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Sandon Rebuilding

Although the fire swept away three-quarters of the business places and the residences of the city, leaving many people worse than penniless—that is without means and owing money—, the greatest energy is displayed by the sufferers on every hand in their endeavor to re-establish themselves.

Stein Bros. are down to business in their new two-story frame near Burns' storehouse and are more extensively than ever in the bakery, fruit and confectionery trade. J. Wood, in the same line, is at work in temporary quarters, but will soon re-build.

Mr. Harris is converting the red livery stable, the only building saved in the centre of the town, into a hotel—two-story, 60 x 80, fronting on the 60-foot street to be constructed on the flume with a back entrance on Slocan Star street. The upper story will contain the office, twenty bedrooms, bath-room, two parlors, besides a spacious central hallway with a large skylight above. The lower floor will have bar, billiard, club, and dining rooms, kitchen, barber-shop and all the other appointments of a really first-class hotel. The dining and bar rooms will have glass fronts, and, though not having as many bedrooms, will be larger and better appointed than the Reco destroyed, which is saying a great deal. A few rods to the east, and connected by a wide sidewalk, he is erecting a two-story block, the down stairs will have two stores and the upstairs will be laid out for offices. Both buildings will have plate glass fronts, will be plastered and fitted up in finished city style in every particular.

Bennett & Walmsley have leased the Atherton property, and are putting up an extensive hotel, that will also be up to date in all its arrangements. In a week or two we will give fuller particulars.

Charles Walmsley has broken ground on the old Kootenay hotel stand, and is putting up a much better building than the former.

"Dutch Jake" Kelsen has the frame work up of a premises superior to those destroyed. Alongside him is the Clifton house, phoenix-like, two and a half stories, nicely papered and well equipped from cellar to attic. Robt. Cunning has the lumber on the ground and will erect the Sandon hotel much better than the one reduced to ashes. Dick Orando has the Ivanhoe revived in a neat two-story frame, as have also the proprietors of Miners' hotel.

Ald. Thompson was the first to build westerly in the city after the fire, and has had a steady trade since.

Mas Egan is on the skating rink site for a new three-story "Palace."

P. Burns & Co. have their rotail meat market in the cold storage building for the present.

G. W. Grimmett, G. Knowles and G. Melvin are supplyeng all jewellry needs in make-shifts.

Pitts and E. R. Atherton & Co. are in temporary quarters. Her Majesty's mail is handled in a tent at the rear of the latter's store.

Mrs. McKinnon has a two-story millinery premises under construction near the new Reco.

G. M. Spencer has turned the sword into a pruning hook and has a neat restaurant on the old opera house ground where the "Bitter Atonement" brought grief to the city all around. The McDonald Bros. are also running a restaurant in the Balmoral.

A. David took time by the forelock and re-erected his tailorshop and residence on the old stand. J. R. Cameron is still dressing his customers in a small shop below Galena street, while Armstrong & Co. are established in Folliott & McMillan's annex.

F. A. Wood, who retains a lurking admiration for the city that gave him $75,000 through the sale of his interest in the Last Chance mine, has leased for a long period from the K. & S. 120 feet frontage on Reco avenue, across from the C. P. R. depot, and will erect a substantial brick block thereon, suitable for stores, offices, etc., of which we will write more fully later on.

M. Krakenberg has a cigar factory and a residence finished on Cody avenue.

Hunter Bros., on their old stand, and nearly all others who were in business before the fire have up temporary premises, and are doing the best they can until they see the street question fully settled and know just how the business interests of the place are going to shape, when many of them will re-build or occupy some of the new business blocks.

Ald. Crawford will be the "pioneer" re-builder of Sunnyside. He is erecting a magnificent "winged" two-story residence, with bay-window and wide verandah on his lot and one purchased from R. Creech. It will be an imposing structure from its elevated position.

Not Closed Down.

Although the Slocan Star let out over 60 men on the first of the month, it does not imply that the property is idle. There are still over 40 men at work on development, and preparations are being made for a busy time later on. Mr. W. S. Drewry has just completed a survey of a 2,100-foot cross-cut tunnel, which will be double tracked and, when completed, will be the main avenue to the entire workings of the mine. It will strike the vein at a vertical depth of 380 feet below the present workings, when upraises and the usual other workings will follow. After the tunnel passes the wash, which is quite deep at that point, air drills will be used to finish this important piece of work.

Its Future,

It is no secret that the townsite of Sandon is not the most inviting place in the Province for residences, nevertheless our mineral resources in the surrounding hills will always support a large number of business houses, hotels, etc, and with them must follow a number of residences. From the huddled up situation of the buildings before the fire, a visit from the fiend sooner or later was inevitable, but all hoped it would be later. It came, however, sooner and left many people homeless and financially stranded. Yet really all who suffered are game and disposed to re-establish as best they can. It is very fortunate that after some six weeks' wrangling among the property holders a plan has been decided on by the people that will prove a blessing to all. Though all the details are not completed, this may be given as the future "lay-out" of the place. Salamander avenue, east of the C. P. R., will be widened and improved, and back of it, or next the K. & S., will be laid out another street for small manufactories. Reco avenue will probably remain as it is, and be built on on the north side as far down as Pitts' store and below which no buildings will be erected, the street spreading to the railway embankment, or foothill, an average of 60 to 70 feet wide. Whether a wide street will be made between the C.P.R. depot and the Reco hotel ground or between the latter and the Bartlett lot to Flume street and thence across the C. P. R. to mill gulch, it is at present premature to say. However, a 60-foot street will extend from that crossing down the flume to the lower end of the town, wherever in time that may be. A 60-foot cross street from hill to hill will be made on the site of the Goodenough property and Slocan News stand, and another near the Kootenay hotel, with one probably half way between. Slocan Star street, between the buildings on the south side of Flume street and the C. P. R., will also be wide. These wide streets should give a good fire brigade ample opportunity to work in case of a fire, and thus render insurance available, both of which conditions being out of the question before the fire.

A feeling towards Mr. Harris has, to some extent been the cause of the delay in coming to conclusions. That gentleman is like all other men, some times right and some times wrong; but it is bad policy to say such and such alterations should not be made because he will profit by them. Any man holding so many interests in any place is bound to profit by any alterations made in the public welfare. The leading objects of our city council should be: the health of the people, safety from fire and water as far as possible, and improvements as far as reasonable taxation will allow, having an eye to proper economy. If Mr. Harris benefits by these, as any holder of his interests would benefit, it is only one of the consequences of good government.

The New Government.

The past week has been an eventful one in Provincial politics. "Fighting Joe" and his colleagues resigned, recommending James Dunsmuir as his successor. The latter is now Premier and has as his colleagues—Hon. J. H. Turner, finance; D. M. Eberts, attorney-general; W. C. Wells, N. E. Kootenay, public works; J. D. Prentice, Lillooet, Provincial sec'y and education; R. McBride, minister of mines. A caucus of members in opposition to Joseph was held at Vancouver, and with but less than a dozen members, all the House promises to support this government through a session, when a reconstruction is to take place. It was at one time thought that Mr. Green would have received the portfolio of minister of mines, but whether it was he would not take it or could not get it we cannot say. Of the material at hand this is probably as strong a government as could be formed, though we do not for a moment think any government with Mr. Dunsmuir as premier could be strong in an appeal to the people. So far as The Review is concerned we are disposed to give the new government a fair trial, for after all it is measures and not men the country is most interested in. The new cabinet will seek re-election within a few days so the House may meet for business early in July. John Houston was hot foot after a portfolio, but he appears to be distanced. It does not look as if the House elected by the Province was a vindication of the eight-hour law, as the especial champions of the act said it would be. Out of five or six labor candidates but Ralph Smith, their leader, was elected; and but four Cottonites, Cotton himself being snowed under. The Turner element numbers more than one-third of the House after all.

Another significant event is the dismissal of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes and the calling in of Sir Henri Joly, of Quebec.

Changing Its Tune.

The Silvertonian now admits that the Slocan voters' list is so imperfect it ought to be destroyed before the next election. That is just what the gentlemen knew who desired a proper revision a few months ago. Nearly every available vote was polled in the last contest and the number was under 1,200, while there were nearly 2,100 names on the list. The country then paid for the printing of about 900 bogus names unnecessarily. If all the bogus names had been knocked off in revision, as they should have been, considerable expense and much inconvenience to the candidates would have been spared.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1900.

OURSELVES.

As most of our readers are already aware, all the belongings of the proprietors of this paper, including the printing plant and two stores, were destroyed in the disastrous fire of the 5th of May, and this is the first issue we have had printed in our own office since. As a building for a large press is not yet available in the city, we have to content ourselves with this sized sheet, which we can print on a small press in a canvas tent, until better facilities are at our command, and we trust our subscribers will, one and all, bear with us in our present hampered condition. We have a cylinder press secured, and as soon as suitable premises can be had, which will be in the course of a few weeks, we will put it in place and issue The Review in a larger and better form than ever. As we lost all our books in the fire, we have, of course, lost the names of some of our subscribers; and if post masters and others will help us in making up our original list, we will duly appreciate the favor. We will also consider it a favor if those in arrears to the office will kindly send us in what they owe and the names of as many new subscribers and advertisers as it may be within their reach to do.

The paper is in no respect under the financial control of any one but the owners; and from our experience of the past, its future will be in some respects different from its past, but always in the interest of the country and ever advocating justice all around. In a word justice all around, wholly regardless of the importunities of cliques, classes or parties, will direct the course of the paper, trusting to the principle of fair play to carry us through.

We have a very good job plant in the office and can do all manner of commercial printing in the best of style, on the shortest notice. While soliciting future patronage we wish to thank the public for past favors.

A GOOD SAMARITAN.

In our late disabilities we had nothing but good wishes from all our confreres, from those with whom we had public differences as well as those with whom we had none, with one single exception—the New Denver Ledge. Since the fire we were forced to get printed outside a small sheet to meet the requirements of the law as to the publication of some mining advertisements, and our good friend at New Denver endeavored, instead of sympathising with us under the circumstances, to create for us and the advertisers all the trouble he could. Mr. Lowry well knew the publication we issued met all the requirements of the law, and should have passed without comment from him; but even if it did not, if possessed of an ounce of ordinary human feeling under the circumstances, he should have been the last to have referred to it. He knew that when The Review was on its feet it was gaining ground on him, as it will again by fair business methods, and only took that step, wholly unworthy of a being possessed of ordinary manliness, when he knew we were not in a position to defend ourselves. All we have to say is we sincerely hope he will never meet with the misfortune that befel this paper on the 5th of may. If it should be otherwise he will find us ready to treat him differently from the way he treated us. Ordinary courtesy would demand it.

The Nelson Tribune is trying to make capital out of the fact that Clarke and Heinzie, of Butte, have declared for an eight-hour mining day. These gentlemen are playing a big political game, and do this for the votes it may secure, as Mr. Cotton did in B.C. If the dodge does them no more good than it did Cotton, they will find the game is not worth the candle.

A gentleman who says he personally knows whereof he speaks, informs the writer that John Houston took out papers in Seattle years ago constituting him an American subject. If this is so, and he has not again taken out papers on this side, he cannot legally act either as mayor of Nelson or member of the B. C. Legislature. The matter ought to be fully looked into to prevent imposition.

Concerning the Wars.

After the taking of Pretoria, the capital, the British advances in the Transvaal have been a march of continued successes. There is no doubt now that the Boers put forward their best foot first. With that broke their strength was gone. They will keep up a sort of running fire for some time longer, making stands occasionally, but the war is virtually over and Kruger will shortly attempt to make his escape, if indeed he has not done so. It was a war for the freedom of all classes in the Transvaal, which was stubbornly denied by Kruger to all but his people. The two Republics, the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, when all is settled, will become British Crown Colonies, giving equal rights to all, Boer as well as "Gentile."

It looks now, since China has declared war against the world, that many countries will take a hand in the struggle till China is wiped off the map of the Eastern Heinisphere, as was Poland. Wars at best bring much misery to the nations engaged, and the deepest sadness to the families losing members thereby; but they are not an unmixed evil. Civilization and commercial advancement must go on, and the nations that arbitrarily endeavor to impede them must suffer. It is in the interest of all peoples that the other nations of the earth should trade with China on equal footing, and that to do it China should accept the advanced usages of the other countries, but this she persistently refused to do and the sword of Damocles, that has been hanging for some time, has at length fallen, ringing in the doom of the Celestial Empire.

Among the most talked of things in the mining way these times is Mr. M. Kerlin's strike at the Sunrise. This property and the Mascott along side are situated just above the Ruth. After locating these claims, he one day saw a piece of cropping on the side of the trail. This led him to work in the wash until he struck what he supposed was a lead on his property. A short time ago the construction of the Sunshine wagon road exposed, though not noticed at the time, a vein of ore, and working on this Mr. Kerlin discovered a body of clean ore 3 or 4 feet wide in his tunnel and followed it up in stripping for 15 feet. He then discovered he was on the Ruth property and from 30 to 50 from the line of the Sunrise. The find, however, assures him that the same vein of metal runs through the Sunrise. He has a 170-foot tunnel on the latter at the upper end and 200 feet on the Mascott, both on ledges with good showings. The Ruth and other parties have offered him large prices for the Sunrise, and the certainty is he will clear out of both a wealthy man. He has, however, worked hard and put up with privations many years to reach the desired goal.

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Take notice that I, Alexander Sproat, agent for the Sandon Mining & Milling Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 14033, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Prof. Odlum was in the city this week.

Tom McGuigan has returned from his Spokane visit.

Mr. F. A. Wood will commence his brick block next week.

F. L. Christie is going to reside, at least partially, in New Denver.

From reports on the wing it would appear the wedding fever has struck the town again.

Premier Dunsmuir is shortly to visit the Noble Five mine in which he is largely interested.

The K. & S. people are selling a great many lots in all parts of the city where they have property.

"Fighting Joe" and "personal" Governor McInnes are going to spend the next ten days shooting craps together.

Mr. Riddle, of the Spokesman-Review, and Mr. Roincefell, insurance agent of Vancouver, were in the city Wednesday.

It is understood that Messrs. M. L. Grimmett, Jas. Williamson and P. A. Dwyer will shortly re-build residences on Sunnyside.

R. A Beamish has a suit for $2,190 damages against the Whitewater mine for injuries he received on the property some months ago.

Judge Lilly, Mayor Pitts and Solicitor Grimmett went to Vancouver on Tuesday on Grand Masonic Lodge business. They are to be home to-morrow.

Mr. Vallance is fitting up his new residence, the Lloyd property, in excellent shape for the reception of Mrs. Vallance, who returns from the east shortly.

Slocan City is going to have much of the Slocan on the 1st, and a large slice of the Orange Brotherhood on the 12th. That ought to be happiness enough for one town.

Mr. H. Tattrie left on Monday for the maritime provinces where, we believe, a fair maid awaits his coming. This is the sequel of the large new house at the milk ranch.

A party called on the Beak on Wednesday and said he was "held up" the night before. At the time he was so drunk, it would have taken two men to have held him up properly.

To do Mr. Green justice we may say he has not gone in with the Martin opposition, as the Ledge asserts. He simply says he will not give the new government a dependent support.

Folliott & McMillan have put up a two-story structure at the rear of their planing mill. The upstairs is occupied by Mr. Folliott as a residence, and the ground floor by Armstrong & Co., merchant tailors.

Mr. Harris is displaying a great deal of public liberality in the expenditures he is making on Flume street from his new hotel up. He is saving the corpora heavy outlay. Natural acquisitiveness may be attributed to the act by some, but none the less he is paying out a lot of money the public would otherwise sooner or later have to expend that way.

It is in a sense none of our business what people do with their own property; but from our knowledge of the way such things go we cannot help saying that if the owners of real estate in the place would only sensibly lower their rentals and sell at moderate prices to those who would build and improve the town, it would be money in their pockets continually and a great service to the city. Sandon will never be a Butte or a Leadville, nothing more than a smart local mining camp, and prices of realty ought to be accordingly. Charging more will only drive good men away, and retard growth and diminish the taxable property. This is history everywhere else, and it must be history here.

A water pipe is now laid up the gulch past the Denver house.

Col. Brayton is booming the west end lively selling lots every.

Mrs. Kay with George and Jimmy returned from Scotland on Thursday.

A great deal of gardening and some farming is now going on in the Slocan valley.

Mr. Krakenberg will have his new cigar factory, next the pop works, in full blast in a few days.

It is generally understood the C. P. R. will commence the Lardo extension of their line early next month.

It is whispered the C. P. R. are likely to build their passenger depot near where McLaughlin's planing mill now stands.

Phil Hickey went to Spokane the other day, but all the same work on the concentrator and its accessories is going ahead at more than a 2:40 rate.

Mr. Jackson, interested in Lemon Creek properties, was in the city to-day on his way to Woodstock, N.B. His errand may be the same as Mr. Tattrie's.

Larry Doolan is spending some days here shaking hands with Sandonites. He has resigned his position with the K. & S. and has his eye on something better.

Mr. Mellish, a painter and paperhanger of first-class repute, is going to establish in the city on his own account shortly. He is now at work on Harris' new hotel.

Armstrong & Co., tailors, have moved into their new premises next to Folliott & McMillan's factory, and are now ready to turn out orders on the shortest notice. By giving us a call you will be convinced that our workmanship and fits in all garments are perfect.

While the disposal of the relief money is a matter difficult to settle to the satisfaction of all, the wish of the doners should be followed as far as possible—that is to give the money, at least, direct to those who met losses pro rata. It appears to us that the committee simply have no option in the matter.

MINES AND MINING.

A car of ore was shipped from the Argenta on Thursday.

W. W. Warner has a big contract for tunnelling on the Sovereign.

A rich strike of nickel ore has been made in a Trout Lake property.

There are several gangs of men working on the several leads of the Reco property.

The Surprise at McGuigan will shortly commence shipping. It has considerable ore ready.

The Last Chance is shortly to light its entire property with electricity generated on the premises.

The long tunnel of the Ivanhoe is now in nearly 1,300 feet, and the ledge is looked for at any moment.

Altogether Phil Hickey is now "bossing" about 100 men, who are employes of the Minnesota Silver Co.

In the old workings of the Sovereign they have two feet of good ore that they are now stoping and shipping.

There are ten men driving a 400-foot cross-cut for the Ajax. With that done they will drift 100 feet on the vein.

Harris and Whittier are driving a long cross-cut tunnel to catch the lead on No. 1 claim, the old Wisconsin property.

The Queen Bess is erecting a new office and other buildings to replace those blown up by dynamite the other day.

The new find or strike at the Sovereign is 12 inches of good ore on the surface. The lead dips considerably to the south and they are sinking on it now.

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