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SLOGAN CAMP NEWS

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

Socially, at least, the town is full of life.

Experts were up to examine the Neepawa on Saturday.

Nelson is to have its street railway in operation this month.

County court at Kaslo has been postponed until December 12.

Silverton has organized a gun club, with B. Calbick as captain.

The pipes have arrived for the extension of the waterworks system.

There will be no service in the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

A planer has been added to the plant of Koch's sawmill, on Ten Mile.

Harry Wright has been appointed mining recorder at Nelson, vice D. McBeath, resigned.

Captain Fitzstubbs has returned to Nelson from California very much improved in health.

H. J. Robie, one of the best tailors in Nelson, called on his old friends here during the week.

A most enjoyable surprise party was tendered N. C. Dingman at his residence, Sixth street, on Saturday night.

James M Bulger, the C. P. R. shipwright, was married on Monday, at Nelson, to Mrs. L. M. Jameson.

Services will be held in Stephen's church next Sunday, both morning and evening. Rev. C. F. Yates, pastor.

Several parties from here will be present next Sunday at the opening of the new Presbyterian church at Sandon.

Sunday was one of those large days, filled with smiles and sunbeams to light up the countenance and make the heart glad.

The Conservatives of the Slocan are endeavoring to get Sir Charles Tupper to give an address while on his western tour.

Alex Sproat returned Sunday from an extended trip to Spokane and into the Boundary country, reporting business brisk in all the camps visited.

New Denver will in all likelihood be represented in the second Canadian South African contingent. Officer L. R. Forbes has made application to be admitted to the volunteer corps.

The Miners' Union has sent a despatch to Premier Laurier asking the Dominion government to put into effect the Alien Labor Act. This will promptly stop the importation of Italian laborers from the states.

Joe Brandon, while riding on horseback along the road from the Galena Farm was knocked off his horse by a fallen telephone wire and injured about the head. He has sued the owners of the Galena Farm for $5,000 damages.

There is urgent need that a set of fire wardens be appointed in this town, as there are none at present. And when appointed, they should see to it that their requests are carried out. New Denver has a high record in the insurance world and it must be kept so.

New Denver is having many pretty things said of it by the outside and neighboring press, all of which is very pleasant to see, not so much that we all like to have sugar-coated things said of us, but because we all appreciate the honesty and good-will that underlies the complimentary expressions.

Improvements at the North Star.

The North Star mine, East Kootenay, has just let a contract for a double wire rope tramway, which is to cover a distance of 6,000 feet, for the purpose of handling the ore. A water power plant is also to be installed, the power to be obtained from a creek about two miles away. This will give 170 horse power, which is ample for present requirements. The North Star is ready to ship ore so soon as the C. P. R. is in a position to handle it. There is upwards of 40,000 tons of ore in sight in the stopes, a conservative estimate of its value being $1,500,000.

SLOCAN MINERAL FLOAT.

The Madison has increased its force to 24 men.

Four men are working on the Chicago, near Sandon.

Additional supplies are going to the Marion this week.

Wm. Bennett is now foreman at the Rambler-Cariboo.

The finishing touches are being put on the Ruth concentrator.

Lumber is on the ground for the new buildings at the Bosun.

It is estimated the American Boy has $540,000 worth of ore in sight.

Seventy-five tons of ore was shipped from McGuigan basin last month.

The sawmill at the Ruth is in operation again, cutting mining timber.

A meeting of the Noble Five shareholders will be held at Cody on Tuesday.

The Legal Tender No. 3, situated below Slocan City, is applying for a crown grant.

John A. Turner and H. Nixon will develop the Freddie, adjoining the Noonday.

Surveyors Drewry & Twigg have completed the survey of the Bosun-Fidelity properties.

A new ore chute has been opened up on the Capella that has very promising surface indications.

F. Fraser, employed at the Wakefield concentrator, fractured one of his ribs last week by a nasty fall.

The Queen Bess will drive its new compressor plant with water power, flumed from Howson creek.

There is more than one Slocan mine manager in hot water with his shareholders for not operating his mine.

The Adlai, upon which steady development is being done, expects to be shipping from Adlai Landing before many months are over.

Frank Watson has secured control of the Rustler and Rockland claims, on Red mountain. A force of men will develop the property during the winter.

The American Boy will build a tramway connecting with that of the Noble Five. Concentrating ore will then be sent down to be treated at the latter's mill.

The Miners' Union to be formed in New Denver will have a membership of at least 35 to start with. Already that number is on the list with many more to hear from.

At the Madison extensive improvements are to be carried out. New ore houses are being built, ore crusher installed, a gasoline hoisting engine put in for a new winze, a long upraise to be driven, and the No. 5 tunnel extended 700 feet.

There is more activity on Ten Mile this month than has been noticed for many moons. Around the Enterprise mine things are being put in shape to accommodate a much larger force of men than has yet been worked in the mine and there is no doubt but that operations will be resumed this winter. Additional bunk house room is being erected for early occupancy. Around Aylwin there are more men employed, and, generally speaking, that section is experiencing a gradual revival.

SLOCAN CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Local merchants report business to be very good.

Kelly, the packer, has almost completed the packing in of the 15 tons of supplies to Camp Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Felt returned Monday night from Victoria, where the latter has been visiting for the past month or so.

Dr. Robert Elliot, of London, Ont., arrived here Monday, to take up his permanent residence. Slocan City has been without a physician for over a year, and Dr. Elliot will no doubt enjoy a good practice.

A Sunday School meeting was held on Monday night to start the ball rolling for a Christmas tree. The matter was placed in the hands of an executive committee, who will perfect arrangements.

THE USUAL THING.

Another Very Successful Ball Given Last Thursday by the K. of P.

It's just a way they have. They can't help it. Couldn't do otherwise. There is something in the make up of each individual member of the local lodge K. of P. that some how in some way makes him a capital entertainer. What they are individually they are, only moreso, collectively, and when an entertainment of any kind is advertised to be given by the Knights of Pythias, the public knows what to expect. Success has greeted all their public entertainments, and to make each succeeding event more successful than the previous one has been the controlling influence that has spurred each member on. There may be others, but the prime secret of their success is in the vim, the life, the fire with which they do things, and their ever ready thoughtfulness of the comfort and pleasure of their guests.

The third annual ball given last Thursday night in Clever's hall was no exception to the rule. It was by long odds the dressiest, happiest and most generally enjoyed affair of the kind that the society has given, and when this is said it means very much more than the mere words convey. The hall was profusely decorated with boughs and colors and freshly-cut firs lined the entrance from the street. The floor was in excellent condition, the music by the New Denver orchestra good, and the floor management highly commendable to those in charge. The ladies were particularly well dressed, many in full evening costume, and many of the gentlemen were in full dress. A sumptuous supper was served in the Newmarket dining room. In the neighborhood of forty couple were on the floor, visitors being present from Kaslo, Nelson and neighboring points. The only unfortunate occurrence in connection with the affair was the misunderstanding in connection with the pleasure boat Alert, which failed to make the trip to Silverton, thus depriving a party of fifteen of the pleasure of participating.

FIRST PAYMENTS MADE.

Last Saturday the first payments on the bonds of the Merrimac and Marion, on Silver mountain, amounting to $3,900, were paid here, giving assurance of the well being of this camp. The Marion was bonded three months ago by Toronto capital, through David W. King, and the Merrimac by the same parties about a month later. Since that time development has proceeded steadily on the Marion. A tunnel has been driven 185 feet, with a fine showing of ore the entire distance. Several carloads of ore has been taken out and the reserves are sufficient to more than meet the ensuing payments. J. K. Clark is now superintendent of both properties, and he will have a new messhouse and other necessary buildings erected at once. A much larger force is to be employed and development rapidly pushed ahead. New workings are to be commenced on the lead on the Merrimac, which commands greater depth on the combined properties, making a most valuable group. The owners of the two claims are residents of the town, and the circulation of the bond money will greatly benefit the place. Silver mountain will come to the front by the continued working of the properties and the business of the town assisted and enlarged.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

All miners and mine laborers and the general public are cordially invited to attend a meeting, to be held Friday evening, November 10th, 1899, in Clever's hall. James Wilkes, organizer for the Western Federation of Miners, will speak on the labor question.

New Noble Five Company.

The Dunsmuire, of Victoria, who own a controlling interest in the Noble Five group, have decreed that the old company, with all its mistakes, shall pass out of existence, which is to be done at the meeting at Cody on Tuesday next. A new company is to be organized, under the laws of the province, to operate the Noble Five, the entire assets of which will be turned over.

RAMBLER-CARIBOO.

Annual Meeting Held at Kaslo and a Dividend Declared.

The stockholders' statutory meeting of the Rambler-Cariboo Mines, Ltd., was held at the head office of the company at Kaslo, on Thursday last. Over 900,000 shares were represented in person or by proxy. The company's stock is 1,250,000 shares, of which 1,050,000 are issued and 200,000 remain in the treasury.

The retiring board of directors was able to make a report of the most gratifying nature to the stockholders. The extensive development carried on by them for months past has resulted in bringing into sight large ore reserves, and has put the mine into shape to ship and to pay regular monthly dividends for a long time; and at the same time to enable them to carry on active development work, so that the ore reserves may be continually increasing and kept in advance of shipments by at least three years, as is now the case.

The stockholders expressed their great satisfaction with the board's report, and that the mine was in such a splendid position as to pay continuous and heavy dividends.

The following were unanimously elected directors for the ensuing year: J. B. McArthur, Columbia; A. Coolridge, Colfax, Wash.; J. J. Humphrey, Spokane; A. F. McClaine, Tacoma; W. H. Adams, Kaslo; W. Chaplin, St. Catherines; and Bernard McDonald, Montreal.

The board has been greatly strengthened in Eastern Canada by the acquisition of Messrs. Chaplin and McDonald. Mr. Chaplin is a wealthy manufacturer and is looked upon as an able and experienced business man of undoubted integrity all over Ontario. Bernard McDonald is well known in Montreal and British Columbia as one of the ablest mining engineers and experts in the Dominion.

The newly elected directors met and appointed the following officers for the ensuing term: President, J. B. McArthur; vice president, A. F. McClaine; secretary-treasurer and manager, W. H. Adams.

The directors ordered payment of a dividend of one per cent per share on the issued capital of the company, payable on December 1 next. The amount will be $10,500.

The management has made a discovery of the greatest importance in the mine. As a result of recent working they find that by extending one of their tunnels a distance of about 25 feet, they will strike what is known as the King ore chute in the Cariboo ground at a depth of about 300 feet, and if ore is found there, as it no doubt will be, the ore reserves in the mine will be probably doubled.

Their raise will be completed in two weeks, when they will increase their force to 50 men, most of them working on ore. The ore is of a high grade, several of the shipments netting the company $2,500 to the car.

The Rambler-Cariboo is not now and never has been affected by the prevailing labor troubles. The mine has been worked on business principles, and the management has never considered $3.50 for eight hours' work too much under the circumstances.

The property has been strictly a "grass root" mine, developed from the proceeds of its own production, and paying dividends, too.

Wedding Bells.

Married, at Slocan City, on Thursday last, by Rev. Mr. McKee, F. B. Wright to Miss Elizabeth Maud Riddell, formerly of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were met at the dock here by a number of friends, while en route to the coast for their honeymoon, and warmly congratulated. Mr. Wright is purser on the Moyie and was formerly on the Wm. Hunter, while the bride is a sister of Mrs. Capt. Seaman.

Drowned in Arrow Lake.

Arthur Audy was drowned last week in Upper Arrow lake, while going by row boat from St. Leon to Halcyon. Search was made for the body, which was recovered some days later. Deceased was well known and respected.

Williams has ordered his Christmas candies. The young folks will be particularly pleased with this information.

THE LABOR SITUATION

The management of the Payne mine, the largest dividend paying property in British Columbia, and the best able of any to employ Canadian workmen at the standard wage scale, is the first to go to the states and import scab labor. The Payne is a Canadian company, i.e. it is owned largely by Montreal capital and is incorporated under Canadian laws, but its management in their desperate efforts to beat down the British Columbia miner to the level of the serfs of the coal mining regions, have seen fit to import scab labor of the lowest order—Italians. Only two, however, of those imported have gone to work, and it is not at all probable that these men will stay any length of time.

There is not the least cause for excitement in connection with this movement on the part of the Payne management. The Dominion Alien Act will promptly settle the matter and the Miners' Union will see that it is enforced. It is very evident that the mine managers are beaten in the struggle they voluntarily entered into. The demand for labor elsewhere has made it impossible for them to get men at the scale of wages proposed by them, and every day that the struggle is prolonged their chances diminish. All during the month of October the mine managers' association advertised broadcast for men. They succeeded in getting two dagoes, who would be dearer at $1 a day than Canadian union miners at $5. It is deplorable that the ore shipments of the district should be so small when such big things were predicted only a few months ago. But the question of wages has ever been one of contention between capital and labor and must be settled here now. It does seem to be folly for the fight to be continued longer, however. The miners are better prepared now to carry it to a successful issue than when it began four months ago. On the other hand the cause of the managers has been weakened daily. They can, of course, keep their properties closed, but there is no wisdom in such a policy when there is absolutely nothing to be gained by it.

It is a question that can not be materially changed by the importation of a handful of dagoes. It ought to be met in a liberal spirit by the mine managers. They undoubtedly put up the best fight they could, and were beaten. This they ought to recognize and, like men of business, get to work.

While the old shippers are not being worked to the extent of taking out ore yet all are employing developing forces and are getting in better shape to ship. But new shippers are coming in and employing all the idle miners in the camp. Thus it will not be long until the output from the division will soon be up to the old standard, even if the old dividend-payers remain closed all winter—which is not at all probable.

THE DIFFERENCE.

There is a vast difference in mining in the Slocan and mining in the Boundary country. Here the ledges are small, carrying paychutes of high grade ore that pays on an average $50 a ton over and above the cost of mining. In the Boundary the ledges are very large carrying low grade ore that will not pay more than $2 a ton over the cost of production. The Slocan mines require few men and very little machinery, and are among the cheapest mines in existance to work. The mines of the Boundary country require large forces of men and extensive plants of costly machinery, and are expensive to operate. The Slocan mines have been closed down for four months because the managers refused to pay the few (comparatively) miners they would employ $3.50 a day. The Boundary mines have been working large forces steadily, putting in great plants of mining machinery, building towns and developing the district, because the managers were willing to pay $3.50 a day to miners. The mines of the Slocan have paid dividends aggregating $2,790,000 and are in a position now to pay almost as much annually, whereas the mines of Boundary have not yet paid any dividends and do not know what they will be able to do in the future. For these reasons the mines of the Boundary can afford to pay $3.50 a day to miners, and the mines of the Slocan can not afford to pay $3.50 a day to miners. The Slocan managers have earned dividends enough and the question that confronts them is not "how to make money for our shareholders and aid in developing the country," but rather "how can we force down the wage scale."

EXPORTS FROM NELSON.

The returns of the port of Nelson for the month of October, according to the Tribune, show that the exports of the district have kept pace with the imports, the gain in each instance being over 100 per cent. as compared with the corresponding month in 1898. For the month just closed the gross value of the exports was $83,465, of which all save $1,910 worth of manufactures represented the value of the mineral exports. The bulk of this was copper matte and bullion from the Hall Mines smelter, valued at $51,095. The gold bullion exports were valued at $27,560; the balance being made up of 710 tons of coke, valued at $2,857, and 21 tons of coal, valued at $43.

Enjoyable Concert-Social.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church gave one of the most enjoyable concerts in the Bosun Hall Tuesday evening that it has ever been the pleasure of a New Denver audience to listen to. It was given in aid of the church building repair fund and from a financial standpoint was a success. The program was a lengthy one and embraced musical and literary selections by some of the best local talent, assisted by the pick of the musical talent of Sandon. Those taking part from Sandon were: Mrs. Pitts, Misses Vallance and Hammond, Revs. J. A. Ferguson and J. A. Cleland and Mr. C. Hammond. The local participants were: Mesdames Clark, Sherwood and Black, Miss Williamson, Kathleen Delaney, Messrs. Smitheringale, West, Nelson, Thompson and Davis. The orchestra rendered two highly appreciated selections. At the close of the program refreshments were served.

To Test the Eight Hour Law.

C. J. McCuaig, of the Payne, stated last week that "an eminent legal authority has advised the management of the Payne mine that the eight-hour law is unconstitutional. In all likelihood a test case may be made in order to determine the authority of the provincial parliament to draft the legislation that has caused so much trouble between labor and capital. The measure was not sought by the miners. We contemplate starting up work at the Payne, paying $3.50 for ten hours' work. If we are fined the case will be appealed and, if need be, appealed to the privy council."

Run High in Gold.

Fred Williamson arrived here last week from the new gold camp on Kettle river, about 30 miles in from Fire Valley. Since the placer excitement wore off, more attention has been paid to quartz, and several fine discoveries have been made. Williamson and his partner, Doyle, staked a promising group, assays from which have given $256 in gold. It bids fair to be a good camp.

Rossland's Shipments.

The ore shipments from Rossland for the eight days ending on Saturday last were 6,218 tons, and bring the total production of the camp since January 1 to 144,700 tons. The shipments for the eight days were: Le Roi, 2,688; War Eagle, 2,370; Centre Star, 870; Iron Mask, 270; Virginia, 20; total, 6,218 tons.

Hill Bros., who are operating the sawmill at the head of the lake, report a most encouraging business, with fresh orders coming in.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1899.

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

The fine Italian hand is now slightly visible in the management of the Payne.

Nelson wants a music hall. If it is not a dive, Nelson has our permission to get one as soon as possible.

The Sandon Paystreak very nicely puts it: "New Denver is fast becoming the Fifth Avenue of Slocan society."

Dr. Smith, just married at Atlantic City, Ga., is 123 years. Such a shock ought to kill a man of his age, and cause him to fill an early grave.

Lieut.-Colonel Henshaw, of the Payne, arrived in the Slocan last week. He probably came to command the Italian brigade in the fight against organized labor.

A Miners' Union is to be formed in New Denver. We trust that it will be composed of men engaged in mining for a living, and not a composite of every craft and calling in the camp.

It is against the law in Prince Edward Island to treat anyone to liquor in a tavern. If that was the law in this province most of the inhabitants would be broke paying fines. The Dutch treat is not in place in B. C.

James Wilkes and others will address a public meeting in New Denver this week upon the labor question. They will be unarmed, consequently mine owners need have no fear of being found in the assembly.

Jealousy evidently had something to do with the turning down of Colonel Sam Hughes in denying him a position with the Candian South African contingent. If he had displayed less energy his reward would have been greater.

A perusal of the report of the recent directors' meeting of the Rambler-Cariboo mine, published in these columns, will be good medicine for the non-managing mine managers. The slab of an old sawlog can manage a mine that isn't working, but it requires brains to bring a property out as successfully as the Rambler has been.

The Socialist who has got ten cents is very willing that everything on this earth should be so divided that each of us will have the same amount. The Socialist who has a million dollars and is willing to divide it equally with his fellows has not yet been found. If he is ever found it will be after lunacy has clouded his avarice and reason.

A liquor firm in India sends up a balloon to advertise their business. When it is going up they attach flasks of their whiskey to small parachutes and let them drop gently to the ground. We have heard of whiskey furnishing skates, but here is an instance where the yellow agitator has wings. What a time the hoboes must have out there catching their boozerino on the fly.

Working in the copper mines of upper Michigan there are 13,561 miners. There would be many more if they could be procured. With miners in that and other camps in such demand there is not much chance of the Slocan mines getting all the men they would employ even at $3.50 a shift. If the great demand for labor continues wages are more likely to rise than fall.

The Vancouver World is funny, though possibly it has little idea of humor. Last week, in discussing editorially the labor trouble in the Slocan, it made the statement that prior to the operation of the eight-hour law the output from Sandon alone was 1000 tons of ore every day in the month. If this were the case it would mean 365,000 tons a year, which, valued at $80 a ton, the average yield of Slocan ores, would give a total value of $29,200,000 annually. The World should make another guess.

Spokane is the Monte Carlo of the west. Some of its gambling houses employ 50 dealers. The passion for chance has a firm hold on the working men of that city. The delusion causes many of them to go ragged and hungry while the gamblers grow weary with the fatness of things. Thus it is that the sucker swallows the bait and becomes a nonentity, while the shark keeps on swelling until his scales will hardly fit him.

The constant cry in the mining sections of this province is for capital. The wail goes up from every camp, and it constantly says England. Why should we always look to Britain for money in mining? The English investor will not as a rule take any chances. He wants to see more in sight than he is willing to pay for. Why not look for more investors in our own country? Depend more on ourselves and less on people in lands across the sea, and we will have more wealth in this beautiful Canada of ours.

Surface indications of a chute of wisdom is at last noticeable coming from the head push of the Slocan Mines Association. The report is current that a test case of the eight-hour law will be made. Had this step been taken four months ago it would have shown the good intentions of the association and there would not have been the apparent justifiable complaint that they were not fighting the law so much as the wage scale. However, it is gratifying to note this sensible move in dealing with this much-abused question, and, win or lose, the miners will no doubt welcome this possible settlement of the difficulty.

THE PASSING OF THE BOER.

America at one time was peopled with Indians. The white man came and took their land, and cleaned out the redskin with rum, bullets and syphilis. About 250 years ago French and Dutch people settled in South Africa. Their descendants are called Boers. The Boer had trouble with the English about 100 years back and had to roll his blankets and hit the trail for a new camp. They crossed the Vaal, killing on the way in 6,000 lions. In what is now called the Transvaal they felt secure from John Bull, and they would have been if they had not found gold. They fought and subdued the wild natives and animals and built up a little world of their own. The discovery of gold and diamonds brought thousands of foreigners, principally English, to the country. The Boer's style of running their government did not suit the Johnnie-come-latelies. They wanted to run the country, and through the power of capital they have succeeded in filling the land with red-coats. This means that the Boer will soon be a back-number.

The Boer may be brave but he cannot beat the game when all England, part of Canada and Australia, and the prayers of Toronto parsons are against him. This combination would beat the devil. The Boer also packs a bible and prays to God for assistance. This will avail him nothing. God is always on the side that has the most men and the greatest number of guns.

There is nothing new about this war. The Boer settled the country, subdued the natives and made it valuable. The English will now subdue the Boer and make the country more valuable through the power of gold, backed by men in bright clothes who are willing to bayonet human beings for 40 cent a day and the chance to get a piece of metal with VC stamped on it. Verily, gentle reader, this is a hot universe we are living on.

SIGNS OF PARESIS.

The people of Canada act as though the gray matter in their upper stope was turning soft. Led by politicians and seekers after cannon-mouth glory they are allowing impulse to get the better of reason. If Canadians wish to hunt for gore in South Africa let them go to England and enlist. Canada had nothing to do with the creation of the Boer war. None of us belong to the House of Lords or Commons in England, consequently we have no right to push ourselves into a game that is already full-handed. England does not need our assistance. If the Boers should swoop down upon England and attempt to make a Majuba Hill out of London, then we Canucks could slide from the rubber neck gallery into the arena of blood with perfect grace and propriety. There is nothing particularly brave in sending a body of men to jump on the under dog. There is very little courage required in a sure-thing game. The Boers may be brave, but they would have displayed more wisdom if they had quietly handed their country over to the English. They would save an immense amount of blood, tears, money, crushed hopes and humiliation. In the meantime the Canadians would profit by putting more money and enthusiasm into mines and less into prospecting for blood amongst a people whose hand has never pointed a gun at them, and upon whose face few of us have looked.

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A BREEZE FROM THE BORDER.

With the permission of James Young, the Reservation Poet, we reproduce the following, which faithfully portrays a scene of nightly occurrence in Republic, and will be appreciated by everyone understanding the circumstances and knowing the people it describes:—

Two men live in Republic;
When they meet they have a rub,
For to see who wears the medal
Of the Social Liars' Club.

They meet most every evening
At the Montana faro game,
When Hank Bloom will spin a yarn or two,
While dealing off the same.

Curley Robinson, his old time pard,
Sits in the lookout chair,
And between the two they tell of tales
That would raise a dead man's hair.

Of early days out in the west,
Of Indians fierce and wild,
They talk in an unassuming way,
Just like a simple child.

Hank was a buffalo hunter,
While Curley was a scout;
For diversion one dealt faro,
While the other was look-out.

The buffalo they used to kill
Would size up to the moon;
The credit for the most of them
Is taken by Hank Bloom.

The rounders, they would congregate
About, like human flies,
To hear Hank Bloom and Curley
Verify each other's lies.

"Those were happy days, old pard,"
(And Hank wiped away a tear)
"When we used to chase the Indians,
And of squaws we had no fear."

"Times have changed since then,"
said Curley,
"Dudes have stepped into our place;
Games were run upon the square then,
All they deal you now is brace.

"No more we'll see exciting days,
Of plains with Indians slain;
No more we'll chase the gay chipmonk,
Or guide the wagon train.

"The wild times that we used to have
Upon Montana's plains;
The daring deeds, hairbreadth escapes,
The big stiff faro games."

"Do you remember, Curley,
—'Twas on the old Big Horn—
We used to kill an Indian
For breakfast every morn?"

"Do I?" answered Curley,
Giving his mustache a pull,
"'Twas the time that I played poker
With John Gall and Sitting Bull."

"The very time!" said Hank.
"Do you recollect that squaw
That you won from Sitting Bull,
And became his brother-in-law?"

"She was a beauty," murmured Curley,
"Her pot name was Dirty Shirt;
I loved her with devotion,
But alas, she done me dirt.

"Tell about that buffalo hunt, Hank,
And the bull that I found dead,
That you killed—and when I skinned it,
Found ten pounds of solid lead.

"Talk about your buffalo,
You may believe me or may not,
But I fed five thousand people
On the one that Hank Bloom shot.

"The buffalo were so plenty then
(I can prove this by Hank Bloom),
We used to have to climb a tree,
For on earth there was no room.

"Along the scenic old Missouri,
Camped upon the mossy bank,
I used to hunt for wild meat,
Along with my pard, Hank.

"We used to chase the redskin,
As o'er the plain they flew;
The buffalo, the antelope,
And chas'd the poor squaw, too."

They talked of times they used to have
When out upon a lark;
They told of all the wonders
Of the famous National Park.

Of Fort Beaufort and of Benton,
They always loved to tell;
The wild times they used to have
When young and full of ——

Hank Bloom has the mark of battle,
Received from mother-in-law;
While Curley Bears the noble scars
Left there by gentle squaw.

Twin relics of a generous past,
They try to keep in line;
Hank Bloom and Curley Robinson,
Pioneers of Forty-nine.

One sitting in the dealer's chair,
The other as look-out—
Hank Bloom, the mighty hunter,
Handsome Curley, Custer's scout.

I love to sit at evening,
By the fireside's bright flames,
And listen to these—liars,
Adios—from Truthful James.

MIGHT COME TO SANDON.

A. D. Williams, who left Sandon on a hand car two years ago, is said to be in clover, according to the Dawson Gleaner: It says:—

"No. 35 Hillside on the right side of Hunker creek, was staked and recorded by the father of A. D. Williams, and the father proceeded to work it with all the energy he possessed. On reaching the paystreak, he found a veritable nest of the yellow metal in every pan. So rich was the claim, in fact, that in three months Mr. Williams was enabled to take out $35,000 in dust."

The Gleaner then goes on to state that A. D. Williams, being a hustler, was quick to see that No. 35 Hillside, was a good property, and he immediately set about securing a half interest in No. 35 creek claim, upper and lower 35, and then began to lay the ropes for further acquisitions. In that vicinity men were able to take out about all the gold they required, and Williams knew this. The Gleaner alleges that Williams made his way to Dawson with all speed, and made application to the officials there for a mile back, and a mile each way up and down the stream adjoining the Hunker creek property No. 35. The officials at Dawson could not grant his request, but Williams was not to be deterred. He purchased a ticket for Ottawa, and the rest of the story is told by the Gleaner, in the following words:

Ah! there's the spot for those with a "pull." By some mysterious influence Mr. Williams, upon the payment of a paltry $150 a mile, was granted a "Hydraulic Concession" (cute name isn't it?) for two miles long and one mile deep adjoining his already rich ground, on the most valuable portion of this valuable "concession" of two square miles of "hydraulic mining," and for which the government received the paltry sum of $300. What a farce! We are creditably informed by well-posted people on this property that one cannot walk over it without having the gold stick to the soles of his boots; yet Mr. Williams is able to obtain from the good, kind officials at Ottawa a princely grant for a measly, beggarly $300. We do not blame Mr. Williams for getting what almost everyone knows to be most invaluable property, and for getting it for three dollars instead of three hundred if he could, but what can be thought of a government that will throw away revenues in this way? Is it not fair to ask what potent influences were used to accomplish this masterly act? Why isn't the inference clear that "grease" in liberal quantities turns the wheels? It at least helps move the machinery. And yet we are "discourteous aliens" for exposing just such "grafts" as this. When property 250 by 1000 feet can produce $35,000 in three months, is it not natural to suppose that two whole miles of it will show up something enormous? There's nothing like having a "pull," and then the "grafts" come easy. When a man can buy prospective millions for a miserable pittance of $300, at least that is all that shows on the surface, he is all right, and Williams in his possessorship of this extraordinary grant, should feel pretty secure for the balance of his life, just to sit down and rock out a few thousands from it as he may need it for pin money.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

A guy rope is not, perhaps, unfortunately, intended to assist the demise of a particularly objectionable class of individuals.

In the San Francisco schools Japanese children are not segregated on the attendance rolls, but are classed same as whites.

Recently a ship of only 2,500 tons carried from Para, Brazil, to New York, a cargo of rubber which was insured for $3,000,000.

During the fiscal year of 1897-8 the United States sold $29,000 worth of typewriters in Mexico and $18,000 worth in Argentina.

Williams has a choice stock of new tobaccoes between here and the coast. It will be in town shortly and lovers of the weed will do well to inspect it.

PRODUCTION OF LEADING METALS.

Professor Le Neve Foster gives the following statistics in regard to the principal metals in use today:

Gold, which is the most precious, if not the most useful, comes in great part from South Africa, which this year exceeded the United States in its production. These two countries, with Australia, give each about a fifth of the total production, Russia coming next with a tenth of the total.

In iron, the United States takes first place, followed by England and Germany; then comes Spain, Luxemburg, France, Russia and Austria.

Spain leads in the production of lead, the output being double that of Germany, but the United States is only slightly behind.

As for silver, the United States holds first place, followed closely by Mexico. Australia, Bolivia and Germany rank next, with a conjoint production about equal to the United States.

The Malayan peninsula produces much the larger part of tin, since it gives two-thirds of the total amount, and with other British possessions the production is three-fourths of the whole.

In zinc, Germany leads, followed by the United States.

Spain leads in the production of mercury or quicksilver.

Watering House Plants.

I am satisfied that not 1 person in 20 is aware that too much water is more dangerous to the plants than too little. Some gardeners seem to have the idea that to take a watering pot in hand to supply the needs of plants is an easy duty, and that to give a dash here and to soak the soil there is all there is to the matter. One thing is to be observed: Not all plants under all circumstances, nor, indeed, the same plants under different circumstances require the same amount of water. It is necessary, therefore, to study the nature and habits of kinds so that each may be treated according to its needs. A vigorous blooming plant, say a fuchsia or geranium, might be said to represent the maximum need of water. The same when in a state of rest, in cool, damp weather, the minimum requirement as to this. Therefore, to give exactly the same quantity of water in both conditions named would be to cause harm by not giving enough water to some and too much to others. One safe rule is to wait until the ball of earth begins to get rather dry, and then to give enough water to moisten the soil through and through. Then do not water again until the former state of dryness is reached, be that time six hours or six days.—Vick's Magazine.

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Legal Tender No. 3 Mineral Claim.

Situated in the Slocan City Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About four miles south of Slocan City on the Government trail.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Dan Hanlon, acting as an agent for John McLaughlin, free miner's certificate No. B. 14203, intend, sixty 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 3d day of November, A. D. 1899.
DAN HANLON.

Consolidated, Verginia, Elk and Speculator Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the South Fork of Carpenter Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Arthur S. Farwell as agent for Harold Selons, F. M. C. No. 98142, 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 9th day of September, 1899.
2-11-99 A. S. FARWELL.

Alice Fractional, Spokane and Last Chance No. 4 Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: In Best Basin.

TAKE NOTICE, That I, Herbert Twigg, agent for James A. McDonell, Free Miner's Certificate No. B26524, intend, 60 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.

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

Dated this 12th day of October, 1899.
o12 HERBERT T. TWIGG.

Hustler Fraction Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Adjoining the town of Three Forks.

TAKE NOTICE That I Ernest Harrop, Free Miner's Certificate No. B14082, recorded holder of a one-half (½) undivided interest, as agent for Geo. A. Petty, recorded holder of a one-half (½) undivided interest, Free Miner's Certificate B13930, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown a 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 4th day of October, 1899.
o12 ERNEST HARROP.

Legal Tender Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: A relocation of Free Coinage near the Noble Five Mineral Claim.

TAKE NOTICE, That I, Charles S. Rashdall, of New Denver, B. C., acting as agent for James Wilson, free miner's certificate No. 31423A, James Wilson as administrator of the estate of E. C. Pease, deceased, Lewis W. Toms, free miner's certificate B17021 and Caleb A. Freeman, free miner's certificate No. 33227A, intend, sixty 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 1st day of October, 1899.
CHARLES S. RASHDALL

Lot 2901—Eldorado Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: In Noble V. Gulch about one mile east of Sandon, adjoining the Mollie.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Robert E. Palmer, agent for Edward Mahon, F. M. C. No. 94537, Harold Selons, F. M. C. No. 98142, and James Rae, F. M. C. No. 2423A, intend, sixty 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 5th day of October, 1899.
o5 R. E. PALMER.

Best Fraction and Humphrey Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: In McGuigan Basin, adjacent to the Rambler and Best mines.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Alex Sproat, acting as agent for the Rambler-Cariboo Mines Ltd. F. M. C. No. B. 12289, intend, sixty 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 Sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 27th day of September, 1899.

Lincon Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Arrow Lake Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Lincon Gulch, north of Cariboo creek.

TAKE NOTICE. That I, George Alexander, Free Miners' Certificate No 74680, acting for myself and co-owners, intend, sixty 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 September, 1899.
s24 GEORGE ALEXANDER.

Helena Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Wakefield Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Chas. E. Hope, free miner's certificate No. 7662A, 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 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 24th day of August, 1899.
a31 CHAS. E. HOPE.

Golden Crown Mineral Claim.

Situated in the Slocan City Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Springer Creek, about three miles from Slocan City.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Chas. E. Hope, free miner's certificate No. 7662A, 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.

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When pa firs' et tabasco sauce—I'm smilin' 'bout it yet,
Although his subsekent remarks I always shall regret—
We'd come to town to see the sights, an' pa remarked to me:
"We'll eat at a bong-tong hotel an' sling some style," says he.
An' then he sorter cast his eye among the plates an' all,
An' says, "That ketchup must be good, the bottle is so small;"
An' then he took a piece o' meat an' covered it quite thick,
When pa first et tabasco sauce an' rose to make his kick.

It all comes back so plain to me; I rickollect it well;
He just was talkin' mild an' calm, an then he give a yell
An' tried to cave the ceilin' by buttin' with his head.
"Er-hooh! Er-hooh! Fire! Murder! Hooh!" I can't tell all he said,
But when they heard his heated words six women lef' the room,
An' said such language filled their souls with shame, an' also gloom;
But pa, he only gurgled some, an' then he yelled again,
When firs' he et tobasco sauce, an' told about it then.

We laid him out upon a board an' fanned him quite a while,
An' pa, he sort o' gasped at first an' then he tried to smile,
An' says: "Just heat a poker now, an' run it down my neck;
I want to cool off gradual; it's better, I expeck."
But when he got me out o' doors, he says: "I want to get
That there blame ketchup recipe an' learn jus' how it's het,
So I can try it on the boys when you an' me git hum,
Till they, too, think the condiment is mixed with Kingdom Come."

GENERAL MINING FLOAT.

The De Beers diamond mine in South Africa paid $7,087,300 in dividends in 1898.

In July of the present year the Australian mining companies distributed in dividends £336,659, or about $1,683,280. Last year the gold output of Australia was $62,294,480.

It is estimated that six thousand stamps crush 800;000 tons of ore, which yields 460,000 ounces of gold, each month in the Transvaal. These mines have been developed by European and American capital.

According to the Auckland Herald bullion to the value of £51,893 15s, or $259,468, was taken from the mines of the Hauraki Peninsula in August. For the same month New Zealand exported gold to the value of $98,237, or $491,185.

The Crow's Nest Coal Co. are sending out about nine carloads of coal a day from their mine at Fernie, and are supplying 9,000 tons of ore per month, besides their domestic orders. One hundred and eight coke ovens are now in operation, and it is expected that 100 more will be completed by the time the bad weather sets in. The company is building a big coal bin at Fernie, near the ovens. About 750,000 feet of lumber will be used in it.

The commissioners in charge of the Colorado gold exhibit at the Paris exposition have decided to send a solid gold nugget miniature of Pike's Peak at $1,000,000 value. As a ton of gold is worth $602,928.50, the nugget will weigh about 1 2-3 tons. It will reach New York under guard in a special car, and thence the government will convey it to Paris. The exposition commissioners have guaranteed its safe return. The ore of the nugget represents nearly all the big producers of the state, the Cripple Creek mines being in the first place.

Bananas and many other kinds of fruit continue to arrive at Williams'. Eat plenty of it and your complexion will become tinted with the pink that always indicates high grade condition of health.

Le Roi's Big Payroll.

There are now employed at the Le Roi mine 370 men, and the payroll of the mine amounts to $1,200 a day, or $35,000 per month. An enormous amount of development has lately been completed, and by the first of the year the mine will be in thoroughly good shape. The cost of mining is being steadily reduced. As shown by the September statement, the average value of the ore handled has been cut down to less than $13 per ton. That the diminution in values is more than counterbalanced by the tonnage of the mine is proven by the recent dividend of a quarter of a million dollars, and in the increase in the shipments of the mine to 400 tons daily. In places the ore chutes in the Le Roi are 50 feet wide and they are stoped to the full width. Shipments from the old dump have been delayed pending the arrival of the new headgear.

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Ainsworth is Lively.

Much activity is being displayed at Ainsworth and considerable work is being done on a number of claims. On the No. 1 a rich strike of high grade ore has been made in the drift from the main shaft. The Stevenson concentrator is running steadily, treating ore from the Little Phil and Tariff mines. Three shifts are working steadily on the long tunnel on the Highlander, which is being run to tap the Little Phil and Albion ledges. It is now in about 300 feet and will be driven 2,000 feet. Ore is being hoisted from the No. 2 shaft on the Star, while ore is also coming in at the No. 1 shaft. The first shipment is being made by the Tamarac.

Henry Clay and Bock cigars make their abode in New Denver at Williams'. It costs two bits to obtain one of them, but the price fades into insignificance when the flavor is allowed to permeate the atmosphere.

A Unique Record.

Sam Adler, who crossed Thompson river on his way down from Cariboo 40 years ago this fall, having gone up via Lillooet and the Fraser, spent a night in town this week. Mr. Adler has, within the past two years, visited Atlin, Dawson and the Northwest generally. He has done probably what no other man alive ever did. Forty years ago he rocked out of Cariboo the gold to make a wedding ring for the lady he afterwards married. Twenty years later, in Granite creek, he rocked out the gold that was made into his daughter's wedding ring. This season, at Atlin, he again set to work with a rocker and rocked out enough gold to make a wedding ring for his grand daughter and presented it to her at her recent marriage. Can anyone equal this record?—Ashcroft Journal.

The trouble in South Africa has not made any difference to Williams. He is still doing business at the old stand, and continues to sell the best fruit and cigars in the land.

The aigrette is to disappear from the headgear of the British Hussars and Royal Horse Artillery, and its place will be taken by an ostrich plume.

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SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

Total shipped July 1 to Dec. 31, 1898, 17,994 tons. January 1st, 1899, to Nov. 4:

	Week	Total
Payne		5,437
Last Chance		2,245
Slocan Star		548
Sapphire		33
Coin		18
Ajax		40
Sovereign		20
Reco		180
Ivanhoe		119
Treasure Vault		112
Red Fox		11
Trade Dollar		50
Liberty Hill		3
Madison		15
Wonderful		28
American Boy		41
Idaho Mines		840
Queen Bess		1,441
Wild Goose		15
Monitor		260
Whitewater		2,360
Jackson		792
Hillside		1
Bell	35	65
Wellington		11
Antoine		650
Rambler	40	501
Dardanelles		100
Great Western		48
Bosun		580
Marion		20
Capella		3
Fidelity		3
Vancouver		320
Wakefield		580
Emily Edith		60
Comstock		120
Noonday		520
Enterprise		710
Tamarac		20
Black Prince		35
Chapleau		15
Total tons	75	18,923

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