expenditure the syndicate, which messrs. de Wolfe & Munro have interested in the matter, had 4 shafts sunk and 2 cuts made to test the gravel and ascertain that the gold-bearing deposit was of considerable area. It is said that the results ascertained by means of this experimental work were very satisfactory, and that a mr. Hobson, a well-known mining expert from California, who examined the property about 2 months ago, spoke in the highest terms of it. Two weeks ago he made a second inspection and suggested that a deep cut should be made on the second bench. This was done under his directions, and, as was anticipated would be the case, the old channel of the Fraser river was discovered.

From other reports which have come down from Lytton it is believed that the gravel will prove as rich as any found in Cariboo. Water is on the ground from Last Chance creek, the syndicate having acquired the old ditch and water rights and widened it, so that they will have between 1000 and 2000 inches of water with a head of 400 feet. The ditch is about a mile and a half long, and from the pen-stock there will be 3000 feet of 17-inch pipe, for the present fitted with a No. 6 Giant with a 7-inch outlet. This will be sufficient to put through from 5000 to 8000 yards a day, according to the condition and quality of the gravel. It is expected work will be actually commenced in October.

The syndicate own about 650 acres, extending for about 2 miles along the river. The second bench is about 160 feet above high water mark and the third bench about the same elevation above the second. It is believed by some persons that the mother deposit of the gold which has been taken out in the past will be found in the third bench. Should that theory prove correct the syndicate have a bonanza.

Empty Boom Towns.

There are 20 well built towns in Kansas without a single inhabitant to waken the echoes of their deserted streets. Saratoga has a $30,000 opera house, a large brick hotel, a $20,000 schoolhouse and a number of fine business houses, yet there is nobody even to claim a place to sleep.

At Fargo a $20,000 schoolhouse stands on the side of the hill, a monument to the bond voting craze. A herder and his family constitute the sole population of what was once an incorporated city. This is a sad commentary on unhealthy booms. Those Kansas towns, like Wichita, advertised themselves as phenomenal boom cities. For a while "everything was lovely and the goose honked high," but at last dry rot took hold on the boom towns and killed them.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

R. H. Cavill was up on Toad mountain on Wednesday.

Mr. Jowett returned to Nelson on Monday after a short visit to the coast. He reports business very quiet, but steady.

B. H. Lee, the Kaslo correspondent of THE MINER, was in town Thursday on business connected with the Kaslo wagon road.

John Hirsch leaves tonight on a survey to Goat river. He expects to be absent for a fortnight or so. Look out for the Indians, John.

The last dramatic performance has been considered so great a success that preparations are being made to give another show towards the end of this month.

The LaBau-Van Ness bottling works are now nearing completion, and there is a carload of first rate beer in the cellar. In a few weeks the works will be running.

Messrs. Perry, Grey & Davys are sending out a surveying party to Goat river, to survey timber limits, tonight, and the week following will have a party on Duncan river.

The drying kiln of the Nelson sawmill company is now in working order, and on Monday last the first kiln-full of lumber was put through, when some of Nelson's foremost citizens indulged in the luxury of a Turkish bath.

Mr. Clute has taken the measurements necessary to enable the steamer Ainsworth to be registered. The owner of this boat is by no means sitting down, waiting for developments, but is using every means in his power to insure the boat running before long.

Captain Fitzstubbs and A. E. Hodgins returned from Nakusp on Thursday. After a careful examination of the trail it has been decided to commence work right away on the wagon road. This will be good news for those owning mines in Slocan, who intend to make shipments of ore, as this road will afford an easy and cheap route to Canadian smelters.

The Slocan Trading & Navigation Company.

The first general meeting of the shareholders of the Slocan Trading & Navigation Company was held at Nelson on Tuesday. The company was incorporated last winter, and of its $25,000 authorized capital $6000 has been paid in and expended in the building of a steamboat to ply on Slocan lake. The hull of a 60-foot propellor was completed early in the summer, but through the failure of the John Doty Engine Company of Toronto the machinery, which was contracted to be delivered in April, was not all shipped from Toronto until late in August. This delay has been a most expensive one on the company, the loss on the business that could have been done amounting to fully half the cost of the boat. The shareholders—all of whom do business at Nelson and New Denver—decided to put the machinery in the boat at once, and it will be running within a month if no more mishaps occur. When completed the boat will have cost nearly $10,000. The shareholders elected J. Fred Hume, John R. Cook, William McKinnon, James Delaney, and John Houston directors for the ensuing year. The directors elected J. Fred Hume president, James Delaney vice-president, and William McKinnon secretary-treasurer.

The Parable of the Dead-beat.

Now it came to pass that behold a man journeyed from a far country. And after many days he came to the city of Kas Lo, a place builded by the waters of Koot Enay. And he abode there many days. And they say unto him, How goeth the matter? And he answered and said, I am an hungered. Neither purse nor scrip have I. Then asked he for beans, and they gave him a pickaxe. And it came to pass on the third day that behold he came out from the camp of Kas with his clothes rent and earth upon his head. And so it was that he came to Nels On, a place that aboundeth in metals, even as Ophir. And it came to pass that he took a pen and wrote therewith the name of a stranger and a Kasloite.

Then cometh to him the chief justice of the place and sayeth, Wherefore hast thou done this thing? And he answered and said, I will not beg, to work I am ashamed. And they cast him into prison. And he winketh his eye privily and sayeth, Let up for a moment, I pray thee, let up, and peradventure will I escape. And they let up, and he girded up his loins and gat.

And they lamented over him with this lamentation:

Lo he that was with us has fled from out our gate. Tell it not in Kas. Publish it not on the page of The Miner, lest the Hoo Dlum rejoice that the way of the wrong-doer triumph. We are distressed for thee, our brother le Wis. Our love for thee was wonderful, and we would have had thee sojourn among us. Thou wert swifter than an eagle, thou wert stronger than a lion. When there was none to see thee thou gottest, inasmuch as thou baddest no leg-iron.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership (unregistered) heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Reiuonald & Skinner, carrying on business as contractors and builders at Ainsworth, has been this day disolved by mutual consent.

R. REIUONALD.
August 25, 1892. W. A. SKINNER.

CROWN GRANT APPLICATION.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days from date I intend to apply for a crown grant to the mineral claim known as the Minnie, situate to the south of the Kootenay Bonanza claim, Toad Mountain. Copies of the field notes and plat can be seen at the government agent's office, Nelson.

August 29, 1892. JOHN McDONALD.

NOTICE.

Mah Sam, who runs the Vernon street laundry, and who is about to leave for China, has disposed of his business to Mah Sam Lande.

August 29, 1892.

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