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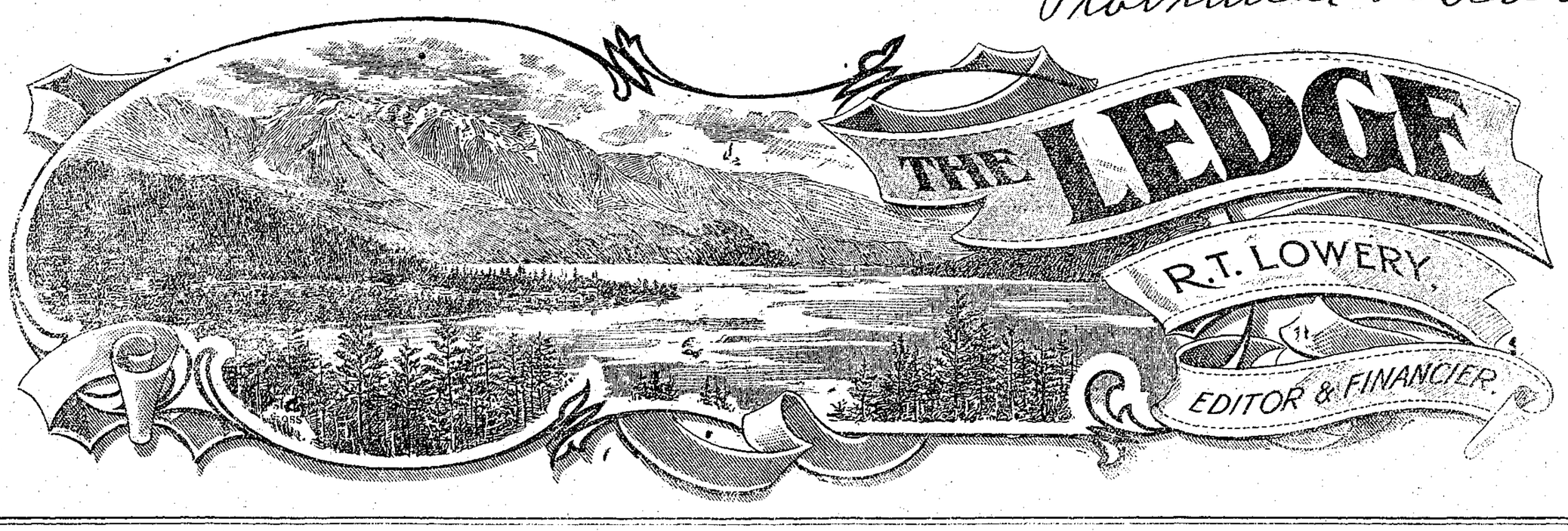

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SLOCAN CAMP NEWS

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

The provincial elections are set for June 12.

The vacant houses in town are rapidly filling up.

Wanted.—A nurse girl. Apply, Slocan Hospital.

John Bourne and wife, Nakusp, spent Sunday in town.

Upwards of thirty men are employed at the Arlington.

The Payne's shipments last week amounted to 140 tons.

Lloyd Bros. will build a two-story addition to their residence.

Those injured in the Sandon landslide are rapidly recovering.

Two teams are engaged in hauling down ore from the Enterprise.

Forty tons of ore went out from the Last Chance during the week.

The lovers of football are agitating for a league of the Slocan towns.

A convention of the various Miners' Unions will be held at Nelson today.

The Bosun boarding house is now in operation, Rossland parties having full charge.

Several citizens took in the masquerade ball at Slocan City on Friday evening last.

Mark Manly expects to introduce considerable Boston capital into the Slocan this summer.

Rev. Mr. Duncan will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock.

The Nelson Minstrels made a mistake last week and played at the South Pole instead of Sandon.

Services in the Methodist church next Sunday, morning and evening. Rev. A. E. Roberts, pastor.

The Arlington has a big showing of clean ore, besides several feet of concentrating mineral.

Hill Bros.' tug brought a scowload of lumber down on Thursday for several local improvements.

Mrs. Alex. Sproat and children have returned from a winter's visit among friends in the States.

The work train and a large crew of men have been busily employed on the N. & S. during the week.

C. D. McCrae gashed his leg badly with an axe on Saturday while running a survey line at the Bosun.

The International, Whitewater, is putting in a gasoline air compressor, the first of its kind in Kootenay.

Suits have been entered against the Dardanelles Mining Co. to recover cost of goods supplied by Kaslo firms.

Hugh McGee, formerly of Sandon, did not die in Spokane as reported. He is in Sumpter and very much alive

A superabundance of the green on Saturday demonstrated New Denver's love for the land of potatoes and no snakes.

The ore from the Capella went out on Thursday. There was between seven and eight tons and it was sent to the Trail smelter.

Charles S. Rashdall has returned from his three months' visit to England. The lodge was much benefitted by his trip across the briny.

The danger from land slides in Sandon is causing many citizens of that burg to look towards New Denver as a place of residence.

Chief Engineer Brown of the tug Ymir, who was so severely scalded last week by the bursting of the safety valve, has since died of his injuries.

The C. P. R. will build additions to their offices in New Denver and Silverton. What they will do at Denver Siding is not yet known.

D. R. McLennan, formerly of this town and now proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, Trout Lake, spent several days in New Denver during the week.

J. S. Gusty, the well known Sandon athlete, was married Wednesday morning to Miss Eleanor Bemis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lyons, of Sandon.

The public school is becoming uncomfortably crowded and the need for increased accommodation is apparent. An additional teacher is also an urgent necessity.

The 17th of March will not be in town for another year, but Williams will be here every day eager to sell cigars and tobacco to all who have the necessary collateral.

The Columbia Specialty Co. held forth in the Bosun hall, Tuesday night, to a good house It was a "rotten" show; the only redeeming feature being that ended early.

Postmaster Strickland has returned from the Kettle river country. He states there is plenty of snow there yet, but it is going fast, and that there are indications that prospectors will flock into the district.

At Sumpter, Oregon, Mike Mahoney is superintendent of the Alamo, Andy Murphy is foreman, and Jack McGuigan one of the owners. Mike and Andy have made a stake out of this property according to report.

The concert given in Silverton on Saturday evening was a great success in every particular, upwards of $80 being raised towards the building of a Catholic church in that town Quite a number were present from New Denver.

It is a matter of pride that New Denver should be visited by the original Fisk Jubilee Singers. This is their first trip through the mountains and they will no doubt receive big houses everywhere. Mrs. Porter Cole, who was with the original Fisk musical combination, is still musical director of the aggregation of talented singers.

THE TOWN OF WAUCHOPE.

C. E. Strickland returned from his trip into Fire Valley this week and reports everything progressing favorably in that section, with the outlook bright for a prosperous year. Mr. Strickland is interested with the Williamson Bros. in a townsite, at what is known as Eight Mile creek, about 25 miles from Fire Valley Landing, on Lower Arrow lake. The townsite was staked last year. It has been surveyed and plotted and placed upon the market. Already several buildings are in course of erection and great preparations are being made by Vernon and Nakusp merchants to supply the trade that is expected as soon as the snow goes off. This is the central point for all that little prospected, but much favored, gold belt, and is the natural supply centre for the Fire Valley district, as well as all the section along Eight Mile creek. They have named their town Wauchope. From Nakusp to Fire Valley Landing is a few hours' ride by steamer. From Fire Valley Landing to Fire Valley postoffice a good wagon road has been built and the government has bridged all the streams in the valley. A pack train of 20 horses is now working from the Landing to Wauchope, affording good means of transportation for freight being taken in. The country is comparatively new and has been very little prospected, though the old Monashee mine and other promising locations have long attracted attention to it. A big rush into the section is anticipated this spring and summer.

HARTNEY IMPROVEMENTS.

Great improvements are being made at the Hartney, which, when completed, will have an important bearing on the town. A new bunkhouse is being erected, alongside the old one. It will be two stories high, modern in its equipment and will accommodate 50 men. In addition to this a large ore house will be built. The force has been increased to 19 men, and this will be largely augmented when the new buildings are completed. Another tunnel will then be commenced lower down the hill, which will afford an ample test to the value of the property. The management are liberal in their views and money, and their orders are to make the Hartney a mine as soon as possible. Their money also stands ready to begin work on the Silver Mountain wagon road so soon as the government grant is available.

ANOTHER FATALITY.

Thomas Kennedy the Latest Victim of the Missed-Fire Hole.

Saturday morning shortly after the day shift went on at the Enterprise mine, Ten Mile creek, an accident occurred, by which Thomas Kennedy lost his life. Kennedy was one of the non-union men employed at the Enterprise. He was a steady fellow, about 35 years of age, and a native of St. Columbia, Que. He came latterly from Rossland and was considered to be a fair miner.

The accident occurred in the stope between the Nos. 2 and 3 tunnels, and was caused, it is alleged, by the exploding of powder that had missed fire in one of the holes driven by the man on the night shift. The hole, which was one of a round of nine, was partially blown out, but it is stated that, as is frequently the case, the powder at the bottom of the hole had not exploded with that above, and when Kennedy started to work he drove his drill into the partially blown hole. He struck it but a few moments when the explosion occurred. The force of the concussion caught him in the abdomen and literally tore the lower part of his body to pieces. His legs were torn in shreds to the bone, while his hands were also badly shattered. His chest and face were badly marked and both eyes were put out by the blast. The body was thrown some feet out of the stope into a hole in the tunnel, where his comrades found him. He was still alive and spoke a few words. They laid him on a stretcher and started with him out of the level, but before they had gone far he expired.

Word was sent out at once and Officer Black and Undertaker Baker went down on the afternoon boat. The Enterprise company wired to the officials at Nelson and Victoria for a coroner and waited until Tuesday, keeping the body at the mine. No officer arriving at that time, and there being no indication that any intended to come to hold an inquest, the body was brought to New Denver for interment. Tuesday morning the Provincial Inspector of Mines came in, but it is doubtful if anything will come of the investigation.

The Enterprise company took the entire charge of the remains and ordered that the interment be the best that could be given. The body was buried Wednesday morning from the Episcopal church.

TROUBLE AT SANDON.

Officer Black was called to Sandon on Monday to look into some trouble there, which was reported to be between the union and non-union miners. Friday the shift boss at the Payne was knocked senseless by an ex-Coeur d'Alener, called Big Mike Turner. He was taking a drink in a saloon and Big Mike knocked him down Later on three Swedes went into Sandon from the Payne and they were accorded the same treatment. En route homeward, and when they had reached a point outside the corporation limits, they were waylayed on the trail and severely beaten about the head.

The business men of Sandon have taken the matter in hand and will investigate the trouble, but up to the present no complaints have been laid They are determined to nip in the bud anything of a lawless nature, and will very quickly rid the city of any element "looking for trouble."

CANADIANS NOT WANTED.

D. Menzies, collector of customs at Atlin, arrived in the city this morning, says the Vancouver Province. Mr. Menzies says he is down for a two months holiday, having taken advantage of the fact that his staff was not overworked at this season of the year. He is the first to bring the news of a big strike on the south fork of the Big Salmon river. Such a strike has been vaguely mentioned, but the location kept dark. The reports from those who located the claims are that the gravel is very rich and that he knew for a fact that pans from these claims went as high as $3.

Mr. Menzies also brings the first news to British Columbia of an organized attempt among the Americans at Nome to run every Canadian out of that camp. The information was secured in Seattle that the Canadians now at Nome were spotted and that spotters were on the track of those Canadians booking for Nome. At the American placer camp a committee has been organized to warn all Canadians arriving and those already there to leave and avoid trouble. A most extraordinary feeling has been worked up in Seattle against the Britishers.

In speaking of the prospects, Mr. Menzies said quartz mining which would be carried on this season in that section would astonish the world. Two big English companies were already establishing large hydraulic plants in Atlin, while owners of placer claims on all the creeks but Pine, which is worked out, are pooling their claims, owing to the fact that the limits of each claim are so narrow that it is difficult to work them singly and by combining they can hydraulic all the claims at once. Claims of great richness will be developed on this plan.

LETTER FROM THE PROPHET.

EDITOR LEDGE:

Sir,—Thank you for sending your paper so regularly to me, and I shall be glad if you will continue to do so, as I am very much interested in the Lucerne of North America. I expect you have heard I am going to South Africa. We sail next Saturday, the 24th, on the White Star liner, Cymric. I hope to come across Forbes out there, as I hear he has gone. I also heard Ford had joined the Hampshire Yeomanry. I am in the 1st Wilts Imperial Yeomanry. I shall be glad when you have settled the labor troubles in the Slocan, as I am coming back after the war is over. Are they going to have a football team in New Denver this year? If so, I wish I was going to be there to keep goal for the boys. I remain, yours very truly,

A. J. CLEVERLY.

Bowden Hill, Chippenham, Wilts, Eng., Feb. 19th, 1900.

Made to Feel at Home.

One of the old time southern negroes went to Boston to make his fortune. After a week of walking up and down he found himself penniless, and no work in sight. Then he went from house to house: "Ef you please, suh," he began, when his ring at the front door was answered. "Can't you give a po' cullud man work ter do, or somepin' ter eat?"

And the polite answer invariably was, "No, Mister—very sorry, but have nothing for you."

Every one who answered his ring addressed him as "Mr.," but shut their doors and hearts against him.

Finally he rang the door of a brown stone front. A gentleman appeared and the old man began: "Boss, I is starvin'. Can't you give me vittles?"

"You darned, black, kinky-headed rascal!" exclaimed the gentleman. "How dare you ring the bell at my front door? Go round the backyard way to the kitchen, and the cook'll give you something—you black"—

But just there the old man fell on his knees, exclaiming:

"Thank de Lawd, I foun' my own white folks at last! Thank de Lawd, I foun' 'em—I done foun' 'em!"

Repairs Needed.

The wagon roads to Silverton and up Silver mountain from New Denver are badly in need of repair The Hartney, California and Marion companies are ready to push work on the road to their properties from the present road as soon as the government puts up its share towards the project and there should be no delay in the matter. The other repairs referred to would cost but little, and the government should waste no time in providing the funds.

Died of His Injuries.

John Doherty, foreman of the Nettie L. mine, near Ferguson, who was crushed by falling rock in the mine ten days ago, has died of his injuries. He was buried on Saturday. Deceased came from California.

WE WILL ADVERTISE

HELPING THE GOOD CAUSE.

An effort was made this week by parties inclined to do a little pushing in the way of advancing the interests of New Denver, with a view to securing from the citizens and business men of the town small subscriptions towards a fund that shall be devoted monthly to advertising New Denver in these columns, and the circulation of extra copies of THE LEDGE. For some weeks past this paper has taken to publishing facts relating to the advantages of the town. The work has been done gratuitously, but, of course, could not be continued for any length of time on this basis; so, to make the thing permanent, at least for a period of a few months, the step above referred to was taken.

A paper was circulated and signed by many, and the sum of $15 monthly was contributed in a few hours. This will be increased to $25 or $30 this week, which will compensate the management of THE LEDGE for the publication of the advertisement and the circulation of 400 or 500 extra copies of THE LEDGE monthly. The papers will be sent to such parties as is deemed advisable by the contributors to the fund, and will be continued as long as the fund is kept up. It is a simple business proposition and one the citizens of the town should grasp willingly: There is absolutely nothing binding about it, so far as the contributors are concerned. They simply continue their monthly contributions so long as they feel inclined, and secure for their money extra copies of THE LEDGE to be sent to friends.

The following citizens and business concerns are to be credited with either contributing to the fund to advertise the town or advertising their own business, which amounts to about the same thing, for a town without advertising business concerns cannot amount to much: Business concerns—The Bank of Montreal, Bourne Bros., St James Hotel, Newmarket Hotel, John Williams, C. M. Nesbitt, New Denver Transportation & Light Co., J. K. Clark, E. M Brindle, New Denver Brick Yard, Hewer & Croft, J. E. Angrignon, Drewry & Twigg, Mrs. Merkley, C. G. Baker, Slocan Hospital. Citizens—Jacobson & Co., A. D. McGillivray, Dan McLachlan, Angus McInnes, John A. Taylor, John Black, J. C. Bolander, W. Thomlinson, Aylwin Bros.

The following refused either to advertise their own business or contribute to the fund to advertise the town: Thos. H. Hoben, A. E. Fauquier and Hermann Clever. Mr. Hoben, in registering his refusal, stated that "in his opinion THE LEDGE had done more in the past eight months to injure the town and country than anything else, and he did not feel that he could do anything that would in any way contribute to the business of THE LEDGE." He did not think this paper had ever done anything to advance the interests of the country, and did not believe advertising paid, any way.

Mr Fauquier, after reading the list, stated emphatically that "he didn't want to have anything to do with it."

Other citizens also to whom canvassers have signified their willingness to aid in the good work, and "now looks as if New Denver is ready to be pushed forward by a systematic business like effort That great good will come from it there is no denial. Take, for instance, the history of the city of St Louis. St. Louis started out with a $1,000,000 fund for advertising the city and its advantages, and got such good returns that from 1875 to 1887 it spent $3,000,000. During that period the population increased 300,000 and the Business Men's League is authority for the statement that more than $110,000,000 was brought to the city by this concerted action. The manufactured product of the city fifteen years ago was $15,000,000 a year; today it is $300,000,000 a year. The moral is plain.

Any person desiring to contribute to the New Denver advertising fund may do so at any time. The paper is at this office and the scheme will be fully explained to one and all. Those who have not been interviewed in the matter need not be backward in coming forward. Many who have not been seen will be interviewed this week. Others can come to the office in passing. Without public spirit a town may as well go out of business. There are, however, only a few citizens in New Denver who will lay back and reap the benefit of the public spirit of others.

THE LUCERNE OF AMERICA.

Its Advantages and Disadvantages as a Residential Centre.

New Denver has all the advantages that nature could bestow as a residential and commercial centre. Its central location in connection with all the prominent shipping mines of the Slocan, its natural beauty and unlimited area for townsite purposes, its well built homes and business blocks, its first class amusement halls and churches, all contribute towards making it what it is destined to be. Surely there never was a town more favored by nature, and certainly there never was a town less appreciated by its neighbors and some of the people in it. This is said in all candor and without a desire to reflect on the jealous neighbor or the faint-hearted citizen at home, but purely and simply to present the case as it is with a view to stirring up a desire within the hearts of all to advance the interests of the town and place it where it ought to be, and make it the important town of this mining division. All that is necessary is the hearty co-operation of the businessmen and citizens; the sinking of narrow prejudices in the sump, and, with coats off and sleeves rolled up, a mighty shove to set the ball rolling.

The disadvantages that the town has ever been pestered with are purely artificial. First, the townsite people are dead, figuratively dead; second, the government has neglected its duty to the town, in holding it as a government townsite and refusing to lend its aid to its improvement; third, its business people, with few exceptions, lack the public spirit that is necessary to bury individual prejudices beneath the dump of patriotism. These faults are not natural; they have been acquired in the long seige of trouble that the Slocan has suffered from. But they are no less obnoxious because there is a faint excuse for their existence. The first thing, then, that is necessary is to start within ourselves and wipe off the slate all prejudice, fear, faint heartedness and spite, and begin anew to build up the Lucerne of America.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan from January 1, 1899, to June 30, 1899, was 15,113 tons. From July 1, 1899, to Dec. 31, 1899, the shipments were 1,391 tons. Following are the shipments from January 1, 1900, to Mar. 17:

	Week	Total
[illegible]	146	1,089
[illegible]		58
[illegible]		120
[illegible]		203
[illegible]		203
Queen Bess		203
[illegible]		421
[illegible]		203
Noble Five		78
Payne		20
Hartney	90	120
[illegible]		20
Capella	7	7
Queen Bess		20
[illegible]		20
Arlington		180
Black Prince		60
Total	243	3103

Fatality at Trout Lake.

Gus Johnston, Nels Nelson and Wm. Flobeck, three well known miners, were caught in a snowslide on the 9th of March, and Flobeck was killed. The men were trapping near Trout lake, five miles from the town of Trout Lake, and were sleeping in a cabin in the heavy timber, where no slide had occurred before. About midnight the avalanche struck them, wrecked the cabin and buried all three. Gus Johnston dug out and rescued his comrades, but one of them was dead. The two survivors were two days and a half reaching the town, travelling bare-footed.

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TO CONTRIBUTORS.

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A pencil cross in this square indicates that your subscription is due, and that the editor wishes once again to look at your collateral.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1900.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

When the list is completed we will publish a list of all the deadheads who have done business with this office.

Nelson is filled with polite people. Up to date no lady has had to complain about standing up while riding on the street car.

'Tis sad 'tis true that a newspaper cannot always make its opinions conform to the views of some three-dollar-a-month advertiser.

The Kaslo paper has improved under the new editorial management. It comes out now loaded to the head rules with words, beautiful words.

The Nelson minstrels were vaccinated with the marble heart in Sandon last week. This will teach them to stay away from a town in which such a narrow minded spirit is rampant.

Joe Martin may be short on suavity but he has more sense than some people. He subscribed for THE LEDGE last week, and as he will take it regularly his troubles are almost sure to fade away, as does the morning mist before the rising sun.

Bradstreet's commercial agency gives British Columbia mining towns a hard deal in one of its recent circulars. The report is uncalled for. If some of the business men in Kootenay are a little short they seem to be able to keep out of the road to bankruptcy.

People in Sandon are a careless lot. They just let the scenery slide while they keep right on looking at their hole card, oblivious to the fact that the fate of Pompeii, somewhat cooled, may overtake them when their hands are stretched out to take in the pot.

Uneasy rests the head that snores in Sandon. A slide is liable to come down at any time and make business for the cemetery. It is surprising how people will take chances upon living in such an unsafe locality. Some are bound to die for it, while the lucky ones will escape.

Sandon is slowly filling up with a choice line of hoboes, macques, shoestring gams, and ladies of the oldest profession on earth. Sandon being the Monte Carlo of B. C. the moths fly against its flame, just the same as a contingent of summer flies tackle a masked battery of molasses.

Men who have studied animals say that the hyena has the best stomach, and has been known to swallow six bones without crushing them. That may be so, but the hyena never swallowed any of the beefsteaks that saw service in the Slocan when the camp was young, and the inhabitants wild with enthusiasm and capable of outdoing even a hyena in feats of gastronomical skill.

British Columbia is in need of a legislature that will foster the industries of the country and work for the benefit of the masses instead of its members and their friends. Any person having a legislature of this kind on hand can find a ready market by applying to the people of this glorious province, so much favored by nature, and so much damned by incompetent images of men commonly called M. P. Ps. In most cases these initials stand for Mighty Poor Politician.

It is months since the British commenced to cross-cut the Boer formation, and Canada is outside the soup. We have been bombarded by war poetry, shelled by arm chair critics, inundated with Pay, Pay, Pay concerts, and had the Union Jack wrapped around us so tight that it is a wonder we have not blown to pieces with patriotism. The severe strain we have passed through is positive proof that the Canadians are the people, and after the cruel war is defunct they should have a say in Imperial politics, and a brand new mint in Kootenay.

If there is to be any cut throat business between the Union and non-union men, such as the disgraceful affair at Sandon last week, the government should step in at once and hang the first man who uses a gun or attacks another with any instrument with malicious intent. The British law is no respecter of persons, our peace officers are not cowards, and anything that savors of Cœur d'Alene lawlessness will be nipped in the bud instanter.

A BRUTAL POEM.

The poem, "An Absent Minded Beggar," is an insult to Tommy Atkins and those who depend upon him, When he is at the front putting up his time and blood in defense of the old flag why should all the country ring with the fact that he is a "beggar"? Why should his wife or girl he walked with be compelled to subsist upon charity because Tommy marched away without leaving anything in the bank? Should the cheeks of these women be tinted with the red flush of shame and wounded pride because they have to accept the bread of charity? We think not. It is their men who save the nation, and the nation should provide them with everything necessary without having the hat passed around to the tune of such a coarse and brutal poem as the "Absent Minded Beggar," just as though the wives and sweet hearts of British soldiers were a band of low down street Arabs. Let there be less of this disrespect to England's soldiers. "Absent Minded Beggars!" What a nice name to call the defenders of a country, and the protectors of every bank roll and title in it.

TOO MUCH RELIGION.

It does not do to go to excess in religion any more than it does in drinking tea or any other custom or habit of the age. In Holland they sometimes go to excess in religion. In a church not far from Amsterdam, occurred last February a service that was the most thrilling we have heard of lately. An elder persuaded the congregation that it was necessary to offer up a human sacrifice. After praise of the Lord and prayer had been indulged in this fanatic seized four women, one after the other, and cut their throats from ear to ear. The elder demanded another sacrifice, and seizing his wife he despatched her in the same manner as the others. Then, after washing his hands in the blood of his victims, the congregation wended its way homewards.

We have heard of many exciting ways of bringing people to Jesus, but this knocks the laggan out of the whole works. For thrilling religious rites it occupies the top stope. The Dutch elder must have been reading about human sacrifices in the bible, and thought he would follow the teachings of that good book. Our readers will be shocked after reading this, but do you ever think about the horror of the sacrament as practiced in some churches in Canada. People kneel around a table and eat bread and drink wine, imagining that they are eating the flesh and drinking the blood of Christ To our mind this is a most cannibalistic service, such as some fanatic like the Dutch elder would originate. It is a relic of barbarism that should be laid away by all civilized beings. We will be condemned for these words by some narrow-minded Jesus howlers, but no man imbued with proper thought can but admit that we are right. To find almost at sun-up of the twentieth century that thousands of people think such things are right is but a proof of how priestcraft and religious rites will cause people to act more like idiots than rational images of God.

WANTED, A CORONER.

If the provincial government is responsible for the Slocan being without a coroner, it is a most disgraceful state of affairs. Last week three deaths occurred at Sandon from accidents—not particularly accidents due to the criminal carelessness of anyone, but certainly accidents surrounding which are circumstances that demand investigation. In all cases the bodies of those killed had to be buried without an inquest being held. This week another death is recorded, and again the body must be buried without the usual formality in civilized communities of holding a coroner's inquest. In this instance, again, the circumstances surrounding the accident that caused the death are such as to demand investigation. The body was held at the Enterprise mine three days, awaiting the arrival of the proper official, but he did not materialize. This is an outrage. The Slocan pays enough into the government coffers to be entitled to proper recognition from Victoria. The Slocan should demand a coroner—and get it.

STATE TELEGRAPHS.

A movement in the right direction was made at Ottawa the other day. Mr. Casey introduced a bill for the establishment of government telegraphs. The bill provides that private messages shall not cost more that 10 cents for ten words and press despatches 100 words for 10 cents. This is a step in the right direction and it is to be hoped that the good work will go on until the people own all the institutions filling a similar position to the masses.

Lemons and oranges, with apples on the side, are good things to take for the health. Williams can fill this prescription without having it written in Latin. All you need is a few short bits and language enough to talk. Williams will do the rest.

....Behind the Kopje....

Joubert: "Paul, how you make oud mit your offer to settle mit der English?"

Doomed Paul: "Dey turned me down, so ve vill fight to a red finish, as der is no use Steyn mit enny more plame kneegoshiashuns. Enny news from Kanada, Jouby?"

Joubert: "Vell, I guess so! Der vas a storm of frost in Sandon der odder night und der Nelson minstrels got cotc in it. Dey ran right into a regular glacier, und it took all der Scotch whiskey in Kaslo to revive dem. Dey all turned white afder der show in Sandon und left dot burg afder dey vere dug out, singing, "Slide, Sandon, Slide," "I'm Going Home to Nelson," "We'll Never Come Back Again," und odder pathetic songs."

Paul: "Dot vas sad. Did dey haf to valk to Kaslo?"

Joubert: "No! Dey had about a million dollars mit dem und dis vas enuff to pay der fares ofer der K. & S."

Paul: "How is der politics in B. C.?"

Joubert: "Dey is hot und still a'hottin'. Joe Martin has hit der trail mit a coal deal shell in his pocket. Cotton is behind a kopje shooting paper bullets, vhile Kellie is oud in der open trying to train his guns on Joe. Bob Green is taking lessons in der smile und glad hand drill, vhile G. O. B. is chuch full of lead. John Houston haf bot a vite schirt, blackened his poots, vound his vatch for eight hours, und vill charge der enemy mit a Union sandpag, und odder dings. Der are a lot of odder fellers putting on der duds for der fray, vhile here und dere mules are making a kick. Der signs are favorable for a hot fight undil the 12th of June. I vish ve could say as much."

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This is Planting Time, and we are prepared with a complete stock of the BEST Garden and Flower Seeds on the market. Onion Sets, Etc. Get the Best while the stock is new.

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They are shootin' with their cannon, they are shoutin' loud hoorays,
They are singing Rule Britannia day and night;
They are provin' they are l'yal in a score of different ways—
When Kitchener and Roberts wins a fight.
They are absent-minded beggars, usin' flags instead of brains;
But, of course, we've got to take 'em as we find 'em.
They are patriotic paupers, as are huggin' of their chains,
An' kissin' of the manacles that bind 'em.

Hank's son, Frank's son, an' sons of a million more,
Each one drest in his Sunday shirt, lookin' a hundred ways
Over this prosperous country fur a steady job or a chore,
Fur a chance to work fur a bloomin' boss as Pays! Pays! Pays!

Men is holdin' up the corners while their wives is in the mills,
Or bendin' over wash tubs morn and night;
Strivin' fur to battle Hunger an' the fear of Want as kills,
An' to keep their little young 'uns in the right.
They are absent-minded beggars in their patriotic paint,
Doin' faithful what the Jingos has assigned 'em;
What the devil does it matter if they everlastin' faint?
Ain't the glow of British glory bright behind 'em?

Nell's son, Belle's son, and sons of a thousand score
Of hapless winmen widdered ere their men has spent their days;
Pinched an' dwarfed an' blighted, beggin' from door to door,
Fur a chance to tyle fur any old boss as Pays! Pays! Pays!

It ain't no coloured chromo: ye can see it any day,
If ye turn your sleepy optics to the light;
Pure homes is at a discount fur pure homes don't pay,
While we manufacture harlots day and night.
Would the absent-minded beggars, as is drunken with this war,
Could see the mill they're makin' fur to grind 'em;
See the glory has departed from Britannia's ancient shore,
See the fetters they air weldin' fur to bind 'em.

Sue's son, Lou's son, bastard fruit of the Lust an' Greed,
An' Pride, an' l'yal heat an' Fraud of our prosperous days:
Darin' never to murmur at the scanty, bitter crust
That the swindlin' Plute considers enough when he Pays! Pays! Pays

While they're yellin' "We're the people, we're the freest and the best"
(Don't deny it, fur their shape is proof enough);
There's an able-bodied holler achin jest beneath their vest,
An' the morsel that must fill it's mighty tough.
An' the absent-minded beggars are forgettin' in the fuss,
They have got to take the bosses as they find 'em:
They are each an' all forgettin' that they make it hard fur us
As must feed an' clothe the kids they leave behind 'em.

Fool's sons, Fool's sons; sons of the Paupers Fyle,
Dancin' so gaily the Jingo jig that the selfish Shylock plays:
Worse'n the blacks in their blackest days, willin' forever to tyle
Fur the bloated grabber as splits the dole what he Pays! Pays! Pays!

KELPIN'S MUSINGS

Experiences of an Irish Emigrant in America.

Laden with human freight the great ship steamed into the harbor. Slowly it moved towards its dock, its huge sides quivering and palpitating, like a thing of life, with each pulsation of its ponderous engines. A slight sound, a grating noise as of two mountains in mortal combat, followed by the clanking of monstrous chains, conveyed the intelligence that the gang plank had been lowered, and crew and passengers were once more safely anchored within the sheltering bosom of mother earth.

"Hoorah for Amerikу!" exclaimed a modestly clad man, of decidedly Cork dialect, one among the first to gain the dock. "Me trials an' sufferins are over at last. If oonly Oi'd got here before Oi came, me cup uv joy'd be overflowin'."

"Papers! papers! Morning papers! All about the terrible strike!" shouted a newsboy, rushing up to the landing.

"Who struck 'im?" inquired the stranger. "Show me the mon that would sthrike is fellow mon in a blissed coontry loike this!"

"Paper, sir, paper?—full account of the strike," repeated the newsboy, approaching the newcomer.

"Give me a douzen uv thim," said the stranger; "the more Oi git uv this blissed coontry in me poseshion the bitter off Oi'll be."

"Howly Moother!" he exclaimed, half an hour later, running his eyes down the long column of want ads. "If me oonly father knew how rich Oi've sthruck it! —'Foive hundred men wanted on one job?' 'Shtable men'—'hod carriers'—'gardeners'—'Toie makers.' Get out with such jobs as those. 'Lady's coachman—good sallery'—Hoorah?—Oi'm a lady's mon, meself. 'Clerks, stenographers, and bookkeepers'—Moother of Jasus—how can Oi contain me joy! Oi'll have a good toime while me mooney lasts and thin take a position as cashier in a bank!"

The sleet beat furiously in the faces of the frenzied pedestrians and the fierce gusts of wind, twirling around the angles of the huge buildings, fairly lifted them off their feet. Muttered curses and fierce ejaculations, interspersed now and then with an earnest petition of, "I beg your pardon, sir," completed the category of the subject under discussion.

Presently a clear voice rang out above the roaring of the tempest, repeating that ever familiar cry, "Papers! papers! Morning papers! All about the new American possessions, and the rapid formation of trusts!"

"Divel a trust!" returned a gruff voice from the throng. "Oi wouldn't trust a mon this side uv Ould Oireland. Dom Amerikу!—Oi don't know whether Oi'm in Amerikу or hell! If Oi had the manes to pay me sthreet car fare, Oi'd conthract to foind the hedquarthers of the divel in tin minutes. Dom a coontry where 'u pay one mon fur a job an' put oup a farfit for good behavier, and get turned down by 'is soilent partner and loose the fee, farfit, job an' all the very next day. Howly Moother!—If Oi'd oonly come and got back to Ould Oireland before Oi arrived here Oi'd—"

"You're my prisoner," broke in the gruff voice of a burly policeman, "come with me!"

"On me honor? or do you want a farfit?" enquired the prisoner—"Oi'm on me uppers and couldn't put up inything for good behavier."

"If you'll promise to behave yourself I'll let you off this time," replied the officer, after some hesitation.

"Dom a coontry thot won't arrist a mon and give 'im a place to shleep unless there's boodle in it!" retorted the disgusted prisoner. "It's the ounly place that ever Oi was in where they wanted a mon to pay for bein' robbed. If it wasn't for the little oasos thot the socialist has made in it' Oi'd unhesitatingly pronounce it hell. Howly Virgin, Oi'd rither take me chances in Ladysmith than Amirky!" KELPIE.

PRIVATE SMITH.

There's a worthy Volunteer
Known as Smith,
He's a patriot, it's clear,
Noble Smith!
Yes, a quiet little man,
But an enemy he'd tan;
Deride him if you can,
Plucky Smith!

He is thin upon the crown,
Father Smith!
And his chest is slipping down,
Podgy Smith!
His moustache is rather grey,
But you wouldn't like to say
That the old dog's had his day,
Would you, Smith?

Three cheers for Volunteers
Like little Smith!
For our country we have no fears
When she has Smith.
We can cultivate our crops,
We can bargain in our shops,
We can eat our mutton chops,
Thanks to Smith!

If he's short, he's firmly set,
Solid Smith!
And his calves are growing yet,
Springy Smith!
For at exercise and drill,
He's enthusiastic still,
Going at it with a will,
Puffing Smith!

Though he likes to march to church
Sabbath Smith!
He'll not leave us in the lurch,
Proper Smith!
No! it isn't all parade,
With accoutrements displayed:
For of real grit he's made,
Sterling Smith!

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For a moment we'll suppose
(Listen Smith!)
We're invaded by our foes
(Mark me, Smith!)
To your home you'll bid goodbye,
With a moisture in your eye,
And you'll drive 'em out, or die!
Won't you, Smith!

If your cartridges gave out,
Grimy Smith!
You'd give one defiant shout,
Baffled Smith!
Then your teeth you'd firmly set,
And you'd fix the bayonet,
And you'd send it home, you bet!
Tiger Smith!

COL. CHINN'S VALET.

The despatches say that Col. Jack Chinn was with Gov. Goebel of Kentucky when he was shot and that, disdaining the stream of bullets which continued to come from the mysterious window in the state house, he leaned over and ministered as best he could to the wants of his friend. Colonel Chinn is known all over the United States as one of the best race starters in the country and as a man of unquestioned personal courage.

"Colonel Jack Chinn's knife," a murderous looking blade, is also pretty well known. It is said that Chinn never permits this weapon to leave his possession.

Several years ago Col. Chinn visited Texas. He brought with him a negro valet, Sam. The negro had been a slave in the Chinn family before the war between the States, and idolized his young master. One night while in Houston the darkey came to Chinn and said:

"Massah Jack, I'se goin' out in cullud society heah tonight, an' I'd like to borrow dat ivory-handled sixshooter of yours to take along."

"Why, you black rascal," returned the colonel, "some of these Houston coons will take the gun from you and break it over your head."

The darkey straightened up. Like his master, he was a man of unquestioned nerve, and there was a peculiar glitter in his eye as he said:

"Massah Jack, you let me hab dat gun, an' if I don't show up here wid hit in de mawnin' you can go down to de morgue an' throw down de sheet an' say: 'Lawd! don't he look nacherl.'"

Colonel Chinn's body servant was that night armed in a manner that entitled him to move in the best circles of Afro-American society in Houston.

Ingersoll and Douglas.

Late one Saturday night, in the midst of a terrible blizzard, Frederick Douglas arrived in Peoria, Ill. He was to give a lecture there the following evening, but no preparations had been made to receive him. Going to the hotel, the proprietor refused to take him in, and he was obliged to seek lodgings elsewhere. After walking till exhausted, seeking a place where he could lay his head, half frozen and sick at heart from the discourtesy shown him, Mr. Douglas stopped a stranger who was hastening in his direction. Stating his predicament, he inquired if he could tell him of one man in that town who would give him shelter. "Well, I don't know," said the other, "but there is one man, and he's Bob Ingersoll, and his house is down this street." Thanking him, Mr. Douglass went to find Mr. Ingersoll. It was not difficult, and at Mr. Ingersoll's home he was warmly welcomed and hospitably entertained. "If I had been a prince," said this negro, who was one of nature's noblemen, "I could not have received more courteous, and shall I say it, more Christian treatment."

Editors May Save Many Lives.

The other evening a gentleman, standing in the aisle of an electric car in Boston, was thrown off his balance by a sudden jerk, and to save himself thrust his hand through one of the car windows in doing which an artery was cut, the floor was drenched with blood and he would have quickly bled to death but for a young man in the back of the car, who had been attending emergency lectures and who rushed forward and giving his handkerchief a tourniquet twist about the gentleman's arm above the cut, stopped the bleeding and so saved his life. If the editors of the about twenty thousand publications to which our paper goes every month will publish this it may be the means of saving, in railroad and other accidents, many lives.—Geo. T. Angell.

The 8-hour Law

Has been on shift for some time in the Slocan, but DICK ORANDO has been longer. He is always at the Ivanhoe in Sandon ready to deal out boozerino that is mellow with age, and goes down the throat with a soft gentle touch that is delicious to the taste. Drinks are not interrupted by slides

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THE LION'S WHELPS.

There is scarlet on his forehead,
There are scars across his face,
'Tis the bloody dew of battle dripping down, dripping down;
But the war heart of the Lion
Turns to iron in its place.
When he halts to face disaster, when he turns to meet disgrace,
Strong and keen and mettled with the life-blood of his own,
Let the hunters 'ware who flout him,
When he calls his whelps about him,
When he sets the goal before him and he settles to the pace.

Tricked and wounded! Are we beaten
Though they hold our strength at play?
We have faced these things aforetime, long ago, long ago.
From sunlit Sydney Harbor
And ten thousand miles away,
From the far Canadian forests to the sounds of Milford Bay,
They have answered, they have answered, and we know the answer now.
From the Britains such as these,
Strewn across the world-wide seas,
Come the rally and the bugle note that makes us one today.

Beaten! Let them come against us,
We can meet them, one and all,
We have faced the world aforetime not in vain, not in vain,
Twice ten thousand hearts we widowed,
Twice ten thousand hearts may fall,
But a million voices answer: "We are ready for the call,
And the sword we draw for Justice shall not see its sheath again,
Nor our cannon cease to thunder
Till we break their strength asunder
And the Lion's whelps are 'round him and the Old Flag over all.

—Queensland News.

Mineral Production.

The summary of the mineral production of Canada for 1899 shows a total of $17,275,512, as compared with $38,661,010 for 1898, an increase of 22.2 per cent Of this increase 15.52 per cent. is for the gold output of the Yukon.

After a man has caught his train with several minutes to spare, he knows how the engaged fellow feels who wonders why he chased her so fast.

Facts:

NEW DENVER is located on the east shore of Slocan lake, one of the most beautiful bodies of water in existence, hemmed in on all sides by mountains that tower high above the clouds, and whose mineral wealth has as yet only been scratched. The lake and mountain scenery that greets the vision as one looks in any direction from the town is beyond description and must be seen to be appreciated. What the Lucerne is to Switzerland, New Denver is to America. The depth of the waters of Slocan lake is so great that the surface never freezes, and the temperature of water varies but a few degrees from summer to winter. Soundings have been made and have proven the depth of the lake to be from 900 to 1,300 feet. Trout, salmon, charr and other varieties of fish abound, and fishing parties go out almost daily from New Denver, returning with good catches. The mountains and canyons surrounding the town are stocked with game of every description, from the toothsome grouse and rabbit to the stately elk and caribou. There is no limit to the sportsman's opportunities of enjoyment.

But, sublime though be the scenery; superb its location as a residential town, New Denver is not dependent upon its natural beauty for its life. At its very door, the town has mineral wealth unlimited. Silver mountain, while yet in its initial stage of development, promises to be one of the greatest producers of galena ore in the Slocan. Situated on this mountain, within an hour's walk of New Denver, are several mines already working, and others will be in operation shortly. The Mountain Chief, which has shipped $150,000 worth of ore, will soon resume operations under new management. The Marion, California, Hartney and Bosun-Fidelity mines are working regularly, employing from 10 to 35 men each. The Bosun is a regular shipper. This is the second year of its operation. On an investment of $7,500 the Bosun company cleaned up $60,000 the first year of its operation. Adjoining these properties are numerous developing prospects, which offer great opportunities for the investment of capital.

Within the distance of a mile from Silver mountain the silver-gold belt is encountered. On Goat mountain several properties are under development, and two of them have made small shipof ore. It is quite different from the galena ores, and is of much higher grade. The galena or wet ore of Silver mountain runs about $100 to the ton, while all the ore shipped from Goat mountain has brought from $200 to $400 per ton.

New Denver is the natural residential point for the mines within a radius of ten miles. In this radius are situated the Payne, Idaho, Queen Bess, Monitor, Slocan Star, Noble Five, Ruth, Goodenough, Wonderful, Madison, Sovereign, Silverite, and other big mines in this much favored section of the Slocan. It is, in fact, the only ideal place of residence in the Slocan lake section. In addition it is the banking centre for all the big Four Mile properties, and the mines tributary to Silverton, Slocan, and Enterprise Landing The New Denver townsite covers one square mile, all of which is cleared and most of which is sidewalked The land is nearly level, gradually sloping to the lake. It is amply large for a city of magnificent proportions The town has a large and commodious opera house, two public halls, five hotels, school buildings, four established churches, and most every branch of business represented. New Denver is not a boom town: has not over-built, indeed, there is already a demand for more residences: and the prices of real estate have never been abnormal, and are today remarkably reasonable. A better chance was never offered for the investment of capital.

NO TRICKS FOR HER.

Some time ago an elderly married couple, who had spent the great part of their lives in a village in Derbyshire, made up their minds to take a journey to London.

They received plenty of advice from their neighbors about how they were to take care of themselves, and especially to beware of the London sharper. To save expense, they decided to go by one of the cheap trips that started from a neighboring town.

They got safely off, and all went well till the train reached Bedford, at which place it stopped a few minutes.

The old man, thinking he had plenty of time, went to the refreshment bar to get a glass of beer, and he was so flustered by the crowd that he did tho very thing he was afraid of—got left behind. An express train being due, however, in a few minutes, the station master kindly allowed him to go by it, and he was thus enabled to reach London twenty minutes before his wife.

He was eagerly on the lookout when the trippers arrived, and seeing his wife he rushed up to her shouting:

"Hi, Betty, I'm glad to see ye agean. I thought we wor parted forever.'

Betty looked at him indignantly, and remembering the advice of her country friends, said:

"Away wi' ye, man. Don't be comin' yer Lunnon tricks wi' me. I left my owd man at t'other station. If yer don't be off at once, I'll call a bobby and hae ye locked up."

She—I suppose you were present at the court while in London? He—Yes, twice, but I was acquitted on both occasions.

"George, you'll have to try and catch a cold." "Why, my love?" "Because I am just dying to eat some raw onions."

Cholly—Love me, love my dog, you know. Mabel—I should be just as likely to love your dog as to love you.

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That Kitchener Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the South Fork of Carpenter Creek, about three miles up from Cody, B. C.

TAKE NOTICE That I, E. M. Quirk, free miner's certificate No. 26501, intend, 60 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 15th day of January, 1900. 1-18

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, maintain, and operate telephone and telegraph lines within and through out all the cities, towns, municipalities and districts of the Mainland of the Province of British Columbia; and to construct, erect, and maintain such and so many poles and other works and devices as the Company deem necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working, operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone and telegraph; and to open or break up any part or parts of the said highways or streets as often as the said Company, its agents, officers or workmen think proper; and for the purpose of the undertaking to purchase, acquire, lease, expropriate, hold and sell and dispose of lands, buildings, or tenements within the limits aforesaid; and to purchase or lease, for any term of years, any telephone or telegraph line established, or to be established, in British Columbia connected, or to be connected, with the line which the Company may construct; and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines, or any portion or portions thereof, to any company possessing as proprietor any line of telephone or telegraph communication connecting or to be connected with the said Company's line or lines; and to borrow money for the purposes of the Company, and to pledge or mortgage any of the Company's assets for that purpose; and to receive bounses or privileges from any person or body corporate; and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

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MINING RECORDS

The following is a complete list of the mining transactions recorded during the week in the several mining divisions of the Slocan. Those of New Denver were as follows:—

LOCATIONS.

Mar 3—Four Mile, Four Mile creek, J C Butler.

16—Four Mile No 3, same, F F Liebscher.

ASSESSMENTS.

Mar 5—Tecumseh. 13—Rover. 15—Mercury, Silver Bill, Amazon, High Ore fr, Thistle, Baldwin, V fr, Cafe fr. 19—Mineral King, Nabob, Pamlico and Bell.

TRANSFERS.

Mar 12—Keystone ¾, Geo M Davis to David Matheson, May 25, 1899.

13—Congo No 2, Commander, Bristol, 1-10 each, Frank L Byron to S Dargle, Mar 13.

16—Miner Boy ¼, Chas W McAnn to C Schoenberger.

19—Four Mile No 2 ½, J C Butler to F F Liebscher, Mar 17.

Four Mile No 3 ½, F F Liebscher to J C Butler, Mar 17.

AINSWORTH DIVISION.

LOCATIONS.

Feb 26—John fr, Camp Mansfield, R Laudi.

Ernest fr, same, same.

Mar 2—Eldon, Goat creek, W Robb.

ASSESSMENTS.

Feb 26—Pearl. 27—Cody fr for four years. Mar 8—No 1.

TRANSFERS.

Feb 26—Diamond Joe ¼, Handy Andy ¼, and Triumph fr all, D A Myers to J M Harris.

Mar 5—Vernon and Hilltop ¼, C F Caldwell to D M Linnard.

7—Dayton, all, C Clancy to George E Kane.

TRUSTS AND LABOR.

The following appeared in the March number of the Typographical Journal, written by J. M. V. Grabner, of Buffalo, N.Y.:

In his annual report to the Knights of Labor, General Master Workman Parsons, speaking of the issues on which the workingman should take a stand, said:

Perhaps the most important of these issues will be the trust, for who has not observed the progress of its making, and who will contend that it carries any charm to the wage earner. The concentration of wealth as employed in the industries of our country, has made many strikes during the past few years which have resulted to their detriment wherever such combinations have been affected. It remains for us to uphold the stand taken by the founders of our order, who, through their foresight, have seen the approach of the condition that is fast coming on. How to meet it is a question that should be given your earnest consideration, as the Knights of Labor above all other organizations will be expected to speak on this important subject.

Thus it will be seen that trusts, instead of benefitting labor, as their apologists would have us believe, are productive of strikes. But this is only one phase of the evil and a comparatively unimportant one. A greater evil which in time will be brought about by the domination of trusts is practical industrial slavery. The trusts, by controlling production and eliminating competition, can also control the labor market. Once in power the trusts will have things all their own way. No attention will be paid to the grievances of the wage worker, and strikes, usually the last resort and most powerful weapon at the command of the workingman, will be of no avail. The trusts are here to stay; we must look the situation in the face and endeavor to remedy existing evils. To accomplish this the three points enumerated below will not only remedy trust evils, but also effectually crush them. The points are:

First—Perfect organization. This means that every wage worker must be a member of a trades union.

Second—The adoption of a universal union label, said label to appear on every article emanating from a union establishment.

Third—A strict adherence to the laws of unionism.

The workingman must fight his own battles. The despotic power which the aggregation of wealth can yield, and by which courts are influenced, legislatures controlled and privileges purchased, ought to teach the wage worker a lesson not to look for justice or support from any of the above mentioned sources. The outlook for organized labor was never brighter than it is today. Stand by your guns, gentlemen! Agitate, educate and boom the union label.

Future of Canadian Coal Mining.

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.'s mines at Fernie at present is 700 tons daily. Of this about 1,000 tons per month go to the coke ovens. The company has also started to open up two more mines on Michel creek, one at Sparwood, 24 miles east of Fernie, and one at Erieson, 27 miles east of Fernie, both close to the railway track. The seam at Sparwood is reported to be 12 feet thick, and the one at Erickson 15 feet thick. Coal is shipped from both places. The company completed 152 coke ovens in 1899 and laid the foundation for 38 more. It has also let contracts for the building of 300 more.

The Financial Chronicle of Montreal remarks editorially: "The unprecedented use of coal has caused such an exceedingly active demand that the world's coal market is in a most unusual situation. Companies are stated to be in receipt of requests for quotations for shipping coal to almost all parts of the world. While this condition of things is doubtless traceable to Great Britain's war requirements, and the stocking of her various coaling stations to their full capacity as a precautionery measure in case of complications with others than President Kruger, it is also doubtless due in part to the almost universal boom in commercial activity. The Canadian coal fields are increasing in value year by year, and all the energies of our people ought to be devoted to mining the 'dusky' diamonds' known to exist in Cape Breton, British Columbia, and many districts yet untouched by the miner's pick.

"If the world is threatened, as some would have us believe, with a coal famine, greater efforts must be made to increase the output of every mine in the Dominion of Canada. Let us make the most of our golden opportunities. It is estimated that the British Government has, since the South African war began, shipped between 200,000 and 300,000 tons of coal."

SHOULD LEAD THE WAY.

Says the Toronto Telegram: No danger to the British Columbia treasury is involved in the Martin Government's proposal to build a government railway from the coast to the Kootenay.

British Columbia should be the first province in the Dominion to show that it costs no more to build a road with the public resources for the people themselves than to build a road with the public resources for Mackenzie & Mann.

There is an old saying to the effect that a man with $50 and the public aid could have built every transcontinental line in the United States. The $50 would have paid the "capitalist's" hotel bill while he was waiting for the subsidies which were the foundations of the scheme for financing every transcontinental railway.

British Columbia's new government proposes to take the subsidies in land and money, which have been demanded by private promoters of the railway from the coast to the Kootenay, and put these resources into railway work instead of into the pockets of subsidy grabbers. The result will be, if the province is not stampeded by the clamour, that British Columbia will lead the way in asserting the righteous principle that the public should own every railway which is built at the public expense.

New Inventions.

Below is a list of new inventions recently patented by various inventors through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, New York Life building Montreal:

Canada—J. H. Hebblethwaite, Hoylake, Eng., truck; Octave Laurin, Beauharnois, Que., truck; Edward Moriarty, Fulham, Eng., improvements in and relating to counting or adding apparatus; Griffitt & Whetham, Cambridge, Eng., mechanism for controlling and indicating temperature limits; H. J. Bickle, Gladstone, Man., harness buckle; A. Many, Beauharnois, Que., last for making boots and a shoe. United States—J. Yelle, Holyoke, Mass., toy; Charles Y. De Lay, Murphy, Cal., elastic tread horse shoe; David Holford, Birtle, Man., device for supporting horses' heads; F. L. DeVilla, Guatemala, device for preventing ships from sinking.

A Western Failure.

Events may falsify the published prophecy of Hewitt Bostock, M.P., to the effect that Hon. Joseph Martin is dead, and will be buried as rapidly as the electors of British Columbia can get a chance at him. A province that would tolerate the uselessness of Hewitt Bostock and assassinate the usefulness of Joseph Martin could get no government worse than it deserves. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., ranks as the most profound disappointment of all the members which Western Canada returned to the present Parliament. His great wealth and his good intentions have not prevented him from degenerating into a slavish tool to the government which serves the corporations which oppressed him and betrays the people who trusted him.—Toronto Telegram.

Treating Disease With Light.

Dr. Finsen, of Denmark, has caught the attention of the entire medical world in his new method of treating certain diseases by means of rays of concentrated light. His investigations are supported by state and municipal aid, and are endorsed by the leading physicians and professors of Copenhagen. The arc lights used in the treatment are 40,000 candle power, about twenty times as strong as the ordinary arc light. Already 350 cases of skin diseases have been successfully treated by Dr. Finsen. This is the first instance in medicine where light has been successfully employed as a curative agency. After a series of experiments, Dr. Finsen has discovered that the blue, violet and ultra-violet rays, when concentrated, become a powerful therapeutic agent, killing bacteria in the skin of a patient in a very short time. In order not to burn the skin when operating on a patient, it is necessary to cool the light; this is done by a lens that excludes much of the yellow, red and ultra rays that are heating but have no bactericidal qualities. In treating skin diseases, sunlight is employed as often as possible, otherwise the medium is an electric arc light. Dr. Finsen's method is considered as successful for scarlet fever and smallpox as in skin diseases.

"Be mine," pleaded the poetic lover, "and your path in life will be strewn with roses." "Humph! and have me getting a puncture on the thorns. Not much!" retorted Miss Sprockett, who was no novice in cycling.

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