



# SLOCAN CAMP NEWS

**LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.**

Ten Mile is to be granted a post office, at Enterprise.

Court of revision will be held at Sandon on June 26.

George Aylard is having his home brushed up handsomely by the painter.

The Bittner Theatre Company had a good house at Thursday night's performance.

Constable DesBrisay, at Robson, has been appointed chief of police at Atlin City.

George Aylwin has had his hotel license granted for Aylwin, on Ten Mile creek.

The new church bell has been shipped from West Troy, N. Y., for St. Stephen's, New Denver.

The school grounds are being cleared up and fenced in. Shade trees have been planted as well.

Donald J. McLaughlin, of Sandon, has assigned to John Bateman. The creditors meet on June 6.

Both the Presbyterian and Anglican ladies did well out of their respective business stands on the 24th.

Services will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Rev. Cleland, of Sandon, will hold services in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Archdeacon Pentreath, of Vancouver, preached in St. Stephen's church, Sunday night, to a large congregation.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Kaslo-Slocan Development Company, limited, will be held at Kaslo on June 23.

The adjourned vestry meeting of St. Stephen's church was held on Monday evening, Archdeacon Pentreath being present.

Slowly the jubilee decorations are disappearing. Our citizens seem to be averse to the removal of the trees that line the streets.

The s.s. Slocan failed to make the early morning trip from Slocan City on Monday, owing to the breakage of machinery in the engine room.

The executive committee has straightened up all business in connection with the celebration. Ample funds were on hand to pay off all indebtedness incurred.

The Knights of Pythias will give the last of their social hops for the season on Thursday night, in their hall, Clever block. Admission, 50 cents; ladies are free.

The plumbing and tinsmith business formerly conducted by the late F. B. Jeffery, will be reopened next week under the management of W. F. Jeffery, brother of Fred.

The report that Silvertown will have a newspaper lacks confirmation. The official organ of the highfaluted society of crustaceous animals that crawleth nether end to will be published there.

An old timer in the Slocan, named Doc Gleason, attempted suicide at Sandon last week by severing the artery in his left arm. He was taken in charge before he had bled much and is able to be around again.

**Will Establish a New Denver Branch.**

Wadds Bros., the leading photographers of Nelson and Vancouver, attended the jubilee on the 24th and took negatives of several of the most important events of the day's celebration. They caught the horse race, arrival of the s.s. Slocan, horse race at Silvertown and boat races. Owing to the heavy wind-storm blowing down their tent, they did not remain as long as they intended, but will return to New Denver in a few weeks' time and will be here several days. It is the intention of this large firm of photographers to establish a branch in New Denver if a suitable building can be secured. This will mean much to New Denver, for the Wadds Bros. have gained the reputation of doing the best finishing and touching up of any of the photographers in the province. In the last provincial exhibition at New Westminster they took first prize on all their work. At present all of their finishing is done in Vancouver, but the firm intends adding to their present establishment at Nelson a finishing department, which will greatly accelerate their work in Kootenay.

**HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.**

I will pay \$100 reward for the recovery of the body of my son, Fred B. Jeffery, drowned in Slocan lake, April 10th.

CAPT. W. L. JEFFERY.

The Noble Five closed down on Monday.

The big Dalhousie slide, Ten Mile, is down.

Some heavy slides have come down on Ten Mile lately.

Fifteen tons were shipped this week from the Madison.

Twelve feet of solid ore is showing in one of the Queen Bess openings.

There is not much likelihood of the Surprise starting up this season.

The Arlington people's option on the Silver Leaf, Springer creek, expires today.

W. S. Drewry is surveying the Lake View group in order to secure a crown grant.

The numerous strikes and sales in the lake country are attracting the moneyed men.

A force of men are at work clearing the ground for the new concentrator for the Ruth.

The prospecting season has fairly opened up and the towns are becoming deserted.

E. Lawson has arrived from Souris, Man., to work the Fairy Queen group on Ten Mile.

The Wonderful, Slocan Star, and the Vancouver group are not on the three dollar list.

Geo. Long and Nat Tucker will start work on the Merrinac, on Silver mountain, in a day or so.

Two years' ore is in sight on the Slocan Star. The concentrator commenced operations last week.

The Noble Five mill will be started on June 15. There is ore in sight for several months' working.

The case of Ray vs. Callanan, affecting the Molly Gibson, comes up in Vancouver again this month.

Work on the Lake View group, recently acquired by the Bosun management, will be started shortly.

Frank Griffiths has struck 18 inches of ore on the Westmount, Ten Mile. It was encountered in a crosscut to the right.

Work was resumed on the Little Daisy, Eight Mile, this week. This property has a great showing of ore exposed.

McCuaig, Rykart & Co., of Montreal, last Friday closed a cash deal on the Madison group. Price was not made public.

Owing to the wage question trouble, shipments will cease from the Bosun. Considerable surface work will be prosecuted.

The force on the Payne was reduced to 50 on Monday. Work is being pushed on one tunnel only, owing to the seepage.

There is a magnificent showing of ore on the Bosun. Recent development has largely increased the reserves of shipping ore.

The force on the Last Chance was discharged Saturday and the mine shut down, owing to the troublesome seepage water.

After a brief spell of idleness, the mines of the Cœur d'Aloues have resumed operations, paying \$3.50 a day to skilled miners.

On the Ohio, adjoining the Mabou, a shaft is being sunk on the big lead. Ore has been struck, being scattered freely through the lead.

The government has given \$400 for the repair of the Springer creek road. It is to be continued to the Arlington basin, at a further cost of \$2,500.

The warm weather of last week started the snow from the mountain tops. The Mowich and Noble Five slides came down, as well as others of less magnitude.

J. C. Bolander and J. Austin have struck a promising chute of high grade ore on the Enma, east of the Turris. The ledge can be traced the length of two claims.

Several tons of galena ore were taken out of the Neglected tunnel on Saturday. The ore chute in the tunnel face is becoming more solid and is widening considerably.

The Home Run is improving with every foot gained upon the lead. It is now one of the most promising properties in the camp, and will soon be made a shipping mine.

Ore is in sight in two places on the Mabou, Ten Mile. The main tunnel, on the Enterprise vein, is in 70 feet, with pay ore appearing between seams of quartz. On the Neepawa vein an open-

ing has also been made, with high grade mineral in view. A drift will be run at this point.

A shipment of 60 sacks of high grade ore will be made from the Capella group in a few days, taken out in the course of recent development work put upon the Turris claim.

The Silvertown miners' union has re-organized, with J. M. M. Bensdum president; George Horton, vice president; J. H. Elliot, recording secretary; and L. Knowles, financial secretary.

Alex. Smith, of Kaslo, is in the camp trying to get hold of promising properties. He inspected the Neglected while in New Denver. Ten Mile properties are looked upon with favor by him.

The sheriff last week sold the Morning Light mineral claim, on Forty-nine creek, for \$840 and costs. The claim was sold under a lien held by parties who did work on the claim for the Ruth Prospects Gold Mining Co.

Four men were put to work Saturday on the Mountain Chief. The property will be put in shape to employ a much larger force. This will be another New Denver shipper in a short time. Thousands of tons of ore are in sight.

The several strikes made upon the lake shore in the past six weeks is doing much to turn capital this way. Many properties will be taken up in this vicinity, and when the labor question is settled a tremendous revival may be looked for.

**STABBED AND ROBBED.**

An Unfortunate Miner Loses His Blood and Wad at Slocan City.

A miner, who gives his name as F. Smith, was taken to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital at Nelson, on Sunday, suffering from the effects of a severe knife wound, received at Slocan City.

The Nelson Miner says the exact facts of the case are shrouded in mystery, for the man was light-headed when on the train, and though he spoke rationally to the doctors, it was difficult to get a connected statement from him.

His story briefly was that he was a miner from Rossland, and had gone to Silvertown on the 24th to compete in the drilling contest, but that he was not allowed to enter as he was too good—it may be said here that no one who went to Silvertown heard of anyone being barred. He took a large sum of money with him, over \$400, some of which was his partner's and had been given him to bet with. From what he said his speculations were successful. What he did on the 25th and 26th is not known, but Saturday he was waylaid by four or five men who demanded his money. He refused and one of them attempted to stab him with a knife. He put up his arm to ward off the blow and received an ugly gash, about six inches in length. The cut runs from just below the bend of the elbow round under the arm.

Almost immediately after another man made a slash at his stomach. He jumped back, but the two pair of trousers he was wearing were cut through, as were his underclothes, though fortunately the knife did not penetrate farther.

The doctor is of the opinion that only the fact that he was wearing two pairs of trousers saved his life. The other wound was also a narrow escape, for with another half inch the brachial artery would have been severed and he would have bled to death in five minutes. As it was he lost considerable blood. These two blows given, someone hit him on the head with a club or brick and he remembered no more.

He was found about 11 a.m. in the round house at Slocan City by some of the railway men and brought to Nelson on the train, after his wound had been hastily bandaged.

William Watson, Thomas Dunn, Geo. Moore, L. Dingman, and J. D. Kelly were taken to Nelson on Monday night from Slocan City, upon suspicion of being implicated in the stabbing of E. J. Mack, the man at present in the general hospital and who gave his name as F. Smith. Watson and Dunn were found by Constable Christie taking Mack somewhere for medical treatment. They professed ignorance as to how the wound was inflicted. They were placed under arrest, and the three other men who were camped with them near Slocan City were also arrested. When arrested, Dunn admitted having stabbed Mack, but when he sobered up he denied all knowledge of the offence. All five men will be held for vagrancy until Mack is sufficiently recovered to identify the man who stabbed him, and to testify what part the others took in the affair. They were taken to Nelson by Constable Forbes.

**HOW IT HAPPENED.**

Captain of the Rossland Fire Brigade Tells How It Was Done.

Charles Collins, assistant fire chief, returned Thursday from New Denver, whither he went with the Rossland hose team, says the Rossland Miner. In describing how the hose team was defeat-

# MINERS=OPERATORS

So far little news of an authentic nature has been forthcoming from the miners of the Slocan, relating to the new \$3 eight-hour shift to be adopted in the mines. It is generally understood, however, that the union men throughout the camp will not accept a reduction, and if the mines are to continue operations it will have to be with unskilled miners or men brought in from other camps.

The report is current that the miners will accept \$3 a shift, provided the mines will reduce the cost of board to the men, which has always been \$7 per week. What reduction the men will ask for, if any, has not been given out.

The mines are generally prepared to close down, if need be. The Last Chance closed down on Saturday, the Noble Five on Monday, and the Payne has reduced its force to 50 men. The Slocan Sovereign also closed down last week, but the given reason for this is that the seepage water has become troublesome. The Slocan Star did not sign the agreement with the other properties but it is reported it will close down also. The Idaho has 22 men employed. On Four Mile, Ten Mile, and Springer creek the properties will probably be closed down temporarily. The Bosun will also close down. None of the old force have as yet signed to accept the \$3 scale.

The Whitewater Deep and Wonderful, neither of which signed with the other mines; will probably continue the old scale. The action of these mines, together with the Vancouver, will have a tendency to strengthen the miners, but to what extent is yet to be proven. If a shut down occurs it is not probable that it will be of long duration, and in spite of the troublesome appearances of things just now, it is predicted that thirty days' time will see the trouble settled definitely and the mines working with bigger forces than they have ever employed.

Other camps are in a like condition. L. A. Snyder, after a tour of the mines in the Ymir district, and in an interview with a Tribune reporter, stated that the general consensus of opinion was that the skilled miners would not accept less than \$3.50 for the eight-hour day, and the impression he gathered was, that were the mine owners to insist upon a lower rate of wages, that this section of the mining community would lose the benefit of skilled labor, as the men will go where the \$3.50 rate prevails, or put in time by doing assessment work on their claims. He said mining operators were foolish to allow good miners to leave for the difference of a few cents a day and put in unskilled labor. The distinction he drew was that a skilled miner would do as much work in six hours as an unskilled one would in ten, and with far more satisfactory results. This opinion is confirmed by one of the leading mining operators in the Ymir camp. Mr. Snyder says the skilled miners are willing for the matter to be settled by arbitration, and he thought that the mine owners should meet the men in the same spirit.

At a public meeting held at Slocan City this week, the following resolutions were passed and a copy ordered sent to the Sandon, Silvertown and Nelson miners' unions, and also a copy to the press:

"Whereas certain mine owners have publicly announced their intentions of reducing the wages of all mine workers upon the taking effect of the eight-hour law; and whereas their reasons, as set forth in such announcement, for attempting such, are either the result of selfishness or lack of sound reasoning, and shows an unfairness in attempting to arbitrarily establish a reduced scale of wages; and we further believe that well paid, healthful, intelligent workers make desirable residents of a country, and that humanity and civilization in North America now demands better conditions and better wages for its workers than prevail in European and other countries, and that the government has done a commendable act in establishing the eight-hour law in mining; and believing that the best interests of the country will be promoted by the enforcement of the eight-hour law and maintaining the regular rate of wages as heretofore paid in mines:

Therefore be it resolved:

That we, the miners, prospectors, and citizens of Slocan City, hereto subscribed, pledge ourselves to abide by the actions of the miners' unions of the Slocan, and we extend to them our sympathy and support in their efforts to maintain the present scale of wages in the mines, and that we will not work for less nor pay less than the union rate.

A. E. TESTER,  
J. E. SKINNER,  
R. M. COVINGTON,  
Committee."

**Farewell to Their Pastor.**

A very pleasant farewell was given on Tuesday evening in the Methodist church to Rev. and Mrs. Powell, by the

congregation and friends. Mr. Sandford presided and many kind words appropriate to the occasion were said by Rev. Yates, Mr. Pyman, Mr. Sandford, and others, followed by a short farewell from Mr. Powell. The Ladies' Aid provided refreshments for the occasion, while the Millward orchestra supplied the musical entertainment.

**KASLO.**

Four hotel licenses have been issued for Lardo, three for Duncan City and one for Argenta.

On Saturday morning fire destroyed J. D. Keenan's blacksmith shop, Annie Carroll's dwelling house, and Allan McKinnon's shanty. The fire started about 3 a.m. in the blacksmith shop, and it looks as if it were done by some hobo or drunken man who might have been sleeping there for the night.

The railroad building seems to be attracting a bad element to Kaslo. Last week some one broke into the cabin of the Hercules and stole a suit of clothes. Another gang, or maybe the same, broke into the Kaslo & Slocan depot and robbed the till. And on Friday night a man attempted to force an entrance into Alderman Twiss' house, but was caught and taken to the lockup. The perpetrators of the other two thefts have not yet been caught.

**Canadian Pacific Flyer.**

The new fast service on the Canadian Pacific railway will be inaugurated about the middle of June, probably on the 18th or 19th. The flyer across the continent will be called the Imperial Limited, and will reduce the time between Vancouver and Montreal to about 100 hours. There will also be a daily transcontinental service instituted, owing to the increasing volume of business. Trains will leave on Sundays as well as on week days, this being necessitated to relieve the present heavy strain upon the trains leaving on Mondays.

Vancouver and Victoria will be reached on the fourth day out from Montreal. The Kootenay country will also be advantageously affected by the new service. A fast train on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, to which a through sleeper will be attached to Kootenay Landing, will make this alternate route the shortest and quickest one from the east. Through passengers will have a choice of routes to the Pacific coast, by the main line or by the Crow's Nest Pass branch.

**Reversed a Verdict for Damages.**

The full court has reversed the verdict of the Nelson jury, which awarded the plaintiff \$750 damages in the case of Stayner vs. Hall Mines. In this case a miner sued the Hall Mines for damages for injuries received through his falling down a shaft, which he contended was not properly guarded, the case being tried before Mr. Justice Irving and a jury. From this verdict the defendant company appealed, which was allowed with costs. W. A. Macdonald appeared for Stayner and J. H. Bowles for the Hall Mines.

**Was a Holiday.**

An extra of the official Gazette, which published last Tuesday, announced that Thursday, the 25th inst., would be a public holiday. The government officials in Kootenay knew nothing of the order in council declaring Thursday a holiday, and accordingly their offices were open and business was transacted. There are some wondering whether the documents issued on Thursday will have any merit, and how they can be cancelled in case they have no merit.

**Knights Elect Officers.**

On Monday evening the local lodge K. of P. elected their officers for the ensuing term—C. C., C. E. Smith; V. C., John Goettsche; Prelate, A. McLeod; M. W., R. Sutherland; K. E. & S., C. F. Nelson; M. F., W. Callanan; M. E., Thos. Avison; M. A., G. Sutherland; I. G., H. Stege; O. G., T. Lloyd.

**Columbia's Civic Officers.**

The first civic election held in the city of Columbia, took place last week and resulted as follows:—Mayor, Chas. Hay, by acclamation; Alderman—P. C. McArthur, Angus McDonald, C. W. R. Wastell, E. L. Beer, Charles Cusson, and Joshua Anderson.

**Beer-Dunlop.**

A late issue of the St. Johns, N. B., Globe has an extensive account of the marriage of E. L. Beer, of Columbia, B. C., formerly cashier in the Bank of Montreal in New Denver, to Miss Isabel Margaret Dunlop, sister of J. K. Dunlap, business partner of Mr. Beer, at Columbia.



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THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1899.

WHAT WILL IT BE?

The eight-hour day will go into effect in many of the Slovan mines to day. All of the working properties will have to reduce the hours of labor on and after the 12th inst. On that date the eight-hour law goes into force.

MINT QUESTION "DISPOSED" OF.

It is unpleasant to learn from so high an authority on the question as the Nelson Miner, that the mint question has for all time been disposed of. That journal seems to know all about it, and since it has reached the conclusion that "it is just as well" that the advocacy of the question should stop, we may expect the question of establishing a Canadian mint to be squelched instantaneously.

but as yet it has not been demonstrated that there would be much profit in it. And it is utility that tells in the end. It is truly wonderful how short sighted some newspapers are. The Canadian press has been blinded to the importance of a Canadian mint for many years, and is today suffering from the same old ailment.

But the mint question is not "disposed" of, in spite of the statement made by the finance minister. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, while a member of the Dominion Senate, was an ardent advocate, and worked hard for the establishment of a mint for Canada.

SWEET COMPANIONSHIP.

I walk the bosky path by the sea Alone, yet not alone, for at my feet Press the glad flowers with sparkling faces sweet To tell their names and histories to me.

KRUGER IN WAR PAINT.

Old Paul Kruger is giving Great Britain "heap trouble" again, and British regrets are loud and boisterous that the late Mr. Gladstone abandoned the Transvaal Republic some twenty years ago.

he will again enter Uncle Sam's service, this time as a regular. "I was sergeant in Troop F of the First Volunteer Cavalry, commanded by Col. Wood. On July 3, the second day of the battle, I was serving as mounted orderly for General Lawton.

"Well, I felt the conventional 'stinging sensation' several times before I got out of that mess, but I kept straight ahead, loading my revolver as I went, and incidentally taking an inventory of my wounds. I found I had been shot four times and cut twice by machetes.

OF PASSING INTEREST.

Jupiter is the fifth of the planets, reckoning outward from the sun, the earth being the third and Mars the fourth.

People in the arctic regions can converse when more than a mile apart, because there the air, being cold and dense, is a very good conductor, and the smooth surface of the ice also favors the transmission of sound.

Signor Marconi reports that he has succeeded in telegraphing without wires from Alum Bay to Bournemouth, a distance of 15 miles, at a rate of 15 words a minute. He sent 1,000 words a day and they were easily read.

Dr. G. Carl Huber, assistant professor of anatomy and director of the histological laboratory at the University of Michigan, has demonstrated that, contrary to the belief of the best physiologists of the world, the blood vessels of the brain are controlled by nerves.

WOMEN'S WAYS.

Many a woman gets old looking by worrying about the best way to conceal her age.

Every mother thinks there is no baby on earth like her own, and every other mother is glad of it.

Tender hearted women will attend the meetings of the Audobon society wearing birds on their bonnets.

A girl who hesitates to marry because marriage is a lottery will nevertheless ask a man to buy a 50 cent chance on a 10 cent dolly at a church fair.

A woman receives lots of comfort when she gets her husband's life insurance, but after she has lost it by foolish investments, she seems to miss him and to mourn for him more than ever.

A very amusing story is told of a well-known reverend doctor, a Canadian, who visited Australia some time ago. The reverend gentleman was very anxious to see the laughing jackass in its wild state, and for that purpose he went out one morning to the bush.

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J. H. MILLWARD, Painter and Sign Writer NEW DENVER. M. L. GRIMMETT, L.L.B. BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC. Sandon, B. C. What is a hero? A man who takes a cold bath every morning.

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QUICKSILVER IN CANADA.

By A. J. COLQUHOUN, M. E., SAVONAS, B. C. The principal quicksilver producing countries so far have been Spain, Austria, Peru, California, China, Russia, Mexico and Tuscany.

figures—1 plus 8 plus 9 equals 18. Add all four figures and they make a multiple of each of the two last figures—1 plus 8 plus 9 equals 27.

of them smell the same, or bear the least resemblance to each other. The sights and sounds at night may perhaps be due to old stories and lively imaginations.

LONESOME.

Laws! Ah never thought Ah'd marry Any other dusky com— After Zekel died an' I got me—

IS IT WORTH THE LEARNING?

Is it worth the learning, This love's bliss— Pale lovers yearning For happiness?

DEAD MAN'S ISLAND.

Cedar Bayou, Tex.—At the mouth of Trinity river, between two narrow passes, is an island known as Dead Man's island. It is a patch of ground hardly more than ten acres in extent, low and swampy and almost inaccessible; but it contains more greswome stories and strange vegetation than any other piece of ground of equal size in the whole state of Texas.

From that day to this the island seems to have been a fatal place to all who have settled upon it. Some hunter or fisherman takes possession of it every year, thinking to break the fatal spell, but none so far has been known to escape with his life.

The boatmen passing the island at night report many strange sights and sounds. The Indian maiden and spectral canoe have been met by many, a mile or more from shore, and at such times when their stancher crafts had all they could do to combat the storm and waves and live. Often, in sailing through West pass, piercing cries, as if caused by mortal pain, reach their ears. At other times, usually on calm, starlit nights, the sounds of mirth and revelry fill the air.

All this is ascribed to the curse of the old Indian chief, who was murdered for the supposed treasure in his possession. The scenes and sounds at night are certainly uncanny enough to come from such a source.

On the north side of the island is a fringe of low, thorny bushes, the leaves of which, toward autumn, turn gleaming red, hang pendant, and resemble dripping drops of blood so closely as to startle the beholder. The foliage is very scant, with only two or three leaves to the twig. On the topmost twigs hangs a large fruit, which at a distance appears to be blue, but which upon closer inspection proves to be a deep purple in color, and in shape resembles a human heart, very closely.

The district surrounding Savonas is of peculiar interest to the geologist and the miner, especially the occurrence of native copper and other copper ores in the territories of Copper creek, and I believe another year will see both cinnabar and copper mines in full and lasting working order.

FIGURES OF THE PRESENT YEAR.

Philip G. Moses, of Forty-fifth street, sends in some mathematical facts in relation to the figures contained in 1899. It seems that the year contains the figure 9 in a great many combinations, several of which are pointed out by Mr. Moses as follows:—

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Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About one and one-half miles south of New Denver. TAKE NOTICE that I, W. S. Drewry acting as agent for the Northwest Mining Syndicate Ltd. Res. Miner's Certificate No. 22972A, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of the above claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Payne Mountain, near Sandon. TAKE NOTICE that I, Francis J. O'Reilly, agent for Frank H. Bourne, free miner's certificate No. 1287 A, and Charles Prater, free miner's certificate No. 12948, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of the above claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: At the head of Howson Creek. TAKE NOTICE that I, William S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Sunshine Mining Company, Limited, Free Miner's certificate No. 1271 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of each of the above claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On North Fork of Cooper Creek, about one and one-half miles from Three Forks, B. C. TAKE NOTICE that I, E. M. Sandilands, F. M. C. No. 1132A, agent for Henrietta Gintzburger, F. M. C. No. 32215, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons holding claims against the estate of Frederick B. Jeffery, late of New Denver, B. C., tin miner and plumber, deceased, are requested to send the same to Wm. Lowe Jeffery, at the store and residence of the late Frederick B. Jeffery, New Denver, B. C., on or before the 15th day of June, 1899, and that after the said 15th day of June, 1899, the said administrator will proceed to distribute the said estate amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to those claims of which the said administrator shall have notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the proceeds of such estate or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim the said administrator had not notice at the time of the distribution thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned persons have made application for hotel licenses at the places set opposite their respective names: JOHN MADDEN, at Slocan City. JOSEPH PAYNE, at Slocan City. G. S. AYLVIN, at Aylwin Township, near New Denver. KEEFER & WALBEY, at Collins ranch near Nelson.

A meeting of the Board of License Commissioners of the Slocan License District will be held to consider such applications at the Court House at New Denver on Thursday the 15th day of June, 1899, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Provincial Police Office, Robson, B. C., May 27th, 1899. T. D. DESBRISAY, Provincial License Inspector.

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SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

Table with columns: From Sandon, Week, Total. Lists various mines and their shipment volumes.

SEVERELY CRITICISED.

Management of Hill Mines Questioned by Stockholders.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hill Mines, Limited, was held at Winchester House, Old Broad street, London, E.C., recently, for the purpose of considering and, if deemed expedient, passing the following important resolution:

"That the capital of the company be increased to £350,000 by the creation of 50,000 new ordinary shares of £1 each, and that the said new ordinary shares be issued or disposed of to such persons on such terms and conditions in all respects and at such times as the directors think fit."

The chairman said that the circular issued with the notice calling the meeting was so clear in conveying to the shareholders the object for which they were met that day, that it would be superfluous for him to refer to the matter at any great length. The board had found it necessary, in order to carry on the company's business, that they should obtain more capital. They came to the conclusion that the best way of obtaining that capital was by an issue of debentures; that when the debentures were issued to the shareholders, the directors did not find so much encouragement as they had hoped for. They had been told that in order to ensure these debentures being taken up, they must make them convertible into ordinary shares. The shareholders had, therefore, been called together to sanction an increase of the capital with that object.

The reasons why additional capital was required had been already communicated to the shareholders at the meeting in December last, both by himself and by the report of Mr. Hardman—a scientific gentleman who had been sent out to the mine. It was necessary that the development of the mine, in order to make it more productive, should be pushed ahead of stopping work. In the next place it was necessary to satisfy the requirements of their bank by reducing the company's overdraft, in order to bring it down within the amount for which the bankers held security. Then it was desired, whenever a suitable opportunity presented itself, to instal the property with electricity, which would very much reduce the cost of working both at the smelter and the mine. They were advised that by the expenditure of ten or twelve thousand pounds they could reduce the cost of power at the smelter and on the mine, so that in two years they would be repaid in reduced costs the whole of the disbursements they would make in putting up those works. Until the directors, however, were satisfied with the permanence and productiveness of the mine they did not propose to enter into such an expenditure.

Mr. Shelton, a shareholder, severely criticised the management, and said that he also had been on the property. He knew for a fact that about 100 tons per day of almost worthless ore was smelted and to bring it up to any value at all they had a small pocket out of which about twenty-five tons of really valuable ore were taken. When he was there the smelter was closed down, the reason given being that the men had gone out on strike. That, however, was perfectly absurd. He considered it an arrangement got up by the manager, who wanted an excuse to discharge a number of men. Notwithstanding that the smelter was lying useless, a considerable force was kept on and paid. Had the staff been discharged during the time the smelter was lying idle, it would have meant a great saving to the shareholders. The general impression was that the smelter was entirely over-built. Any sensible men would have first discovered ore and then put up the smelter, but in this case the cart was put before the horse, and when the smelter was finished it was found that there was no ore.

Another mistake that the directors made was in not developing as they went on. As far as he could gather, an order had been sent out from here that development should cease altogether. When development was stopped in a mine it did not, as a rule, take long to exhaust the quantity of ore opened up, and that was the case here. When he was out there they had three months' ore to work; they were sinking a shaft which they hoped to finish in three months, and they expected to strike a valuable body of ore. He would like to know if that shaft, which they were sinking in July and which they had expected to be finished in October, had been completed, and, if so, if the expected ore body had been struck.

With regard to the overdraft from the bank, it would have been far better if the board had said to the shareholders "There is a large overdraft from the bank, and we consider it better to pay it off than to pay you ten per cent. and leave this millstone round your neck." He thought it was very foolish of the directors to pay that ten per cent. (Applause.)

The smelter, in his mind, was a far more valuable property than the mine itself. It was only a supposition that there was any ore whatever in the Toad

mountain. The experiments with the diamond drills had proved an absolute failure. He had been informed by experts out there that this had been a good property in its time, but that it had been very expensively and grossly mismanaged. Under the circumstances, he would be very sorry to put any more money in the hands of these people to be squandered over again. The shareholders would be nothing but a parcel of idiots to come forward and subscribe £50,000, to be placed in the hands of men who had already made such a desperate and hopeless mess of the whole concern.

The chairman stated that the mining expert who had visited the property stated that it was one of the best managed mines he had ever been in; that the ore was being taken out cheaper than the ore of any mine in Canada, and that the smelting works were the best managed and best put up that he had ever seen.

MARTIAL LAW INDEFINITELY.

This is the Decision of Gov. Stuenenberg of Idaho After Investigating.

Gov. Stuenenberg may be depended upon to maintain martial law in Shoshone county, Idaho, so long as the situation may require. In an interview he made public his views and his intentions in regard to the labor troubles. He remarked:

"In dealing with the conditions at present existing in Shoshone county, it is the purpose of the authorities to restore peace and safety to the law-abiding inhabitants of the county, and to punish and totally eradicate from this community a class of criminals who have for years been committing murders and other crimes in open violation of the law."

"To this end I shall exercise the powers vested in me to the fullest extent necessary. It is the intention that the protection of the law shall extend alike to the men who labor and the men who employ. There will be, and is, no war upon organized labor as such, but certain so-called labor organizations, as they exist and have existed under various names and at various times in Shoshone county, are not to be considered with law-respecting labor organizations elsewhere. They have been, and now are, controlled by desperate men, who use it to support them in their lawlessness, and through it keep the sympathy and support of labor organizations elsewhere not conversant with conditions here. These desperadoes stop at no crime, either upon the law-abiding members of their own organization or business men or laborers or mine-owners, and thus terrorized the entire community."

"Law-abiding and law-respecting labor organizations, here and elsewhere, should hasten to disclaim any and all sympathy with the organized reign of terror that has prevailed in Shoshone county for some years past, and, as in this case, when the same has been carried on in the name of those who toil, the speedier should be the disclaimer; and in disclaiming they should further lend every effort to assist in the prosecution and conviction of those who, by their acts of lawlessness and crime, defame the cause and misrepresent the true mission of organized labor."

"Certain of the county officers, whose sworn duty it is to preserve order and protect property, have for years been either in sympathy with criminals or intimidated by them, and in applying the remedy nothing less drastic than the disease itself will cure. There can be no compromise with crime nor with criminals; and further, in the performance of my duty, there will be no subservency to any private interest. All good citizens are urged to co-operate with the authorities in carrying this purpose into effect."

"The wage rate in the Cœur d'Alenes is the highest for similar labor paid in the United States. Laborers are assured that they can come here and work and receive that protection to which every American citizen is entitled. Every resource at my command will be used to this end; and they are further assured that none of the present safeguards will be withdrawn until those certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, pursuing happiness and securing safety, guaranteed by our constitution and dear to every American heart, are firmly and lastingly established."

Ringleaders Indicted.

The United States court have found indictments against the ringleaders and 400 others of the Cœur d'Alenes rioters for conspiracy to interfere with the U. S. mail between Wallace and Warden on April 25. Those specified in the indictments and supposed to be the ringleaders number about 40, and include many of the leading men of the camp.

OWING TO CARELESSNESS.

War Eagle Company Censured by a Coroner's Jury.

In the coroner's inquest over the bodies of the miners killed at Rossland last week, the jury returned a verdict as follows:

1st. We find that the deceased came to their death by the skip falling to the bottom of the shaft, which was caused by the slipping of a bolt out of its position, and that the machinery in question was defective, inasmuch as safety pins should have been inserted in all the bolts to protect the nuts of said bolts.

2nd. In view of the fact that certain defects took place previous to the present accident, we are of the opinion that men should not have been permitted to ride on the skips until such time as the machinery was perfected beyond a reasonable doubt.

3rd. We are also of the opinion that a daily report should be made by the engineer-in-charge as to the working order of the machinery, and that this rule should be strictly enforced.

4th. We would also strongly recommend that a certified mechanical and electrical engineer should be appointed to examine all mining machinery in operation.

5th. We would further recommend that the government should appoint several mining inspectors, as in our opinion the duties imposed on the present one are greater than he can perform

with satisfaction; and it is further recommended that a resident inspector should be appointed at least for this important mining section.

6th. That the practice of employing uncertified engineers for technical positions of responsibility in the mines of this province, which has heretofore prevailed, is to be condemned, and that in future the strictest rules should be enforced, and that if the present mining act be insufficient for this purpose it be amended at the next meeting of the legislature.

THE GARDEN CINDERELLA.

The pear tree and the cherry tree were dressed in snowy white. But the tardy little apple tree was in a sorry plight. For it couldn't boast a blossom, and it wasn't fine at all. And the doleful little apple tree felt very, very small.

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