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THE LEDGE.

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NAKUSP.

The new scow for the C.K.S.N. Co. is finished, and work on the ice-break scow will commence next week.

Genelle's mill has enough of orders on hand ahead to keep them busy all winter. They are milling all the timber for the Arrow Lake Railway.

Geo. Graham had one of his hands severely bruised on Monday evening, while coupling cars.

It is rumoured that another steamboat will be built here for the C. & K. S. N. Co.

The Alpine Group.

W. K. Richmond returned to New Denver last week, and reported that in company with Max Heckmann he had made four locations, which they called the Alpine group, about seven miles from Kootenay lake, and in an air line with the Pilot Bay smelter. They could see the Silver King tramway from their discovery post. Three of the claims are in the Nelson, and the other in the Slocan mining division. The ledge is 56 inches wide on the discovery, and carries free gold. Other prospectors are now trying to reach the locality, but the snow will likely shut them out until next season.

EVIDENTLY A FAKE.

A party of prospectors, grubstaked by some steamboat men, went into the country opposite Fire Valley, on the lower Arrow lake, in September. In a short time one of the party recorded eight claims at Nakusp, and a few days later eleven more were recorded. This caused a flutter of excitement amongst the Nakusp people, and in a short time fourteen of them were on their way to the scene of the strikes. It had been reported that rock had been found carrying from $8 to $48 in gold. The Nakusp prospectors found a party of men working on a claim near the lake. The ledge on this claim was 15 feet wide and consisted of talcy serpentine between walls of granite. The Nakusp prospectors picked specimens from this property, several of which were assayed and found to contain no gold or silver. Several other ledges were discouvered in the vicinity. The rock from these has been assayed and found to be barren of mineral. It is too bad that excitements of this kind should be created, without good foundation. They benefit no one, and have a tendency to make green mining speculators weary of business.

THE LEDGE WANTS.

A winter's firewood.

A policeman at Sandon.

The Kaslo railroad in New Denver.

More sunlight in Sandon.

An opera house in New Denver.

The Springer creek mines operated.

A daily mail.

The Kaslo mail to arrive earlier.

A wagon road to Three Forks.

A stove in the station at the siding.

A sidewalk along the trestles of the N. & S. Ry.

The light horse trail along Springer creek at a cost of $800. The Government contributes $250 towards it.

AUSTRALIA'S GOLD AND SILVER OUTPUT.

The production of gold is being well maintained throughout the Australasian colonies. The two mints (at Sydney and Melbourne) have received for coinage during the first seven months of the year 1,079,836 ounces, against 1,120,825 ounces for the corresponding period last year. There is a decrease of 40,989 ounces, but this is more than made up by an increase in the direct shipments of bullion. The Western Australian mines are not as yet producing freely, the output being at the rate of only about 20,000 ounces per month. But the fields are only just being opened, and it is anticipated that eventually the output will be exceedingly large. But of the British capital put into Western Australian mines without discrimination, the larger proportion is bound to be lost.

The great Broken Hill silver mine, that is owned by the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, has nearly finished its course unless the immense quantities of sulphide ores which t contains can be profitably treated. For the rich carbonate ores are nearly exhausted, and a few more months will probably see the end of them. The directors refer to the subject in their report for the half year ended 31st May last in the following terms: "Your directors, together with the acting general manager, have gone most fully into the question of the future working of the property, having regard to the estimated quantity of the oxidized ores still remaining in the mine and available for present methods of treatment, and they feel that every effort must be made to economize the higher grades of this class of ore to such an extent as will prevent any burden or excessive cost being imposed upon the ore of a lower grade. The matter is one of the greatest importance, and your directors have given it their most careful consideration, with the result that acting upon the recommendation of the acting general manager, they have decided to reduce the present weekly yields to such limits as will allow the maximum economy in treatment to be secured, and, in addition, enable the necessary output of ore to be extracted at the lowest possible cost."

The outlook is that before twelve months are over the dividend (at present at the rate of 150 per cent. per annum) will be reduced to one third for a short time, and that the shareholders will then have to elect whether they will continue to work the mine at a possible loss or whether they abandon it. The company, however, possessed on 31st May last surplus assets to the amount of £619,362, against a paid-up capital of £384,000. The eventual disappearance of the Broked Hill Proprietory mine as an influence in the silver market will be a matter of considerable importance, its output having been very large, say as follows:

From 1885 to May 31 1893.....	41,791,847	183,3 2
Year ended May 31, 1894.....	13,820,559	51,248
Year ended May 31, 1895.....	13.000,776	43 315

The annual output of silver has constituted about one-twelfth part of the production of the world. The lessening of the profitableness of the mine will be gathered from the statement that in 1891 the profit per ton of ore treated exceeded £6 5s. 0d., and that the dividend was at the rate of 300 per cent., while the profit is now only £1 2s. 11d. per ton the ability to pay 150 per cent. being furnished by the larger quantities of ore treated. During the past nine years the company has paid dividends amounting to £5,552,000. The position of the minor Broken Hill companies has improved of late, large quantities of low grade ores being bought for shipment to Germany for reduction.—Melbourne correspondent of Bradstreets.

MINING NOTES.

Happenings of Interest Among the Treasure Vaults.

The Ruth has 50 tons of ore on hand, but cannot ship until ore sacks are more plentiful. This mine looks well in every respect.

Tom Jefferson did not conclude the deal for the Monitor, at Three Forks, and Geo. Petty, the owner, commenced to work it himself last Monday.

The American Boy is making a shipment over the K. & S. Ry.

The Rambler has shipped 7 tons of high grade ore to the Pilot Bay smelter.

Work has been stopped on the Mountain Chief until the new management take hold of it.

The application of the Omega for a crown grant has been adversed by the owners of the A.B. mineral claim.

Two men went to work on the Sapphire this week. They will run a tunnel on the McGuigan lake slope.

There are 200 tons of ore sacked at the Payne awaiting the rawhider. This mine will probably ship 500 tons this winter.

Three shifts are working on the Currie, and as they are working in soft rock, they are sinking the shaft very fast.

The bucket tramway connecting the R. E. Lee with the Washington trail is completed. The Lee will probably ship 100 tons this season.

The shaft on the Currie is being sunk at the rate of two feet a day. It will be sunk to a depth of 75 feet and then drifting and stoping will commence.

J. B. McArthur says that the papers are signed for the sale of the Cliff and St. Elmo Consolidated at Rossland. He will get $15,000 out of the St. Elmo Consolidated.

The deals in progress for the purchase of the Noble Five and Arlington groups are awaiting the arrival of an expert from the east. He will probably be in this week.

The Phœnix, on the north fork of Carpenter creek, has been leased for one year to Utley and McGinty. They have commenced to work it, and will make a shipment in January.

The Last Chance has about 100 tons on hand produced from development work. Under the able management of John O'Regan this property looks better than most of the properties in the country.

Lane Gilliam has sold his pack train to Faas and McDonald. He is now ore buyer for the Globe smelter of Denver, and expects to go to Mexico shortly in connection with a patent for some kind of mining machinery.

T. M. Gibson, who is working the Slocan Boy under lease, has built his cabins near the shaft. He is trying to arrange with the Washington to work through their upper tunnel. By the terms of his lease he has to sink 100 more feet on the shaft of the Slocan Boy.

GOOD THINGS.

The late Frank Buckland, the English naturalist, was once walking near Tenby, and met a boy carrying a basket of poisonous fungi. In reply to a question, the boy said they were for his own and his grandmother's supper. Buckland told him that whoever ate them would be likely to die, and advised him to throw them away. "No," said the boy, "I won't do that; I can sell them to the hotel."

One of the smaller New England colleges has for janitor (says the Youth's Companion) a colored man, who is possessed of wit. One autumn day, just after the college year had begun, when he was overseeing the burning over of part of the campus, a freshman coming along cried: "Well, Sam, that's 'most as black as you are!" "Yes, sah," promptly replied Sam; and next spring it will be 'most as green as you are?"

In one of the leading journals of Montevideo the following advertisement appeared recently: "A very rich young woman would like to marry a young man of good family. If necessary, she will pay the debts of her future husband. Send answer, with photograph, to I.P., at the office of the journal." The inserter of this announcement was no other than one Isaac Meierstein, a merchant tailor, who had just set up an establishment in Montevideo. By this plan he procured photographs of many undesirable customers.

An amusing instance of an orator unable to resist making a neat paradox was presented in a speech made at a banquet given when President Hayes and his Cabinet were in Omaha. Evarts was making a most eloquent eulogy of the West, and concluded one of his famous interminable sentences in these words: "I like the Wdst—I like her self-made men—and the more I travel West—the more I meet with her public men, the more I am satisfied of the truthfulness of the Bible statement that the—wise—men—came—from—the—East!"

The question of bloomers is becoming more discussed every day. It seems to be largely a question of geography. In Paris, bloomers or knickerbockers seem to be generally worn; in London, bloomers are rarely seen and do not meet with favor; while in America there are all varities of bicycling costumes, from tight-fitting knickerbockers to the long, full skirt. Under these circumstances the following declaration may be considered authoritative, as it is from that leading fashion paper, the Bazar: "Recent observation of both city and suburban cyclers has led to the conclusion that at present the style most commonly seen consists of a skirt of what may be called three quarter length—that is, reaching about one-half way between the knee and the ground. Under these, bloomers are worn, and leggings extend from the knee to the ankle. A skirt of this length will not catch anywhere, and if it is made heavy and rather scant, it will not blow about in the wind." There are many who have predicted that in a couple of years the bloomer for bicycling would be supreme. From the foregoing and many other declarations in fashion papers it would seem doubtful. The gist of the matter is that women look better in skirts than in bloomers, and they will always wear that which best becomes them.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1895.

A sleigh road between New Denver and Three Forks would be of a great benefit to the two towns. Let it be built before the fleecy white-washes the green and yellow face of the foliage.

Don't forget to put an ad. in the Xmas. edition of this paper. It is likely that an illustrated and pathetic story of the Slocan will appear that no one who reads it will forget as long as their memory is convalescent.

The roar of the great mining boom that is coming to the Slocan can now be heard, and when it is at its height thousands of good Canadians will be sorry that they did not invest a few dollars in this great silver country.

We have many things to be thankful for in New Denver. It is true that our electric lights are not the brightest in the land, but at the same time our trolley cars have never killed any person. The bicycle fiend does not run over any unfortunate pedestrian, and the girl in bloomers never mars our beautiful scenery. No green traveler has ever been suffocated by blowing out the gas in his room, or been robbek by a bunco man. We have a town that is moral, surrounded by the grandest scenery in Canada, and with a great future before it. Searchers for homes should think of this before settling down elsewhere.

Traveling tailors have been taking orders in the Kootenay for several years and have done well. Many of them shipped ready-made goods instead of making the suits as ordered, and the honest miners knew not the difference. They still come and by holding out inducements in price and other ways obtain orders. One of them conducts a raffle in connection with his business. There is no necessity of patronizing these outside houses. We have plenty of tailors in the district who live and spend their money here, and upon the whole will give better satisfaction than the traveler who is here to-day and gone to-morrow.

WHO OWNS IT?

The Omega mineral claim adjoins the Noble Five and is owned by Harris and Kelly. They have recently advertised for a certificate of improvements in order to obtain a crown grant, and their application has been adversed by the owners of the A. B. mineral claim upon the following grounds. When the Omega was staked it joined the Navajoe, and was short of the usual size of a mineral claim. In other words it was a fraction. The Navajoe lapsed for want of assessment work and the Omega people then claimed that their property filled to the number of feet given by law with a portion of the Navajoe ground, without them re-staking the abandoned Navajoe ground. The A. B. people re-staked the Navajoe, and now assert that the Omega is upon part of their ground. The case is a new phase in mining suits and its progress will be watched with interest by mining men.

BLASTED HOPES.

Information gathered from seventy preachers in various parts of the world in regard to the time that this earth would pinch out is very discouraging to our hopes. Many of the clerical gentlemen placed the date that the universe will be crushed as 1904, while others think it may linger until 1950. Just think of it! Only nine years until the crash comes. It is enough to paralyze anyone to think of it. We had hoped for a long time that by 1950 we would be out of debt, and able to get married. For many years we have dreamed about those two happy events, and now the wise and truthful theologians have crushed and broken our heart. To think that in nine years this beautiful world will be nothing is terrifying. Only a few short years and all the rich mines of the Slocan will be in space, and the blue atmosphere will fill the place of rocks. The subject is to sad a one for us to dwell upon. It should be a warning to all who owe for this paper to settle up before the assignment of this moundane sphere takes place, and they are cut off from us forever. In order to do all the business we can before 1904 we will offer this paper from now until the world peters out for $50 in front, of any kind of cashable material.

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SANDON.

Bob Cunning has leveled the street in front of his hotel.

A lunch counter has been opened in Jake Kelsen's building.

The sidewalk is under construction and will be a great benefit to the community.

A celebration will be held in Sandon upon the completion of the C.P.R. to this point.

E. A. Cameron will put up a building next to Grant's Hotel. It will be 20x40 in size.

Tickets are out for the first grand ball in Spencer's new hall. The admission is $3, including supper.

If Moore & Black cannot obtain a license for their hotel, how will the other hotels succeed when their licenses expire at the New Year?

THREE FORKS.

W. S. Murray is visiting his ranch on Kettle river.

A street fight last week cost each of the participants $20 and costs.

Atto Austin died of acute consumption, and not mountain fever as commonly reported.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. McGregor last week. This is the first birth in the city of Three Forks.

Bowes & Colwell opened their hotel on Saturday. Both landlords being popular with the people they will no doubt do an immense business.

The citizens are making an effort to build a wagon road to the depot of Kaslo & Slocan railway. They expect assistance from the railroad company.

Weaver & Millard will open their hotel about the 10th of next month. The proprietors are two of the best fellows in the Slocan country, and their success is a foregone conclusion.

The dining room of the Pacific hotel is second to none in the mountains. The proprietors will also put on a stage to ply between the railroad depots and Sandon. This will be of great benefit to travellers, and will increase the trade of this popular hotel.

SILVER IS SCARCE.

The best authority on silver predict a steadily improving demand for the metal for some time to come. The willingness of Japan to accept the indemnity from China in silver contributed largely to the improvement in its price which has been noted during the last few months and the accumulation of metal in London will go on in order to complete the installments of the indemnity at various dates of payment. China and Japan are showing increasing inquiry for silver, as the large amounts of metal distributed by both countries in payment for war material and supplies have been diverted to India and other silver countries.

Mr. Townsend of Hong Kong states that the silver ordered two months ago has only just been delivered. The silver smelters are said to be sold ahead for two months.

The recent advance in the price of silver caused by the sharp demand on account of China and Japan has established a scarcity of metal. Mr. Townsend of the Hong Kong and Shanghai banking corporation, expresses the belief that the accumulation of silver at London has already found employment. London statistics show that there has been a decrease this year in the importations of silver into England of 8,000,000 ounces, equivalent to £1,000,000. This year also there will be a decrease in the importations of silver into Washington of 54,000,000 ounces, as a result of the appeal of the Sherman law. This indicates a decrease in the production of the white metal this year of about 62,000,000 ounces.

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MULLAN.

Both mines paid off on Tuesday and the camp felt the wholesome effect at once.

Wise Brothers have just erected a new warehouse in the rear of their store building.

C. E. Huff is making extensive improvements at his residence property at the mouth of Mill creek.

The Hunter mine and mill have been running without interruption since the repairs were made on the mill.

Tom Hanley, of the Hunter boarding house, has been busy getting up supplies to the mine. He has nearly 100 boarders.

The electric light company is getting in another shipment of wire and lamps. Its service will shortly be extended to its full capacity.

Fred Witts was up here Wednesday on his way to the morning boarding house, of which he is the lessee. Fred shows a marked improvement every time he comes up and his many friends trust that he will shortly be restored to his pristine health.

WARDNER.

Herb Morris has accepted the position of clerk at Al Page's.

Postmaster Harris put in seventy additional lock boxes this week.

Batterton & Curtis have opened a cigar store with club rooms in the rear.

Grant Shaw has bought out Ed. Clough's express and hack business.

Lon Chappell has sold out his express business to George Pettit of the Junction

Al Page has 128 regular boarders —over ninety of whom are working in the mines.

Lew Angel has returned to his old position as baggage master at the O. R. & N. depot.

The Weber Brothers have commenced the erection of a building 40 feet deep on a portion of their ground oppossite the Green Grocery.

Messrs. Steinfield & Pike have just opened a fish and produce market next door to the Idaho steam laundry.

Phil Lynch bit a piece out of Jack McKinsey's jaw at the Junction Thursday afternoon. It is said that this brutal attack was made almost wholly without provocation.

In consequence of the Blake crusher getting broke in the Morning mill at Mullan, on last Saturday night, there has been a temporary suspension of work, but so far no men have been laid off at the mine.

The Last Chance still continues to turn out from twenty to twenty five tons of concentrates and about ten tons of crude ore daily. Manager Sweeney is contemplating making changes in the mill which will nearly double its capacity. The Last Chance pay day will take place to-morrow, when $12,000 to $13,000 will be distributed.

J. W. Brewster, a miner, was stabbed in five places on Wednesday evening in a room in which there were four colored persons—two women and two men. He received two deep wounds in the thigh, two on the forearm and a slash four inches long on his forehead. He rushed over to Dr. Herrington's office where the bleeding was stopped and his wounds dressed. Constable Goettege was summoned, but found nothing but blood stained furniture at the house where the cutting occurred. Brewster was previously robbed of $75, and his accusations of theft against one of the women led to the cutting by one of the men. The quartette took flight during the night.

WALLACE.

A boy was born to Mrs. John Alger at Osburn on Saturday.

A son was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hill, at Carbon Center.

Charles Green has opened a tailor shop next door to the Cœur d'Alene cigar store.

Alexander Muir got in from San Francisco on Wednesday feeling very much improved in health.

Mrs. Amanda Johnson of Burke, died at the Pacific hotel on Wednesday of typhoid pneumonia.

The new Catholic church will be dedicated to-morrow morning by Bishop Glorieux, of Boise City.

The new Cœur d'Alene iron works is getting into shape pretty fast. They will probably be ready to cast in a week or so.

Jessie Markwell has returned from San Francisco and has opened a commission house in the building last occupied by Louis Kosminsky on Cedar street.

Frank D. Sears of Lewiston, one of the Sears Brothers, and formerly city clerk of Wallace, was united in marriage on the 8th instant, at Lewiston, to Miss Flora Colburn.

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LIFE IN MASHONALAND.

Salisbury, Mashonaland, South Africa.—To any of our readers who are meditating a trip to South Africa the information contained in this letter may be of some benefit. There are two distinct seasons, viz., a wet and a dry season. The latter extends from the beginning of December to the end of March or first week in April. So as not to mislead your readers I must here state that the mornings are bright and fine; the rain generally commences about 3 p.m. and lasts till near morning. The dry season of course is from April to December, with perhaps an occasional shower in October and November. This only applies to the interior, as the nearer you get to the coast the climate gets moister and vegetation proportionately ranker. Along the Pungwe river and for about 45 miles inland the grass grows from six to ten feet high and abounds with all kinds of large game, buffalo, antelope of all sizes, called springbok, etc., ranging in size from about the size of a setter dog to a yearling calf. This part of the country is the home of the lion. The Pungwee river abounds in crocodiles and hippotami, and all along the banks are to be found all kinds of game birds from a partridge to a guinea fowl. The country also abounds in all kinds of venomous snakes and serpents. To grow vegetables or fruit the land has to be irrigated, otherwise there would be little or no crop; in fact I have been told that nothing will grow without it, and if I may judge from what I have seen in the vegetable line, I should say it was true. Of the different kinds of fruits, there are none grown in Mashonaland, though wild lemons grow to perfection. There are few wild fruits here, and what do grow are eaten up by the ants or monkeys before they are ripe. All vegetablrs and fruits are sold by auction twice a week all over South Africa, and of course prices vary. Potatoes run from $25 to $35 per hundred pounds, and other vegetables are equally dear; butter brings from $1.25 to $1.75 per pound, and eggs $1 to $2 per dozen. All the native animals are very small, but hardy. A peculiar kind of sickness attacks all imported stock, and they die off wholesale. Out of 200 horses brought here about two months ago there are not five alive to-day. No one seems to know the nature of the disease; the animals get the shivers and refuse all food and drink, gradually pine away and die, leaving their bones on the velt to be picked by the lions and jackals.

The climate of Mashonaland is all that could be desired by anyone, with one exception, that is malarial fever. Very few escape it unless they are very careful, but it is not of a serious nature and unless they are addicted to drink and then it takes them off very quickly. There is still another drawback to the country. Vast hordes of locusts overrun the country every year, eating everything before them. They are very much larger than their American brethern, being at least 2½ inches long. I have seen them so numerous that it was next to impossible to see the leaves of the trees on which they had settled: on another occasion they seemed like a snowstorm in the distance, flying along the mountain side. The principal drawback to the development of the resources of Mashonaland is the dilatory way in which the Portuguese are extending the railroad from Beira to Massa-Kessi, that being as far as their territory extends inland. They charge $6 per ton for freight to the present terminus, Chimoio; from there to Salisbury everything has to be hauled by wagons drawn by from eight to nine yoke of oxen, which takes from a month to six weeks on account of the feed being so scarce in the dry season and the muddy state of the roads in the wet season. The cost of transportation from Chimoio to Salisbury varies according to the amount of feed to be found on the way, as they have to trust entirely to the natural grass of the country, all other kinds being too expensive. In May it was $3 per hundred pounds for freight, now it is up as high as $5 per hundred pounds. All this tends to make everything very expensive.

The development of the gold mines is steadily progressing, and everything looks bright for the future of the country. There are some very rich mines around Salisbury; one assay of ore from one of the mines showed 400 ounces of gold to the ton, and they claim that it was some of the poorest of the ore taken out of the mine. It was enough to make one wish one owned that particular mine. That is perhaps, the richest of all the mines in this part of the country, but last month's Official Gazette shows an output of 220,000 ounces of gold from the mines of Johannesberg, which is almost as much as the whole output of Western Australia in the same length of time, and the country is not half prospected yet. There is also any amount of iron ore in this part of the country, and coal has been found about 90 miles from here, so that all that is wanted to make this place one of the busiest places in South Africa is railroad communication and capital to work the mines. Up to the present time Chinamen have been refused admittance to the country, but how long it will remain so I caunot say. I have not seen any timber for anything but firewood, and that is not very plentiful either. I have been told there is some pretty good timber around Bulwayo, about 300 miles southwest of here, but there is absolutely no timber fit for building purposes grows in any part of South Africa. The buildings in the town are nearly all of brick and roofed with corrugated galvanized iron, mostly one story high, ths floors being made of brick or cement. The bricks are very soft and are laid in a kind of clay called daga and pointed with ordinary mortar. Lumber cost 36 cents per superficial foot, which would make a wood building a very costly affair. Of course the buildings are all one story with a few exceptions, on account of the high price of lumber.

Wages run pretty high, but are counter-balanced by living being so expensive and everything one requires costs two or three times as much as it does in British Columbia; therefore a man has to do a little speculating if he wants to make anything more than he would at home. I could give you some pretty tall lion stories, but your readers would perhaps discredit them, so I will forbear.

During the late Matabele trouble a fort was erected on the top of the Kopje at the back of the twon fitted out with quick firing guns and a powerful search light. The latter used to scare the niggers out of their wits at night, and a nigger could not be found within thirty miles of the place after dark.

At an auction sale of property in Salisbury and Umtali, £41,000 worth of property was sold in three days. Although the climate is as near perfect as possible I cannot say I would like to live here altogether, it takes too long to hear from the rest of the world. It takes from three to six months to get goods from England, and all of three months to get anything from Natal, a few hundred miles down the coast from Beir, at the mouth of the Pungwee river.—Victoria Times.

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MINING RECORDS.

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ASSESSMENTS.

Owl—Oct 23, by P M Hayes.
Cupell—Oct 28, by P M Hayes.
Squire—Oct 29, by B Squire.

POWER OF ATTORNEY.

A E Jefferson to T E Jefferson—March 11. Recorded Oct 23.
G A Sheppard to R L Clarke—April 28. Recorded Oct 23.

TRANSFERS.

R L Clarke, G Sheppard, A E Jefferson and J L Montgomery to J L Retallick—All in Washington and J C, 20 Aug. Recorded Oct 23; amount, $1.
W F McCulloch to J B McArthur—½ in Idaho No 2, 17 July. Recorded, Oct 26; amount, $1,000.
W F McCulloch to J B McArthur—3-16 in Dunderbery, 18 July. Recorded Oct 26; amount, $100.
J G McGuigan, J L Retallock, J M Winter, N Fitzstubbs and S McDonald to O T Stone—All interest in Monarch and Governor, 23 Sept. Recorded Oct 28; amount, $1.

LOCATIONS.

Oct 24.
Henry George—On Carpenter creek, by J A McDonald.
Oct 25.
Kootenay Pass—On Slocan lake, by H Clever.
United—On Carpenter creek, by J S Whittaker.
Oct 28.
Australia—On Springer creek, by Louis Anderson.
Oct 29.
Hannah—Near Bear lake, by E J Matthews.
Lake View—On Springer creek, by A P McDonald.

LEDGE CROPPINGS

When in Vancouver stop at the Manor House. †

Henry Mahon, of Vancouver, who is very popular in the Slocan was in town last week, and has gone to Springer creek to look at the properties there.

The Spokane Tribune says Sandon is in the midst of the Trail creek mining country. It would have more sunlight if it was, but probably not so much business.

F. O. Berg, of Spokane, arrived on Sunday. He has 25,000 yards of jute on the way from India, and if satisfactory arrangements are completed it will be brought here and made into ore sacks.

Wings, of the Vancouver World, was here this week. He took more prizes for stock this year at the fall fairs than any singe exhibitor in B.C. Wings is all right, even if he does work for a coast paper.

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

Geo. Long and Dan Taylor went up last week to work on the Telephone, a claim below the Payne. They could not work as the rocks from the Payne shot over the Telephone ground like bullets, and George and Dan retired to safer quarters until the Payne shuts down, or they build a bomb-proof sheet over the Telephene.

Four, Eight, Ten and Springer creeks are now supplied with trails.

The New Denver Ladies' Aid intend giving a dinner on Thanksgivings day.

Sam Whittaker, of Slocan City, brightened New Denver with his presence on Sunday.

November 21st has been appointed Thanksgiving day, accordingly New Denver's banks will be all closed.

A descending bucket in the shaft of the Currie struck Chas. McNichol on the head the other day, and inflicted a painful gash.

Mrs. Taylor and her little girl left town last Saturday for Tara, Ont. where they intend visiting relatives for some months.

The territory along Lemon creek has swarmed with prospectors during the past week, drawn there by the rich strike of Clay and his partners.

Three locations have been made and recorded on the lower Arrow lake, opposite Watcham creek. The ore is dry and carries considerable silver.

Commencing November 1st the steamer Nakusp will leave Robson for the north on Tuesdays and Fridays, and the Nakusp & Slocan train will therefore leave Nakusp at 7 o'clock on Wednesdays and Saturdays instead of Thursdays and Fridays.

The party of ladies and gentlemen who went to Ten Mile creek last Thursday visited the Kalispell mine, and had a most enjoyable time. Another party visited the Currie on Saturday. The ladies report climbing mountains excellent exercise, and think that bloomers could be worn to advantage when prospecting—not that they would, of course.

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