

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

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PRICE TEN CENTS.

ORE SHIPMENTS.

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

The blockade on the N. & S. Railway during the past week, interfered seriously with the shipments of ore from the Slocan. In other portions of the district the soft weather used up the wagon roads, so that the aggregate shipments were slim compared with preceding weeks. During the blockade 800 tons of ore was massed at the concentrator and Three Forks. The railway having again been opened up, the ore is being handled at a lively rate.

The chief feature this week has been the resumption of shipments from the Alpha, 32 tons having been taken to Roseberry on Tuesday by the steamer W. Hunter. It was consigned to Omaha.

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	94	9,325
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	2,191	\$215,100

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

DATE.	MINE.	WEIGHT.	VALUE.
January 1-31		1,337 tons, valued at	\$129,700
Feb 1	Kalispell	8	\$ 800
Feb 3	Idaho	20	2,000
Feb 4	"	20	2,000
"	Reco	20	2,000
"	Noble Five	35	3,500
Feb 8	Slocan Star	100	10,000
"	Noble Five	15	1,500
"	Idaho	20	2,000
"	Reco	15	1,500
Feb 9	Idaho	35	3,500
"	Reco	15	1,500
"	Wonderful	35	3,500
Feb 10	Slocan Star	100	10,000
"	Idaho	35	3,500
Feb 13	Noble Five	50	5,000
Feb 14	Slocan Star	100	10,000
"	Idaho	40	4,000
"	Noble Five	15	1,500
"	Alamo concentrates	35	3,500
"	Mountain Chief	40	4,000
Feb 19	Alpha	32	3,200

Alpha Concentrates.

Capt. Moore, of the concentrator, has been treating with the Alpha people for the concentrates on that property. Application has been made to the C.P.R. for a cheap rate from Roseberry to the concentrator, and this will no doubt be granted. The ore would be hauled from Silverton to Roseberry by steamer, and thence loaded on the cars for the works. There is a large body of concentrating ore on the Alpha, which, though not rich enough to ship out, would well repay reducing. But this would likely be only a temporary arrangement with Capt. Moore, as the owners of the Alpha have in contemplation the erection of an 80-ton concentrator at or near their own property in the not distant future.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

The Newmarket Hotel Passes Into the Hands of a New Firm.

A change has taken place in the proprietorship of the Newmarket Hotel, entailing many alterations. C. Teasdale has retired from the firm of Stege & Teasdale, and J. M. Winter, of the Windsor restaurant, has been admitted in his place. Stege & Winter, the new proprietors, have leased the Newmarket for two years, and they are going to considerable expense in fitting up the house in first-class order. Upstairs the bedrooms are to be finished in good style and tastily furnished, particular attention being paid to the accommodation for ladies.

Downstairs a still greater improvement will follow. In April a two-storey addition will be erected to the rear of the barroom, which will then be removed thither. A pool and billiard table will also be put in. The present barroom will be furnished with desks and other furniture suited for an office and sitting room. The dining room is being looked after by Mr. Winter, who moved over from the Windsor yesterday afternoon. He will give that his chief attention, while Mr. Stege looks after the hotel proper, thus ensuring success in every department.

Invitations have been issued for the formal opening on Saturday, when the patrons of the hostelry will be served with a free lunch in the evening. Both men understand their duties, and having the confidence of the business men and traveling public, they should and undoubtedly will meet the expectations of their many well-wishers.

Increasing Its Stock.

The Spokane Falls & Northern Railway Company has filed notice in Spokane of their intention to increase their capital stock. The present capital is \$2,500,000, which the company proposes to increase to \$2,812,600. The increase will be for permanent improvements, and with a possible eye on the building of the Red Mountain Railway.

Mineral Locations at Kaslo.

The following locations have been recorded in Kaslo since January 1:—

The Chief, near Ainsworth, recorded by Dan Taylor, on January 7.

The Florence, 2½ miles from Ainsworth, recorded by D. McPhail, on January 15.

Morning Star, on Jackson creek, recorded by N. T. Johnson, on January 18.

Frontenac, on Jackson creek, recorded by John Emdal, on January 18.

Tamarac, near Fry creek, recorded by John Spratt, on January 30.

Korea, near Fry creek, recorded by John G. Sutton, on February 14.

The Kootenay Trading Co. is closing out of Kaslo. Capt. Shaw was manager.

ANOTHER CONCENTRATOR

The Slocan Star People Figuring Upon a Mammoth Plant.

Byron White has had in contemplation for some time past the erection of a concentrator for the Slocan Star. The plans for this are about settled, and all that he is waiting for before the work of construction proceeds, is the striking of the vein in the lower tunnel that is being driven on the mine. He expects to tap the ledge shortly, when the body of concentrates will be largely increased. At the present time he estimates that there are enough concentrates in sight in the various tunnels of the Star to keep a 200-ton plant running steadily day and night for four and one-half years.

Mr. White's intentions are to put in a concentrating plant of the above daily capacity, the machinery coming most likely from the establishment of Fraser & Chalmers, Chicago. The plant would be erected within easy reach of the Slocan Star.

Work on the Alpha.

Work is being pushed along rapidly on the Alpha, and the mine will soon be in a position to employ a large staff of men and ship extensively. The chief labor is being expended on the lower tunnel, where considerable dead work is being done. This is necessary, if more men are to be employed. There are 12 men now on the staff, which will be increased later on. Seven tons of ore are being gotten out daily.

Good Stage Line.

The stage line operated by Scott, Carscadden & Co., between Kaslo and Three Forks, is one of the best in operation in the mountains. Fast time is made and the drivers do not need any pointers from Hank Monk. The courtesy of the managers in carrying messages and letters to all parts of the Slocan, free of charge, has won them the thanks of many people, and their line is worthy of all the patronage it is possible to get.

New Denver Wants a School.

Once more there is talk of having a public school started here, and the agitation should be kept up till the desired object is achieved. During the week an application for the position of teacher was received from a young lady in New Brunswick, who is very desirous of emigrating hither, together with two typewriter friends, also of the feminine persuasion. A McGillivray has guaranteed a free site for the school, so all that remains to be done is to get the consent of the Education Department. New Denver has enough children to guarantee a school, while Three Forks and Silverton would increase the attendance. A petition should be circulated at once and the necessary subscriptions obtained. The location of a school would benefit the town immensely, and would be a strong inducement for miners to move their families in from outside places.

MINING NOTES.

Happenings of Interest Among the Treasure Vaults.

The Alamo reports a new strike of ore.

Work on the Fisher Maiden has shut down for a while.

The Kalispell is preparing to make another shipment before the snow is gone.

Work is to be pushed on the Little Daisy, a gold property on Ten Mile creek.

Fear of snowslides has caused operations to cease temporarily on the Ivanhoe.

D. W. McVicar, of the No. 1 mine, Ainsworth, will move his family out from Nova Scotia in the spring.

Enthusiasts in the Trail creek camp assert that there will be a population of 5,000 in Rossland by summer.

It is reported that the Surprise has suspended work until such times as the trail permits the packing in of supplies.

The soft weather has broken up the roads from Rossland, and but little ore is going out. An effort is being made to utilize the Northport road.

Nakusp parties are figuring upon erecting a large store and hotel at Burton City in the spring, in view of the rush to the Cariboo creek mining camp.

W. S. Murray, formerly of Nakusp, has the contract for hauling the Yakima ore to the railway. The contract price is \$2.25 per ton, and he calculates to move 15 tons daily.

There is a boom on at present in Trail creek properties. One of the most recent dickers was the bonding of the San Francisco claim, situated near the War Eagle, by J. Hanley, for \$10,000.

Capt. George E. Bent has been appointed superintendent of the Le Roi mine. He formerly occupied a similar position on the Bunker Hill and Sullivan properties at Wardner, in the Cœur d'Alencs.

Bids are being solicited by the Le Roi Mining Co., of Trail creek, for the hauling of ore from that mine to either Trail Landing or Northport; the hauling in of supplies from either place, and the furnishing of 1,200 cords of wood.

Will be a Noisy Town.

New Denver will be a noisy town from now out, the reason being that the long-expected instruments for the brass band have arrived. There are eight in all, and they arrived in perfect condition. The tone of the instruments is superb, and it will be but a few months before the citizens will hear music. Following is the classification of the horns:—Solo b flat cornet, second b flat cornet, solo clarinet, first tenor, baritone, e flat bass, snare drum, bass drum. Claxton & Co., of Toronto, from whom the instruments were purchased, guarantees every one of them.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 1895.

WELL-MERITED REBUKE.

Shortly after the burial of our late revered Dominion Premier, Sir John Thompson, a great hue and cry was raised by the ultra-Protestants of Eastern Canada, because of the alleged payment to the Roman Catholic Church of the sum of \$1,500 for masses for the repose of the soul of the dead statesman. This money, it was alleged, had been forthcoming from the exchequer of the Federal Government at Ottawa. Upon the strength of this report, an agitation was vigorously worked up against the Conservative party, and well calculated to advance Liberal interests in the approaching elections. At the same time it gave numerous so-called religious leaders an opportunity to vent their venom and unChrist-like spirit against a denomination, whose precepts might be learned with profit by many of its traducers.

So far as the Dominion Government is concerned with the groundless strictures passed upon them, Sir Mackenzie's reply—the letter is appended—to one of his assailants is a direct refutation to the report, and embraces all that need be said on the subject. The person who comes in for this well-merited rebuke is not a stranger to many in this district, as he visited the country two years ago. We refer to Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, who has the medicine served to him thusly:—

"I notice that you have written another letter condemning, in your usual trenchant style, the Government for having done certain things which you regard as wrong—that is, paying for masses for the repose of the soul of the late Premier. I have spoken to Hon. Messrs. Haggart and Curran, two of the committee of three in charge of the funeral arrangements, and they assert most positively that no such expence was incurred or authorized, nor is it intended to pay for such services. I should have been pleased had you written frankly upon this subject, so that you might have saved yourself from meting out condemnation where there was no guilt. The Government did pay a considerable amount for the funeral at Halifax and elsewhere, but after

what England had done it was thought this was the least that Canada could do to honor the Premier."

The German Reichstag has adopted, by an overwhelming majority, a resolution favoring an international monetary conference. The victory of the silver men in the Reichstag was no surprise, as Count Mirbach, the bi-metallist leader, had secured 210 signatures to his motion for an international monetary conference and the rehabilitation of silver. Nevertheless the result is distinctly gratifying to the friends of the white metal, who see in this and other political moves of late, that the civilized nations are at last awakening to the advantages of bi metallism.

Wyman's mining bill has passed the Idaho Legislature, by an almost unanimous vote. The bill follows the Colorado law closely, its main feature being a provision that 10 feet of work shall be done on the claim within 60 days after the date of the location. This is designed to put a stop to the practice of staking and holding land without work. It has worked well in Colorado, where it has the moral support of every miner. Fortunately we are not much troubled on this side of the line with wild-cat speculators, still we think a paragraph tacked to our Mineral Act, after the lines of the Idaho law, would benefit and encourage bona fide mining in British Columbia.

New Denver Bag Factory.

Two months ago a consignment of jute for the New Denver ore bag factory was shipped from San Francisco and has just arrived at Revelstoke. There has been a scarcity of ore bags in the country, and the proprietors of the factory assert that they could have made money had the jute only arrived in decent time. In fact, they claim that they could have disposed of 45,000 bags, if they had had the material. F. O. Berg, now in Spokane, the senior proprietor, is endeavoring to secure an improved machine for the factory.

For Flumes And Tramway.

The concentrator people, at New Duluth, have had engineers out during the week running lines for a tramway, leading from the works to the Idaho and Alamo mines. Grades were also obtained for a large flume to obtain water from Sandon creek, or some point up the Carpenter, for motor power for the concentrator. Capt. Moore was in town on Saturday endeavoring to secure bids on the lumber and construction of the latter improvement. It would require several hundred thousand feet of lumber as the quantity of water needed is considerable. Later on bids will be solicited for the tramway, which will be a work of considerable magnitude.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between H. Stege and C. Teasdale has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts owing to the firm will be paid to H. Stege, who will also pay all liabilities owing by said firm.

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And further, that adverse claims must be sent to the Mining Recorder, and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 21st day of January, 1895.

C. E. PERRY,

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Passengers for Trail Creek mines connect at Northport with stage on Wednesday and Saturday.

THE OLDEST MINE

In California Was a Gold Digger in the Cariboo Country.

Down in Blacksmith canyon, at Sunny South, Placer county, where are located the works of the Hidden Treasure mine, lives the oldest miner in California.

The man who merits this distinction is Fred Howell, sr., who has charge of the sluice boxes and clean-up at the Hidden Treasure, where operations are conducted upon the largest scale of any gravel property in the State.

He is a native of Wales, and is now 66 years old. He began work at Dufryn, Wales, as a gatekeeper in a coal mine when only six years old. Next June will mark the end of a period of 60 years, during which time he has been continuously engaged in mining.

Miners of a riper age, still resident in California, are numerous, but it is believed that this veteran can justly claim the distinction of having spent more years in active mining than any other man in the State.

Howell has been a prospector many years of his life and can well be called a typical miner. In the early days, like many of his class, he was prone to leave good paying diggings in order to visit camps where still richer strikes were reported. As a practical miner he has operated by all the various methods and has kept pace with the improvements in mining, from the primitive pick and pan, the rocker and ground sluice, to drift mining by hydraulicking, and the successful working of gold-bearing quartz.

He is by no means a stranger to the vicissitudes common to the lot of a prospector. He has struck it rich many times, and has as often been dead broke. For the last 11 years, however, he has been a stockholder in the Hidden Treasure, and is at present in easy circumstances.

At 22 Howell left his native land and went to Pennsylvania, where he mined in the coal fields. He secured his naturalization papers in Kentucky in 1853. In April of the same year he reached Lexington, Mo., where he was engaged to drive cattle and started for California. He entered the Golden State by way of Beckwith valley and Marysville. He went to Georgetown, El Dorado county, where he placed the first blast in the Georgetown ditch.

Howell's next operations were at Spanish flat, where he commenced placer mining for gold in the winter of 1853. A map with lines traced showing the travels of this gray-haired miner in search of golden treasure would afford a novel sight. Howell has travelled from California to Cariboo, to Utah, Montana and Oregon.

In 1855 he worked at Volcano bar,

opposite Forest Hill. In the fall of that year he located drift mines in Sierra county. He made a trip to the Fraser river country in 1858, returning to San Francisco on the ill fated steamer Oregon, and was one of 45 passengers who saved their lives by climbing the rocks at Point Reyes with the aid of ropes made from blankets.

A trip was made to Wales in 1859, at which time Howells married Margaret Evans. He tried mining in Utah in 1862, but soon returned to Placer county. In 1864 he bought the Deidesheimer drift mine at Forest Hill, which had produced over \$2,000,000, and with six men soon took out \$80,000. He then tried the Cariboo country in British Columbia, but returned to Forest Hill the same year. In 1866 he bought a share in the famous Mountain Gale drift mine at Damascus, Placer county, but sold it eight months later. The spring of 1867 found him in Montana, from which place he again returned to Forest Hill.

In 1892 he purchased a second share in the Hidden Treasure for his son, Fred Howell, jr. The mine has produced more than \$1,600,000, with an approximate output for 1894 of \$150,000.

Although unquestionably the oldest practical and continuous gold miner in California, this gray haired toiler cannot refrain from pursuing his life long habit of industry, and each day still finds him at his task, superintending the sluice washing and clean-up at the Hidden Treasure mine.

Sale of the Delamar Mines.

Captain J. D. Delamar, of Denver, the well known mining operator, has parted with his stock in the Delamar group of mines in southwestern Idaho, which was sold to London capitalists in 1892, on a report made by Prof. Tiiden, of the Colorado school of mines. The Delamar stock is now held in Paris and London, three-fourths in the former city and one-fourth in the latter.

The transfer of the Delamar stock to Paris was an incident of the recent activity in the London market, where \$2,000,000 of French capital was invested in one week. The last report from the Delamar was dated December 31, 1894. It gives the details of the work for the month of November, showing the value of the gold produced to be \$45,504, and the value of silver \$20,167. The value of the smelting ore reached \$12,529, making the gross earnings for the month \$78,202. All expenses for the month deducted leaves a profit of \$41,188, or over 50 per cent. of the gross receipts.

The Delamar stock was quoted two weeks ago at \$7.25 per share in the London market, and was steadily rising. There are 400,000 shares. Hence the Paris investment, making no allowance for the probable advance footed up \$2,161,500.

The Ledge

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WALLACE.

John Dorsey, formerly superintendent of the Cœur d'Alene system of the Northern Pacific Railway, has just died in Glendive, Mont.

Postmaster Coonce, of Osburn, has removed the postoffice back into his own building and has opened a grocery in connection therewith.

Dr. Genoway met with a painful accident Saturday, while making a professional call to Burke. By the upsetting of his sleigh, he had one of the bones in his leg dislocated and his ankle sprained.

One of the finest safes in the northwest has been put into the First National Bank. It is a Herring & Co. safe and weighs 9,000 pounds. It is provided with a double time lock, the clock work running 72 hours if required.

WARDNER.

H. C. Bailey, whose foot was recently badly crushed by a falling cake of ice, is able to be out.

Joe Fitzquin was seized with paralysis on Wednesday, and has been removed to the Wallace hospital.

Charles Lane, lately from Gem, has been arrested on a charge of being concerned in the burglary of W. F. Goddard's store.

Fascal Micheau, an old Frenchman, was given 60 days' imprisonment, by Justice Langrishe, for stealing a number of articles from the residence of Nicholas Schools.

Rev. J. W. Craig, of Wallace, while splitting wood Saturday, met with a misfortune. His axe caught in a clothes-line, and the pole struck him a violent blow, above the right eye, inflicting an ugly gash, laid bare the skull, and caused a small fracture of the outer bone.

AROUND THE STATE.

At Warrens coffee is so scarce that it is shipped in by mail.

Silver City has gone into winter quarters and is quiet. There is considerable work going on at the mines but the town is dull.

The first woman to be appointed a railroad division surgeon is Carrie Liebig, who will have charge of the Northern Pacific at Hope.

Lewiston, in the northern part of the state, can boast of the fact that there has not been a single failure in any line of business within its borders during the hard times, and at present there is not a vacant house in the city.

The Blackfoot Insane Asylum has 140 patients, the largest number in its history. The Legislature must give the directors a liberal appropriation to enlarge the premises, or else, with the present increase of numbers, it will be overflowing in the next two

years.

In the case of Long vs. Gentry, tried at Moscow, Judge Piper decided a case of much interest throughout the state. It was an action brought to test the question whether or not a harvester's lien is a prior incumbrance to a crop mortgage, duly given and recorded before the work is performed by the lien claimant. Judge Piper decided that it is not, and in an opinion of some length has made the case plain. The question is one of general interest to farmers, laborers and merchants.

George Riebold, the well-known mining man from Warrens, says the sale of a tract of Warrens placer ground, owned by himself, ex-Governor Willey and others, has just been consummated, the purchasers being Philadelphia capitalists. The tract embraces about 200 acres of ground, some of which has been worked and proven to be very rich. The consideration was \$6,000. One man took \$45 in gold in eight hours from one of the claims included in the sale. Chinese who own placers farther down the creek have taken out \$2,500,000 in the past 10 years. Mr. Riebold says it is a fact that two of the Chinese took out \$1,000 in one day.

At a point on the south fork of the Payette, a short distance below its confluence with the Deadwood fork, the stream makes a great bend. At the point of nearest approach, where the river doubles back upon itself, its waters are separated by only 800 feet. Gulches lead up from either side, leaving a ridge about 200 feet wide and 200 feet high. The river flows a mile and three-quarters around the great bend beyond this point of nearest approach. The bed of the stream is known to be rich in gold, different parties having taken out large sums by working along the edges at low water. There are hot springs all along the horseshoe, from which gold can be extracted in considerable quantities. The owners purpose cutting a channel for the river through the neck of the bend. This will leave the river bend dry for the entire distance of a mile and three-quarters, and it is believed the ground will yield enormously. It will be mined with water taken from either small streams that flow in or from the main river at the dam that will be built to divert the river. They have not decided whether they will make it a tunnel or an open cut. If a tunnel be constructed it will be 20 feet square. If a cut be decided upon it will, for a short distance, be 200 feet deep. The work will cost fully \$25,000. It will be commenced in the early spring.

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

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FATAL ROW AT ROSSLAND.

H. McLaughlin, a Well-Known Carpenter, Passes in His Checks.

The first life to be taken in a quarrel in West Kootenay in years, was sacrificed at Rossland a day or two ago. Arrivals in town today assert that on Tuesday week two men, named Hugh McLaughlin and James Westcott, got into an altercation over a building which the former purposed erecting close to one owned by the latter, and which Westcott contended would shut out the light from his premises. From words, the altercation soon led to blows.

McLaughlin, thoroughly incensed, picked up a hatchet, and struck Westcott over the arm and head with the back of it, peeling the skin and causing the blood to flow. Westcott had his wounds dressed and his arm put in a sling. Later on he again met McLaughlin and hurled an axe at him, the blade entering the calf of one of the latter's legs, severing the artery and cords. Dr. Arthur was summoned, and administered chloroform to McLaughlin in order to dress the gaping wound. McLaughlin lingered on for a few days, and then succumbed to loss of blood and nervous prostration.

The body was removed to Nelson yesterday, where deceased's wife lives. Westcott was also brought up and lodged in gaol. McLaughlin was a steady and industrious fellow. He had erected several buildings in the Forks and Kaslo, and was generally well known and respected.

Lost a Hand.

Monday evening a Frenchman, employed on the night shift at the Pilot Bay concentrator, got one of his hands tangled up in the rollers of the crushing machine, resulting in the mashing of the member into jelly. The hand was afterwards amputated at the wrist.

A Provincial Want.

R. E. Gosnell, the Provincial Librarian at Victoria, is in urgent need of copies of the Nakusp Ledge, of Nos. 6 and 8, to complete his files. Mr. Gosnell would also like to secure the intermediate copies of the Lardo Reporter, he having the first three and last issues. Parties forwarding the same to the Librarian will render a great service to their country.

Will Stay By Denver.

C. Teasdale will be missed from the Newmarket by the many patrons of that hostelry in the past. He has retired from the business, giving place to J. M. Winter. Mr. Teasdale will devote his time to looking after his increasing business duties, particularly the sawmill across the lake. He will stay by New Denver and endeavor to promote its best interests. Incidentally it might be mentioned that he has in view the erection of one or two buildings that will be ornaments to the town.

Bonded for a Big Sum.

J. C. Ryan and C. H. Greene, of Saginaw, Mich., representing a strong syndicate, have bonded the Eureka mine, on the Kaslo slope. The bond extends over a period of two years, and is for a figure ranging anywhere between \$40,000 and \$100,000, in equal payments—\$4,000 down. In-

cluded in the agreement besides the Eureka, are the Yosemite, Scottish Chief, Homestake, Echo, and a fourth in the Parrott, all being located between Bear and Lyle creeks. Work will be vigorously pushed by the new proprietors, who anticipate striking large deposits of ore. J. D. Moore, J. McPhee and McDonald Bros. were the original owners.

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