MINES IN KOOTENAY ARE AMONG THE RICHEST IN AMERICA.

The Miner.

THE ORES ARE HIGH-GRADE IN GOLD, SILVER, COPPER AND LEAD.

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METAL QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK.

April—	4	7	8	9	10
SILVER (Bar)	68	68¼	68¼	68¼	68¼
LEAD (Brokers' Prices.)	300	290	290	290	290

PRODUCE OF THE MINES.

RETURNS FOR 1896 UP TO DATE

ORE TREATED IN KOOTENAY.

At Nelson	4,789
At Pilot Bay	9,284
	14,073

ORE EXPORTED.

From Slocan via Kaslo	4,316¾	
Slocan via Nakusp	2,493	
Trail Creek (gold ore)	2,719	9,528¾
Total Tons		23,601¾

PRODUCE OF SMELTERS.

	TONS
Nelson (Hall Mines) Matte	519½
Pilot Bay, silver lead bullion	621
	1140½

ORE SHIPMENTS.

Returns Since Last Week.

VIA KASLO.

April 10—	TONS
Ruth to Pueblo	60
Slocan Star to Pueblo	90
Lucky Jim	20

VIA NORTHPORT.

War Eagle to East Helena	43

VIA NAKUSP.

Slocan Star to Kansas City	160
Idaho	40
	413

MINING RECORDS.

MINING TRANSFERS.

(Where no consideration is named in transfers the nominal sum of $1 is to be understood.)

NELSON.

April 7—

Maude S—E G Hoelzle to C H Wolf, 1-7, $1000

Maude S and Ben Hassen—E G Hoelzle to C H Wolf, 2-35 in each, $100.

Maude S and Ben Hassen—John Empey to C H Wolf, 3-5 in each, $1000.

April 9—

Kamloops—Jos Duhamel to August Manan-teau.

NAKUSP.

March 21—

Gopher—B C Rodd to J J Malone, ½.

Kentucky Girl No 2—M W Bruner to C S Pachard, 1-6, $150.

March 28—

Gopher—N Demers to J J Malone, 3-16, $1000.

April 4—

Dalhousie—W J Darragh to Alexander McMillan, ½, $100.

April 6—

Garnet ½, Black Diamond ½, Queen of Cariboo ½, Ottawa ½—J L Davie to M E Allan.

NEW DENVER.

March 19—

O K No 2—P McDougall to Gus Johnson, ½.

March 25—

Aberdeen—F Anderson to John Cadden, ½.

March 26—

Rattler—D Whitley to W Anderson, ½.

ROSSLAND.

March 27—

Diamond—James Conan to J L Drumheller, $1000.

Good Friday—Frank Hanna to his wife, all right, title and interest and in all other mineral claims in which he may have an interest, $20.

March 28—

Atwood—Frank W Hunt to F E Shaw, 1-6.

McArthur—F W Hunt to F E Shaw, 1-6.

Sam Hayes—F W Hunt to F E Shaw, 5-32.

Peak—F W Hunt to F E Shaw, ½.

Grizzley—J F Ritchie transfers his right, title and interest to Chas S Warren, $1,500.

March 30—

Golden Chariot and Great Western—August Jackson to D I Burke, John M Burke and Jas B Jones, under the Real Property Conveyance Act, $12,500.

Eldorado—Geo McGaughey to Wm Austin, ½

Blue Elephant—Martin Grace, H M Mosely, F G Weeks to E M Liljegram, 12-72, $750.

Big Trout—Martin Grace to Daniel Lautz, 1-12.

Blue Elephant—J M Akins to E N Liljegram, $750.

Young Prince—A Lassley to J P Schultz.

Lookout—Geo E Pfunder to C R Lindsay, 5-24 $500.

Cariboo—Jos Fero to J C and J D Lears.

Sunset No 3—Jas Longley to John Travis.

Elizabeth—John Hammer to John Laviguer, ½

Aurora—A H McKay to F W Rolt.

March 31—

Auriper-Gilbert—W A Ranken to F W Rolt.

Bald Eagle—Jas Burke to A A Barnett, ½, $250

Flossie L—Harry S Jones to Cyrus Happy, trustee, $200 and 100,000 shares in corporation to be formed.

April 1—

Dick—W H Finlaison to Frederick J Countard, ½.

Bannock—Harry S Jones to R F Ticehurst, 5-24.

Mammoth—Frank X Gauthier to J A Bigelow, ½, $150.

C and C—Wm A Jowett to Clive Phillips-Wooley, 1-16.

Shannon—N F Johnson to R F Ticehurst and C M Cowper-Coles ½.

Lone Star—N F Johnson to R F Ticehurst and C M Cowper-Coles.

April 2—

Chance—O A Lowell to Geo E Pfunder, $750.

Chance—Geo E Pfunder to P A Largey and Geo Haldorn.

Little Chief—Thos E Haley to Wm Newton, ½

Lorroine—L G Comstock to L M Johnson, ½.

NEW LOCATIONS.

NELSON.

April 4—

Little Chief—Henry Smith, Toad Mountain.

Empire—N Fitzstubbs, east side Lower Arrow Lake.

Standby—Julius Peterson, Lower Arrow Lake.

Monte Christo—D J Storwell.

Lucky Jack—D J Storwall.

Sunrise—A Forslund.

April 7—

Goodhope—C A Sapandowski.

Fraction—W C Cappock.

April 8—

Golden Queen—T J Duncan, near Poorman.

Alberta—R W Craig and F Adie.

Nester—Jos Campbell.

Carlyle—S R W Craig and F Adie.

Iona—G McCormick.

Star—Neil McLeod and J Andrews.

April 9—

Crown—S B Hendee.

Verga—E P Lowe.

Synite—E P Lowe.

Comet—T W Spellman.

Genoa—A Bostwick.

NAKUSP.

March 21—

Gilroy—Thos J Alexander and Henry Boss.

March 26—

Surprise No 2—John Worth.

April 2—

Tin Cup—Wm Huston and P H Kelliher.

April 7—

White Ton—C A Sapandowski.

Red Rose—J S Byron.

NEW DENVER.

March 27—

Sunshine No 5—M McLean, Ten Mile Creek.

March 30—

Wolverine No 2—Dan McDonald, Ten Mile Creek.

March 31—

American Eagle—Chas Anderson, east side of Slocan Lake.

ROSSLAND.

March 27—

The Lucky—Wm Gibb.

March 30—

White Eagle—A Jassley.

Justice—John McLien.

St Patrick—C F Hoffman.

Monte Cristo—M Chabinaux.

Utah Lode—L G Comstock.

March 31—

Mammoth—F X Gauthier.

Bertha Lode—A E White.

Walter—A M Symes.

Acme—A A Drury.

April 1—

Townsite Fraction—M E Rummelmeyer.

Butterfly—Jas Fielding.

Valley—Harry Fohlin.

Olivette—Eustace Drum.

Black Rock—Edward Kelley.

Guy—Jay Benn.

April 2—

Nelson No 2—Phil Aspenwall.

Pearl—C S Askew.

Prince Albert—Thos Hare,

Kangaroo—R F Ticehurst.

Gorilla—C Wynn-Johnson.

KASLO.

March 27—

Kootenay King—D R Young, Kootenay Lake

Hazel V—C A Young, near Ainsworth.

Wartope—D F Strobeck, near Ainsworth.

March 28—

Laketa—O C Lapp, near Crawford Bay.

Vanderbilt—O C Lapp and W W Warner, west shore St Catharines Lake.

March 30—

Seckka, Exchange and Pants—Alex Limroth, W Olsen and C Olsen.

March 31—

Spring—L Martin and C Nelson, Kaslo Creek

J Gould—O C Lapp.

Trojan—Geo Coles, on Milford Creek.

March 31—

Snow Bird—C Nelson.

R E Adams—W J Adams, on Jackson's trail.

April 1—

No 3—H Eggers, south of Pilot Bay.

April 2—

Crown Prince—I Lewis, near Davie.

THE WEATHER.

The weather during the first part of the week was cloudy, with occasional slight squalls of rain. These passed away by the middle of the week and Friday and Saturday were mild and sunny.

THERMOMETER.

April	5—	Max	55°	Min 34°
"	6—		56°	40°
"	7—		51°	39°
"	8—		52°	32°
"	9—		55°	32°
"	10—		54°	40°
"	11—		54°	32°

These readings are taken at 9 a. m. and consequently represent the highest and lowest temperature during the preceding 24 hours.

FROM VICTORIA.

The "Mining Clause" of the Assessment Bill as Amended.

Special Telegram to THE MINER.

Victoria, April 9th.—The government has withdrawn the sale of lands for school purposes bill and substituted the land bill straight. This virtually restores the system abolished in 1892. The mining clause of the Assessment Bill as now amended reads 1 per cent. on assessed value. This to be assessed on ore or mineral bearing substances at the mine as determined in case of dispute, by a smelter reduction or refinery returns. No ore is to be taxed unless removed. The small debts bill as introduced provides for the payment of salaries instead of fees to magistrates.

ADVANCED LEAD DUTY.

Treasury Department Rulings on Lead Ore Tonnage.

Spokane, April 7th.—A new ruling on lead ore duties which will make a considerable difference to many of the mine owners of Kootenay has been made by the Treasury Department.

The duty on lead ore is three-quarters of a cent. per pound. Heretofore this has been considered to mean three-quarters of a cent on the lead that is contained in the ores. If the ore runs 60 per cent lead, duty was paid on 60 per cent of the ton. But the department has notified the smelters that hereafter this will be construed to mean three-quarters of a cent for each pound of the gross ore tonnage, if the lead in the ore is of greater value than the silver.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is the report of the Nelson Public School March 1896:

Number of boys enrolled during month 43; number of girls enrolled during month, 23; Total, 66; average daily attendence, 50.

HONOR ROLL.

Fifth Class—Percy Goepel, Nelson Buchanan, Harriet McDonald, Etta Muir.

Fourth Class—Leo Buchanan, Ethel Eperson, Theo. Muir, Millicent Sansom.

Third Class—Marie Horton, Eva McKay, Ivy Johnstone, Frances Sansom.

Second Class—Betty Johnstone, Victoria Hodson, Roy Ball, Willie Swannell.

Primer II Class—Annie Sturgeon, Percy Stucky, Bertha Miller, Otus Farley.

Primer I Class—Ernest Kinahan, Ruby Buchmann, Percy Booth, Priscilla Baxendale.

Primer I Class (Junior)—Charley Motley, Winona Troup, John Nelson, Louis Loudin.

Mrs. McLaughlin is now ready to show her patrons a complete stock of both imported and domestic spring millinery. She has secured the services of Miss Johnson, of Spokane, to attend to the trimming. Spring suits and artistic gowns will be a specialty of the es establishment. *

NEWS OF THE CAMPS.

NAKUSP.

The mining record office has been moved to the building on Broadway formerly occupied by the Ledge newspaper.

A large number of prospectors have gone from here to the Needles on Lower Arrow Lake the snow having left there sufficiently to admit of prospecting some distance from the shore.

Pete Genelle & Co. are running thier sawmill full time, they have two thousand ties to take out for the C. P. R. upon which they are engaged, and men are still taking out logs in the bush.

Deputy sheriff Robinson, under a warrant, in Nault vs Inland Construction Co., offered for sale a building and 24 carts, the building was sold, but the sale of the carts was adjourned until May 5th, subject, however, to private offers.

The wholesale firm of McMillian & Hamilton of Vancouver and Nakusp appear, from the quantity of goods arriving and being shipped, to be doing a flourishing business. We hope to see them demonstrate that Nakusp is one of the most suitable points for a wholesale house in West Kootenay.

The owners of the Promestura mineral claim at Cariboo creek have commenced work again and the reports from there are that the claim is improving, we may expect soon to hear of ore being shipped from there. If smelter returns are equal to the assays the Promestura will have a place amongst the rich mines of Kootenay.

The boiler for the C. & K. S. N. Co's. new boat was brought down by the s.s. Nakusp on her last trip and is today being taken on board. J. McCain in charge of the house work is making good progress. Chief engineer Stephens and staff have a large portion of machinery in place. The caulking will be completed this week so that we may confidently expect to have another boat plying on Arrow lakes by the early part of May.

KASLO.

Mr. Proctor, of Balfour, is in town. He has been visiting his property in the dry ore belt.

The entertainment in aid of the funds of the Methodist church, on Wednesday last was a great success and by request was repeated on Thursday. The church benefitted to the extent of $60.

Mr. Hewitt Bostock, the Liberal candidate for the Dominion House, has been here for two or three days. Meetings of his supporters have been held and local committees formed. Mr. Bostock leaves on Saturday for Ainsworth and Nelson.

Great changes are understood to be taking place at the concentrator at Three Forks. Capt. Moore is resigning the management of the business. Mr. J. D. Farrell lately divisional superintendent of the Great Northern went up from Kaslo yesterday to take charge.

The frames for the new steamboat to be built by the International Trading Co. have arrived at Kaslo. Mr. Alexander the manager of the company is expected here early next week, when the building of the new boat will be commenced.

PILOT BAY.

The steamers Ainsworth and Kaslo had a slight collision in the harbor here yesterday. No damage was done.

Capt. Allan Lean, has a camera and is delighting the hearts of his lady friends by taking very pretty pictures of them and their children.

Quite a number of the men have brought their families to live here lately and it will not be long before a school will be in order.

The more ore is taken out of the Blue Bell the more is brought in sight. It is a whale of the largest kind. The grade is also said to be improving as the work gets deeper.

At the smelter everything is working smoothly as usual. About 100 men are employed and bullion is being shipped with great regularity. Mr. H. S. Mulliken, the new superintendent, late of Aurora, Illinois, evidently thoroughly knows his business.

At the Blue Bell mine the work is proceeding very satisfactorily under the superintendence of Mr. J. H. Klock. The burleigh drills are doing good work. About sixty men are employed and the output is between there and four thousand tons a month.

There have been several claims staked lately on Crawford Bay quite close to here. The White Star, True Blue and Blue Jacket are all quite close to the water and the former shows a ledge said to be 25 ft. wide, containing copper and silver. Work is to commenced on it shortly if the assays to be made are favorable.

ROSSLAND.

A five drill compressor plant for the Josie Mining Company is now at Waneta and will be moved up as soon as possible.

The latest news is to the effect that the Le Roi dividend recently decided on has been side tracked and will not be passed until next month.

The Rossland Gold Mining Company with headoffices at Spokane, has been incorporated to do business both in the United State and British Columbia. The capital stock is placed at $500,000, with shares nonassessable at $1 each. The board of directors who will manage the business until the first election are Cyrus Happy, F. E. Langford, Harry L. Rodger, Lucius G. Nash, William A. Stephens, W. G. Tanner and F. P. Smith.

The War Eagle declared another dividend this week amounting to $25,000, or 5 cents a share. Within 13 months this mine has paid $157,500 in dividends, and in addition has bought $20,000 worth of machinery the past winter, and paid for over 2000 feet of tunnel at a cost of about $50,000. Of late the mine has been worked but very little—only in one drift and one raise since last fall. The light operations are attributable to the facts that the company has been awaiting the arrival of its machinery, and the difficulty of making ore shipments over the wagon road out of the camp.

SLOCAN.

A gang of men are at work on the Two Friends on Springer creek.

Two feet of clean ore is said to have been recently struck in the lower tunnel of the Enterprise.

A car load of ore is ready for shipment at the Howard Fraction located on the north fork of Lemon creek. Seven men are working on the claim which is showing up better every day.

The town of Cody on the south fork of Carpenter creek is beginning to stir a bit of late. Lots have been placed on the market and several buildings are in course of erection.

Mr. R. J. McPhree, late foreman of the Blue Bell, has resigned that position in order to take a trip to Idaho. He will probably return in a few months.

TRAIL.

The new ferry boat to cross the Columbia at this point is a pronounced success.

The engine and some of the cars for the Trail Creek Tramway Co. have been delivered and are already at work. It is expected that the road will be ready for freight and passengers not later than May 10th.

For three months work Postmaste Brown has received the magnificent salary of $7.75. Mr. Brown has not yet decided whether to buy the Le Roi or start another smelter but he admits that so much money for so little work is liable to make a man feel uppish.

AINSWORTH.

Mr. Hedley, late superintendent at Pilot Bay, is in town.

The contract for the Highlander tunnel is finished, they are in between 600 and 700 feet.

Clark and Van Hook have a bond and lease on the Tariff. They are taking out ore and will ship next week.

J. E. Boss got an extension of time, on his bond on the United group, in which to commence work.

About 125 tons of ore a week from the Skyline is being shipped to Pilot Bay. They have 8 men working.

The Canadian Pacific Mining Co. are putting in a flume on Woodbury creek to bring water down to run the Burleigh drill.

The gold excitement has fizzled out. It was caused by the necessity of having a drain made to take off the water which was spoiling the street.

Little Phil-Tom McGovern and his brother Phil are working steadily and taking out some good ore. Two men are working on the Black Diamond.

Alex Prittie, while loading ore from Skyline mine on the scow fell and severely hurt his arm. He is under the doctor's care at Pilot Bay.

Neelands, the photographer of Nelson, has been up at No. 1 mine taking views of various tunnels. The mine never looked half as good as it does at present.

No real estate is changing hands at present and until the roads improve there will be no more ore shipped from the mines, The outlook for the camp this summer is very good.

No. 1 mine is looking well, they are working 12 men, the new piping has arrived for running the water to the concentrator and will be taken up to the mine as soon as the roads are better.

While congress is thinking about adopting the metric system of weights and measures, a New York man has started a new scheme of simplicity. He proposes to divide the year in thirteen months, twelve of twenty-eight days, the last of twenty-nine. For example, if January began on Sunday, each month of the year would begin on Sunday. It is claimed this plan would save much confusion and enable people to reckon dates with the greatest ease.

MAIL SERVICE.

Nelson-Kaslo Route.

OUTGOING MAIL.

Monday	Str.	Alberta	2.30 p.m.
Tuesday	"	Ainsworth	8.30 a.m
Wednesday	"	Nelson	5. p.m
Thursday	"	Ainsworth	8.30 a.m
Friday	"	Alberta	3. p.m.
Saturday	"	Ainsworth	8.30 a.m.

RECEIVED AT NELSON.

Monday	per	Str.	Ainsworth
Tuesday	"	"	Alberta
Wednesday	"	"	Ainsworth
Thursday	"	"	Nelson
Friday	"	"	Ainsworth
Saturday	"	"	Nelson

CHURCH NOTICES.

SUNDAY, April 12, 1896.

METHODIST CHURCH, Corner Silica and Josephine Streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject: "Back to the Bible." Evening subject: "Christianity Triumphant." Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Epworth League E. of C. on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. Services first and second Sundays of the month at Nelson. Mass at 10.30. Vespers at 7.30.

LOCAL NEWS.

R. R. Hedley, paid Nelson a visit this week.

A. T. Garland, Kaslo, took a run down to Nelson this week.

Fred Irvine has returned from an extensive business trip to the east.

The new spire of the Presbyterian church is rapidly nearing completion.

Mr. R. E. Lemon, general merchant has made an assignment in favor of his creditors to C. E. Seeley.

Mr. Mosher, who is interested in the No. 1 Mine is in Nelson today. He leaves on Monday for New York.

T. G. Blackstock, of Toronto, is in Nelson looking after the completion of some extensive mining negotiations.

The smelter is closed down this week for some minor repairs and changes. It will blow in again in about a week.

G. M. Gouyard, Puget Sound Reduction works Everett, is in town and leaves on Monday for Spokane.

Manager G. V. Holt, of the Bank of B. C., left for California this week to spend his spring holidays. He expects to cultivate the balmy orange groves for about six weeks.

Mr. H. Stutter, has recently joined the ranks of Nelson's Business men. He has purchased the Tropical Fruit Store, and will restock it with a first class line of fruits, confectionery etc.

Messrs. Humer & Martin, of the Vienna Bakery propose to open a restaurant in connection with their other businesss. They will serve the best in the market at all hours.

The Easter Vestry meeting of the Church of England will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at 8 p. m., in the mission, for the usual Easter business. All parishioners invited. There will be no services on Sunday next.

The steamer "Nelson" will leave Nelson and all other Kootenay Lake points on Monday morning, April 13th for Davie, Goat River and other way points, Rykert's and Bonner's Ferry, returning next day. Steamer will leave city wharf at 7.30 a. m.

Mr. F. Steele, of the firm of Steele & Co., artists and photographers, Winnipeg, is in Nelson adding to his collection of picturesque Kootenay views. Mr. Steele proposes to return to Nelson for the purpose of opening a branch office a little later in the season.

An excursion party left Winnipeg en route to the Kootenay Country on Tuesday evening. If not "lost in amazement" they should be here Monday. The party is travelling via the C. P. R. and before returning will thoroughly take in "the land of precious metals."

SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

The New Steamer Kokanee "Takes Water" for the First Time.

The C. & K. S. N. Co's. new steamer Kokanee no longer perches high on the shore pining for her native element. In all the bravery of flying colors, trim and coy, the debuntante took her first plunge into the blue waves last Tuesday afternoon.

Long before the hour appointed for the launching crowds made their way down the railroad track toward the ways. Then came the steamer Nelson, loaded down with spectators, and herself gaily decked in holiday finery to welcome the sister craft. For a time the crowd overran the new boat admiring her fine lines and handsome appointments. Then came the "knocking away of shores and spars," and slowly at first but finally with a bound she plunged into the water.

The traditional bottle of champagne crashed in the hands of Mrs. Troup, a roar from the steam whistle of the Nelson, answering shrieks from the smelter whistle, a round of mingled cheers from land and water and the Kokanee is launched and christened.

The Nelson ran alongside and made fast so that all might again have an opportunity to walk over and admire the trim little craft.

It is doubtful if a more graceful or better appointed boat can be found in British Columbia. She was designed by Capt. Troup and built under the superintendence of Thos. J. Bulger, of Portland, John McCain acted as foreman joiner, and the painting and interior decorations were under the care of A. L. Johnson. From first to last these gentlemen, and all concerned in her construction have excellent reasons to be proud of their handiwork.

The work of completing the boat and placing the machinery will be pushed as rapidly as possible and by May 1st the Kokanee will probably be in condition to take up the Kaslo run.

DAILY TRAIN SERVICE

Promised in the Near Future by the N. & F. S. R. R.

A representative of the Spokane Chronicle, this week called upon Austin Corbin, 2nd general manager of the Spokane & Northern and put the query:

"Is there any movement under consideration by the Spokane & Northern along the lines being adopted by the other roads, in the changing of time schedules and a general improvement of the service?"

"Yes, we are considering something to that effect," replied Mr. Corbin. "In fact we have had such an object in view for some time past and have only been waiting until the time should arrive when the business of the road would warrant us in making the contemplated improvement in the service. We think now that such time is rapidly approaching and the Spokane & Northern is preparing to respond to the demands of its patrons.

"The improvement in the service that we have in view is to put on a through train daily to Nelson, B. C. and return That is, a passenger train will leave this city about the same time as now and run through to Nelson without change of cars. Another passenger train will leave Nelson daily for Spokane arriving here about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This change has not been definitely decided on but I think such a change will go in effect over the Spokane & Northern by May 1st."

This improvement in the service will be good news to the mining country up north, as it will be of great benifit to it as well as to this city. As it now is, the train only runs to Nelson three days in the week. With the new service it will give the traveling public a daily train to the entire mining country up north instead of as now giving a tri-weekly service.

BIRTH—At Kaslo, on the 8th inst., the wife of J. W. Cockle, of a daughter.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Items of Interest From Many Quarters.

London, April 7.—A despatch from Caracas says a friendly settlement of the Venezuelan question is certain. The Times says, "If this is true, Lord Salisbury's successful arbitration proposals leave Great Britain nothing to regret."

St. Louis, April 8.—A special from Hot Springs, Ark. says:

A glove contest took place tonight between Jack McAuliffe, the champion lightweight, and Harry Pigeon, champion light weight of Canada. The contest was declared a draw at the end of the 40th. round.

London, April 5.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says: It is believed the Dervishes lost 5,000 dead, wounded and prisoners in the engagement at Mount Moeran, on April 2, with an Italian native battalion, reinforced by Col Stevani, from Kassala. The correspondent adds: "Gen. Baldissera informs the government that he is almost sure he will be able to relieve Adigrat."

San Francisco, April 4. The greatest strike made in a gold mine in California for years is reported to have been made in the Rawhide mine in Toulumne county recently. A pocket is to have been found at the 930 foot level, the extent of which is not known, which contains nearly free gold. The samples assay from $15,000 to $20,000 a ton. It is said that the ore in sight contains $600,000.

Washington, April 7.—The House of Representatives adopted the conference report on the Cuban resolution today, recognizing the revolutionists as belligerents by a vote of 244 to 27. In the war existing between Spain and the proclaimed government of Cuba, the United States shall offer its friendly offices to the President of the Spanish Government for a peaceful settlement.

Wilbur, April 7.—A big stampede for the reservation from this place began today as soon as Judge Hanford's decision was learned in the case of Collins vs. Indian Agent Bubb.

The south half of the reservation being only 12 miles from this place locations will at once be made along the Sans Poil river, as it has been no secret for some time that some of the richest placer ground in the northwest lies along this river.

Portland, Or., April 8.—There is a rumor current here tonight that five men have been killed at Astoria as a result of the trouble which has arisen between the cannery men and the fishermen's union which is holding out for 5c. per fish as against the canneries' offer of 4c.

Seattle, Wash., April 8.—A detail of 40 men from the three companies of the National Guard of Washington has been ordered by Governor McGraw to the Columbia river, where trouble is threatened between the cannerymen and fishermen.

Madrid, April 8.—The students and members of the national party here are reported to be organizing demonstrations against the United States, in view of the recent vote of congress on the Cuban belligerency.

Chiefs of the various sections of the republican party have planned to hold a meeting to make arrangements for a big demonstration to protest against the Cuban vote in the United States congress, which the republicans consider contrary to international law.

Cairo, Egypt, April 6.—Considerable anxiety is felt here in unofficial circles concerning the fate of the advance guard of the Egyptian troops operating against the Dervishes, a strong force of whom are also reported to be near Assuan. On the Berber road, the enemy are also reported to be in strong force, and, in addition to Murat, the Dervishes are threatening Fort Helaib, on the Egyptian coast of the Red Sea. The Dervishes are further announced to have arrived at Kokrieb, five miles west of Suakim. Another battalion has been sent to Saukim in order to reinforce the garrison. It is thought the Dervishes will attack the Egyptian entrenched positions.

Ottawa, April 5.—Those who really desire the passage of the remedial bill must have experienced some disappointment over the result of Saturday's deliberations in the commons in the progress made. They certainly could not extract the slightest ray of hope that the measure would ever get beyond the committee stage. Rather they must have realized that it must ere the expiration of a fortnight be entirely abondoned in order to give attention to other business that must be completed.

Mr. McCarthy during the discussion on Saturday afternoon, moved an amendment to clause four, that the powers proposed to be given to the Catholic board of education be vested in the advisory board. His reason for the amendment was that clause four was an infringement of the administrative powers of the province and therefore ultra vires.

"Josiar" said Mrs. Controssel, as her husband came in from feeding the pigs "what is the Monroe doctrine?"

"The Monroe doctrine, Mandy" he replied after a moments thought, "is a principle that lays down that jes because we don't put both feet in the trough ourselves is no sign thet we're goin' to incourage others to do it."

ONE WOMAN'S WORK.

"Who having little yet hath all."
A narrow sphere! how can you call it so?
Three pairs of baby eyes look up in mine.
And see the gates through which a light divine
Transfigures all my life with tenderest glow,

Because I cannot paint with artist skill
The changing colors of the sea or sky,
Because I cannot write of visions high,
And move you all with pain or joy at will.

Because to learning's shrine no gifts I bring,
Nor take a foremost stand for woman's cause,
Because I trust unquestioning the laws,
That bring us snow in winter, birds in spring.

You think my life is circumscribed and cold
In what should make it helpful, rich and strong.
Ah, friend! these happy days are none too long
For all the loving duties that they hold,

Nor has the art you love been all denied,
For loveliest pictures every day I see
In childhood's careless grace and movements free,
From waking morn to dreamy eventide.

My Edith's braids, now brown, now golden bright,
Imprison tints no artist's brush has known;
The baby's deep blue eyes, that meet my own,
In living beauty mock all painted light.

Nor do you know, my friend, the critics bold
We story-tellers in the children find—
What store of wisdom and of wit combined
We need to point a moral new or old.

And in reforms are we not learning late
A still, small voice need not be all in vain?
These childish hands may bring the greater gain
If I am willing now to simply wait.

And in what science or philosophy
Can pass in interest the baby heart
Seeking in untried ways to take its part
For good or ill in life's great mystery?

God help us mothers all to live aright,
And may our homes all truth and love enfold,
Since life for us no loftier aims can hold
Than leading little children to the light.

THAT LUCKY BULLET.

BY HENRY S. BROOKS.

(Copyright 1895.)

I run a small coach from Bidwell's Station to Placer Flat. Bidwell's station is at the head of the San Joaquin Valley. Placer Flat lies about a thousand feet higher. They are mostly ranchmen living along the line of the road; they keep a few cattle, raise a little hay and perhaps a few potatoes where there is a patch of moist springy land. Most of them manage to scrape a living out of the increase of their stock, I suppose. Some of them do a little horse trading, or the boys chop wood for the railroad people, to help out a little. They are an easy-going lot, that is, the men are—their women have a pretty rough time of it, though, but what can they do, poor things, except slave from morning till night, cooking, washing, milking and plenty other things a sight rougher, when the men don't feel like work, which I should say is pretty often.

But the girls and young fellers try to have a good time when they can, and since Johnny Cogswell, at the station, built a dance house back of his place, they get up strawrides all along the line, and I tell you there's a heap of fun going those times. There is nothing like a strawride if you want to make up to a girl. As soon as they're fairly landed in the dance-house they stiffen out and sit in a row as prim as a lot of Quakers. No one would believe they were the same girls. But there was one girl, I tell you she was a staver, though some wouldn't allow that she was quite white. She lived with her father, an old Portugee, Don Fernando Soto, on a bit of a vineyard he had raised, up near the Flat. There were only the two of them and an old colored woman, who couldn't speak a word of English. The old man was rich, so everybody said, anyway, but a meaner, stingier, more excitable old cuss no one ever see; and he was mighty ready with a knife too. Mariquita too was so pretty and clever, that lots of the boys would have loafed around if they had dared, but the old man had cut two or three of them, and the rest shied. Some of them would have laid the old fellow out, but Mariquita was that fond of him, when they were'nt quarrelling or spitting fire at one another, that they had to drop all notions of getting even.

There being no neighbors nigh for Mariquita to get into the strawrides, she used to ride down with me on the box seat, whenever there was to be a dance at the station. You see, she had come to some sort of a compromise with the old man. She wasn't to let any of the young fellers prowl around the hill, and he was to let her go to the station whenever there was any heel and toe going on. The first time she rode down I struck the old fellow for the stage fare, but he flew at me in a fury. When he was mad he looked like one of the old apes in the Zoo, and I tell you he showed his teeth. He had a forked beard, and at the end of each fork a big white patch of hair, like a ball of cotton, while just above, the hair was still nearly black. His eyes glittered like live coals. You can bet he was a Tartar. Of course, I took the girl. She knew I wouldn't leave her, and stood there laughing and enjoying it, the witch. When she got down to the station she carried everything before her with her brilliant color, snapping black eyes, and easy grace. The rest of the girls couldn't talk worth a cent after they got their skirts straightened and prim in the dance-hall, but Mariquita kept the young fellers buzzing around her, and talked to them all at once. And clever! Why, you could see the boys grow an inch as she said something to each one of them, to tickle his fancy and perhaps encourage his pride a little, for she liked to have them all running after her, and they would run, the best of them, for a glance out of the corner of her eye. I tell you I ought to have had that gal, and I could, too, if I had been quite sure she was white. I never knew just how to take her, though. She was the most bewitching little devil one minute, and the next—even the old Don himself couldn't bear her. Of course, it wasn't reasonable to suppose that I would drive her up and down all the time just for a sweet smile, and to have her snuggled up close to me on the box seat. So, one trip, when she had been as sweet as honey, and there wasn't another soul on the stage, I put my arm around her to steal a kiss, and the next minute I had a stiletto, I think they call it, pricking me mighty sharp in the neck, and, although it was dusk, I could see her eyes glittering like a wild cat's. Most men would have dropped her after that, but the next trip she stood waiting for me in the road, showing her pretty white teeth and looking so bright and dainty that I couldn't think of leaving her; and she snuggled closer than ever. I tell you, gentlemen, you never know how to take a girl till you try, and not always then.

Of course, she had her fancy like other girls. This was Doc. Lanier, a young medico, from Alabama. A very clever doctor, everybody agreed, and a good fellow. He would drink a little too much, though, sometimes, and that hurt him. You see that sort of thing may do for some men, but not for a doctor. He might take off the wrong leg sometime. Once, up at the Flat, they sent for him to attend a man who had been injured. The Doc. was pretty full—quite full, I guess—but he was able to ask where the fellow was hurt, and when they told him in the head, he said, "Well, let me see his feet!" His idea was that it was enough for him to see any patient's big toe! But they didn't look on it that way up at the Flat, and so that let the Doc. out for a while. But he was only sowing his wild oats, I guess, for he could sober up whenever he liked, and then there wasn't a brighter man to be found anywhere.

The Doc. never missed one of the fandangoes, rain or shine, neither did the girl, and soon everybody saw what was the matter. One night, though, the doctor rode into the station, and everybody could see that he had been drinking, for he could scarcely keep himself straight in the saddle. He was late, and when he dismounted he walked right into the dance with his hat on, and without even taking time to dust off. As soon as Mariquita set eyes on him she saw what was wrong, and when the Doc. reached her, she straightened herself up like a queen and cut him dead. He was too far gone to have any sense left, and he tried to follow her around, until Ned Houston, a young feller from Texas interfered, and told him to clear out. Mariquita had been dancing with Houston, and he couldn't very well do any less than he did when the Doc. hung on to the girl that way. I never saw Mariquita look so pretty as she did that night. She was dressed in white with a bit of scarlet ribbon in her bosom, and a spray of scarlet geranium in her hair. Her eyes just flashed fire. No one ever saw such eyes, and the way they scorned the doctor ought to have brought him to his senses.

When Ned Houston interfered, the Doc. far gone as he was, straightened himself up, and said: "Follow me, friend Texas; I don't allow any man to interfere between me and a lady," and they walked out together, arm in arm. The women never suspicioned anything, but the men knew there was going to be trouble and would have followed, only there was a dance on just then, and they couldn't leave their partners. Just as we were handing the girls to their seats we heard several scattering shots. Mariquita turned white as a sheet, and ran swiftly out of the hall. We all followed, and when we reached the spot, we found the Doc. lying shot through the breast, his head in Mariquita's lap, and more scarlet on her white dress than belonged to the bit of ribbon or the geranium.

We carried the wounded man into the house, and then you should have heard Mariquita scorn poor Ned Houston. "You are a brave man, indeed," she said, "to shoot your friend when he is intoxicated! Coward! Assassin! Murderer! Begone out of my sight! Never let me see your cowardly face again."

But Ned couldn't help it. He explained it all to me. They had just walked into the yard back of the house, when the Doc. drew. "Step off ten paces," he said, "then turn and fire." Ned tried to pacify him, but he had lost his head, and breaking away from him commenced to shoot. You see, there was some jealousy at the bottom of it, as well as liquor.

The Doc. got well after all, though he had a pretty close call. After that he kept away from liquor and the girl favored him more than ever. When the old Don fell sick she sent for him to cure him, and though they say that the old fellow kicked quite lively, he had to take his medicine, I suppose. Anyway the Doc. brought him round all right, for he was tough as a pine knot, but he was so fond of that vineyard of his'n that they couldn't keep him out of it long enough to get well. It was a mighty pretty place, that is a fact, nothing like it this side of the valley. No wonder the old Portugee liked it so much. Everybody laughed at him when he first took it up; but it proved to be in what they call the "Thermal Belt," where there are no frosts, and where the grapes grow as they grow nowhere else. Four years from the cuttings he was making plenty of wine, which he sold at his own price in the city, for the grapes had a wonderful flavor, they say. Then he built a fine wine cellar, and coined money, though no one would think it to look at the place from the road. One thing is certain, he had a long purse, well filled, which he kept hid somewhere about the place, for he was too level headed to take stock in no banks.

When the old Don took his relapse the Doc. looked serious, and soon we heard that late one night he had ridden up to the Flat for a priest. Then we all knew what was coming. He passed in his checks, quietly enough at last, we heard, and the very next day the priest married Marquita and the doctor. You see the rest of the boys didn't stand no show from the day the Doc. got that lucky bullet into him.

Doc. Lanier fell into a mighty good thing as it turned out, for the old man's estate panned out pretty big; much more than they had counted on, and he did'nt owe a dollar. The fact is, I have no doubt he must have had money before he pre-empted that vineyard. The Doc. straightened up like a man after he got married, and Mariquita is just too pretty for an outsider to look at.

The Forget-Me-Not.

Everybody likes the pretty little forget-me-not and likes the flower more perhaps because of its name than its beauty. How was it so called? The Germans account for it by quite a pathetic romance. It seems that once upon a time a knight and a lady were walking by the banks of the Danube when the latter asked her "gallant gay" to pluck for her a tiny blue flower which she saw growing in the stream. No sooner said than done, but the knight, overbalancing, fell in to the river, and owing to the slippery nature of the bank and the weight of his armor was carried away by the current. As he threw the flower ashore to his lady he cried out with his last breath, "Vergis mich nicht!" ("Forget-me not!") And ever since the flower has been looked on as an emblem of fidelity.

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Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before the 30th June, 1896:
- One-half of one per cent. on real property
- One-third of one per cent. on personal property.
- Two per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
- One-half of one per cent. on income.

If paid after 30th June, 1896—
- Two-thirds of one per cent. on real property.
- One-half of one per cent. on personal property.
- Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
- Three-fourths of one per cent. on income.
- Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita.

O. G. DENNIS,
Assessor and Collector.

January 2, 1896. (269)

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reservation placed on a block of land situated on the north bank of the Kootenay River and on the west arm of Kootenay Lake, notice whereof was published in the British Columbia Gazette, and dated 7th March, 1888, has been cancelled.

W. S. GORE
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., 6th March, 1896. (312)

NOTICE.

COURTS of Assize and Nisi Prius, and of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden at the places and on the dates following, viz.:—

Town of Nelson, on Monday, the 15th day of June, 1896.

Town of Donald, on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1896.

By Command,
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
13th March, 1896. (317)

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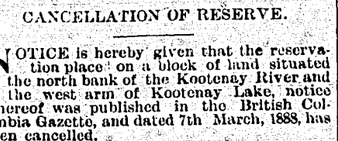

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A NEW RULING.

It appears that the Treasury Department of the United States has made a recent ruling to the effect that a new meaning shall be given to the clause regulating the duty on lead ores shipped into the United States. The duty is three fourths of a cent per pound on lead contained in ores in which the value of the silver is less than that of the lead. Up to the present time this has been construed as meaning that if the ore runs 70 per cent lead, duty was to be paid on 70 per cent of the ton. Under the new ruling duty is to be collected on the gross tonnage of all ore in which the value of the lead exceeds that of the silver. So the matter stands at present, though the Treasury Department has promised a rehearing on the question and it is possible that the decision may be reversed.

This, taken in connection with the erection of government sampling works at the border, points in one direction, the erection of more smelters within our own country. While these things will temporarily work hardships to mine owners in Kootenay the ultimate outcome will be for the material advancement of the mining industry in this region. With increased transportation and other facilities there is now only one reason why Kootenay ores should not be treated exclusively at home. This is the present lack of an adequate supply of cheap fuel. Given, however, such an increased demand as these new measures will create, and this last obstacle will be overcome. We have within reach coal fields which will probably be opened by railroad this year, and when this is done pig lead, bar silver and matte will be the only products which we will have to offer from our mines.

Editor L. K. Armstrong, of Mining, in commenting on the new ruling says: "If the ore contains 60 per cent lead and and 50 ounces in silver the value of the lead being $36, and of the silver about $34, the duty is three quarters of a cent on every pound in each ton shipped, or $15 per ton; $6 per ton in excess of the charge as heretofore made. That this will close many of the British Columbia mines temporarily is certain; and it will ultimately drive the smelting industry into British Columbia."

So far as the closing of mines is concerned this may be true in a few cases and temporarily, but the effect will not be far reaching. Only the Slocan and Ainsworth districts will feel the new measure and even there scarcely any of the properties are so low in grade as not to contain some ore which with sorting can be shipped. The chief burden will fall on prospectors, and others with limited means, as it will greatly retard development work on low grade prospects. In the end, however, these will receive the greater benefit from local smelters and consequent low transportation charges. Take it all round it appears that our neighbors are only forming plans to keep our own dollars in our own pockets.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE."

The question may not be strictly original but it is one which Nelson is asking just now more than ever. Shall we remain in swaddling clothes, dry nursed with indifferent attention, or has the time come to kick off the trammels and under municipal organization strike out for ourselves. The moment this question is asked it is usually met with numerous objections. "It means increased expenses." "The taxes are high enough already." "What's the good of it anyway?" are hurled at the head of the suggestor. THE MINER will risk this bombardment in order to point out a few facts. As the admitted commercial, business and legal center of Kootenay we owe to ourselves a consideration above a few dollars and cents. We cannot forever remain content to see affairs of the utmost importance to every citizen administered without any opportunity of a voice in the matter. If we would gather and hold the desirable class of citizens, constantly looking for a favorable place to establish themselves, much must be done in the way of putting our town in more attractive shape. Under municipal government this could be done rapidly and effectively. An organized fire department, control of our own police, retaining for local use commercial and other revenues, and many other advantages would accrue. But above all would come the administration of our affairs by those vitally interested in them, and chosen by the people for that purpose.

This is intended merely as an introductory comment. THE MINER would be glad to hear from some of our leading citizens on the subject, and these columns are open for the free discussion of this most important matter. Let us hope to here more of it and that soon.

INCREASED BUSINESS.

As will be observed by this week's dispatches MR. AUSTIN CORBIN of the Spokane Falls and Northern Railroad has given expression to some views regarding an increased train service between Nelson and Spokane. The improvement which the manager of the road has in view is the putting on of a through train daily each way between Nelson and Spokane. The indications are that this new order will go into effect about May 1st.

This will be very gratifying news to all interested in this section. Not only will the increased service be of great value to all resident business men and mine owners, but the effect from an outside stand point cannot but be beneficial. Those who are watching the progress of Kootenay with a view to investments will find in this an unquestionable indication of general growth and increased prosperity. To all such it will be a warning against delays. Our "ground floors" are becoming less numerous every day. Do not delay too long before getting in on one of them.

NOTES.

This week the fleet of steamers plying on Kootenay Lake has received an addition in the shape of the Kokanee a boat about equal in tonnage the s.s. Nelson. Another boat is being built for the C. & K. S. N. Co., at Nakusp. These are some of the many indications of the rapid increase in the transportation requirements of this section and the growing volume of business throughout Kootenay generally.

The London Mining Journal in the issue of March 21st. devotes nearly a column to West Kootenay. The article outlines the development in the Rossland and Trail Creek districts and points out the numerous advantages which that region possesses for profitable investments. After describing the leading properties and their present condition the writer concludes:

In 1895 Trail Creek shipped 20,000 tons of ore, but in 1896 there is little doubt but five times this quantity of ore will be produced. This shows wonderful progress in a single year, and justifies the hopes of those who think that British Columbia will have the most prosperous gold mining camps in the world in five years. Such words as these from a journal of recognized standing and vast influence in the great mining centers of the world cannot but result in great good. This especially at a time when so many are seeking reliable information regarding our mining resources.

The Spokesman Review of Spokane makes some editorial comments on the financial conditions of the East as compared with this region. After pointing out that business failures in the east have been heaviest in history during the first quarter of 1896, while the Pacific Northwest has enjoyed a prosperity and freedom from failures not known for years, the article proceeds:

Some day the eastern people will understand that they have the wrong end of the financial poker. If they were not dense in their understanding of the money problem, they would have learned before this that it is the attempt to go to the gold basis that is generating their financial and industrial troubles; that the predicted wave of prosperity which was promised as the reward of the repeal of the Sherman law has not put in appearance; and that the country was prosperous when silver was coined, and is in distress now that business has been forced to the gold standard.

The Pacific coast can endure the gold standard if the east can stand it. We have gold mines and can produce new supplies of legal tender; the east has neither gold nor silver, and must be pinched by the effort to limit coinage to one metal. The wonder is that it can stand so much of the pinching process and still hug the delusion that the shoe is a fine fit.

SECOND EPISTLE TO THE KOOTNITES.

Being the Writings of One ABOU PEN STUB, The Chaldean, Concerning Divers Things.

And it came to pass that the time drew nigh when lots were to be cast throughout the tribes, for behold it was necessary to select men to go up to the Sanhedrim.

And behold the people gathered in the gates of the cities, in the highways yea even in the synagogues, and said one to another "Whom shall we select to go up to the Sanhedrim to make laws for the people?"

And some said one thing, and some another, each according to their several wishes.

And many chief men were spoken of and some who were not chief men.

And many voices were lifted up, and men waxed warm, yea even wroth, and some cried, "Nay, nay, go to" when certain ones were named.

And behold a certain scribe went about gathering the words of the multitude that he might engross them on a scroll.

Now this scribe had dwelt among the Romans and had learned of their wisdom, and was a tribune.

Moreover he was viliant, a mighty man, renouned not only as a skillful scribe, but for warlike deeds.

And as he went out among the people behold on a certain day he was struck with an idea.

And the whizzing thereof was like unto a comet, and it struck hard.

And he said "behold these men are jays" which in the ancient Hebrew means men without knowledge.

"Now I, even I, am filled with learning, wise in the ways of law. Behold I would look well in a toga. Go to, I will announce myself. Yea the people will fall over themselves to cast lots for me."

And he wrote it on many scrolls and cast it forth among the people.

Then the people gathered, having read the scrolls and many wagged their heads and said "Ha! ha!" and some said "Selah" which in the Egyptian tongue is "rats."

And the scribe's name was on the lips of the people for many days.

But behold on a certain day all the tribes gathered and lots were cast.

And the name which was on many tongues was written on few of the lots.

And another man went up to the Sanhedrim.

And that night a certain man dwelt in his tent and thought deeply, but his thoughts were not written on a scroll because none fireproof was at hand.

And I, Abou Pen Stub the Chaldean, prophesy these things concerning the land of the Kootnites, and behold it shall yet come to pass as it appeared to me in a vision.

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NOTICE.
IF THOMAS MALLOY, WHO WAS IN Nelson in 1892, will communicate, by letter, with the undersigned he will hear of something to his advantage.
W. A. JOWETT, Nelson, B. C.

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

I hereby give notice that thirty days from this date I intend to apply to the Stipendiary Magistrate for a license to sell wines and liquors by retail at the Crescent House.
MAY HARTSON.
Nelson, March 7, 1896. (308,7,3,6)

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE NOTICE that Charles H. Ellacott acting as agent for William Perdue and John Brown and John G. McKay, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favor of the mineral claim "Zilor," situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay.
Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.
Dated Nelson, B. C., Feb. 17, 1896. (295,25,2.6)

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE NOTICE that J. F. Ritchie, as agent John C. Gore, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the mineral claim "C and C," situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District.
Adverse claimants (if any) must file their objections within 60 days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.
Nelson, B. C., Feb. 13, 1896. (290. 15-2-6.)

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE Notice that Frank C. Loring has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the mineral claim "St. Elmo," situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of the District of West Kootenay.
Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the date of the first appearance of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.
Dated Nelson, Feb. 1, 1896. [285-8,2,6]

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE Notice that Oliver Bordau has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the mineral claim "Lily May" situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District.
Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the date of the first appearance of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.
Dated Nelson B. C., Feb. 3, 1896. (286-8,2,6)

Notice of Application for a Crown Grant.

NOTICE is hereby given that E. Mahon has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favor of the mineral claim "Pacific" situated in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay.
Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.
Dated Nelson, B. C., March 5, 1896. (307,7,3,6)

Notice of Application for a Crown Grant.

TAKE NOTICE that Frank Fletcher, as agent for John J. Baker and James F. Burr, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a crown grant in favor of the mineral claim "Queen Victoria," situated in the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay.
Adverse claimants (if any) must file their objections within 60 days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.
Dated at Nelson. B. C., Feb. 21, 1896. (300,22,2,5)

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE NOTICE that W. A. Jowett, acting as agent for Edward Mahon, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the mineral claim "Yorkee Joke," situated in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay.
Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.
N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.
Dated at Nelson, March 17, 1896. [313]

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENT.

CUMBERLAND MINERAL CLAIM.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT. WHERE LOCATED—TOAD MOUNTAIN.

TAKE NOTICE that I, W. A. Jowett, as agent for E. Mahon, free miner's certificate No. 51,931, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.
And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.
Dated this 25th day of January, 1896.
W. A. JOWETT, Agent for E. Mahon
(216—23, 11, 5)

Dissolution of Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Frank Simpson and Julius Ehrlich, carrying on business as general grocers at Baker Street, Nelson, under the firm name of Simpson & Co., was on the 18th day of March instant, dissolved by mutual consent. Julius Ehrlich retiring. Frank Simpson will continue the business as heretofore under the name of F. Simpson & Company.
And further take notice, that Mr. Robert L. Sowell is authorized to collect and discharge all debts due to and owing by the late firm and all persons indebted thereto are requested to pay the same to Mr. Robert L. Sowell forthwith, and his receipt shall be a sufficient discharge.
JULIUS EHRLICH, FRANK SIMPSON.
Witness: LEWIS GOLDEN.
Nelson, March 27 1896. (318)

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE partnership heretofore existing between T. B. May and Horace Duhamel carrying on business as barbers at Nelson, B.C., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.
The said T. B. May assumes all liabilities and all indebtedness of the said firm is to be paid to him.
Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 31st day of March, 1896.
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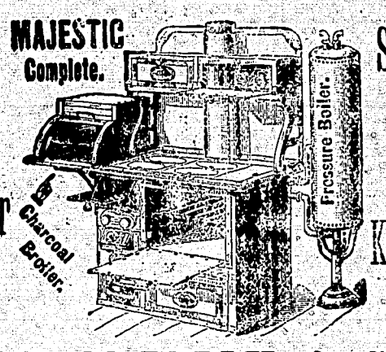

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GOLD IN CANADA.

The Pall Mall Gazette is Surprised at British Columbia.

Among the influential English papers which are just now devoting considerable space to British Columbia mining affairs the Pall Mall Gazette is the latest. Some comments in that paper brought forth the following communication which is given a prominent place in the issue of March 23th.

To the Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette.

Sir,—In your issue of to day it is remarked: "While one has become accustomed to regard Canada and British Columbia as a district in which stock-raising, lumber and agriculture are the main pursuits, it is somewhat of a surprise to find it laying claims to gold production;" and "Canadian gold is not, according to habit, regard as the genuine stuff."

Canada and British Columbia can hardly be regarded as a district, seeing that British Columbia is only one of the Canadian provinces. Regarding the gold product of the province of Ontario, I confess I know nothing, but as a British Columbian since 1870 I may be permitted to point out that gold mining in my province has attracted attention since 1858-9 when the large exodus of miners from California to British Columbia opened up operations in the famed Cariboo district. It is estimated that the output of gold there to the present time amounts to some $45,000,000, while other parts of the province have furnished at least $10,000,000 additional; and "genuine stuff" at that. At the present time several hydraulic gold mining companies are operating in the Cariboo country, in addition to white and Chinese miners engaged in the more primitive methods of extraction. Large areas of gold-bearing country are still untouched.

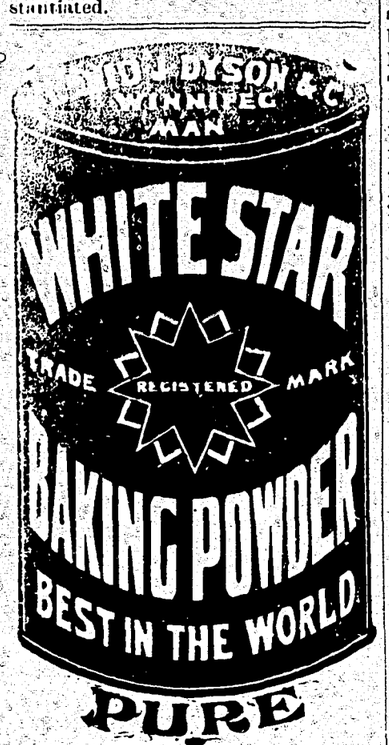
West Kootenay, British Columbia, is, without doubt, the most extensive and promising mining region in Canada. While development of the silver mines has rapidly progressed for several years, rich gold-bearing ores are being constantly discovered, Trail Creek in particular having attracted much attention in connection with its rich gold and copper deposits.

At Alberni, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, placer gold and quartz ledges show unmistakably the existence of the precious metal, while without exaggeration it can be stated that in almost every section of this enormous province gold has been discovered.

I have heard it asserted more than once that British Columbia must eventually rank with, if not excel, South Africa and Australia as a producer of precious metals. Of this, however, there can be no question, the province of to-day, with its liberal mining laws and absolute protection, offers a rich and extensive field to the prospector and capitalist; and I venture to predict it will be no matter of surprise to either that British Columbia's claim as a gold producer is, after all, well grounded.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant, ROBERT WARD.

Junior Constitutional Club, Piccadilly, March 20th.

Mr. Ward might have also added that with over $3,000,000 last year and a conservative estimate of $10,000,000 for the output for 1896 the West Kootenay district will in five or six years produce a higher value in gold, silver lead and copper than all the gold of far famed Cariboo. By the time British Columbia reaches the $100,000,000 mark which it is fast approaching in mineral production our claims a mining country should be fairly substantiated.



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THE TOLTEC MANUSCRIPT.

From Tales by Old Timers.

Original for THE MINER

By J. F. BLEDSOE.

The hush which always follows an interesting story well told had passed away. "Old Hank" had carried his mutilated hand around for inspection as the finale to his rattle snake yarn and comments were being made on his unavailing efforts to again locate the venom guarded spot in the deserts of Arizona.

"Talking about lost mines," said Tom Allison, "you all heard of old Jim Munn, leastwise, any of you who ever prospected along the Mexican border must. Well now there was a man what had a 'lost mine' bee in his bonnet. A regular bumble bee. Why I reckon that Jim Munn spent $20,000 trying to find a man what could read a little dirty scrap of skin not more than three inches wide and six inches long with a couple of dozen 'glyphics or what you call 'em on it'"

"What? None of you ever heard that yarn? Well, well."

The look of contempt on the face of the speaker demanded apology of some kind, and the only thing handy was passed.

"Well now that's good stuff. Here's lookin' at you. That yarn? Oh that's old but here goes."

"Well you see old Jim Munn, he wan't so old in them days, had spent some time knocking around Arizona and the border and more than once risked his hair in trying to get into the Yaqui country down in Old Mexico. Say boys there is places down among them pesky Injuns where the ledges stick out bigger than a house—but that ain't my yarn. Well I meets Jim after not running up against him for about two years, and I says 'Jim where you been.' Then he ups and takes me out to a quiet corner and shows me a little piece of buckskin all daubed over with queer scrawls and says 'Tom Allison you find me a man what can read that and your fortune's made'."

"Now I ain't caring much about a fortune in them days, having some dust, but I got a bump of curiosity bigger'n a antelope and I says 'Give us the yarn first and we'll hunt the man after'."

"Then Jim begins, 'Well Tom you remember when I left two years ago saying I'll make the Yaqui range or bust. Well I made it this time, but I don't know if I made much else. Now I got across the border all right and was striking straight for the Sierra Madre range.

"'One day I was plodding down a narrow canyon shut in by cliffs piled high on either side, when, just as I was thinking of making a halt for the night, I rounded a sharp corner and came suddenly on a little round valley. On all sides the ridges ran up for thousands of feet, but there was a basin about a mile across, level and rank with grass. Clumps of small trees dotted it here and there and away across toward the farthest cliff I saw some tumble down ruins. Now you know ruins is mighty plentiful down that way, so I only scouted around until I concluded none of them pesky Yaquis was about, and then went up toward the old buildings for a camp.

"'Well I got some supper and went prowling around, up and down over the heaps of rubbish and broken walls, for it must have been a mighty big place some day. Then I got out to one wing like and was passing under an arch when I heard a cry that made be jump, and brought out my gun instanter, I had just stepped into a big room lighted by round openings which must have been meant for windows. Over across the room on a pile of worn skins I saw the being what made the noise. Say Tom that was the nearest I ever come to running away in my life. It was a man but such a man I never come across. Hair, why his hair was two feet long and his beard more than a yard and all white as snow. Skin like a badly tanned buckskin. Eyes round and fierce as a cat and big as a half dollar. He threw up a hand like the claws of a buzzard and I stopped. Then he at me in a lingo that I never heard before and you know I've heard most jargon in them parts. I answered in my best Mexicano. He only glared the harder. Then with a jerk as if his jaws needed oiling he mumbled in bad Mexican 'Are you Spanish?' 'No senor an American'," I replied.

"'I thought he looked a little plensed at that but he fell back on the pile of skins. I saw he was weak and most likely sick. Over in a corner I saw where there had been a fire but not for some time. I looked around but not a scrap of grub could I see, then I tumbled. The old man was starving as well as sick.' Then I got a move on, and in less than no time had a fire going in the corner and a slice of deer meat toasting, say, you should have seen him tear that meat and swig that coffee. When he had filled himself up he crawled back to the pile of skins."

"'Senor' said I, "what are you doing here?"

"'Nothing, I am an old man, I am dying I am doing nothing, nothing at all; his voice rose to a rusty scream. 'But', he went on, 'the senor is kind, he has a good heart he will not harm an old man."

"'No, of course not" I said.

"'Well Tom I suppose it was too much meat all to once but next morning the old man was clean out of his head and mumbling in the stranger lingo again. I tried all I could but no go. Any of my Spanish only seemed to make him worse. Some days went by and I was wondering how it would come out when I heard the old man faintly call.

"'Yes senor" I answered.

"'Sick, very sick,' he muttered, 'Old man die soon.'

"'Oh no not yet, you will come around all right.'

"'No. Soon dead,' and he shook his head I knew he was right.

"'The senor wonders to find me here. Listen, the senor has been kind. I am the last of my race, why should I not tell you.'

"'Then Tom that old man spun me a yarn that beat creation I tell you. It seems he was a direct descendent of an old Toltic tribe and this was one of their temples for sun worship in times gone by. When the Spaniards came the tribe had fought them hard and long but to no use. Finally the rest fell back and found hiding away out there in that secret valley where for ages they had went once a year to perform the great sun feast and butcher people to stand in with their god. Gradually they had died out until the last of them, that old man, had been left alone for more years than you or I will live. You know how them beggars hold onter life. Then his mind began to wander off and the first thing I knew he was talkin' of gold. Gold in chunks, in lumps, by the ton until my hair stood on end. About every second word was in his own lingo but enough Spanish run through it to make me savvey.

"So the night passed and it was along toward sun up when he came to himself.

"'Senor' he said, 'carry me out into the open, let me see the great sun once more' So I lifted him up and took him to a place where the first sunshine over the hills would break on his face.

"One after another the streaks of sunshine came over the hill. The old man threw himself forward on his face. Then lifting his hands began a song. This ended I carried him back, and for an hour or two he rested quiet. Then I went out and rounded up the pack stock and squinted about for any signs of trouble but saw nothing. When I got back the old man was lying in the same place but seemed to be worn out like he been doing some hard work.

"'Senor come here,' he said, and I went up.

"'There is something for you.' Then he handed me a plate of gold about a foot across on which was a human face surrounded by rays. I know what it was for I had seen the same thing on many of the ruins only in stone. It was an image of the sun god of the Toltecs.

"Santa Maria" I cried "for the love of heaven where did you get this?

"'It is one of many, hidden deep from thieving, butchering Spaniards' he replied, 'more I can't tell you.'

"Then I begged and pleaded, what good would it do when he, the last of them Toltecs, was dead. Why not let me know.

"Suddenly the old man lifted his head. 'Swear to me' he said, 'that not one drop of Spanish blood flows in your veins, and that not one grain of all shall ever cross Spanish palm.'

"I swore fast enough for I always did like a Greaser anyhow' Then he fumbled inside his skin shirt brought out this bit of hide and unrolling it started.

"'Senor many years ago, this was the grave of my last friend. Hunted, hunted back by the Spaniards to this little valley. Here they built this temple and many men's children grew old, and their children closed their eyes. But always death kept creeping up and the settlement grew less and less. I know not how long ago since I closed the eyes of my brother the last but myself to go.

"Long before I was born or my grandfather either the tribe hollowed out a place in the cliffs up yonder. Into this was stored the treasures of many a temple which the fierce Spanish robbers would have looted. There it rests today and here is the key to its hiding place. When my brother died I grew lonely and wandered away for years. Time and time again I have sat, the despised old Indian, and listened to tales of plunder and hidden treasure by the Mexicans as they now call themselves. Listened and smiled to think on what I knew. Then years came on me and a great longing to die here among the bones of my fathers.'

"The old man's voice grew weaker, his breath came in grasps, 'By and by I will tell you more. Tomorrow it shall be yours—who are good to the old Indian.'

"Well Tom I tell you I didn't sleep much that night thinking of that gold and fondling the chunk I had. I got up by daylight and took a turn around to ease my mind. Well I wandered off a little way more 'n I mean't and it was sun up when I got back. Now comes the cursed part of my luck. That old man had crawled out into the sunshine and was lying on his face, I got no answer to my question of how he felt, and when I turned him over he was stone dead. I tore off his shirt and got that skin but what good was it. Nothin' but birds and heads and zizzags all over, 'glyphics they call 'em, Well then I guess I went a little off for I charged and tore around them ruins some I tell you. It was no go. Up and down the rocks I climbed, for he said 'in the cliffs up yonder,' but not a trace. Well there ain't much more. I stayed a month; then them Yaquis came skulking around and gave me a close race for the border and here I am. You come down to my cabin tonight and I'll show you that gold face.

"Well I went" said Tom Allison after a pause, "and there it was, solid gold, weighing about fifteen pounds.

"That was nigh onto thirty years ago," continued the narrator, twice Jim Munn risked his hair among them Yaquis but no go.

"Then an idea that maybe some of them fellers what monkey round the pyrmids might read that skin and off he goes. Back he would come busted, go inter the diggings, pile up a stake and try again. I guess every scientific snoozer in Europe knows old Munn and that piece of buckskin but not a galoot of them could ever make head or tail of its meaning. Last I heard of him he was out in Berlin lookin' up some Dutchie what claims to savvie them thing, but I guess not, leastwise I ain't heard from Jim for five or six years."

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Trains leave Nelson for Spokane every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, returning leave Spokane TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS at 7 a. m., and making close connection by S.S. Nelson with all Kootenay Lake points.
Passengers for Kettle River and Boundary Creek, connect at Marcus with stage on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
Passengers for Trail Creek mines connect at Northport with stage Daily.

Kaslo & Slocan Railway.
TIME CARD NO. 1.

GOING WEST.	Daily	GOING EAST.
Leave 9.00 a. m.	Kaslo	Arrive 3.50 p.m.
" 8.36 a. m.	South Fork	" 3.15 p.m.
" 9.36 a. m.	Sproule's	" 2.15 p.m.
" 9.51 a. m.	Whitewater	" 2.00 p.m.
" 10.03 a. m.	Bear Lake	" 1.48 p.m.
" 10.18 a. m.	McGuigan	" 1.33 p.m.
" 10.30 a. m.	Bailey's	" 1.21 p.m.
" 10.39 a. m.	Junction	" 1.12 p.m.
Arr. 10.50 a. m.	Sandon	Leave 1.00 p.m.

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For rates and information apply at th Company's offices.
ROBT. IRVING, Traffic Manager. W. H. McGRAW, Superintendent.
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COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY STEAM NAV. CO
(LIMITED)
TIME CARD No. 9.
In Effect March 15th, 1896.
REVELSTOKE ROUTE—Steamer "Nakusp"
Leaves Arrowhead for Nakusp and Robson Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 8 p. m.
Leaves Robson for Nakusp, Wigwam and Canadian Pacific Railway points (east and west) Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m.
Connection is made at Robson with C. & K. Ry. for Nelson and Kootenay Lake points and with Str. "Lytton" for Trail and Northport.
TRAIL-ROBSON ROUTE.
Steamer "Lytton."
Leaves Trail for Robson on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a. m., returning to Trail same evening.
Close connections at Robson with Str. "Nakusp" for Nakusp and Revelstoke and with C. & K. Ry. for Nelson and Lake points.
NORTHPORT-TRAIL ROUTE
Steamer "Lytton."
Leaves Trail for Northport on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 a. m.
Returning leaves same days Northport for Trail at 1 p. m., arriving at Trail 5 p. m.
Connects at Northport with S. F. & N. Ry. for Spokane.
NELSON-KASLO ROUTE.—"Str Nelson."
Leaves Nelson for Kaslo, Sundays at 4 p. m., Tuesdays at 5.30 p. m., Wednesdays at 5.30 p. m., Thursdays at 5.30 p. m., Fridays at 5.30 p. m., Saturdays at 5.30 p. m. Connecting on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with N. & F. S. Ry. at Five Mile Point and with C. & K. Ry. on Wednesdays and Fridays for Kaslo and Lake points.
Leaves Kaslo for Nelson, Sundays at 8 a. m., Mondays at 3 a. m., Wednesdays at 3 a. m., Thursdays at 8 a. m., Fridays at 3 a. m., Saturdays at 8 a. m. Connecting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Five Mile Point with N. & F. S. Ry. for Spokane and at Nelson with Columbia & Kootenay Railway for all C.P.R. points, Arrowhead, Nakusp and Trail.
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T. ALLAN, Secretary. J. W. TROUP, Manager.

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