

In Time the Slocan Country Will be the Great Silver Camp on Mother Earth.

THE LEDGE.

Job Printing at This Office at Prices in Harmony With the Mencholy Condition of Silver.

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PRICE TEN CENTS.

ORE SHIPMENTS.

Record of the Mineral Being Handled Over the N. & S. Railway.

The steady stream of ore has kept up over the Nakusp & Slocan Railway during the month, about 1,000 tons in round numbers having been forwarded. This has all gone to the Omaha smelter. Two fresh producers have entered the list this week, being the Kalispell and Mollie Hughes, and both of these are directly tributary to this town. One drawback is felt by shippers in that the railway is not in a position to furnish all the cars required. Now that the concentrator has started, the demand will be still greater. No difficulty is experienced in handling the ore on Arrow lake, as the Arrow, Marion and Genelle's tug are able to attend to the Kootenai's business. Several hundred tons have gone out of the Slocan by way Kaslo, principally to the smelter at Great Falls. From Trail creek the usual heavy shipments are made each week. Ainsworth will be a heavy exporter before long, as a number of important properties are preparing to get out ore. The Black Diamond has made a few small shipments from there to Great Falls.

From the initial shipment on Sept. 13, 1894, till Jan. 1, 1895, the Slocan mines sent out over the Nakusp & Slocan Railway:—

Alpha mine	771½ tons, valued at	\$ 77,125
Mountain Chief	91½	9,125
Slocan Star	1,031½	103,150
Fisher Maiden	47½	4,775
Noble Five	87	8,700
Minnesota Silver Co	15	1,500
Reco	42½	4,225
Idaho	60	6,000
Last Chance	15	1,500
Total	2,151	\$215,100

Since the first of the year the list by the same route shows:—

DATE.	MINE.	WEIGHT.	VALUE.
Jan 1	Idaho	75 tons	\$ 7,500
Jan 3	Slocan Star	57	5,700
Jan 7	"	15	1,500
Jan 8	Idaho	47½	4,750
"	"	30	3,000
"	Alpha	32½	3,250
"	Slocan Star	15	1,500
Jan 10	Idaho	60	6,000
Jan 12	Minnesota Silver Co	15	1,500
"	Slocan Star	13	1,300
"	Last Chance	15	1,500
"	Idaho	15	1,500
Jan 14	Idaho	63	6,300
to Slocan	ound c	27	2,700
A. Chappell	Star	37	3,700
Thursday after	erland	45	4,500
Jan 19	Noble Five	45	4,500
Jan 22	Cumberland	15	1,500
"	Slocan Star	100	10,000
"	Noble Five	15	1,500
"	Alamo	45	4,500
Jan 24	Slocan Star	100	10,000
"	Reco	30	3,000
"	Idaho	40	4,000
"	Alamo	15	1,500
Jan 26	Noble Five	20	2,000
"	Reco	30	3,000
"	Last Chance	30	3,000
"	Idaho	40	4,000
Jan 27	Slocan Star	95	9,500
Jan 29	Idaho	20	2,000
"	Noble Five	65	6,500
Jan 31	Reco	30	3,000
"	Slocan Star	90	9,000
"	Idaho	20	2,000
Feb 1	Kalispell	8	800

NAKUSP ASSAYED.

Murmurings of Life in the Smiling City by Arrow Lake.

A billiard and pool table is the latest attraction at the Hotel Nakusp.

There is a limited number of members in the Nakusp Snowshoe Club, but it is a great success.

Hugh Madden, from the Sunless City, i.e., Three Forks, is enjoying the sunshine of our favored town.

The Marion and Arrow are making regular trips between here and the head of the lake. The mails are coming in without interruption.

Recently there has been a number of transfers of mining property on Cariboo creek, for fair considerations. Cariboo creek is the coming gold camp of Kootenay.

A number of men left town a few days ago, under the instructions of Supt. Marpole, to try and liberate the steamer Kootenai from her icy enclosure in the upper Columbia.

At present there are two news depots in Nakusp, but there is a report going the rounds that one of them is to move away, making the Trail creek camp his next stopping place. This will be encouraging to the one remaining.

Duffy & Spencer's Quadrille Club will give their usual entertainment on the 18th. The objects of the club are to promote the interests of dancing, and learning couples to avoid the disagreeable event of stepping on one another's toes.

The concert and dance, held last Friday evening, in aid of the public school, was pronounced by all a decided success in every respect. The attendance was large, and the programme of the concert of no mean dimensions. Those assisting on the programme were Mrs. Jordan, Misses Caldwell and Thomas, and Messrs. Jordan, Sampson, Shaw, and Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and Mr. Duffy furnished instrumental music, while Master Roy Thomas captured the house with his song, "An Irish Gentleman." The dance commenced immediately at the close of the concert, and was kept up till early morn. Supper was given at the Hotel Nakusp and was an elegant collation. The proceeds of the entertainment, were \$60.

Church Concert.

Next Tuesday evening a concert will be given in the church, in aid of the building fund. The committee reports a good programme, with refreshments. Doors open at 7, with tickets at four bits.

Fisher Maiden Looks Well.

Jap King came up from the Fisher Maiden last week. He reported the property in fine shape, with a good showing of mineral. The working force has been reduced to four men, because of the difficulty in getting in supplies. More men will be put on in the spring.

DOWN TO DEATH.

James Gillis Loses His Life in the Noble Five Snowslide.

The history of mines and mountains is one of blood, and it would seem that so many human lives are to be sacrificed every year in the Slocan. Last Saturday afternoon a rawhide train of 15 animals, laden with ore, left the Noble Five mine for the sled road, a short distance from Sandon. Three men, James Gillis, John McKinnon and a Frenchman named Joe, accompanied the train. The party was in the act of crossing the gulch, where the snow usually comes down, when a slide, accompanied by the customary roar and clouds of fine snow, struck the train and carried Gillis, McKinnon and seven of the animals down the steep. The Frenchman escaped and immediately procured assistance from a camp on the sled road near Cody creek. E. Kelly, who was sledging ore from the Reco, discovered McKinnon three-quarters of a mile from the spot where the slide first struck the train. McKinnon was dazed at the time and didn't realize what had happened for some time. He was taken to the Forks, where Dr. Bruner spliced up his broken shoulder and attended to his numerous cuts and bruises. He will recover. The slide did not carry Gillis nearly so far. When found his feet were sticking through the snow, his face being covered with about a foot of it. He was dead when taken out, having apparently been killed instantly. His body was taken to Nelson for burial. Gillis was well and favorably known in this country, having been here several years. He was a native of Eastern Canada. Six of the animals were also killed in this, the most destructive slide of the season.

Poorman and Tiger Sold.

A cablegram has been received at Butte, Mont., from London, Eng., announcing the sale of the Poorman and Tiger mines, on Canyon creek, in the Cœur d'Alenes, to an English syndicate of great wealth and resources. Butte men interested in the Poorman admit that this is correct.

On the North Fork.

For many months Messrs. Gibson and Smith have pounded rock on the Phoenix, a claim owned by them and Dr. Bruner. The property, which is one of a group, is situated on the north fork of Carpenter creek, and is difficult of access. A tunnel has been driven 55 feet on the Phoenix, and it is expected that another 10 feet will strike an ore chute. It took 50 days of hard work for two men to build a trail to this property suitable for taking a horse over. In that section are situated the Roulette, Cordelia, Libby R., and several other claims. A short distance away is the Dolly Varden group of dry ore claims. None of these properties can ship ore until a trail is built from Three Forks to some point on the west fork of Carpenter creek, a distance of five miles.

MINING NOTES.

Happenings of Interest Among the Treasure Vaults.

The Alpha increased its working force this week.

Next week the Alpha will resume its ore shipments to Omaha.

The concentrator at New Duluth commenced operations on Monday.

Application is being made for a crown grant for the Lucky Boy property.

Alex. Smith, manager of the Surprise mine, will visit Chicago next month.

The fear of snowslides drove the Silver Belle boys into town during the week.

Sid Norman and his four partners are doing development work on the St. Keverne.

Upwards of 400 men, including teamsters and mule-skinners, are working in the Slocan. This gives a monthly payroll of over \$30,000.

A petition has been circulated this week, asking for Government assistance to build a trail from Slocan lake to the prospects on Eight Mile creek.

The recent payday at the Slocan Star had the effect of flooding Sandon with cheques, which were of little use to the business men, owing to the scarcity of currency.

The Kootenay Water Company has absorbed all the interests of the Kootenay Hydraulic Placer Mining Co., which has been operating on the Pend d'Oreille river.

C. McNichol, T. Duffy, and W. Jackson are performing assessment work on the Noonday, a promising claim on Four Mile. They will camp right by it till spring.

Con Fielding and Bob Cooper have received an assay of 518 ounces in silver from a specimen taken from a claim staked by them last fall, six miles from the mouth of Springer creek, at the foot of Slocan lake.

Another Producer.

The Kalispell, situated at the mouth of Ten Mile creek, has been leased by its owners for six months to Pike & McFeeters. They will do all the work for 50 per cent. of the ore. A paystreak was struck last Thursday that assayed over 400 ounces in silver. A shipment of eight tons was made from this property to the Omaha smelter last Friday.

Preparations for Spring Work.

Wharton's sawmill, across the lake, will probably have a steady season's cut this year. Gosson & Hoben are getting out a large number of logs, while J. T. Nault has contracted to supply 100,000 feet from Wilson creek. W. B. Young has been engaged constructing a big barge at the mill for hauling the lumber to Roseberry, or other lake points. A strong bid will be made for the Three Forks market.

The Ledge,

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Correspondence from every part of the Kootenay District and communications upon live topics always acceptable. Write on both sides of the paper if you wish. Always send something good, no matter how crude. Get your copy in while it is hot, and we will do the rest.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 1895.

SILVER STILL PAYS.

People are becoming gold crazy in many parts of the west, and their whole desire seems to be to get into a camp where the yellow metal predominates. Gold camps may have more life at present, but capitalists will find that the saffron-colored stuff is treacherous and ruins more than it makes. Silver mining is less dangerous to loss of capital and is still very profitable to many of the mine-owners in the Slocan. There is one mine in this district producing 30 tons of ore per day, averaging 110 ounces in silver and 80 per cent. lead. The lead pays all expenses and leaves a profit, with silver at 60 cents an ounce, of over \$1,500 per day. When newspaper mining experts tell you that silver is a losing business in the Slocan, at 60 cents, they do not know what they are talking about. We consider that it pays better almost than anything else, and that is the reason why this paper is published in what will yet be the greatest silver city of the age.

Only two Canadian companies are operating properties in South Kootenay. There will probably be four 10 years from date, provided foreign capital has not gobbled everything valuable by that time.

Over \$30,000 is paid out, principally by cheques, for wages every month in the Slocan, and still no banking institution is in existence in the district. Canadian capital seems to be as conservative towards the banking business as it is towards mining.

The gold reserve at Washington has dwindled down to a few millions and the nation is becoming alarmed. Our gold reserve has come down to less than a million, and it is liable to go still lower if our respected subscribers do not send us more registered letters than they have been doing during the past few months.

A waterworks system would be of immense benefit to New Denver, and efforts should be made to procure one. In addition to the protection from fire, it would be an inducement to people to settle in a town where they could get pure water by turning a tap, instead of having to strain their backs

dipping it out of the creek with a bucket.

The Slocan Times has gone, with out saying so in its columns. Its editor evidently did not have the courage to write its obituary notice. We wish it and its editor success in their trip round the world. This publication is now the only paper in New Denver, and nothing but the Indians or starvation will drive it away from the midst of the glorious scenery of Slocan.

In the United States some 9,800 murders, 190 lynchings, and only 132 legal executions is the ugly story which the past year tells of the prevalence of crime and faulty administration of justice. This means that one out of every fifty-one murderers is illegally executed, and one out of every seventy-four is put to death according to a legal sentence. It more-over frequently happens that the lynchers execute the wrong man. In these figures there is much food for reflection, and the conclusions are anything but creditable to the great Republic.

We visited Rossland recently and found it a town of much promise, and several log buildings. It is high up and the sun gets a fair chance to melt the snow. It is the boom town of the coming spring, but we are afraid that real estate sharks will spoil it as they have so many towns before. It has plenty of resources behind it, and will eventually blossom into a solid town, but if it is rushed too fast it will injure more than it will benefit. Nelson men are heavily interested there, and they will do everything possible to inflate the price of lots and sell at a large profit, without regard to those who come behind them. A town like Rossland is better without boomers. Then it will not get in advance of the mines, and fewer people will go broke by too much competition in business.

Ore worth nearly a quarter of a million dollars was shipped out of Southern Kootenay last month. Most of this was shipped from the Slocan and Trail creek camps. The constant shipments of ore are attracting attention on the outside, and inquiries are pouring in from mining men desiring investments. Everything points towards Kootenay becoming one of the greatest mining districts in the world. The Slocan is getting better every day, and Ainsworth camp, stimulated by the completion of the Pilot Bay smelter, is attracting the notice it deserves. Trail creek promises to be the great gold producer of Canada, and today it outranks every camp in the Dominion as a yellow metal exporter. We are pleased to chronicle the progress of the district. It is substantial. Ore cannot talk, but every car of it that is rolled towards the smelters at Omaha and other places is a traveling advertisement for Kootenay's mines.

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"Companies' Act," Part IV.

"The Slocan Surprise Mining Company",
 (Foreign.)

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The capital stock of the said Company is two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, divided into two thousand two hundred and fifty shares of one hundred dollars each.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 27th day of December, 1894.

[L.S.]

S. Y. WOOTTON,

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WARDNER.

The Kellogg school re-opened on the 21st.

Mrs. James Fumerton is recovering from a serious illness.

E. Clough is once more on the street after his long illness.

J. F. Van Allen is laid up at the hospital with a serious injury to his hip.

Mrs. Jacob Warner, one of the best known residents of Burke, died a few days ago.

Charles Russell, who had his leg broken at Enaville, has been removed to Kellogg.

W. S. Wilkinson left on Tuesday for Murray, where he will work for Copeland & Horn, on the Daddy.

Last Tuesday Charles Stedrick, an employee of the Cataldo Lumber Co., had two fingers of his right hand badly injured, necessitating the amputation of the index finger and the dressing of the other.

WALLACE.

John Wallek has made an assignment to D. Holzman & Co., of Spokane.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, will give a grand ball on the 19th, in commemoration of the formation of the order.

J. Murphy, father of Mrs. S. Fuller, of this city, died at his home in Omaha, Neb., on the 9th ult., at the advanced age of 86 years.

One of C. Mallon's men innocently mixed chicken feed with some brine, and the result was that over 30 of his employer's chickens and eight turkeys climbed the golden stairs a few hours later.

The Frisco shaft is now going down steadily with three eight-hour shifts. It is a little over 30 feet deep. The new compressor is working finely. Mr. Carson, late of the Bunker Hill property, is now the foreman of the mine.

Early Monday morning, a colored man, named N. Leroy, dealer in hot tamales, was held up at his residence by two burglars, but succeeded in scaring them off. This is the third encounter of the kind Leroy has had, though he has never lost anything.

Sinking was resumed Tuesday in the shaft of the Gem. It is now 15 feet below the fifth level. Three shifts are engaged in sinking. About 70 men are working in the mine and mill, the latter running one shift only. No stopping is in progress above the tunnel level.

The Poorman shaft is still sinking, being 92 feet below the ninth level. Having crossed the vein several levels above, the shaft is gradually receding from it as depth is gained. At the depth last mentioned they were 25 or 30 feet apart. The mine

is running to its utmost capacity and is turning out its full quota of ore.

The Tiger is working 85 men. They are still continuing the drift westward on the lower level, with four feet of good ore in the breast. They are engaged in putting in a new compressor, which is intended to pump 600 gallons of water per minute, and to operate six machine drills in addition. The cylinders are 18x20 inches. The pump has been ordered from Fraser & Chalmers. A station for the pump has been cut on the ninth level. This is 17x22x12 in the clear.

The Standard bids fair to rank among the very best producers in the district during the coming season, although at the present time no work is being done at the mine with the exception of driving the Banner tunnel and a few improvements at the surface. The tunnel is now in a distance of 1,800 feet, having been driven 180 feet since the fine chute of ore was struck a few weeks ago. At the breast of the drift the ore vein is 10 feet in width, but at one spot, some distance back, it is four times that. The full width of the ore is being taken out as drifting progresses, consequently a huge pile of ore has accumulated on the dump since the chute in question was encountered. On the surface a number of men are building an ore bin of 400 tons capacity, which is now about completed.

AROUND THE STATE.

The State will receive from the general government about \$3,500 as its share of the proceeds arising from the sale of Government land in Idaho during 1894.

Hon. W. H. Clagett has become a resident of Boise City, and Mr. Ruick, chairman of the Populist central committee, is also preparing to locate at the State capital and engage in the law business.

D. S. Brown, of Caldwell, has just received five opals from a Denver lapidarian, who pronounced them all first-class stones. They were taken out of the Chrisley mine, at Opaline, and are beauties.

The public are warned against a man named Archie Bennett, who has been collecting money in the mining camps, on the plea that he is a miner, and desires an artificial leg to replace his stump. He has collected considerable money in surrounding camps, which he spent in various dives in Boise. Chief of Police Shellworth ordered him out of that city.

Indications show that D. Arbogast and Will Long are about the luckiest men in Lemhi county, and are undoubtedly in possession of about as rich a gold property as was ever located in Idaho. In June of last year they discovered a gold lead while prospecting some seven miles north-east of Salmon City. The ledge is four feet wide and prospects well. Native gold is scattered through the rock plentifully.

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A GOOD EXAMPLE

And a Good Work in Kaslo, Says a Toronto Paper.

The Canada Presbyterian of Toronto publishes the following: Two years ago a number of the members of Knox Church, St. Thomas, undertook to support a missionary in one of the Home Mission fields of Northwest Canada. The money required to do this was to be an extra effort, and to be over and above all subscriptions or contributions already promised or intended for missionary purposes. The money was sent through the Board of Missions each year to the general treasurer of the Presbyterian church, and account was made of it in the regular way.

The field given for this missionary effort was the mining town of Kaslo, in the Kootenay district, British Columbia. No missionary or minister or any church was laboring there. Hundreds of men, some of them with their families, were entirely cut off from everything calculated to restrain passion or build up good moral character. There was no church or Sunday Schools. Saloons and drinking dens, gambling hells and every other effective agency of evil, were in full operation. There, in the midst of Nature's grandest scenery in the Canadian Dominion, was a community of nearly two thousand souls without a suggestion of church or gospel preaching.

It was to this field that Mr. Donald M. Martin, a graduating student of Knox College, Toronto, was sent by the Home Mission Committee to labor for two years, as missionary of Knox Church. He proved to be the man for the place.

In spite of innumerable discouragements, during his term of service, a church and manse were built, not very large or gorgeous, but sufficient for the place. Some of the hardest characters were won and the moral tone of the place perceptibly raised. At the close of his term of service the town council placed on record their high appreciation of the service he rendered to the cause of morality and good government, making special mention of the closing up of whiskey dives and gambling dens.

In May last Mr. Martin was followed by Rev. John Hunter, a young graduate of Edinburgh, a worthy successor, who took up the work at Kaslo with enthusiasm and vigor. He is the only preacher of any denomination in the district. Notwithstanding manifold disasters by fire, cloudburst and floods, neither the missionary nor his people have lost heart or hope. "The people," he says, "are not lacking in pluck. I have very fair congregations, averaging in the evening from 150 to 200. Not many of the miners are members of the Church, but they attend in fair numbers. There are many encouraging things about work here. The

people are frank, off-handed and liberal with what means they have."

Writing to the church at St. Thomas he says: "I am sure the good friends in St. Thomas would be pleased if they could see the splendid results that follow from the faithful service of their first missionary, Mr. Martin. I cannot tell you how much good he and his wife have done, in rescuing some who are far down, and in throwing around others the restraining and refining influence of a Christian home. Many a young fellow was recalled to right ways by pleasant evenings spent at the manse. It was only at the manse that he was made to think of home and that men should be true and women pure. I trust that I may be enabled to do some such service for the Master as your missionary to these needy men."

To missionaries of such a spirit and with the blessing of God resting upon their labors nothing is impossible. The story is only one, we are persuaded, of many such that, did not their modesty forbid it, our Home Missionaries all over the west especially could tell. It ought to prove, and may it prove an inspiration to many to go and do likewise. To what nobler work could any minister desire to consecrate the health and strength, the hope and courage, the faith and zeal of his youth.

Deepest Mines Around Butte.

There are ten mines around Butte, Mont., which are over 1,000 feet deep and two over 1,500 feet. The following table shows the depth of the principal mines:—

Alice	1,500 feet
Lexington	1,500
Gagnon	1,300
East Gray Rock	1,300
High Ore	1,200
Anaconda	1,200
St. Lawrence	1,100
Mountain View	1,100
Silver Bow No. 1	1,000
Green Mountain	1,000
Parrott	900
Moulton	900
Mountain Con	900
Never Sweat	900
Calusa Parrott	800
Buffalo	800
West Calusa	700
Silver Bow No. 2	700
Blue Bird	700
Glengarry	600
Leonard	600
Magna Charta	600
Pennsylvania	600
High Ore No. 2	595
Blue Jay, sinking	560
Sunnyside	550
Mountain Chief	550
Belle of Butte	500
Nettie	500
Moscow	400
Pacific	400
Original	400
Stewart, sinking	400
Virginus	300

The Ledge

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KASLO-SLOCAN RAILWAY.

Once More That Famous Scheme Crops to the Surface.

Within the past few weeks there has been renewed talk of the probable commencement of construction of the Kaslo-Slocan Railway, as engineered by Munn, Hendry, Ewen & Co. The citizens of Kaslo have applied to the Legislature for a rival charter, but this is believed to have been done merely to force their opponents' hand. Still there are to be found those who yet confidently believe that the former company will, by some means or other, commence the construction of the road before the expiration of the charter, in September of this year.

W. Bailey, the secretary of the railway company, has again taken up his residence in Kaslo, but he keeps close by his office. He, with other members of the outfit, this year maintains a sphinx-like reticence regarding the intentions of the company. The impression is abroad, however, that the Great Northern Railway has finally determined to come to their assistance and get the road built, in order to head off the C. P.R. for the business of the Slocan. During the past few months Great Northern officials have been gathering data regarding the development and probable future of Kootenay. That company's head agent at Spokane, Mr. Dixon, has just returned from the Spokane with much valuable information, and while here he endeavored to secure the services of a well-known writer to supply General Passenger Agent Whitney with nicely written articles for the edification of tourists.

Mr. Dixon was quite serious when he said the Kaslo-Slocan road would be built this year. He stated that the height of the water having been determined at Bonner's Ferry, the much-talked-of spur at that place would be built so soon as the snow permitted. This would give boats better facilities for handling traffic, and incidentally give the Great Northern a better chance to compete for Canadian trade. Moreover, the operation of the Pilot Bay smelter would be a strong factor in support of the construction of the Slocan feeder. Jim Hill is once more sounding the financial markets of Europe and he is not doing it for naught, so his friends say. He has a scrap pile of narrow gauge material and rolling stock, and this could be employed to good advantage on the Kaslo road.

Bought in on a Townsite.

Wm. Thomlinson, New Denver's enthusiastic and genial postmaster, has recently purchased an eighth interest in the townsite of Slocan City from Arthur Dick. Slocan City is situated at the foot of Slocan lake, about 20 miles south of New Denver. Mr. Thomlinson has great faith in the future of the granite belt, and thinks that many good mines will yet be developed on Eight, Ten and Springer creeks.

Corbin Must Hustle.

The Provincial Legislature in session at Victoria, have seen fit to refuse an extension of time for the commencement of construction of the Red Mountain Railway, their bill having been killed last week. To a certain extent D. C. Corbin, president of the

S.F. & N.R., as well as a promoter of the Red Mountain scheme, expected this, and he is preparing to commence work by the specified time of April 12. He went up to Rossland the other day in the interests of his new feeder. Corbin has little time to hustle up his construction outfit, but he will prove himself equal to the emergency.

A dance given in Frank Locasto's new building, at the Pronged City, Friday night, was very successful.

In the spring a crown grant will be issued to the owners of the Cody Creek townsite. The property will then be placed on the market.

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MINING RECORDS.

Recorded at New Denver, for the week ending
February 6, 1895.

TRANSFERS.

John C. Cress to Annie Wilson— $\frac{1}{2}$ in the Mineral Hill, Eureka, Richmond, Roulette and Lucky Move, on January 2. Recorded January 30; amount, \$100.

Albert Allen to Rasmus Makle— $\frac{1}{2}$ in the Early Bird, January 25. Recorded February 1; amount \$1.

John Cockell to Byron N. White— $\frac{1}{2}$ in the Noon-day and Fourth of July, on February 1. Recorded February 2; amount, \$10.

LEASE.

Frank H. Kilbourne to E. J. Mathews—Lease for one year on the Lucky Jim, Roadley, St. George, Van Zant, Moses and Shields, on January 24. Recorded February 5.

ASSESSMENTS.

Roulette, Mountain Lily, Lucky Move and Rebound—recorded February 1, by T. Wall.

LEDGE CROPPINGS

St. Valentine's day next Thursday.

Next Sunday Nakusp will be visited by Rev. A. J. Gaebel.

An effort is being made to organize a minstrel troupe in town.

D. McLachlan has arrived at his home in Ontario in safety.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated in town by a ball.

H. McLean, druggist, is preparing to move his stock at Rossland.

There will probably be a dance in Shannon's hall some night next week.

C. W. McAnn, of Kaslo, is visiting his former home in New Brunswick.

Genelle's sawmill at Nakusp is to resume operations for the season on March 1.

The city postoffice has been through the painter's hands this week, and it looks much better.

House and furniture to sell, very cheap, at Nakusp. Apply to H. N. Coursier, Revelstoke.

Jim Black has gone on a visit to Vancouver. Before returning he will take a spin up in Cariboo.

February 15 is the date set for a meeting of the Kaslo-Slocan Railway Co., at their offices in Victoria.

Drugs, perfumery, and toilet articles can be procured at the Kaslo Drug Co.'s store in Three Forks.

Work is to be commenced shortly on the new steamer, which the C. & K. Co. purpose building at Nakusp.

The Cariboo shipped 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons to Tacoma last Saturday, by way of Kaslo. The Cariboo is a new exporter.

The story is again revived that a steamer is to be built upon Slocan lake, to be run in connection with the railway.

St. Valentine's Day is on the 14th. Al. Hoyt is aware of the fact and has a stock of valentines on hand that will suit any taste.

F. Pyman, jeweler, expects his family in from Calgary shortly. They will reside on the second story of the Hoban building.

Bert Crane has sold out to his partner in the hotel business, at the Forks, and will go to Rossland. In the spring he goes to Alaska.

Quite a number were disappointed by the train not returning to Nakusp Friday, thereby causing them to miss the big entertainment.

St. Valentine's Day at Nakusp will be honored by a masquerade ball, to

be given at the Hotel Nakusp. Tickets, \$1, to admit one couple.

The postoffice money order office here has averaged two orders a day since it was established. The first outside order was cashed last week.

R. H. Kemp, the talented Bohemian from Arkansas, has been in town seeking literary inspiration from New Denver's transcendental scenic environments.

Operations will be resumed at the ore bag factory shortly, as a supply of jute is now on the way in from San Francisco. A new seven-foot water wheel has been put in.

F. Pyman, New Denver's watchmaker and jeweller makes cleaning and repairing watches a specialty. He visits Three Forks every Friday to accommodate customers in that town.

It is reported this week that Holland will open the Kaslo Comique on Monday next. He has to pay, it is stated, in addition to the regular liquor license, an additional dollar for each performance.

Messrs. Rabbit and Wright, two prominent men from the Spallumcheen valley, were in New Denver last week. One was on a business trip and the other came along to see the wonders of the Slocan. Several farmers from their district are engaged hauling ore from Arrow lake to the Wigwam.

For Fifteen Thousand.

E. J. Mathews, representative of the Omaha smelter, has leased for one year the Lucky Jim, Roadley and St. George from Frank Kilbourne. During that time he has the option of purchasing the properties for \$15,000.

Red Mountain Railway Co.

The Columbia River & Red Mountain Railway Company has been incorporated by D. C. Corbin, Austin Corbin, second, Frank George and Albert Allen, of Spokane. Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of Auditor Tyler, at Spokane, last week. The capital stock is placed at \$200,000, divided into 2,000 shares of \$100 each par value. The term of existence of the company is 50 years. D. C. Corbin, Austin Corbin, second, and Albert Allen are named as trustees, and Spokane is designated as the principal place of business.

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