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INCORPORATION.

Enterprising Citizens of Nelson Act Energetically.

A PETITION IS NUMEROUSLY SIGNED.

The Appeal of the Miner is Promptly Responded to by the Principal People of the Town.

The suggestion of the MINER last week for the immediate incorporation of Nelson has been enthusiastically taken up by all public spirited citizens of the town. The prevailing sentiment is that the rapid increase of Nelson's population from this time on makes local government absolutely essential, and nearly everyone seems to appreciate the great advantages to be derived from the general improvement of the public condition The present distressing state of most of the streets is, alone, no small incentive for many to willingly sign the petition for incorporation that is to be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Interest in the matter culminated last night in a mass meeting at the Fire Hall which was called to order and presided over by J. A. Turner, president of the South Kootenay Board of Trade with W. A. Jowett as secretary.

After explaining the object of the meeting and stating the satisfaction he felt in the favorable prospect for Nelson becoming a municipality and a place of great importance, Mr. Turner called for an expression of ideas by some of those present.

Dr. E. C. Arthur then moved the adoption of the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. A. Sherwood:—

THE RESOLUTION.

Whereas; the town of Nelson has assumed such proportions in population and business interests and gives indications of future great importance as a place of residence and commerce to fully warrant the inauguration of a system of municipal government;

And, whereas; the taxes collected every year by the provincial government in the town of Nelson are not returned to the full benefit of tax payers and residents, and could be much more advantageously expended by a municipal administration;

And whereas the tax payers and residents, almost without exception, favor a municipal form of government and have signed a petition to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the incorporation of the Town of Nelson under a special Act of the Legislative Assembly.

Therefore be it resolved that it is the sense of the people of Nelson, in mass meeting assembled, that delegates resident and interested in the welfare of the town be now appointed to proceed to Victoria forthwith and confer with and assist the member for the South Riding of West Kootenay in presenting said petition and to do all in their power to secure the granting of the same without further delay.

After some discussion, it was decided that Messrs. J. H. Houston, C. Hillyer and John Elliott should constitute a committee to assist the member for this district in securing the granting of the petition.

A second committee consisting of Messrs. Clements, J. Dover, A. H. Kelly, W. A. McDonald and J. A. Gibson, was appointed to raise subscriptions necessary for the expenses of the delegates to Victoria.

THE PETITION.

To the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The Petition of the ratepayers and residents of the Town of Nelson, in the District of West Kootenay, British Columbia, Humbly Sheweth:

1. That Your Petitioners are desirous of having the Town of Nelson incorporated.

2. Owing to the fact that the Province of British Columbia and the Columbia and Kootenay Railway Company own more than one half in value of the land to be included in the limits of the said Town of Nelson, it is impossible without their consent to obtain the necessary Petition required by the provisions of the "Municipalities Incorporation Act 1896."

3 Your petitioners are informed that the Province of British Columbia and the said Columbia and Kootenay Railway Company will not sign the necessary Petition required by the said Act.

4. The value of assessable property in the said Town of Nelson, if incorporated, would, it is estimated exceed half a million dollars ($500,000.)

5. The resident population of the said Town of Nelson is over two thousand (2000) and is increasing.

6. A large number of buildings for business and residental purposes have been erected during the past year, and many others are in the course of erection.

7. Your petitioners feel the necessity of local Municipal Government so that improvements may be made to meet the demands of an increasing population, and a fast growing town.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that an Act may be introduced by the Government and passed at the ensuing session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British incorporating the town of Nelson, with all powers, or

That the "Municipalities Incorporation Act 1896" be so amended as to allow Your Petitioners to come within the provisions of such Act and to enable the Town of Nelson to become a corporate body by the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, etc., etc., etc.

Dated at Nelson, British Columbia, this third day of February, A.D. 1897.

The committee in charge of the collection for money necessary to defray the expenses of the delegates at Victoria, collected nearly $250. in a few hours this morning.

Patients at the Hospital.

The following cases of sickness are reported from the Kootenay Lake General Hospital for the month of January:—

Those admitted: one typhoid,, one depressed skull, three la grippe, one pneumonia, one pleurisy, one pneumonia-typhoid, one intestinal grippe and one appendicitis.

Discharged cases are: Typhoid 2, inflicted wound 1, la grippe 1, pluerisy 1, frozen feet 1, depressed skull 1.

There was one death from pneumonia during the month.

STRIKE RICH ORE.

A Big Body Struck in the Old Tunnel of the Silver King Mine.

Friday morning the news quickly spread through Nelson that a big strike had been made in the Silver King mine. It was at first supposed that a large ore body had been discovered in the long tunnel which is being driven on the lower levels. Inquiries at the mine, however, proved that such is not the case. The development of the old tunnel is responsible for the discovery. It is said that the ore lately uncovered is of considerable extent and of richer grade than any heretofore found in the mine. The management acknowledges that a strike has been made but refuses to give any further information.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

A Sandon Man Said to Have Fled Fearing Imprisonment.

Special Telegram to THE MINER.

Sandon, Feb. 6.—Louis Dansereau at one time manager of the Sandon branch of the Slocan Store and latterly manager of the Clift hotel here is charged with stealing $135 and $282. He is also supposed to have mismanaged the Clift hotel to the extent of a $3000 shortage which cannot be accounted for and which has nearly ruined the proprietor of the house.

The charge was made against Dansereau last week and he was placed under $500 bonds pending further evidence in the matter being obtained. Bruce White the superintendent of the Slocan Star mine became responsible for half this amount and Dansereau the balance. The hearing of the case before the local magistrate was to have taken place last Friday but the defendant was not to be found. It is proved that he has since fled the country and is supposed to have gone to Vancouver or Seattle by way of Revelstoke.

The police authorities throughout the Pacific north-west have been advised of the case and are on the lookout for Dansereau. If caught, he will be brought back to Sandon to stand trial.

The missing man had the reputation here of spending money very freely.

BRITISH SUBJECTS.

The Assistance of Canadians Asked for the Famine and Plague Sufferers in India.

The MINER has received the following circular from the Montreal "Star" which explains itself:—

India needs our help; the famine is upon her, and according to the estimate of the highest authorities, the lives of six millions of people are in danger—a British population greater than that of all Canada. Both the Imperial and Indian governments are moving in the work of relief; but this is a case that cannot be left to governments alone. It appeals to humanity generally. The people of Britain have taken up the work of relief, and their example is being followed in other lands. Even the Russians are sending money and food to India.

Canadians cannot turn a deaf ear to the cry of their fellow British subjects in the far east, and the means of sending effectual assistance has now been provided. A Relief Fund—the first to be started in Canada—has been opened by the Montreal Star newspaper, and its publisher has headed the subscription list with a donation of five hundred dollars. Premier Laurier has written the Star a letter, in which he expresses hearty approval of the relief movement, and he contributes a handsome cheque to the fund.

A joint memorial signed by all the Protestant clergymen of Montreal has been received by the Star expressing approval and support of the Relief Fund movement.

Every subscription to the Star's Famine Fund, great or small, will be publicly acknowledged.

Nelson's Monthly Revenue.

Summary statement of goods imported and exported and the revenue collected at the port of Nelson, B.C. during January, 1897.

IMPORTS.	
Dutiable	$111,456 00
Free	28,652 00
Total Imports	$140,108 00
REVENUE.	
Duty Collected	$31,971 47
Other Revenues	39 18
Total Revenue	$32,000 65
EXPORTS.	
The Mine, Ore 3403 tons	$ 258,779 00
Copper Matte 1141 "	416,727 00
Total Mine	$675,506 00
Animals and their Produce	4894 00
Manufactures	5255 00
Total Exports	$675,506 09

For Masters and Mates.

Captain James Gaudin of Victoria, an official of the Dominion Marine and fisheries department, has arrived here for the purpose of examining those who desire to obtain certificates as masters and mates of navigation. He will hold examinations of applicants at Kaslo today and at Robson on next Tuesday.

State Capitol Burned.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 6th.—The state capitol of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, has been totally destroyed by fire. Valuable state papers were destroyed. The estimated damage is $1,500,000.

MINING ASSOCIATION.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF OWNERS AND MANAGERS AT KASLO.

To Perfect organization and Watch and Advise on all Legislation Affecting Mining Interests.

Special telegram to THE MINER.

Kaslo, Feb. 6.—Last evening a meeting was held in the offices of George Alexander for the purpose of forming a mine owners association. H. E. Croasdaile was chosen as chairman and John Keen as secretary.

The following committee was appointed to draft a constitution and report at a meeting to be held in the same place next Saturday evening: T. G. Proctor, Geo. Alexander, John Keen, Major Montgomery, John G. McGuigan and Mayor Green.

The association will be composed of mining companies, mine owners, managers, superintendents and others interested in mines. Mining companies joining the association will be represented by their managers or such other official they see fit to name, the same to be a member of the association. Each person joining the association shall pay an entrance fee of twenty dollars and each mining company fifty dollars and assessment in proportion to the initiation fee made by managing committee necessary to defray legal or other expenses incurred by the association. The members of the association are thoroughly in earnest and will use their utmost influence to accomplish advantageous and just legislation for the mining interests of the province.

The gathering was a very representative one, the principal mineowners and managers of the district being present.

A LAWLESS CONSTABLE.

The Venerable Paddy Miles as a gay Lothario and a Disturber of the Peace.

The proverb, "the course of true love never runs smoothly," has been proved to the satisfaction of Constable John Miles. "Wine, women and song" have seriously interfered with the courses of many bright careers, but when a mixture of rye, bourbon and pugilism is interjected, the result is generally in the courts of the country.

At an early hour Thursday morning Constable Miles and William Cowgill, otherwise known as Porcupine Billy, a porter for the Stanley house, came to blows and the latter was very badly used up. When hostilities had been suspended, Mr. Cowgill's face looked as though it had been through a threshing machine, and Miles in the bigness of his heart took him to the bar, bought the drinks and they parted like old friends. Later on Miles was surprised to receive a summons to appear before Judge Forin and to answer to a charge of assault and battery.

When the case was called Thursday afternoon, the court room was crowded with people. Cowgill in giving his testimony said that on the morning in question he was in the Central saloon purchasing a flask of whiskey for a lady friend and at that instant Constable Miles passed through the place. The witness left the bottle at the house of his friend and then proceeded to the Stanley house. In the course of his duties around the building he was cleaning some lamp glasses in the bath room and while there he was approached and accosted by Constable John Miles. The latter exhibited a flask of whiskey and charged him with bringing it to Mrs. McDonald, the proprietress of the house. The witness denied the allegation and told Miles that it was none of his business anyway. Miles told witness that he saw him purchasing the whiskey and had found it under the lady's bed mattress. One word led to another until Miles struck at him and then the men became so busy that they took no note of time. The witness was sure that Miles was the agressor. In answer to a question from the court as to what became of the glass chimney the witness was holding when Miles approached him Cowgill said:

"I don't know what t'll became of it."

"William Cowgill," sternly said his honor, "if you use such language in this court you are liable to be put in jail for three months for contempt of court."

James McKernon for the prosecution testified that he had heard the noise occasioned by the fight and when he went upstairs to the bathroom to see what it was about he met Cowgill coming out. Cowgill's face was covered with blood and the floor of the room had blood smeared all over it. Mrs. McDonald's son testified to practically the same thing and said that he served the combatants with a drink. He alleged that on the following morning his mother said she would just as soon marry a rattlesnake as Constable Miles.

The defendant in his testimony said that the relations between himself and Mrs. McDonald were very friendly and that it was his intention to make the lady his wife. He believed that her son was very antagonistic to such an arrangement, but as far as he knew Mrs. McDonald was favorable to it. The lady was addicted to the use of alcoholic stimulants and on several occasions he had told Cowgill not to take liquor to her as she could get all she wanted at the bar. On the morning in question he went to the Central Hotel saloon and saw Cowgill trying to hide a flask about his person. Later, the witness went to the Stanley House and asked Mrs. McDonald if Cowgill had given her any whiskey. She denied it, but upon searching, the witness found it under her bed mattress. Miles then went to the bath room and charged Cowgill with taking the liquor to her. Cowgill was engaged in cleaning a lamp chimney and called the constable a liar and other bad names, at the same time striking at him with the glass. Miles guarded the blow and retaliated, and to use his own words "it was a regular fight and that was all there was to it." They went down stairs together after the fight and took a drink and Miles thought "they were both perfectly satisfied." The witness said that he only acted in self defense.

"Did you have your badge on at the time?" asked the court.

"I don't remember," was the reply. "It was according to the vest I wore."

"It would have been better if you had left it off to-day," remarked the court.

Judge Forin then went on to say that he was surprised to know that a man who had been an officer for eighteen years, would so far forget the dignity of his position to indulge in a fight. He might expect it from a man like Cowgill but not from an old officer like the defendant. A constable, he said, was an officer of the peace and should be the last man to transgress the laws which he was paid to see maintained. The court adjourned the case for eight days so as to give him an opportunity to consult with the provincial authorities before rendering a decision.

FROM KASLO.

A Heavy Fine Imposed—The Water System—An Era of Prosperity.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

Kaslo, Feb. 6.—D. D. McPhail departed on Tuesday for Toronto.

F. A. Woods, manager of the Last Chance mine, left last Tuesday for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will remain the rest of the winter.

Owing to the blockade on the Columbia river, C.P.R. passengers were taken from Sandon by the Kaslo and Slocan railway last Monday.

Superintendent Bryan of the K. & S. railway went down to Five Mile Point on Wednesday to see the new rotary snow plow transferred to a barge.

The test of the water system for protection against fire was very satisfactory. There is sufficient pressure to throw a stream of water over the tallest building in town.

W. S. Sanders, the news dealer, was before Judge Chipman last Wednesday on the charge of selling liquors without a license. He was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars. Sanders will at once file an appeal bond and test the case in a higher court.

The Kootenay Ore Company's sampling works are handling from five to seven cars of ore per day and everything about the plant is working smoothily. The mine owners generally are realizing what a benefit the plant is to them.

Owing to the mildness of the weather the carnival advertised to take place at the rink on Monday last failed to materialize. For the same reason the curling match between the Sandon and Kaslo clubs has been postponed.

G. O. Buchanan's saw mill is closed down temporarily while additional machinery is being put in place. When completed the plant will be double its present size and have a daily capacity of 50,000 feet. The plant will employ seventy men during the coming season.

It is reported that Frank C. Loring, of Spokane, has bonded the Silver Bell on the south fork of Kaslo river for a good round sum, but at this writing the report could not be verified.

Superintendent Hodge of the Kootenay Lake Telephone system installed seventeen instruments while in Kaslo this week and left Wednesday for Rossland where he expects to make arrangements for truck line connections.

A LIVELY CAMP.

The Business and Social News of Ainsworth for the Past Week.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

Ainsworth, Feb. 6.—T. J. Lendrum has gone to Europe. J. W. Smith is looking after Mr. Lendrum's interests in his absence.

At a dance held here last Thursday night every body who attended enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Messrs. Steele and Gibson have started about a dozen men to work on the Black Diamond with Dan McDonald as foreman.

The Tariff mine, owned by Braden and Mathews, made a shipment of ore last week. A steam pump on the property is now used to keep the water down and a Burleigh drill is also in operation. About 20 men are working at the mine.

Quite a number of small properties are being worked here and a number of capitalists have visited the camp this winter looking after Ainsworth property. Seven experts were here at one time last week. The prospects of this camp never looked brighter than at present.

E. D. Carter, owner of the Highlander, was in town last week looking after his interests. The parties who had the contract to run an upraise to the surface to furnish the miners with good air, completed their contract while Mr. Carter was here. They will do more development work on the property.

Mr. Alpherson, one of the owners of the Dellie mine, was in town last week. He has had a crew of men working on his property all winter, and it is showing up very well. The No. 1 mine is working full blast and the concentrator is running night and day. Mr. Shaw, the manager, made another shipment of concentrates to Everett last week. The mine is looking better every day.

THROUGH BURNT PASS.

COLUMBIA AND WESTERN RAILWAY AGAIN EXTENDED.

Mr. Heinze's Intention is Probably a Direct Line to Tidewater.—West to Penticton.

F. Aug. Heinze, of the Columbia and Western railway, is said to be perfecting arrangements for the extension of his road westward to the Okanogan country as far as Penticton, a small town on Okanogan lake.

The MINER is in a position to say that should this be done, a different route than the direct extension from Rossland westward will be chosen. The Trail-Robson branch of the system will cross the Columbia river at or near Robson, and after skirting the west shore of that stream will run along the valley of Dog creek, a small tributary of the Columbia which has its source near the summit of the Gold range. These lofty mountains form the divide between the valley of the Columbia and the Kettle river basin, and will be crossed by the proposed railway running through Burnt pass. Descending into the Kettle river valley, the line will take the shortest practical route to Penticton where it will connect with the Shushwap and Okanogan branch of the C.P.R. and either meet the proposed Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern railway, or follow the route of that line to tidewater, should the people of Victoria and Vancouver fail in their enterprise.

It is an open secret that Mr. Heinze does not propose to confine his railroad building in British Columbia to the few miles of line that he now has from Trail to Rossland and Robson. His present great interests in Kootenay have proved exceptionally profitable; he is undoubtedly making more money every day from his smelter than any other individual in this section of British Columbia. He has confessed to the full realization of the wonderful resources and possibilities of this district and continues to place his profits in such varied interests that he is, of necessity, here to stay.

His railway system is at the mercy of the C.P.R. on one end and the American railroads at the other. He worked like a beaver to control the Crow's Nest Pass road to the East Kootenay coal deposits and failed. He is more of a smelter man than anything else and has given evidence that he will lead in that industry in Kootenay. The almost vital importance to him of obtaining an economical fuel supply is undoubtedly the origin of the Penticton extension, with the ultimate aim of securing an independent railroad communication with the Vancouver island coal fields.

Mr. Heinze is known to have lots of financial backing and has able lieutenants who are at present busily engaged in working out tangible schemes in connection with what he has already accomplished.

ROSSLAND RUMORS.

Reported Sale of the Le Roi Mine.—Progress of the Development of the Mines.

Special to the MINER.

Rossland, Feb., 6.—Rumors of the sale of the Le Roi mine to an English syndicate for a fabulous sums of money, are current in Rossland and Spokane, but not many of them are likely to be accepted seriously by those possessed of any common sense. The Le Roi is a magnificent property and capable of producing an enormous amount of gold, but little credence can be placed in the report that the Le Roi company has refused an offer of $5,000,000 on practically a cash basis. There is, however, some reliable ground for the belief that a prominent Canadian parliamentarian is arranging for a sale of the mine to a company of London capitalists for $3,500,000, but no information is obtainable as to how long a time will be given for the final payment to be made. Prominent Le Roi stockholders in Rossland and Spokane refuse to discuss the probability of a sale. A definite knowledge of the situation may be obtained for the public next week.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

Rossland, Feb., 5.—Rossland proposes to organize two militia companies with a band.

The Great Republic company has let a contract for a 100 foot tunnel. The work is to be completed in ninety days.

The Stemwinder claim is being surveyed for a Crown grant. The final payment has been made by the purchasers.

About $300 has been subscribed towards the Squatters' Defence Fund. The legal advisers of the squatters require $1000 for fees.

A second monthly dividend of $25,000 was declared for January by the Le Roi Mining company, making a total of $300,000.

The crosscut tunnel at the 210-foot level of the Iron Mask mine has tapped the vein and shows fifteen inches of $44 ore.

The Columbia and Western Railway Company has constructed an ore house at Rossland and is also constructing one at Trail.

The new blast furnace for the Trail smelter will shortly be placed in position for use. The two new blowers of 25,000 pounds each have arrived from Indiana and are being put in the place of those now in use.

Efforts are being made to secure subscriptions for a wagon road up Blue Grouse Canyon on Cariboo creek. The Cariboo creek basin is on the west slope of the divide between Slocan lake and the Columbia river, just east of it, across the lake being the great Carpenter creek mines of the Slocan country. The chief value in the Cariboo creek ore is in gold. The prospects of the new camp are very flattering.

Plans are prepared for the refinery plant for the Trail smelter. The refinery will be the only in Canada. It will cause the employment of seventy-five to one hundred more men by the smelting company.

Sale on Quartz Creek.

The Tennesse and Iowa claims on Quartz Creek, one-half mile from the line of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway, have been sold to James McCreath of Nelson for $8,000. The former owners were Peter Rene, F. Belding, Charles Anderson, John T. Price and E. M. Peters.

The purchaser will put six men to work immediately developing the properties. A tunnel 75 to 100 feet long will be driven to crosscut the vein about 180 feet below the surface croppings.

The Kaslo Church Difficulty.

It is learned that a settlement of the difficulty between the parishoners of the English Church at Kaslo and the Rev. Akehurst, of Nelson, which caused such a sensation several weeks ago, will not end short of legal proceedings. Mr. Meyers Gray, of New Westminster, solicitor for the Lord Bishop of Columbia, is now preparing the necessary papers in the case. The matter will probably come up for hearing at an early date.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Happenings of the Week in Nelson and the Immediate Vicinity.

R. A. Winearls has taken the place of Constable John Miles during his suspension.

The Rossland Miner has a special telegram from Sandon to the effect that "J. F. Ritchie, of Rossland, had his skates on at the Sandon rink."

Reports from Fort Steele, East Kootenay, state that a well filled mail bag was stolen there last week. The thieves have not yet been arrested.

O. Lund, of Spokane has purchased a one half interest in the Hotel Kootenay on Vernon street from Mrs. Mullette and the house is now being run under the firm name of Lund and Peterson.

The marriage of Mr. H. G. Neelands and Miss Belle Whittet took place last Thursday morning at the Methodist church, Rev. G. H. Morden officiating. The couple left for an extended tour of six weeks to the coast.

Walter J. Brown has bonded the Star claim at Ainsworth belonging to Messrs. Hardie and Strobeck and will commence sinking a shaft on the property immediately. James W. Forrest, formerly of Denver, Col., will have charge of the work.

A force of men is steadily employed clearing the right-of-way of the Slocan river branch of the Columbia and Kootenay railway. About three-fourths of a mile has been slashed and the fallen timber is being cut into cord wood.

The Early Bird mineral claim, owned by John L. Retallack, of Kaslo, has been sold to English parties through Mr. Rolfe of Nelson, for $1,500 cash. It is a low grade proposition of great promise and shows a fissure vein four feet wide.

Frank C. Gibson, foreman of THE MINER office and Miss Bertha Burmaster of Spokane, were married last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. E. C. Traves, Rev. George H. Morden officiating. Only a few intimate friends of the contracting couple were present at the ceremony.

The Edison Concert Company entertained a fair sized gathering of Nelson's citizens in the Fire Hall last Thursday night. Mr. Brown gave a brief address on the work and inventions of the "Wizard of Menlo Park" whose genius made the evening's pleasure a possibility. All the selections rendered were from the latest musical successes.

The Byron N. White company has posted a notice in the court house stating that 60 days from January 16 an application will be made to the Gold Commissioner for right to use water from Carpenter Creek, 1600 feet from the forks of Carpenter and Cody Creeks for the purpose of operating the concentrator of the Slocan Star mine.

On Tuesday evening the literary department of the Epworth League will entertain its friends with a musical and literary programme in the Methodist Church. A feature of the entertainment will be a debate on the subject: "Resolved, that the immediate incorporation of Nelson would be advantageous." Dr. Hall will lead for the affirmative and Rev. George P. Morden for the negative. No addmission fee will be charged.

THE NEW FURNACES.

They Will Probably be Ready For Use in Three weeks.

The roaster and reverberatory furnaces of the Hall Mines smelter will be completed and ready for use in three weeks. Men are now engaged in the construction of the buildings to enclose them and the work is being pushed forward with all possible speed. The blower for the new 200 ton blast furnace is now on the road and the balance of the machinery will follow soon.

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LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE, No. 23. A. F. & A. M., meets second Wednesday in each month. Sojourning brethern invited.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1897.

The ratification of the arbitration treaty between England and the United States will be a knock-out blow to many of the jingoes at Washington.

It is rumored that D. C. Corbin, through the medium of a Rossland editor, has offered $30,000 for the purchase of the Spokane "Chronicle."

THE MINER is still waiting to hear more from the Victoria "Colonist" concerning the discriminate taxation of miners in Kootenay.

The prompt and generous response of Canada to the appeal for assistance and relief of the plague and famine sufferers in India is a very pleasing evidence of the existence of a strong Imperial Federation sentiment.

By this time, probably, the provincial cabinet ministers have carefully arranged the bouquets which they will undoubtedly throw at themselves during the coming session of the legislature.

In a recent speech at Victoria, Premier Turner is reported as saying that the provincial government, at the next session of the legislature, will be asked to guarantee over $40,000,000 of 4 per cent. railway bonds.

The Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" is of the opinion that the proposed legislation, by British Columbia, to place certain restrictions on foreign investors in mines of this province will excite no resentment among those in the state of Washington who have the welfare of their country at heart.

If the leaders of the ministerial party are to any extent responsible for sending Mr. J. M. Kellie on his anything but triumphal tour through West Kootenay with the intention of feeling the public pulse as to his fitness and acceptability to hold office, they may now rest assured that a very large majority do not desire his services as a member of the Legislature or as Gold Commissioner or in any other public capacity.

The comment of this journal concerning the discriminate taxation of precious metal miners has opened a new vein of wrangle for the Vancouver and Victoria papers. The Victoria "Colonist," the first of the truckling government organs to wildly and unavailingly hit back at the MINER is, as usual, begging the question. The "Colonist" should obtain and publish a special interview on the subject from Mr. G. A. Kirk, Premier Turner's business partner.

THE SILVER CAUSE.

The United States Senate has passed the International Monetary Conference bill by the decisive vote of 46 to 4.

The cause of bi-metallism is beginning to receive much more encouragement from European statesmen of prominence, and the friends of silver may experience considerable gratification from the signs of the times. The confession of some of the silver senators who voted for the bill, that the result of the proposed conference would be futile, is counterbalanced by the significant utterance of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts who, during the debate on the bill, declared that "bi-metallism is coming and coming to stay." This is an important admission from so pronounced a goldite, and is an emphatic assertion of a material change in popular eastern sentiment upon the monetary question. Evidently the result of the last presidental election in the United States has not settled the fate of the white metal. It may well be said that currency reform lies solely in the direction of the free coinage of silver, not only by our southern neighbors but by the chief commercial nations of the world.

CONCERNING MR. KELLIE.

As the MINER anticipated last week, Mr. J. M. Kellie has succeeded in finding an opportunity to publish his letter addressed to the MINER, which deals with the public receipt and expenditure of West Kootenay for the last four fiscal years. By this act he has deliberately and directly offered an insult to the intelligence of the people of the district. If he persists in the attempt to justify his lack of ability, gross neglect of the people's interests and his servile support of maladministration by garbled statements and preposterous figures he must suffer the consequences. As the subject matter of the letter appears, if possible, more stupid and ridiculous in print than it did in manuscript form, the MINER heartily congratulates itself for the maintenence of its respectability by refusing to be responsible for its publication. But, after all, it is well for the country that Mr. Kellie has given sufficient evidence over his own signature, of his utter uselessness and the menace that he is to good government as a representative of this district in the legislature.

The most notable feature of the communication is the unvarnished remark that West Kootenay has incurred a debt to the province of over $225,000 in the past four years. This startling statement undoubtedly means that the district has received by public expenditure, $225,000 more than has been paid into the provincial treasury in that time. The MINER is indebted to Mr. J. Fred Hume, the M.PP. for this district, for some interesting figures on the same subject. They show expenditures made by the government on roads, streets, trails, bridges, educational facilities and the administration of justice in West Kootenay for the fiscal years of 1892, '93, '94 and '95 as follows:—

FOR 1892.	
Expenditure	$ 52,819
Revenue	54,402
Excess of revenue over expenditure	1,583
FOR 1893.	
Expenditure	$ 46,333
Revenue	77,031
Excess of revenue over expenditure	30,698
FOR 1894.	
Expenditure	$ 80,060
Revenue	56,370
Excess of expenditure over revenue	23,690
FOR 1895.	
Expenditure	$ 86,460
Revenue	66,162
Excess of expenditure over revenue	20,298

These figures prove that for the time mentioned, the government has only exceeded the revenue by an expenditure of $11,707. For the present fiscal year only $32,000 was appropriated; not one half of it has been spent according to Mr. Kellie's statements to the MINER in an interview published by this paper last week. We may safely estimate that the revenue of the district for the fiscal year of 1896-7 is fully $100,000. Upon this basis the province has received to date from the district over $70,000 more than it has expended in the same period.

The MINER repeats that Mr. Kellie has offered an insult to the intelligence of the people of Kootenay.

THE MINER PLAN.

The Vancouver "World" claims that its suggestions for increased representation of West Kootenay in the Legislative Assembly have been received throughout the district with the warmest approval.

On behalf of the voters of the south riding, the MINER emphatically declares that such a redistribution of seats, as the "World" proposes, would be very unfair and quite inadequate. The only suggestion on this matter that is really and generally accepted is the MINER Plan, which had its origin in these columns and which has since been endorsed by the Rossland "Daily Record" and other leading journals of the district. By the adoption of this plan, there would be five electoral districts with one member each:

1. Nelson electoral district, to include what are now known as the Nelson and Goat River mining divisions.

2. Rossland electoral district, to include the towns of Rossland and Trail and what is known as the Trail Creek mining division.

3. Kaslo electoral district, to include the city of Kaslo, the towns of Ainsworth and Pilot Bay and what is known as the Ainsworth mining division.

4. The Slocan electoral district, to include what is known as the Slocan mining division.

5. The Revelstoke electoral district, to include what are known as the Revelstoke, Illicilliwaet and Trout Lake mining divisions.

By this arrangement, the compactness of each district is established; a classification is made of localities that have identical interests and an equitable division of population is carefully maintained. It may be accepted as a fact that at the next provincial election there will be fully 500 voters for each district as outlined above. The MINER has no hesitancy in stating that number will be doubled in the next four years.

The "World" is so controlled by the present administration that it cannot be expected to advocate more than the least possible representation for Kootenay because, without increasing the number of members of parliament, additional representatives for Kootenay means the sacrifice of the "pocket boroughs" on Vancouver Island.

THE MINER is not controlled by the government and has the support of a very large majority of the people of Kootenay. This plan is offered because it is just and good. It is hoped and expected that it will be adopted at the next session of the legislature.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

Improvement to be Made in the C.P.R's Rail and Steamer Service.

George McL. Brown, western district passenger agent of the C.P.R. and W. F. Carson, travelling passenger agent for the same road, were in Nelson during the week. Both gentlemen are of the opinion that travel to Kootenay this year will be very heavy. Mr. Brown declares that his company is making preparations for necessary accommodation of the public and will improve the local service of the road with an additional number of coaches. Three more engines, one for yard purposes, will shortly be added to the Columbia & Kootenay and the Nakusp and Slocan branches.

General Superintendent Abbott, of the Pacific division, has intimated that the railroad company will inaugurate a daily service in Kootenay on April 1st, by which time it is expected the new C. & K. passenger boat on the Arrow lakes will be ready for service. In addition to this steamer another fast boat will be built for service on the Columbia and launched as speedily as possible, while several extra large barges for the transport of coke and general merchandise will be in use on the Columbia river and Slocan lake as soon as possible. Mr. Abbott is also responsible for the statement that it is the company's intention to keep in line with the development of the Kootenay country, especially between the mines and the coast cities.

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U. S. INTELLIGENCE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN ALASKA BOUNDARY LINE TREATY.

President Cleveland will Veto the Emigration Bill—The Great Northern Railway's Big Tunnel.

Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Olney have signed the convention for the defination by commission of so much of the boundary line between Alaska and the British possessions as are marked by the 141st meridian. The treaty will be sent to the senate on Monday. The treaty provides for a commission of four members. The names are not given in the treaty, but will be agreed on hereafter. The commission meet under the terms of the treaty in London or Washington.

A despatch from Washington says that President Cleveland intends vetoing the immigration bill and will accompany the veto with a strong message pointing out eccentricities in the act.

The U.S. state department will arrange for the protection of American planters living in Cuba.

San Francisco politicians expect that Judge Joseph McKenna of the U.S. circuit court, will be the Pacific coast representative in McKinley's cabinet.

The brilliant young U.S. senator of the state of Idaho, F. T. Dubois, has been defeated in his efforts to obtain re-election by a populist, Henry Heitfeld.

The Great Northern railroad will shortly commence boring a tunnel through the Cascade mountains. The work will be one of the greatest engineering feats of its kind ever known in railroad history. The tunnel will cost $2,000,000 before completed. It is to be run in a straight line, a few degrees south of west, and will have a grade of ninety feet to the mile, sloping to the west. The tunnel will be 13,283 feet in length, eighteen feet in width and twenty-three feet high. A very large portion of this length will be driven through solid rock, and such portions, of course, will require no lining, but wherever necessary it is to be lined with brick or stone.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE MINER:

SIR:—Mr. J. M. Kellie appeared on the political horizon of West Kootenay and treated the public to a small display of political fire crackers in his own peculiar "let her flicker" style. He seems to forget that since the days when one solitary indifferent elector first placed him in the position of the miners' representative, that a "pay streak" has been struck and developed in Kootenay, and prior to that time the country had been working on a "grub stake" left over from the early Cariboo days. Mr. Kellie has evidently started out on some mission of justification by faith in the present government, and flounders around in a regular "pot hole" of figures to prove West Kootenay is the prodigal district that has wasted the substance of the whole province for many years, while he, like the government, loses sight of the fact that to Kootenay alone belongs the credit of the present prosperity and probable future wealth of the province.

Had Mr. Kellie and other members watched more closely and guarded against pernicious legislation injuring the mining interests, and making less excuses for their own and the government's mistakes and ignorance, we would not have so many conflicting clauses in the Mineral Act, nor would the whole of the surface and timber lands of East and West Kootenay be tied up en bloc to railway companies, placing the miner in the position to pay two royalties for his timber, and probably fighting in the future for some of his necessary surface rights.

Had the government shown as much interest to fill the public purses as they have to see that railway promoters get the last nickle, they would have collected two dollars and a half per acre for third class lands, when they held them, instead of one dollar per acre. But having made themselves collectors for the railway companies, they show an amazing amount of caution, in seeing that the utmost farthing goes with these blanket land grants.

Mr. Kellie might rise and explain why the government, after declaring in the House, "that all lands under reservation and not finally selected, were to be open for purchase and pre-emption under the land act," so good naturedly allowed the word "agricultural" to be inserted, thus giving Mr. Heinzie's company the power to collect not less than two dollars and a half per acre for third-class land, when the government only collects one dollar per acre. Of course they did not know that for every acre of the first class there are five acres of third class on every block of land in Kootenay. They require a declaration as to its being either first or second class—which means a declaration has to be made that the whole land applied for is not what it seems. This is either a catch "point" to prevent any land being taken upon it or it is a deliberate "bungle" on the part of the law officer who should at least keep half an eye on the bills passed by the House.

Truly, in a blind community the one eyed man is king; where is he in the present government? Certainly most of the members need something on the end of a string to guide them on their political paths. But in the language of an apologist: until the next election "let her flicker."

"McDUFF."

Slocan Mining News.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

Sandon, Feb. 5.—There is clean ore in each of the four tunnels on the Queen Bess.

A force of men have been put to work on the Ajax, a claim near the Noble Five group, which has been crown granted and which has shipped considerable high grade ore.

Another chute of ore has been struck on the Corinth.

The Alpha and Black Bear are reported as being sold for $75,000.

The Monitor, situated near Three Forks, is shipping ten tons of ore daily.

A one-third interest in the Maggie, Nellie D, and Tip Top has been sold for $6,500.

One hundred more feet of tunnelling will be run on the Rabbit Paw near the Slocan Star.

The tunnel on the Black Hills is in 60 feet and will probably tap the lead at twice that distance.

A. D. Coplen has purchased from S. H. Cross a half interest in the Philadelphia, a claim near the Wakefield.

W. H. Yawkey and J. D. Farrell have purchased the N. D. Moore interest in the Sunshine, Oregon and Yakima claims.

Development work on the Wakefield has uncovered a showing of cube galena of high grade.

The Mountain Chief No. 3 and Sarnia on Four Mile Creek will shortly be worked by A. Doran.

NOT SWEDEN.

The U. S. Senate Objects to that Country Acting as Umpire in Arbitration.

A telegram from Washington, D. C., says: The senate committee on foreign relations has agreed to report favorably on the arbitration treaty with amendments. The committee was in session for three hours and agreed by an almost unanimous vote to recommend the ratification treaty with amendments. All but two of these amendments are merely verbal.

One of the two which are essential strikes out the clause providing for the selection of King Oscar as umpire, leaving it to the two powers to select an umpire when one is considered necessary.

The other important amendment is an addition to article one of treaty as follows:

"No question which affects the foreign or domestic policy of either of the contracting parties or the relations of either with any other state or power, a treaty or otherwise, shall be subject to arbitration under this treaty except by special agreement."

This amendment was agreed to by a vote. The amendment eliminating the umpire clause was agreed to by a vote of 9 to 1. The negative vote is understood to have been cast by Senator Gray of Delaware.

MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Arrangements for International Consideration of Bi-metallism.

By the decisive vote of 46 to 4 the U.S. senate has passed a bill for the appointment of commissioners to an international monetary conference. During the debate Senator Hoar gave the results of his observations in Europe last summer, showing the tendency toward bi-metallism He had talked with M. Bourgereau, author of the bi-metallic resolution in the French assembly, which secured the written indorsement of 367 out of 400 members. M. Meline, the French premier, had declared that when other nations wanted bi metallism France would not be long behind. In London he had an agreeable talk with Mr. Balfour whose championship of bi-metallism, had been maintained against the views of Mr. Gladstone and Sir William Vernon Harcourt. The senator said he had refrained from repeating the views stated by Mr. Balfour, although at a dinner party in London a number of eminent men had assured him that the views of Mr. Balfour were shared by a large part, if not a majority, of the English people. Hoar read a letter from Germany stating that great progress was being made toward bi-metallism. Thus these four great nations—the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany—were steadily advancing to bi-metallism. It was coming, and coming to stay. Hoar denied that the East was assailing the West; declaring that the East recognized that the power of the nation, like the star of empire, was slowly moving westward. The sections were indissolubly linked together, and their interests were identical.

NEW MINING COMPANIES.

A Record of Incorporations From the British Columbia Gazette.

The Alki Gold Mining Company, Ld., (for). Capital $750,000 in $1 shares. Head office, Tacoma, Wash., U.S.A.

The British North American Gold Mining and Milling Company, Ld., of Rossland. Capital $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Directors, G. A. Fraser, Hector McPherson, John Box, John Loring, J. H. Inkster and W. R. Ross, all of Rossland.

Canadian Gold Mining Company, (for). Capital $200,000 in $1 shares. Head office, Spokane, U.S.A.

East St. Louis Gold Mining Company, Ld., of Rossland. Capital $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Directors, Alexander Wilson, J. J. Heinger, John Jackson, jr., Michael Sullivan and B. F. O'Neil all of Rossland.

Galena Mines, Ld., (for). Capital £550,000 in £1 shares. Head office, London, England.

Havre Gold Mining Company, Ld., of Rossland. Capital $700,000 in $1shares. Directors, Thomas Lapslie, Phillip White and A. T. Chadwick, all of Rossland.

Hall Exploration Company, Ld., (for). Capital £150,000 in £1 shares. Head office, England.

Multum in Parvo Prospecting Syndicate, Ld., of Vancouver. Capital $20,000 in $100 shares. Directors, Wm. Crickmay, H. B. Walkem, Joseph Miller and J. M. Bowell, all of Vancouver.

Red Horse and Salmon River Mining Company, Ld., of Vancouver. Capital $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Directors, E. S. Topping, Trail; J. C. McLagan, Vancouver; J. S. Clute, New Westminster; Ralph White, Trail and J. M. McGregor and J. T. Wilkinson, of Vancouver.

Rossland Development Company, Ld., of Rossland. Capital $1,000,000 $1 shares. Directors, L. H. Northey, of Salmo and John L. Whitney, L. L. DeVoin and E. L. Clarke, of Rossland.

Rock Creek Gold Mines, Ld., of Victoria. Capital $500,000 in 25 cent shares. Directors, T. B. Hall, Simon Leiser, T. Lubbe, R. P. Rither, T. W. Patterson and B. W. Pearse, all of Victoria.

Rio Grande Gold and Silver Mining Company, Ld., of Rossland. Capital $1,000,000 in $1 shares. Directors, F. M. Davis, G. W. Gibson, J. W. O'Connell, A. C. Fry and Solomon Lauridsen.

The Selkirk Mining and Milling Company, Ld., of New Denver. Capital $250,000 in 25 cent shares. Directors, J. A. Smith, M. L. Grimmett, G. A. Love, Thomas Brown, G. H. Wright and Henry Smith of Sandon.

Treasure Mountain Mines Ld., of Vancouver. Capital $1,500,000 in $1 shares. Directors, E. W. McKim, J. Fitzsimmons and W. H. Armstrong, all of Vancouver.

TO BE NAMED VICTORIA.

A NEW CANADIAN PROVINCE TO BE FORMED IN NORTH-WEST.

Portions of the Northwest Territories and Manitoba to Form the Limits Of the Division.

A telegram from Ottawa says: The latest proposition made to the Dominion government to commemorate the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign is the creation of a new province in the west, to be known as the province of Victoria. There is an understanding with Greenway that Manitoba is to be enlarged and this involves a considerable change in the map of the West to which Sifton is favorable. The proposal is to attach part of Assiniboia and Saskatchewan east of the 105th degree of longitude, to Manitoba, together with the district of Keewatin, Alberta, with Athabasca and the remainder of Saskatchewan and Assiniboia will then be given provincial autonomy as the province of Victoria. This scheme is said to fit in with plans which members of the Cabinet entertain for the government of the West.

A papal delegate will probably be appointed to Canada.

The Supreme Court will open its sittings on February 16, to hear election appeals.

The Ottawa Electric Street Railway Company last year carried more than one million and a half passengers.

The steamer Neptune of St. Johns' Newfoundland, has been chartered for the Hudson's Bay exploration expedition.

Lord Aberdeen has presented ex-Mayor Borthwick, of Ottawa, with a silver inkstand, as a souvenir of his term of office.

The entire medical staff of the Ottawa general hospital has resigned, owing to the mismangement of the board of directors.

The total immigration arrivals in Canada from Europe last year were 26,571, as compared with 25,478 the previous year.

The directors of the Central Canada Fair, Ottawa, intend enlarging the fair grounds and reconstructing the main building during the coming summer.

The Ottawa branch of the Canadian Federation of Labor has declared for an Alien Labor law, and reciprocity in labor with the United States.

Owing to pressure of business Mr. Laurier has declined an invitation to speak at the Washington birthday celebration in Chicago, on February 22.

A bad railway wreck occurred near Dorchester, N. B., in which Miss Patriquin of Bloomfield, N.B., and Mr. Arthur C. Edgecombe, postal clerk, belonging to Fredericton, were killed and many others seriously injured. Hon. Mr. Borden was among the latter and received a bad scalp wound. The whole train of six cars rolled down an embankment.

The Rome correspondent of the London Daily Mail states that the Manitoba school agreement has been submitted to the Pope, on behalf of the Dominion Government, with the assurance that the British Government supports the terms of the settlement. The Colonial Offices repudiates the idea of meddling in this question.

CHURCH NOTICES.

SUNDAY 7th February, 1897.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Matins 11 a.m. Even Song, 7.30 p. m. every Sunday. Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 8 a. m; on 2nd and 4th Sundays, after Matins. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

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. Mass at Nelson on first and last Sundays in the month. Sandon second Sunday and Kaslo third Sunday.

METHODIST CHURCH. Corner Silica and Josephine Streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Epworth League C.E. Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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JIM.

"Ugh! What a night!" was my involuntary exclamation, as I came on deck just before eight bells (twelve o'clock) on that night in March, '86, which fate had ordained I should never forget. I had heard the cry of "All hands on deck!" bellowed down the fo'castle, the scurry of feet, the hoarse command. "All hands aloft to shorten sail! Quick, lads, for your lives!" and had bounced out of my berth, jerked into my clothes and tumbled up the companion way to the slippery deck.

What was I doing aboard the ship? Well, by profession I am a doctor and by occupation a rambler. Not that it is a part of my business as a doctor to ramble; but, you know, a doctor's mission is to try to restore nature's jewel, health, and I, being a doctor, was endeavoring to do my duty to myself and find that which I had studied hard to be able to restore to others. So there I was standing, or, rather, trying to, (for the northeast gale nearly blew me off my feet), on the quarter-deck of the little brig Jenny Lind, bound from Liverpool to Quebec. Horatio, wasn't it cold! And the sharp sleet, driven hard before the gale, seemed like a sand-blast cutting the gravestones for the poor chaps who were to be that night laid for their last rest, "rocked in the cradle of the deep."

Well may the poetic dreamers sing the praises of "Snow, snow, beautiful snow." They view it from the inside of a warm, cheery room, reclining in an easy chair, pipe in mouth, watching the little feathery flakes peeping slyly in through the glass and then driven roughly away by their master, Wind, for daring such impertinence. Ay, it is beautiful snow, then! But change the scene. A night, as black as coal and almost as dense, for the eye can hardly see a rod away, the wind tearing, booming, howling through the taut rigging, the sleet driving, cutting, grinding the flesh exposed to it, and the little brig of only one hundred and fifty tons lurching, groaning, bouncing here and there in the mad, fierce grasp of the sea. Lord, what yells! I start, shiver and find it is only that devil, Wind, laughing as it slaps old Neptune in the face, lashing him to still more fury. I am almost frozen, for the heavy spray which flies over us as the brave craft holds its own, freezes as fast as it strikes, coating us with a thick crust.

"This is a fearful night," I say to the man at the wheel, and his answer of "Aye, aye, sir," comes through teeth set as a vise. With feet planted, or rather, rooted to the deck, body bent forward, eyes trying hard to make out the canvas he cannot see, he moves only as the orders shouted through the trumpet come faintly to him: "Hard a starboard!" "Steady!" "Ease her a little!" straining hard at the wheel to put it "port" or starboard" as is ordered; and between his white lips growling back his "Aye, aye, sir!" By the fitful flicker of the binnacle lamp I see his face and know him to be Jim Peters, the hardest man in the crew. Nobody liked him or would have anything to do with him. He was not a prepossessing object to look at. His face had as much sociability and kindness in it as a tombstone. Heavy, square jaw, large mouth, eyes black, or rather, one eye, for a large, red scar running across his forehead and down his left cheek back of his ear took that eye along with it; a shaggy head of sandy hair and unkempt beard did their part in his make-up of ugliness. I said nobody would have anything to do with him. I'll take that back, for there was one aboard who pitied and tried to be friendly to him. He was the ship's boy, a nice, likely lad, good looking and smart and a sailor, every inch of him. There was one thing about Jim, however, which none could get back of, and that was he was strong as an ox and as good a sailor as ever trod a deck. He was the only man aboard who could have held the wheel alone in such a night. On we drive, a reel and then a plunge, and the little brig comes out of the trough of the sea and shakes herself and then leaps onward.

What's that cry for'd? Jim starts, and I see his face pale, as with all his mighty strength he puts the wheel to port.

"Hard, Jim, hard down!" comes a faint voice, and the captain comes running aft. You did well, Jim, but your three times to port were too late to save her, for with a sickening, ghastly crash she strikes and commences to settle rapidly. A rough hand grabs my arm and a deep voice growls:

"It's the ice, doctor; jump for it—jump for it."

Before I can do so, I am taken off my feet; and the next moment I feel myself going through the air; then a sudden stop, and I find myself on a field of drift ice. I turn to thank my deliverer, and find it was Jim whose clear head and strong arm had saved me. I try to thank him, but he says, shortly: "I'd a done it by the ship's dog, doctor, as soon as ye, had he been as handy." Nevertheless I shake hands, and say a few words to him, as he turns on his heels and joins his mates straining their eyes to pierce the blackness and see the little craft's last plunge. Like a bird whose wings flutter and then drop, her canvas shakes and she dives, never to come up. The crew sadly bid her farewell and even grouty Jim says: "Good-bye, little 'un." You folks ashore cannot realize the fear that came over us as the waters closed over the little craft that had been to us our home, our "all in all." A feeling of dreadful loneliness thrilled us as through the inky darkness we tried to read the expression in our companions' faces.

I mentioned it was cold, but words are inadequate to properly convey the icy intensity, now that the blood which had been quickened by the strain and excitement had become normal. Added to the bitter cold was the chill of fear. We drew close together to diagnosticate our case. Naturally, we looked to the captain for advice, and when asked what we should do, he said tersely:

"Stick here till morning. Then we can get our bearings, and shape our course accordingly."

Now, when the brig struck, we had had a close call, and so had a chance to save nothing but what we stood in. The captain's advice was excellent as far as it went; but to stay where we were, huddled together like so many frightened sheep, meant certain death, and the dawn, as it broke, would fall unheeded on fifteen frozen corpses that, a few hours before, had been the crew of the little, gallant Jenny Lind. Jim now came to the front, and, in his rough, surly way, said "as how I've made an observation of these here parts, and I calculate there is room enough to move round in, provided you fellers have brains enough to do it." We accordingly acted on his suggestion, and, with Jim at our head as pilot, we commenced to walk around in a circle, thrashing our hands and endeavoring to force the blood to greater activity through our stiffening bodies. Almost from the minute we landed on the ice, Jim had had an eye always on Walter, the ship's boy, and now, as we commenced our dreary rounds, he had him close behind. Oh, how cold and desolate it was, going round and round in that contracted space, moving like a chain gang, with one hand on the shoulder of the man in front, so as not to lose one another; for small as that space was, the night was black and the edge of the floe was we knew not how near. One by one, the men grew weary, and Jim—almost overlooked aboard ship, our leader now—slackened his pace, to ease up a little.

Walter was the first one to give out. We heard him drop, the line stopped, and we closed around him. Jim got down on his knees beside him and spoke, not so gruffly as usual:

"Ye ain't tuckered out yet, are ye, lad?"

Half drowsily and wearily came the answer:

"I'm dead beat, Jim, and sleepy. Don't mind me; let me sleep, and I'll catch on the line again, soon."

We heard Jim mutter to himself:

"He'll freeze, lying here," and then a movement on his part, and he said: "Here, Walter, lad, here's my pea-jacket; I'll wrap this and my comforter round ye, and ye'll feel more comfortable like."

He was putting them on to the already sound asleep boy, when I laid my hand on his shoulder and told him he'd freeze to death without any protection. He rose quickly, and in a savage tone, said:

"What't that to ye, doctor? Yer never took any notice of me aboard ship, and a-getting mighty tender o' me now."

I spoke to him again, telling him between us we could keep Walter moving round, and thus keep him alive, and that he himself needed some protection. His mates joined me in my entreaty and tried to raise Walter to his feet; but he shook their hands off and, facing us, spoke:

"Mr. Doctor and mates, I ain't nobody, and it don't make no difference whether I die or not. All of ye have mothers or sweethearts waitin' for ye to come home. I ain't got nobody; no home. A vagabond, mates, I be, with nothing but the ship whose articles I sign for a home, and the sea'll be my grave sooner or later; so ye see, it don't make no difference whether I freeze to death here or go to the bottom across the line. Walter's got a mother, lads, as is waitin' ter see him soon; and if Jim can help her do it, he's agoing ter. I thank ye all, mates and Mr. Doctor, fer speaking ter me; and if ugly Jim freezes ter death, don't think too hard of him."

Again the line moves on, but the men are getting disheartened and overcome, and gradually, one by one, they lie down on the ice, and, crawling close together, a sleep, sweet but deadly, holds them in its grasp. Jim and I are the only ones left now, and we walk, walk, walk round and round the prostrate forms like a death-watch.

"It's no use, Jim; I've got to join the circle."

And I step toward it. He stops me and says:

"Can't ye stick it out, doctor?"

"No," I say, despondently; "I am too weak and numb to keep it up. Here, Jim, give me your hand."

"Good-bye, doctor," he says, and moves on again; a lonely sentinel, fighting death inch by inch, and by his pluck and dogged determination shaking off its icy clutch.

It was a blank for me for I know not how long, and then I partly awoke as Jim, tired out and exhausted, dropped beside me. I was in a dreamy state, but I heard these words, the last he ever spoke. He was wandering, I knew, and his voice was so gentle and soft I hardly knew it was his:

"Mother!" he murmured several times, and then: "Our Father which art——" and ugly Jim's lips had moved for the last time on this earth. Icy fingers closed them here, but where his noble deed and last prayer reached, warm, loving fingers shall bid the dumb to speak, and his first words shall be his thanks for the Master's plaudit: "Well done!"

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"Peace and oblivion reign over all." That was exactly my state; and on awakening from my stupor, I found it hard to realize it was but a dream. Was it possible I was once more safe aboard a vessel, not frozen stiff on the desolate drift-ice, but tenderly cared for by rough but kind hands? Yes, it was true; for we—all that were left of us, aye, and the poor fellows whose awakening was of another sort—were being carefully looked after on board the American ship Yankee Tar, whose lookout had sighted on the field ice black specks which, through the glass, he had made out to be human beings. A boat was put out, and all hands taken on board. Of our crew of fifteen, but five remained, with just a spark of life in their stiff bodies. Walter and I were among the survivors, and careful administration of restoratives had brought us round. I have stamped upon my mind with the indelible ink of unforgetfulness, the morning when, for the last time, I gazed on the fixed, immovable faces of my companions of that fateful voyage. All in their wedding sheets of sail cloth, shotted and ready for the waters to cover them, ranged in two rows along the deck, we bade them each good-bye. Last of all I came to Jim, not "ugly" Jim, now, for upon the scarred face a peaceful smile, tranquil and happy, and his last words: "Mother, mother," seemed to play upon the half-open, smiling lips.

"All heads uncovered!"

One by one, into the ocean's bosom they slid to rest, and, as poor Jim's body lies poised upon the rail for its final plunge, the captain's voice shakes and his eyes water, as he says:

"'Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.'"

A Hawk's Fastidiousness.

Careful observers have noticed that a fish hawk, after securing its prey, will often rise very high in the air, drop the fish, quickly swoop down upon and seize it, and then fly homeward. The object of this, as explained by an old skipper, is to get the fish "head on," as a hawk will never fly with the tail of its prey foremost. So if it has caught it that way, giving it a twist it drops it and seizes it again with the head pointing in the right direction.

When It Was First Used.

The word "dandy" was first used in England in a poem by Galloway p[illegible] in 1780.

TWO DREAMERS.

Under a tree two dreamers lay,
And unto one did the wind's voice say,

"Castle Pleasure is building fast;
I heard the hammers as I flew past."

But to the other the wind's voice said,
"Hill Endeavor lies just ahead."

The dreamers rose. The years sped by,
And the wind blew out of the changing sky.

He who wrought for his brother well
Came to the castle of Joy to dwell;

He who turned from the toilsome hill,
Seeking his castle—is seeking still.

OLD BARNABY'S BESS.

BY TOM HALL.

Bess had been put to a great deal of trouble this day. There was always plenty to do at Freshwater Ranch, and she had to do it all, for old man Barnaby had ceased to be of any particular use in this world long before Geronimo had become the war chief of the Chiricahua Apaches. Bess, his daughter, ran the ranch, milked the cows, cooked the food, did the washing, attended to the modest little garden that she had managed to coax from the arid Arizona soil, and even gave the two cayuse ponies that belonged to her father all the grooming they ever got. Besides that, she had to attend to the selling of water from the artesian well that was the only excuse for Freshwater Ranch's existence.

There was not so very much travel on the road that ran by Mt. Graham down to the dusty Gila Valley, but there were forty miles at a stretch of it, and Freshwater Ranch had the only water that was to be found upon it. And so, when the freight teams and the army ambulances made the trip from Fort Grant to Fort Thomas, the teamsters were very glad to pay twenty-five cents a bucketful for water and double rates for forage. And that is how Bess made a living, a wretched, lonely, almost outcast living, for her father and herself.

But there was plenty to do this day and plenty of excitement. For the first time in all her memory, a whole troop of handsome cavalry-men, with a bright-cheeked and still handsomer young lieutenant at its head, had come to Freshwater Ranch to actually camp over night and perhaps stay even longer. A bunch of White River Apaches, getting over the effects of a tiswin drunk, had jumped the reservation, and started on a murdering and thieving raid after their usual manner. Quite after their usual manner, also, two troops of cavalry had started in pursuit, following their trail with the faint hope of catching up with the fleet-footed Apaches; while the remainder of two regiments of cavalry and twice as many of infantry had been put at patrol duty and at the guarding of water-holes, springs and mountain passes.

It is the young lieutenant that is sent on this patrol duty as a rule. The more experienced officers are sent in pursuit. And it is a hard grind, indeed, on the nerves of the impatient young lieutenant to sit for days in his camp watching the surrounding country through his field glass and receiving the reports of his scouts, always the same monotonous: "Didn't see no signs of 'em, sir."

And so the poor "plebe" lieutenant gnashes his teeth and swears at his luck, and looks through his field-glasses until he can see all sorts of things with his tired eyes—except Indians. But woe to him if Mr. Crazy Bear, with his family and relations and intimate friends, happens to slip through his lines during the night and the trail is not discovered promptly the next day. Woe to him if it is the grinning captain of the pursuing troop that tantalizingly informs him while he is still rubbing his sleepy eyes, that not only Crazy Bear but he with his whole troop of tired cavalry has been able to steal upon him and past him.

On the other hand, though, what glory, if, by a rare piece of good luck, one of his men dashes breathlessly in while the dew is still heavy on the lean bunch-grass of the mountain with the exciting report that he has cut the raider's trail and that it is but an hour two old! Then it is "Boots and saddles!" and mount and away, and ten to one the "plebe" lieutenant is able to cut in ahead of the troops that are pursuing, and, with his fresh horses and his wild anxiety to "get there," able to catch up with Mr. Crazy Bear and capture him and all his retinue, after a nice little skirmish, in which he gets a hole through his hat, we hope, and not his heart.

Such was the precise situation of young Mr. Barstow, second lieutenant of the—the Regiment of United States Cavalry, on this day when Bess was at her wits' end with work and excitement. Chilcauno and his band had jumped the reservation at San Carlos after murdering a freighter and stealing his horses, and all southern Arizona was in a state of excitement. To be ordered out to guard a watering station is bad enough; but when you are quite persuaded that the miscreants have gone in another direction and that you have no chance whatever of being in or near at the death, the situation is almost unbearable.

Bess caught but a few glimpses of the lieutenant as he occasionally passed the door, but she saw that he was young and handsome, and her woman's heart was in a flutter. It was all she could do to think up something unusually good to eat for supper. She got out her very brightest and newest calico dress and braided her unruly hair for the first time in months. She did not even scold the sly trooper, whom she caught stealing some milk, for fear the young lieutenant would come around to that side of the house—which would be dreadfully embarrassing. And yet she wanted to see the lieutenant and hear him talk—oh, so much! She had read in novels some mysterious things about how young people fell in love with each other and married—and—well, everything is possible in this world.

It was at supper time that they really met. The lieutenant made a polite bow. He was a little bit surprised. He had heard some of the other officers of the garrison say laughingly that the only pretty woman in Arizona was Barnaby's Bess, excepting always, from regimental courtesy, the ladies of the regiment. But he had forgotten all about it in the excitement of his first trip in the field. It occurred to him now, but she was prettier than he had imagined she could be. His ideas of beauty were framed in a West Point landscape, and his divinites had been dressed in costly stuffs and wore diamonds, and were buds from mature New York family trees. But he had not seen a pretty woman in several months, and he was just a little bit embarrassed, himself. He hardly noticed the calico. He was quite charmed by the white apron. He concluded at once that, perhaps, this first scout of his would not be so awfully dull after all. He would flirt a little—only in fun, of course. It would be rather a relief from the dullness of the post. So he ate in silence, and stared so hard at Bess that her cheeks flushed a deeper crimson than they had ever known before. And to her amazement and delight he insisted on calling her Miss Barnaby. In her day-dreams she had often imagined some handsome young man addressing her respectfully as Miss Barnaby. Here was the delightful reality.

After supper the young lieutenant insisted on helping her to wash the dishes. He said it would be great fun, and quite a relief from the rough life of a soldier. Poor youngster, he had become so used to war's alarms. In fact they had become quite a bore. And it seemed to Bess that he stood awfully close to her. Once or twice their hands touched—an accident, she was quite sure. And, then, when all her work was finished, the dishes cleaned, the cows and horses fed (in all of which duties the young lieutenant helped)—delight of delights!—he actually asked her to take a little walk with him.

As for him, it seemed like old days in camp at West Point. She was a girl, and she was pretty. They strolled up the road a little distance and then branched off on a winding trail that led down to a little valley that was flooded with the rich moonlight that broke through the clear Arizona atmosphere. There was an interesting trail at the foot, and when they reached it, Bess gave a little start, and the lieutenant, with all his old West Point promptness, took advantage of the opportunity to place his arm around her waist.

"Don't be afraid," he whispered very manfully.

"Oh, I am not," she answered, demurely.

And then she stooped down quickly and seemed to pick something up from the trail.

"Did you drop anything?" he asked with mock politeness. "Why didn't you tell me? It was my duty to pick it up, you know."

"I did not drop anything," she answered. "Let's sit down on this rock."

They sat down on the rock, and the young lieutenant, with his heart beating very fast, put his arm around her waist again and took hold of her hands and found himself unconsciously looking for rings, in the manner young men who wish to hold a young lady's hand and feel in duty bound to offer some slight excuse to the fair one. They did not talk very much. There was not much to talk about. Their mutual friends were few, and therefore there could be no gossip. The theatre, books, styles—about everything was barred, from necessity. Nevertheless, it was not long before the lieutenant's brown mustache drew gradually near to Bess' pretty lips, and, not long after that, Bess received the first kiss she ever had from a young man. She did not struggle. She was utterly unaware of the arts of her fair sisters in the East. But she did turn squarely around and look the lieutenant very earnestly in the face.

"Do you mean anything by that?" she asked him.

He was surprised at the question, and he was gentleman enough to perceive that what was a mere evening's diversion to him might be something infinitely more serious to a lonely girl on almost a Western desert. He took his hand from her waist and moved away a little.

"No," he answered frankly, "only that you are pretty—and I didn't think you'd mind."

"I didn't mind," answered Bess, "and I wouldn't mind if I thought you cared for me. In fact," she added, with alarming candor, "I would like it if I were sure you were not making fun of me."

The lieutenant was silent.

"Tell me," she said, clasping his hand excitedly, "If I should do something that would be a great benefit to you—would you think more of me—would you love me?"

"No," he answered quickly, standing up and looking at her a little curiously. "You are too serious. I want to be fair. The fact is, I am engaged—to a young lady in New York. We are going to be married in a year or two, when I get more pay. And perhaps sooner. If I could only do something to distinguish myself, you know."

She was clutching the rough edges of the rock.

"Is she beautiful?" she asked.

"I think so," he answered. "See here is a picture of her. You can see what she looks like in the moonlight."

She looked at the photograph a long time.

"Does she always dress like that?" she asked.

"No," he answered laughingly. "That is a ball dress—an evening dress. It would hardly do for her to go out doors in a dress like that. She might catch cold. But she is just as pretty in other dresses; and I love her very much."

Bess handed back the photograph and looked for a long time at the yellow trail. She had to bite her lip to repress a sigh, but she had been too long alone and friendless to lose her self-control.

"Look here," she suddenly asked, "if you were to catch these Indians, would that be what you wanted to do to be able to get your promotion and marry her?"

"I should say it would," he answered bitterly. "But that isn't my luck."

"It is! It is!" she cried, falling upon her knees by the trail. "See, I give her to you. See there—and there—and there! Those are pony tracks! See here!" She held up to him the thing she had picked up when he was mockingly polite. "It is the lash to an Indian quirt—worn through. They are riding hard and their horses are tired. They were in a hurry to get by here without being discovered by you, or they would have stopped to pick it up. Run, run, I tell you! I can read the trail better than you or any of your men. You can catch them before morning! Run!"

He had started before she had finished, and was bounding up the trail with long, athletic strides, leaving her alone on her knees at the intersection of the trails.

She was still there when the troop rode silently by with the anxious but silent young lieutenant at its head. He bowed to her as he passed, but she did not see him. After the last pack-mule had passed out of sight down the valley, she rose and walked slowly up the mountain.

"I was very foolish," she said. "He has known her a long time, and he never saw me before. Besides, she wears silk dresses all the time and is rich. But that should not make any difference in love. He kissed me! Why should he kiss me if he did not care for me! It is queer. She is a great lady, and I—"

She burst into tears and cried for a long time as she sat on the yellow trail at the top of the hill. It was far into the night when she arose to go. She heard, far off in the distance, through the clear air, the faint popping of carbines and rifles.

"I have given her to him," she muttered, as she made her way uncertainly to the ranch. "She is a lady, and wears silk; and she will never know about me, for he will be ashamed to tell her; and—and I am going to ask Father Jose, when he comes here next year with his little Mexican donkeys and his candles and his white robes, why it is that God has never sent anyone to love me."

USED-TO-BE.

Lost laughter and the whistled tunes
Of boyhood's mouth of crescent runes,
That rounded through long afternoons,
To serenading plenilunes—
When starlight fell so mistily
That, peering up from bended knee,
I dreamed 'twas bridal drapery
Snowed over Used-to-be.

O, land of love and dreamy thought,
And shining fields and shady spots
Of coolest, greenest, grassy plots,
Embossed with wild forget-me-knots—
And all ye blooms that cunningly
Lift your faces up to me
Out of the past, I kiss in thee
The lips of Used-to-be.

And love ye all, and with wet eyes
Turned glimmeringly on the skies,
My blessings like your perfumes rise,
Till o'er my soul a silence lies
Sweeter than any song to me—
Sweeter than any melody
Or its sweet echo, yea all three—
My dreams of Used-to-be.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

A MILLINER'S GIRL.

How it rained, that bleak winter night! How mercilessly the torrents came down, rebounding in sheets of spray from the pavements and swelling the gutters into miniature rivers! Through the whitening mist, the shop-windows flared dimly and the yellow stars of the street-lamps shone like beacon lights far out at sea. There were not many pedestrians on Broadway that night, save those compelled by grim necessity to face the storm; and Guy Moreau, striding down the western side, had the right of way all to himself.

"There's no hurry, no hurry in the world," said Mr. Moreau, calmly to himself. "My hat is ruined already, and my coat is fit for nothing but the outside pegs of a second-hand clothing store. Consequently— Hello, here, what's the matter?"

He stopped short at the sound of a slight scream, close to him. A shabbily dressed young girl carrying a load of oil-cloth-shielded bandboxes had slipped on a piece of banana-rind, almost at his feet.

Guy Moreau made no pretensions to the rank of a Chevalier Bayard, but he had a kindly human heart within his bosom, and stepped instantly forward to help the young girl up.

"Not hurt, are you?" he asked, kindly.

The girl looked at him with big eyes full of pain and terror.

"My bandboxes?" faltered she, glancing eagerly around. "They're not wet, are they?"

"No—but you are. Look at your shawl, poor thing.

"Oh, that's no matter," said she. "It was very awkward of me to slip so, and—"

"What's the matter, now?" Moreau asked.

For she had stopped short in the attempt to move forward again.

"I'm afraid my ankle is sprained!" she wailed. "Oh, dear, what shall I do?"

"Sprained, is it? (Confound those people who eat bananas and fling the rind on the pavement!" inwardly muttered Guy.) "Let me call a hack," he added aloud.

"Oh, no, sir!" shrinking back. "I couldn't afford a hack. I'm only a milliner's apprentice, and all these hats must be delivered before nine o'clock to-night."

Guy looked reflectively down at the band boxes, then at the pale, pretty face, with its dark, Spanish eyes and lashes sprinkled with rain.

"I'm afraid you'll hardly manage it," said he.

"But I must!" said the girl, positively.

"Can't you take 'em back to the shop?"

"It's closed for the night, and madame would never forgive me for not delivering the hats. I—I think I could walk very slowly."

But as she made the effort her cheeks blanched once more with pain and a low cry involuntarily escaped from her lips.

"No," said she, "I can't walk. Oh, what ahall I do?"

Guy knit his brows and considered a moment.

"How far from here do you live?" he asked.

"On Bleecker Street—only a little way—but the hats!"

"Don't fret about the hats," said Moreau. "I'll attend to the hats. How many of 'em are there? Ticketed and labeled all right? Here, lean on my arm, and I'll take the band-boxes in my left hand. Now, then! Not too fast!"

Guy Moreau had never been in a working-woman's room before, and as he stood on the threshold, he could but marvel at the aspect of utter destitution that pervaded it. A little girl who was making artificial flowers by the light of a kerosene lamp sprang to her feet at the sound of their steps.

"Oh, Nelly, are you hurt? What is the matter?" cried she. "What makes you look so white?"

"It's my little sister," said the girl, turning to her conductor. "We live here together. Oh, sir, I am very much obliged to you!"

But when Guy Moreau was gone, old Mrs. Macrabbin, who had come upstairs to rub Nelly Knox's ankle with camphor, shook her head gloomily at the recital of the evening's adventure.

"Wasn't he kind? And a perfect stranger too," said Nelly, radiantly.

"Poor dear!" said Mrs. Macrabbin. "What do you know about the ways of a city? It's no ways likely that you'll ever see hide nor hair of them bonnets again?"

"What do you mean?" cried Nelly, indignantly.

"Mean? Why, that it's a confidence game, to be sure, and your fine, genteel young man has made off with the French bonnets."

"Nonsense!" cried Nelly. "With a face like that—and such a voice, and such a manner?"

"Well," said Mrs. Macrabbin, "we'll see!"

And she rubbed away harder than ever.

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"Young man, said Mrs. Petherick, sourly, "what do you mean by leaving a white-tulle hat here with a water-lily and three sinful plumes on it? Do I look like a person who wears water-lilies and marabou?"

And Guy, who was walking, whistling, away, after leaving his last bandbox, stopped short at the old lady's shrill voice.

"Hello!" said he. "I've left the Petherick hat at St. Jame's, and the St. James's hat at Petherick's. I must go back."

"I should think so," said Mrs. Petherick. "In my days, errand-men attended to their business! Nine o'clock at night, and my new black-velvet hat, with the satin bows, not come home!"

"I'm very sory, ma'am," said Guy.

"Much difference it makes whether you are sorry or not," said Mrs. Petherick, leveling her blue spectacles wrathfully at Mr. Moreau. "You must be a very presuming young man to have any opinions at all on the subject. I beg that you will set this awkard blunder right at once, and I shall most assuredly report it to Madame Dunoyer."

And Mr. Moreau had no alternative but to trudge back again through the blinding rain to Miss Honora St. James' brownstone residence.

"The milliner's man again!" said Miss St. James, sharply. "Well, I should think! To leave me a dowdy old black-velvet thing, instead of my white crape opera hat! And to come back at this time of night! I shall certainly let Madame Dunoyer know what I think of it! Here, you, boy! Is this the way you— My goodness me! It's Mr. Moreau!"

Guy burst out laughing—he could not help it—at the comical suddenness with with which Honora's frown melted into smiles.

"I beg your pardon, Miss St. James," said he, "but I am really very deserving of blame. Here's your bandbox, and I've left old Mrs. Petherick's here by mistake."

"Is it a joke," said the bewildered fair one, "or a wager, or what?"

"Neither one nor the other, said Guy. "Sober, serious, earnest. And now, if you'll let me have the other bonnet, I'll get back before Mrs. Pethrick's rage waxes any hotter."

He lifted his dripping beaver and vanished with the bandbox under his arm, smiling to himself at the insight he had obtained into Miss St. James' character.

"A regular little virago!" he told himself. "A face like oxalic acid and a voice that would do for a fishwoman! Truly, 'we are not what we seem.'"

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He went back the next evening to tell Nelly Knox that he had duly performed her behests.

"Nelly isn't here," said the pale little girl, who was wiring the flowers on stems as diligently as if she had never left off. "She's gone to madame's. She goes at seven every morning and don't come back till nine at night."

"Oh!" said Guy. "And how's her foot?"

"Very lame," said the child, moistening a fresh wire at her lips and twisting it around until our hero's eyes grew giddy with following her motion. "But she leaned on a cane and— Why, here's Nelly now. And crying, too!"

"Hello!" said Guy. "What's the matter?"

"I'm discharged," said the girl, with a sob in her throat. "Mrs. Petherick has been there, and—"

"Mrs. Petherick is an old cat!" interrupted Guy, hotly. "And it's all my fault! Don't cry! You're not able to work now," as Nelly sank, white and exhausted, on a chair.

"Yes, I know," said Nelly, "but what are we to do? Fan can earn only a dollar and a half a week, and if I am without work—"

"I can get you work," said Guy. "All you want! Loads of it!"

And, vanishing, he presently returned with a roll of 40 yards of Wamsutta, which he flung exultantly on the floor.

"But, what am I to do with it?" said bewildered Nelly.

"What? Why, make it into four dozen shirts to be sure!" said Mr. Moreau.

"But, that is all nonsense," said Nelly, with a quivering lip. "I am poor—but I can't take charity."

"It's not charity," asseverated Mr. Moreau. "I need new shirts, and I hire you to make 'em! Where's the charity?"

"But—four dozen!"

"If I wanted fourteen dozen I've a right to order 'em I suppose. "Besides, I've some notion of fitting out a ship-load of missionaries for the San Benicia Islands. If you want buttons or needles and thread, get 'em, and charge 'em in the bill."

"Yes; but—"

"Well, what now?" lifting his eyebrows.

"What size am I to make them?"

Guy looked a little puzzled at this.

"Make 'em four different sizes, and then some of 'em will be sure to fit," said he, triumphantly.

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"Wedding-cake, eh?" said Mrs. Macrabbin. "Put up in a watered-silk box and tied with white-satin ribbon! Stuck full of plums and citron and smelling of spices! Well, it's very good of Nelly Knox to think of me, now that she's a great lady and has a whole house of her own, with velvet carpets on the floor and two maid-servants to wait on her; and little Fan at a boarding school, too, and going to be brought up like a lady. And it all came from Nelly's slipping on a bit of a banana-peel that rainy night. I'd go out and slip down on one myself, if I thought it would do any good. I told Nelly he was a real gentleman the first time I ever set eyes on him."

And Mrs. Macrabbin firmly believed she was speaking the truth.

A MODERN FAIRY TALE.

A Princess, an Old Woman and a Flat-Iron in a Little Comedy.

This is not a fairy story, but it is almost as pleasant reading. Once upon a time the Princess Louise, wife of the Marquis of Lorne and daughter of the Queen of England, was taking a lonely walk—after the habit of princesses. She approached a cottage door, as is also a pleasing habit of princesses. Furthermore, she carried out the traditions governing the behavior of royal ladies by asking for a glass of water.

The old woman who happened to be ironing, did not care to get the Princess a glass of water, and said so. She added that she was busy, and the spring was distant and that she wanted to finish her ironing so that she might go the next day to see the "Queen's child." Whereupon the Princess graciously offered to finish ironing the shirt provided that the old woman would get her the water.

When the old woman returned a neatly ironed shirt was ready for her. Where the Princess picked up the art of ironing is not known, but the shirt was beautifully done. The Princess after she had drunk the water, told the old woman who she was and the old woman was properly impressed. The shirt was never worn, but was kept to become a heirloom in the family. And they all lived happily ever after.

Midair Duel Between Aeronauts.

During the Franco-Prussian war a blood-curdling duel occurred in midair between two aeronauts, one of whom was conveying dispatches from the Governor of Paris. The balloons, approaching at a considerable altitude, the encounter was commenced with pistols. For some time neither combatant could secure the advantage, but at length one balloon mounted above the other, and its occupant, seizing his momentary advantage, threw his grappling irons on top of the other balloon. They tore through the silken fabric as though it had been so much paper. There was an escape of gas, a shriek and the next minute both balloon and balloonist lay battered out of recognition upon the ground 2,000 feet below.—London Tit-Bits.

I. O. U.'s as Church Collection.

In Italy the scarcity of silver coins is so great that church collections consist almost exclusively of I. O. U.'s, which each contributor redeems with a note when his total liabilities amount to ten francs. The people of Italy are evidently no better off than their rulers, who have just floated a loan through the assistance of Germany.

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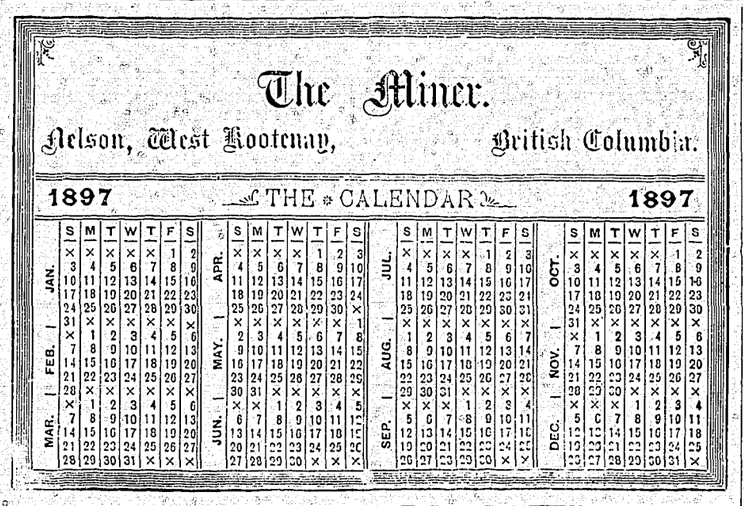

MINING TRANFERS.

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

Rossland.

Jan 29—

Stemwinder—Robt R Stevenson and James M Jordan to Earnest Kennedy, ½.

Stemwinder—Wm Hagan to Earnest Kennedy, ½.

Diamond Wall, Lizzie Hughs, B B, Richard Turner all, and Surprise Fraction, Cash Entry, ½ in each—W C Beall to A J Littlejohn, $200.

Western King—John J McKinnon to Angus McNish, ½.

Pure Gold, Escort, Trilby—Walter C Archer to Pure Gold Mining Co.

Jan 30—

Black Bess No 3, Bonanza—C H Chapman to Ezra Inbody, ½, $150.

Adipose—E W Liljegran to Wm H Lancaster, ½, $500.

Sink to Rise—A C Fraser to D E McLaughlin ½.

Nanaimo, Enterprise, Homestretch—Wm B Dennison to R T Williams, ⅔, $1,000.

Cambrian—David Jones to W K Harkness, ½.

Cambrian—David Jones to Fred Whitaker, ½.

Feb 1—

Sunset—C O Challerton to Wm Stabbs, ½, $10.

Sunlight—E B Bushell to F W Rolt, ½.

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New Denver.

Jan 19—

Victoria, Wm. K. Leightion to A. R.. Johnston—½, $500.

Daisy, S S Cameron to John H Hanke—½, $250.

Black Bess No 2, Frank Saxton and John Brinen to Frank Combs.

Legal Tender—James Lafferty to J A McDonald and Edward Cronyn—¼ in trust.

V and M, Get There Eli, Reno. Accidentally & F L C,—George SoRelle to Burt Person—1-20

Meteor and Ottawa,—Henry Sheran to Chas Hoffman—½, $1,000.

Rockland—Archie Chisholm to Edwin Cummings—⅓.

Maggie, Nellie D and Tiptop—A D McGinty to A B Dockstader—$5,000.

Cody Star—Same to Same—$1,000.

Tiptop—Same to Same—½, $5,000.

Tiptop, the Cody Star, Maggie and Nellie D—A B Dockstader to Biggerstaff Wilson—½.

Jan. 20—

Variett—Francisco De Michoia to Charles Hoffman—½, $225.

White Swan and Sunshine No 4—D D McPherson to J W Black—½, $300.

Lady Jane and Derby—Alfred W McCune, Scott McDonal and Wm L Hodge to J M Dunn.

Clara Moor—John H Werely to D A Van Dorn—½.

Clara More—Same to Chas W Aylwin—½.

Caledonian—D A McDonald to D A Van Dorn—½.

Producer—Dan McLeod to D A Van Dorn and John McClements—¼ to each.

Norway Treas ½, Homestake No 4 ½, Port Hill ½, Silver King ½, Dolly Varden ½.

Silver Bell and Hustler—P J Hickey and Wm S Drewery to D R Irvine—$10,000.

Jan 21—

Mountain View—Walter C Archer to R B Kerr—1-16, $200.

Jan 16—

Exchange, Victoria, Skocum and Silver Plate—A H Bremner to R C Campbell-Johnston—option for 90 days, $31,100.

Turris—David Matheson to W W Diness—½.

Philadelphia—Silas H Cross to A D Coplen—½

Better Still—Frank Pyman to D McLachlan—½.

Jan 23—

Dardanelles—Geo F Gund to the Dardanelles Mining and Milling Co., Ltd—3-16.

Dardanelles—Lake D Walford to same—3-16.

Diamond Cross & Okanogan—Lake D Walford and Abraham L Davenport to Same—13-16.

Dardanelles No 2—Lake D Walford to Same.

Diamond Cross and Okanogan—Geo F Gund to Same—3-16.

Fanchon—Geo C Clarke to James Bowes—½, $250.

Libby B—Wm Taylor to D A Van Dorn—½.

Blizzard, Little Widow Fraction, Star Light No 3 and Star Light Fraction—Edwin H Tomlinson to Last Chance M & M Co.

Silver Cord and Blue Jay 1-20—Wilbur A Hendry to Same.

Silver Bell and Hustler—William Hibbits, Bruce Craddock and E S Miller to D R Irvine—$10,000.

Amazon—C F Denver to Joseph Lebeau—½.

Amazon—Joseph Bebeau to John Wright—½.

Better Still—Frank Pyman to Charles Nelson—½.

Jan 25—

Teller—John T Kelly to Albert Behne—⅔.

Wilson—John B Wilson to W C Sivyer.

Carbonate—Wm P Robinson to Ira W Black.

Jan 26—

Olympia—Dan McLeod to Simon J Tunstall, ⅓.

Same—Same to Arthur E Shelton, ⅓.

Bloomer Girl—Ed P Dunn to C C Bennett, ½, $250.

Couchiching—Chas E Smitheringale to Geo W Weeks, ½.

Mammoth No 7 and Callus No 2—Robert Cordick to Robert C Adams.

Slocan Belle—U D Williamson to M Weinstein, ½.

Slocan Belle—M Weinstein to Robert Cunning, ½.

Jan 27—

B.C—Jackson Radcliff and Chas Neuhaus to A R Johnson, $500.

Jan 28—

Soho, Northern, Pacific and Red Cross—Lorenza Alexander and M R W Rathborne to James C Ryan, option on ⅔.

Emma No 2—James W Ryan to J C Bolander ½.

Silver Bell No 2—Thos McGuigan to Eva Boss, 17-32.

Ruby May—Wm Stubbs to John Pierce, ½.

Prince Alexander—Alex McPhaden to Chas Neuhaus.

Sultana—G L O'Neil to John A Kinman. ½.

The Townsend—A Bader to Frank Granville, $2000.

Allcorn—P Carrieri to T Long, ½.

The Lucky George, Innisfail, Beaver—D J McDougald, Daniel Nichol, Geo Nichol and Russel Nichol to Lucky George Mining Co. Ld.

Jan 30—

Sultana—G L O'Neil to H P Rice, ½.

Marion—Florence L Mc Innis to Alex Sproat, ½, $200.

Kaslo.

Jan 23—

Fossil—Neil McFadden to D D McPhail, ½.

Evergreen—Henry Griffiths to same, ½.

Chas Clancy to James McNaughton, special power of attorney.

Meteor and Vancouver—James McNaughton and Chas Clancy to Lewis and Toms, bond, $300 cash balance not stated,

Annie—Geo T Hayward to T J Lendrum. ½.

Aspen—T J Lendrum to Geo T Hayward, ½.

Baker—J T Parker to Geo T Ives, ½.

Oxide—M J Mahoney to Geo T Ives, ½, $100.

Evergreen—H Griffiths to Phil McDonald, ½.

Same—Phil McDonald to Neil McFadden, ½.

Jan 26—

Wheel of Fortune, Tidal Wave, John A Logan and General Grant—Joseph A Craig and H F Troost to Eva J Craig, ½ in each.

Nicolett and Snelliug—Ordering work done on one claim $500 to apply for certificate of improvement on adjoining claims—Fitzstubbs to owners.

7 come 11—C D Huggart to A C Houghton.

Toronto and Yankee Girl—D W Moore to W R Winstead, ⅓.

I X L—A C Lapp to Ida C Stobeck.

Star—A G Bosworth to D F Strobeck, ½, $1000.

Iron Mountain—T E Allen to John Allen, $50

Same—John Allen to R W Yuill, Bond till Feb 1st '98 $10,000.

R W Yuill to J E Boss trustee, assignment of said bond.

Echo, Morning Glory and Mountain Glory—J S Whittaker vs J J Lynch, writ of action to recover interest.

Hazel C and Nancy Hanks—M J Mahoney and G T Eves to W A Boss. Bond, Hazel C, $4000, cash, $1000; Nancy Hanks $2000, cash $500.

Jan 27—

Vigilant—A D Westby to W H Mitchell, $1000

Gilt Edge—W J Trethewey to F Steele.

Jan 28—

Nellie—John Howard to S F Arthur, ½.

Same—Hugh McDonald to same, ½.

Shamrock—Hugh McDonald to John Howard

Same—Howard to Arthur.

Ophir No 3—Charlotte Henderson and M D Clements to H Brook, $1500.

Gem—Jas Black to Geo Newell, ½.

Gem—Geo Newell to J A Gibson, ½.

WEEKLY STOCK REPORT.

Hall Mines Rise—Rossland Stocks Follow With a General Upward Tendency

The activity of the mining stock market during the week has caused an upward tendency in prices. Reports from London show Hall Mines at two shillings and six pence higher, making it thirty shillings a share. At the present writing it is difficult to say how this stock will be affected by a reported strike of rich ore in the big tunnel of the Silver King. At Rossland there has been a demand for Colonna and a consequent advance of the quotations to 26½. The free gold showing in the O.K. has also sent that stock up to 26. St. Paul has jumped from 8½ to 12½. Orphan Boy, a Revelstoke property, is down to 8½ from 15. Fraser rivers remain at the same figure in London. Several new mining syndicates recently floated in England for operations in B.C. have been well received by the public.

Companies.	No. of Shares	Par Value	Price.
NELSON.			
Hall Mines	300,000	£ 1	£ 1 10s
Exchequer	1,000,000	$ 1 00	$ 0 10
ROSSLAND.			
Alberta	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Beaver	750,000	1 00	0 10
Big Three	3,500,000	1 00	0 12½
Butte	1,000,000	1 00	0 03⅞
Brit. Can. Goldfields	2,500,000	1 00	0 40
B. C. Gold King	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Bluebird	600,000	1 00	0 10
Caledonia Con	500,000	1 00	0 09
California	2,500,000	1 00	0 15
C. & C.	500,000	1 00	
Celtic Queen	700,000	1 00	0 04½
Centre Star	500,000	1 00	
Colonna	1,000,000	1 00	0 26½
Commander	500,000	1 00	0 19½
Crown Point	1,000,000	1 00	
Deer Park	1,000,000	1 00	0 21
Delacola	1,000,000	1 00	0 04½
Eastern Star	500,000	1 00	0 20
Enterprise	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Eric	1,000,000	1 00	
Evening Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 11
Georgia	1,000,000	1 00	0 18
Gertrude	500,000	1 00	0 15
Golden Drip	500,000	1 00	0 15
Golden Queen	1,000,000	1 00	
Great Western	1,000,000	1 00	0 13½
Hattie Brown	1,000,000	1 00	0 7½
Helen	600,000	1 00	0 7
High Ore	500,000	1 00	0 6½
Homestake	1,000,000	1 00	0 17½
Idaho	500,000	1 00	
Imperial	1,000,000	1 00	0 05½
Iron Horse	1,000,000	1 00	0 20
Iron Mask	500,000	1 00	0 52½
I X L	1,000,000	1 00	
Josie	700,000	1 00	0 52½
Jumbo	500,000	1 00	0 60
Knight Templar	500,000	1 00	0 4
Kootenay-London	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Le Roi	500,000	5 00	7 50
Lily May	500,000	1 00	0 20
Mayflower	1,000,000	1 00	0 14½
Monita	750,000	1 00	0 18½
Monte Cristo	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Morning Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 07½
Nest Egg	500,000	1 00	0 10
Northern Belle	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
Novelty	1,000,000	1 00	0 8½
O. K.	1,000,000	1 00	0 26
Palo Alto	1,000,000	1 00	0 8
Phoenix	500,000	1 00	0 13
Poorman	500,000	1 00	0 8½
Red Mountain-view	1,000,000	1 00	0 12
R. E. Lee	2,000,000	1 00	0 15
Rochester	500,000	1 00	
Rossland, Red Mt.	1,000,000	1 00	0 25
St. Elmo	1,000,000	1 00	0 10½
St Paul	1,000,000	1 00	0 12½
Silverine	500,000	1 00	0 8½
Sou'n Cross & W con	500,000	1 00	0 20
Union	600,000	1 00	
Virginia	500,000	1 00	0 18
War Eagle	500,000	1 00	
West Le Roi	500,000	1 00	0 17
White Bear	2,000,000	1 00	0 10
Rossland Star	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
AINSWORTH.			
Dellie	750,000	1 00	0 15
BOUNDARY.			
Old Ironsides	1,000,000	1 00	0 15
CAMP MCKINNEY.			
Cariboo†	800,000	1 00	0 48
REVELSTOKE.			
Orphan Boy	700,000	1 00	0 8½
SLOCAN.			
Alamo	500,000	1 00	
Cumberland	50,000	10 00	
Dardanelles	1,000,000	1 00	
Grey Eagle	750,000	1 00	
Idler	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Kootenay-Columbia	400	100 00	
Minnesota	1,000,000	1 00	
Noble Five Con	1,200,000	1 00	0 64
Rambler Con	1,000,000	1 00	
Reco	1,000,000	1 00	
Slocan Star	1,000,000	50	2 35
Sunshine	50,000	10 00	
Wonderful	1,000,000	1 00	0 10
Washington	1,000,000	1 00	

†Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, $300,000; War Eagle, $187,000; Cariboo, $112,000; Slocan Star, $300,000. Alamo, Idaho, Cumberland, Reco and Noble Five have also paid dividends.

A Big Sale.

W. T. Stewart of Nelson, who represents the W. A. Johnson Electric Company, has received a letter which says: "The company has just sold 30 K. W. Transformers to the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic Power and Land Company." This is the largest order for transformers ever given in Canada. The contract also includes all their further purchases for the next year which will amount to about 10,000 horse power. This was in competition with the Stanley, General Electric, Wood and other transformers."

LAND REGISTRY OFFICE.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE IN NELSON A GREAT NECESSITY.

A Petition to the Provincial Government Which is Expected to Accomplish the Desired Results.

The buying and selling of land in West Kootenay has assumed such proportions that the need of a centrally located Land Registry office has become very necessary for the dispatch of business. The people of the district, irrespective of locality, recognize the great advantages of Nelson as the most convenient location for the office. Citizens here do not intend to be backward in any matters appertaining to the welfare of the town and the district, and have decided to formally petition for a registry office to be established here.

With this end in view a petition has been circulated during the week and numerously signed. It will be presented to the government at an early date. The request is as follows:

To the Honorable the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The petition of the rate payers and residents of the town of Nelson, in the district of West Kootenay, British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

1. That your petitioners are desirous of having the district of West Kootenay set apart as a registration district, for the recording of instruments and registration of titles affecting real estate situate within said district.

2. Your petitioners desire that the district office of such registration district be established in the town of Nelson.

3. The town of Nelson is centrally located and the most convenient point in the district for the establishment of such office.

4. Owing to the fact that the district of West Kootenay is at present included in the Victoria registration district, great inconvenience, expense and delay attend the transfer of property and registration of titles.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that an Order in council may be passed setting apart the district of West Kootenay as a registration district and that a Land Registry office therefore be established in the town of Nelson.

VENEZUELAN TREATY.

The Agreement Between England and the South American Republic has been Signed.

In Washington last Tuesday afternoon the diplomatic representatives of the British and Venezuelan governments signed the arbitration treaty which has been arranged between the two countries. All that remains now in the matter is the ratification of the treaty by each government.

The agreement, as it stands, provides that an arbitration tribunal will meet at Paris within eight months of ratification, with three months additional allowed for counter cases. The entire Venezuelan difficulty will then be settled. It is supposed that eighteen months will be needed to take all the evidence in the case.

The treaty provides that the tribunal shall consist of five jurists, two on the part of Great Britain, nominated by the members of the judical committee of her majesty's privy council, namely: The Rt. Hon. Baron Herschell and the Hon. Sir Richard Penn Collins, one of the justices of her Britannic majesty's supreme court of judiciature, two on the part of Venezuela, nominated, one by the president of Venezuela, namely, the Hon. Melville W. Fuller, and one nominated by the justices of the supreme court of the United States of America, namely, Justice Brewer, and a fifth jurist to be selected by the four, the final decision being determined by a majority of all the arbitrators.

Each of the high contracting parties shall name one person as its agent to attend the tribunal and to represent it generally in all matters connected with the tribunal. Provision is made for the presentation of printed argument and counter-arguments and reports shall be available to both sides. The decision of the tribunal shall, if possible, be made within three months from the close of the argument on both sides.

The high contracting parties engage to consider the result of the proceedings of the tribunal or arbitration as full, perfect and final settlement of all questions referred to the arbitrators. The arbitrators chosen on either side are to be paid by the governments they represent.

NOTICE.

C. Jiszkowicz has purchased from the mortgagees, the entire stock in trade book accounts, etc., of C. Kauffman's grocery business and took active charge Wednesday, January 27. (537)

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Situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—On Wild Horse Creek, a tributary of the Salmon River and about 6 miles east of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway.

TAKE NOTICE that I, John Hirsch, as agent for the Elise Gold Mining Company limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 76801, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1897.

522 JOHN HIRSCH.

NOTICE. The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act authorizing the Company to extend its railway from any point at or near Nelson; thence Easterly to a point at or near Queen's Bay; thence Easterly and Southerly to some point on Kootenay Lake and Westerly or South Westerly and Westerly from Robson to a point on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Hope in the Fraser Valley; and to apply to the extensions above described the provisions of the Dominion and Provincial Acts respecting the Company; and for other purposes.

J. D. TOWNLEY,
Secretary.

Vancouver, B. C., January 16th, 1897. 520

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating a railway from a point at or near the International boundary line between the Province of British Columbia and the United States of America at or near Bedlington British Columbia to the town of Nelson with powers to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines from any point or points along the main or branch lines; and also to construct, equip, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines and to erect and maintain wharves and docks and all necessary works in connection with the said railway; with powers of acquiring lands, privileges, bonuses or other aids from any Government, Municipal Corporation or other persons or bodies and to make traffic and other arrangements with railway steamboat or other Companies; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

A. ST.G. HAMERSLEY,
518 Solicitor for Applicant.

Dated this 11th day of January, A.D. 1897.

COLUMBIA & WESTERN RY.

Time Table No. 3. To take effect Jan. 4, 1897.

EASTBOUND.

No. 4 passenger (daily except Sunday) leaves Rossland ..... 5:00 p.m
Arrives at Trail ..... 6:00 p.m
No. 2 passenger (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) leaves Rossland ..... 7:00 a.m
Arrives at Trail ..... 8:00 a.m

WESTBOUND.

No. 3 passenger (daily except Sunday) Leaves Trail ..... 8:30 a.m
Arrives in Rossland ..... 9:40 a.m
No. 1 passenger (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) Leaves Trail ..... 6:30 p.m
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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION!

D. M. EBERTS, *Attorney-General.* } WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these, Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed; WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this twenty-ninth day of December, in the the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,
[512] Provincial Secretary.

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SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 6, at the

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A DIRECT RAILWAY FROM VANCOUVER TO COLUMBIA RIVER.

The Citizens of Victoria and Vancouver Hold Large Mass Meetings to Promote the Scheme.

The citizens of Vancouver and Victoria have, respectively, held mass meetings for the purpose of arousing interest in the Coast districts on behalf of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway which is to be the direct line from Vancouver to Kootenay and the Boundary Creek country.

Resolutions were passed which set forth the feasibility of the scheme as an engineering feat and the trade to be derived from the trade of Kootenay and the agricultural districts of the Okanagan country.

The road, if built, will run through the Delta and Chilliwack districts in the Fraser valley to Hope, a village about 80 miles easterly of Vancouver; thence south-easterly to the Hope pass in the Cascade mountains; thence down the Similkameen valley to Penticton, on Okanagan lake. From the Okanagan valley the line will cross to the Kettle river country and wind through the mountains to the Columbia river somewhere in the vicinity of Robson. It is estimated that the road would be 425 miles in length and would cost $12,000,000.

Resolutions were passed at the meetings which urge upon the Dominion and Provincial governments that substantial aid should be given to enable the company to proceed at once with the work of construction.

Premier Turner spoke at the Victoria meeting to a considerable length, but did not pledge his support to the project although he declared that the provincial government was impressed with its importance.

Nothing more will be done in the matter until the Dominion and Provincial parliaments meet.

REVELSTOKE NEWS.

Proposed Incorporation.—Removal of C.P.R. Car Shops.—Enterprise of Citizens.

Special Correspondence to THE MINER.

REVELSTOKE, Feb. 5th.—Incorporation is the talk of the hour here; a small majority of the business men seem to favor self government; the cautious majority being of opinion that the time is hardly ripe for breaking away from the leading strings of a paternal, though rather parsimonious government.

One of the arguments adduced in favor of building the new government offices at Victoria was the contention that the latter place is the Mecca for tourists and general jumping off place of British Columbia. This argument applies in some degree to Revelstoke, it being visited by thousands on their way to south Kootenay. The pilgrim to Rossland on his arrival in Revelstoke, if he has to stay over a day, as so often occurs, makes his way to the government office in search of information about the lower country, but he is naturally reluctant to enter this edifice which looks like a cross between a dog kennel and a hen house, and consequently does not form a very high opinion of the accommodations which the government of British Columbia has furnished us.

All Revelstokians with a dollar to spare are sinking it in their own town and so confident are they of its future that they ignore the adage about all the eggs being in one basket.

It is understood that the Rev. Field Yolland, vicar of Holy Trinity church here, has tendered his resignation to the bishop and will engage in the mining brokerage and assaying business with Mr. Leake.

A Montreal syndicate, represented by a Mr. Charles Taylor, has applied for a lease of a large piece of bench ground opposite Revelstoke. He intends experimenting with a new system of hydraulicing on an extensive scale. The operations will be watched with much interest as it is a radical departure from existing methods.

A woodcutter, Marcott by name, died here this week. Under more favorable circumstances this man might have won renown as an inventor. He was under the impression that he had discovered perpetual motion; the machine with which he exemplified his theory is described as a very ingenious affair.

The following standing committees have been appointed by the Revelstoke Board of Trade for 1897:—Public Works, H. A. Brown, Wm. Brown, John Abrahamson and Dr. McKechnie. Finance committee, Chapman, Carlyon and Haig. Mining and Manufacturers, Wells, Laing and H. A. Brown. Transportation and Freight, Sibbald, Coursier and Chapman.

A $15,000 brewery is being built on Mara's land; a $3,000 warehouse on the smelter townsite and several other buildings are under way despite the lack of lumber and the bad weather. The report that the C.P.R. shops will be moved in the spring from Donald to Revelstoke is well founded, although the local officials who possess property in Donald very naturally question the accuracy of the rumor. The C.P.R. officials ought to do the square thing by Donald property owners and give them a lot in Revelstoke free, and transportation for their lumber and effects.

NOTICE.

Unless taken away in thirty days I will sell all clothes left with me for cleaning. All accounts outstanding unless paid within 30 days will be placed in an attorney's hands for collection. I desire to sell out my business, my house and lot, a one-third interest in a Toad Mountain claim, a one-half interest in a Bird Creek claim.

ANTOINE MAURIN.

Nelson, February 6th, 1897. (512)

A SITTING OF THE COUNTY COURT of Kootenay will be held at Rossland on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1897 and at Nelson on Monday, the 22nd day of February, 1897.

T. H. GIFFIN,
Registrar of the Court.

Nelson, B. C., January 29th, 1897. 531

METAL QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK.

Jan.—	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
SILVER (Bar)	64⅞	64⅝	64⅞	64⅞	64⅞
LEAD	2.80	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90

New York, Feb., 5—Bar silver 64⅞. Lead strong and high views of holders is checking business. Brokers price, $2.90. Exchange $3.17½ to $3.22½.

PRODUCE OF THE MINES.

RETURNS FOR 1897 UP TO DATE.

ORE EXPORTED.

From Slocan via Kaslo	2,644½
Slocan via Nakusp	842
Rossland via Northport	948½
Tons	3,593½

PRODUCE OF SMELTERS.
(Shipped)

	TONS
Nelson (Hall Mines) Matte	239½
Trail Smelter Matte	1165½
	1405

ORE SHIPMENTS.

Returns Since Last Week.

VIA KASLO.

Payne Mine Pueblo, Col	250
Last Chance "	17
Whitewater to Everett	32
Ruth to "	31
Rambler "	17
Reco to Denver, Col	18
Goodenough "	42½
Ruth to Pueblo, Col	30½
Slocan Boy "	32
Jackson "	16
Ibex and R E Lee to Pueblo	8½
	504½

MATTE AND BULLION.
(Shipped.)

Trail Smelter [Matte]	301
Hall Mines [Matte]	82

SMELTER RETURNS.

HALL MINES, [Nelson] for week ending Feb. 6; treated 910 tons of ore.

MINING TRANFERS.

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

Nelson.

Jan 30—

Lucky Center—J McLein and A Gilchrist to J Darragh.

Royal Canadian, Empress of India, City of Vancouver, Golden Valley, Iron Monarch—J Riley, J Shannon and Wm Riley to J Davies, joint ownership, Davies to spend $1000 in development.

Young American—J Emprey to W H Young. 1-5.

Titanic, Young Grouse, Sulton, Epoch—E Hoelzee to W H Young, $350.

Feb 1—

Donegal, Townsend—P Carr and S Trapp to F Bosquet, ¼.

Pearl, Philadelphia—F Bosquet, P Carr and S Trapp to M R McQuarrie, ¼.

Iron Mask—W Noll to J Caron, ⅓.

Ames ⅓, Carland ⅓, Little Peter ⅓, Iron Mask ⅓—J Caron to T J Kickham, $500.

Hardwick—W Flannigan to A Hoyt, ⅓.

Ruby, Africa, Independent, McPhee—W W Carlisle to C A McAnaley, T W Coleman, R W Perdue, F R Thomas and M Heath, ⅓.

Mc Phee—W W Carlisle to T W Coleman, ⅓, $500.

Medicine Hat—J Bell to D Wade, 1-5, $50.

Violet 1-9, Inn 1-9, Monarch 1-16, Tiger 1-16, Bonito ⅛, Gold Bug ⅛—A Lewin to H Bauman.

King of the West—M Kealey to H Selous, ⅓, $5.

Kootenay Star, Blenheim, Triumph, Superior, Lottie—J B Wood to R J Baker, ⅓, $500.

Feb 2—

Eric—C P Young to M Schweig, ⅓.

Warnego, Fredigar, Omegan—A Y Wilson to M Schweig, ⅓.

Warnego, Fredigar, Ogemaw, Eric, Two Friends—M Schweig to G Owen, ⅓.

Leadville—J Chestnutt to S Boyd, ⅓.

Yale—R D Ingraham to R R Hedley, ⅓.

Dexter—F J Monroe to G A Eckerley, ⅓, $500.

Royal Canadian—J Stewart to G Wilson, ⅓, $750.

Nevada—M W Brewster to W Berwick, ⅓, $250.

Nako—T J Rea to J Stinson, ⅓.

Kitrel—T H Rea to J Stinson, ⅓.

Sitting Bull, Blue Jack—V P Weisenthal, C Dempster and C J Leggatt, Agreement to form Salmon River Gold Mining Co.

Golden—Julia Wright to A Cairns and G Gurd.

Little Chieff—H Smith to E F Hutchings.

Feb 3—

New Brunswick—J Henderson to S T Langley J McGreer.

Florence—R Hutchinson to S T Langley.

Deadwood—J Henderson to J Mc Grear, ⅓.

Copper Queen—D A Good to H Nitengale, $20

Copper Queen, H Nitengale to W H Latta and A J Williams.

Tennessee—R J Turnbull to J T Price and E M Peters, ⅓, $300.

Painter—W H Donogh to A Moher, ⅓.

Painter—A Moher to R R Hedley, $100.

Pilot Knob, Independence, Mars—A Lassey to P J Lyon, 7-120, $250.

Same—A Lassey to W H Hutchinson and P Paulson, 14-120, $500.

Same—A Lassey to G N Spangle, 1-10, $250.

Same—A Lassey to G W Larner, 1-10, $250.

NEW LOCATIONS.

Nelson.

Jan 30—

Snow Shoe—J Milne, on Salmon River, adj Camille, 1½ mile e from Salmo.

King Soloman—J Milne, on Salmon River, opp mouth Porcupine Creek, adj Spokane claim.

Feb 1—

J Dawson—J Dawson, east fork Salmon River adj the Henry Hudson.

Feb 2—

Cleopatra—G L O Thompson, east fork of Salmon River, ½ mile from Ben Hassen claim.

J G Robertson—J G Robertson, east fork of north fork of Salmon River, adj J Dawson.

Daisy Bell—E T Thompson, west fork of north fork of Salmon River.

Feb 4—

Never Got Left—G Broderius, R Barron, J G Williams, 1½ m from mouth of east fork of east fork of north fork Salmon river.

Latch Key—E L Steves, west fork of Salmon river.

First Trip—J P Pike, between Rover creek and north fork of Salmon river.

Feb 5—

Teddy (frac)—D McCormick, in Wild Horse country, adj Grimes, Blue Jay, Ben Franklin and Elizabeth.

Notice of Dissolution of Copartnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between James A. Gilker and Frances B. Wells, doing a gent's furnishing business at Revelstoke and Nelson, British Columbia, under the firm name of Gilker & Wells, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

Witnesses: R. R. MOCHEAR, ROBERT A. RENWICK.
FRANCIS A. WELLS. J. A. GILKER. 528

Dated, Nelson, British Columbia, Jan. 16th 1897.

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

Take Notice that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for a hotel and saloon license for my hotel at Salmo, Salmon River, B.C.

GEORGE DAY.

Salmo, Feb. 4th 1897. (538)

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

TAKE NOTICE that Mrs. M. Kilcline will apply to the Government Agent for West Kootenay for a license to sell liquor by retail at or near Slocan Crossing, where the Slocan river railroad will join the Columbia & Kootenay railroad, in said district.

MRS. M. KILCLINE.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 16th day of January, 1897. (516)

NOTICE.

ASSESSMENT ACT AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX.

NELSON DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within the Nelson Division of West Kootenay, assessed by me, are payable at my office at Kaslo, B.C.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate other than wild land. Three-quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property. On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars one and three quarters of one per cent. Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land. If paid on or before the 30th of June 1897: Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate other than wild land. One half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property. Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent. Two and one half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Provincial revenue tax $3.00 per capita.

O. G. DENNIS,
Assessor and Collector.

Kaslo, B.C., Jan. 20th, 1897. 527

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

MOLLIE GIBSON MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Nelson Mining Division of the District of West Kootenay. Where located:—On the East slope and about 2 miles from the source of Kokanee creek

TAKE NOTICE that I, Charles Moore, acting as agent for Patrick W. George, Free Miners' certificate No. 65805, intend, Sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1896.

474-5-12-6 CHAS. MOORE, Agent.

COLUMBIA AND KOOTENAY RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION CO.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the plan, profile and book of reference, of a Branch line of the above railway from its junction near the mouth of Slocan river and extending to the south end of Slocan Lake, within the limits of "Slocan City," are now on file in the Land Registry Office at Victoria.

J. D. TOWNLEY,
Secretary

Vancouver, B. C., December 24th, 1896. 510

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JAS. WAUGH, Purser. GEO. F. HAYWARD, Master. 31

Kaslo & Slocan Railway.

TIME CARD NO. 1.

GOING WEST.		Daily		GOING EAST.
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"	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	"	1.3 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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ROBT. IRVING, Traffic Manager. R. W. BRYAN, Superintendent. 261

NOTICE. The Trail Creek and Columbia Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session, for an Act authorizing the Company, in addition to the railway described in the Act 58-59 Victoria, Chapter 67, to construct a railway from the terminus near Trail Creek Mines described in the said Act or from any point on the Columbia River between the International Boundary and its junction with the Kootenay River; thence Westerly to a point on Kettle River North of the International Boundary; and also authorizing the Company to issue bonds not exceeding thirty thousand dollars per mile of its railway; and extending the time within which the Company's works may be commenced and completed; and applying the various clauses of the Company's Act of Incorporation in so far as they are applicable to the railway above described; and for other purposes.

HARRY ABBOTT,
JOHN MILNE BROWNING,
WILLIAM FERRIMAN SALSBURY,
Provisional Directors.

Vancouver, B. C., January 16th, 1897. 521

NOTICE.

The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next Session for an Act authorizing it to issue bonds to the extent of thirty thousand dollars per mile of its railway; including an extension from its Eastern terminus in an Easterly direction to Macleod, or to a point on the line of the Calgary and Macleod Railway and thence Easterly to Lethbridge, and to make such agreements for conveying or leasing the Company's railway and its rights and powers as is usually given to railway companies in their Acts of Incorporation, and for other purposes.

GEMMILL & MAY,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Ottawa, 20 January, 1897. 535

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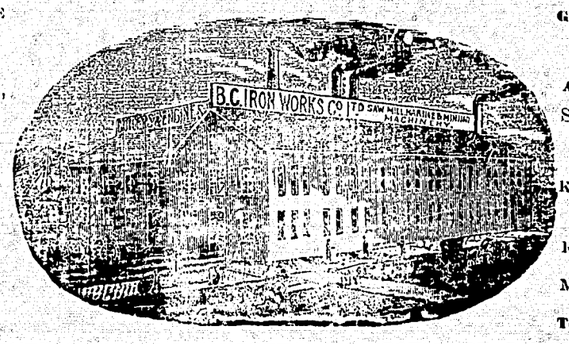

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