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From the Lake Towns

Four feet of galena was struck on a claim near Poplar last week.

Mrs. R. F. Green and family removed from Kaslo to Victoria last week.

The Nelson Tribune will become a daily morning paper on August 1st.

C. McRae is back from Summit City, where he found naught but granite, and has gone up to do assessment work on the Hastings, on Silver mountain.

Neil Morrison passed through here last Thursday on his way to Poplar, via Kaslo, where he would meet Phil McRae and Phil Rahal on the same journey.

Last Friday the Columbian Comedy Co. gave their performance at the Bosun Hall. It is a bright clean show of song, dance and comedy, and well worth seeing.

The meanest thing in the world has been found. It's a man. He altered the 12 cents in a cheque to 13 cents, so as to get the extra five cents allowed by the bank.

T. H. Wilson has bought out John Barclay of the firm Barclay & Wilson, and is paying all bills and collecting all accounts. In future the name of the firm will be T. H. Wilson.

The C.P.R. telegraph lines between here and Slocan are to be improved by the wires being strung on regular poles instead of on trees as at present. A gang of men is working on the section between Nakusp and Arrowhead, and as soon as this is put through work will commence here.

Wadd's Bros. pitched their photographic tent near the Newmarket on Saturday, and did it well, for it weathered the storm, though the wind blew its hardest. A good number of people took this opportunity of having their visages recorded. Mr. Wadd's left on Tuesday for Silverton for a few days. Go and get your portrait taken.

A man named Scott has been living around here and Three Forks for the past six months. He has done no work, but has managed to bide along. Complaint having been laid against him by four ladies, of his calling at their homes and annoying them, while the men folk were absent, Scott was arrested under the Vagrancy Act, and C. S. Rashdall, J. T., sent him to Nelson for 30 days.

There was a considerable storm on Sunday afternoon. Capt. Stogge had left his launch with skiff attached, tied up at his landing and having no time for pulling it up the slip, started for Union Bay. On rounding the creek, however, he towed the boat under, but quickly cast it adrift when it was got ashore by some barbers near the spot. Quite a number of people were across at the mill picnic-ing and they didn't arrive back till eight o'clock.

All members of the Knights of Pythias, Miners Union, and Independent Order of Foresters are requested to be on hand next Sunday, June 12th, for Memorial Services. All will please bring their badges and gather at the Pythian Castle Hall at 1:30 p.m. At 2 o'clock the members will march in a body to the Bosun Hall where the services will be immediately started. At the conclusion of the services the member will proceed to the cemetery to decorate the graves of departed members.

A final meeting of the Celebration committee was held Wednesday evening June 2nd, when a resolution was passed, thanking the visitors and inhabitants for their cooperation with the committee in rendering Victoria Day such a decided success. The treasurer presented his report, showing a balance of nearly \$50 in hand, and this sum it was decided to place in trust with two responsible citizens to be used toward a banner, such as may be needed for the improvement for the town of the town. New Denver can congratulate herself on the excellent way in which the committee carried out its work, both practical and financial. The improvements to the town in the way of new sidewalks are great, but it is to be hoped that now the celebration is over, the town will not rest on its laurels, but continue the improvements so well begun.

THE VALUE OF ADVICE.

The professional man, whether lawyer, physician or engineer, necessarily considers his knowledge as his capital, says the Mining and Scientific Press. He gains it at the expense of years of study in college and by practical application and experience later. Every class in the business world expects to pay for professional advice when they appeal to the lawyer or doctor, but the mining engineer is generally looked upon as a generous-hearted individual whose knowledge is at the disposal of all who may desire it without price, and sometimes, without thanks. Advice which costs nothing is valued lightly, but that which "comes high" is treasured as among the good things of this world. There are hundreds of people who do not hesitate a moment to impose upon the mining engineer, taking up his valuable time asking questions, a correct answer to which may save the questioner thousands of dollars, and which it has probably cost the engineer years of experience to learn, and still the questioner would not only be surprised but be indignant if a bill were presented for professional advice. Notwithstanding this, these people would not think of visiting a lawyer and asking for professional advice without expecting to pay for it, any more than they would expect a physician to prescribe for them without charge. There is a class who are willing to pay, but their idea of pay is on a basis of time at a wage rate such as miners receive. Five dollars is considered a reasonable fee for half an hour's "conversation," and a hundred dollars is extortionate, while anything more than that is criminal. There is another class who expect to pay and do pay to engineers fees commensurate with the value of the advice received. They have learned that it pays. It is not a rare instance for mining companies to place a successful business man, but one without experience in mining, in charge of their affairs, and are surprised to learn later that had they employed a competent engineer to simply advise in the beginning they might have saved many thousands of dollars. An instance may be cited where a company bought a mine and built a mill. The mill was located in the middle of a flat, while there were hills about within a short distance, on any one of which the mill might have been placed to advantage. The result was that in a few weeks after starting up the mill the tailings were running in on the mill floor, and soon thereafter an expensive bulkhead was constructed and an elevator installed to lift the tailings high enough to run away from the mill. All ore treated in the mill had to be pulled up an incline tramway to the breakers, when the ore might have run in on cars from the mine by gravity. These were only a few of the mistakes made by this company. The employment of a competent engineer at the cost of possibly \$5,000 would have saved this company over \$5,000 in the first two years of its operation. This is only a single instance. Such mistakes are being made constantly by companies who undervalue the services of mining engineers of experience.

F. A. Keith, formerly of Utah, has been appointed the new superintendent of the Tonopah mine, at Tonopah, Nev. John W. Brock, president of the company, is at Tonopah, arranging for the extensive work planned by the company when the rail line is completed.

The great nickel deposit of New Caledonia was discovered by Garnier in 1893. He was exploring New Caledonia and observed the particularly green color of the rocks, and thus investigation led to the discovery of this richest nickel deposit in the world. The mineral is a hydrous silicate of nickel and magnesium and was named Garnierite after its discoverer.

Always have a bottle of Sander's beer in your pocket when you go fishing. Write to the New York Brewery and get a case.

NO BLACK BASS FOR SLOCAN.

We have received the following letter from W. A. Gallier, M. P., in reference to the stocking of Slocan Lake with black bass:

Ottawa, May 26, 1904.

Dear Sir:—

A couple of years ago an application was made to stock Kootenay lakes with black bass but it was decided that it would not be advisable to put these fish into any lakes that had their outlet into the Columbia river.

Professor Prince in the Fisheries Department is opposed to it.

It is feared they would prey on trout. In fact some were shipped but strong objection being raised they were diverted to another quarter.

Yours truly,

W. A. GALLIER.

LETTER FROM FRY.

To whom it may concern.

I understand from recent reports there is much said about me having violated the B.C. game laws a year ago. If the officials of New Denver or any one else think the ends of justice demand it, let them write me and I will meet them in court there as I will have ample time to be there before the limit of action expires.

Either do this or believe me that the cause of the trouble originated with one W. H. Wright, who has more regard for falsehood than truth.

Very truly,

(signed) M. M. Fry.

Bonniers Ferry, Idaho, June 1, 1904.

THE PAYNE MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Payne Mining Co., was held in the street railway chambers at Montreal, last week, Lieut-Col. F. C. Henshaw presiding.

It was decided to issue at once \$90,000 worth of bonds to provide for further development and pay off certain indebtedness.

A. C. Garde, the general manager, was present personally and read his report of the mine.

The manager's report was optimistic and created a very favorable impression. Over \$20,000 worth of the proposed issue of bonds was taken up at the meeting and the president announced that there would be no difficulty in disposing of the remainder in view of manager Garde's excellent report of the present situation at the mine.

The following officers were elected: Lieut-Col. Fred C. Henshaw, president; Hon. L. J. Forget, vice-president; A. W. McCune, W. G. Ross, F. B. Malters, R. Forget, Wm. Hanson, and C. E. L. Porteous, directors.

SILVER-LEAD QUOTATIONS.

| | Silver. | Lead. |
|--------|---------|------------|
| June 2 | 53 1/2 | £11 10s |
| " 3 | 55 1/2 | £11 11s 3d |
| " 4 | 55 | |
| " 6 | 55 | £11 3s 9d |

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| 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" left side of Duplex Compressor Canadian Rand | \$935 |
| 1 1/2" Double Nozzle Pump Water Wheel with 1 1/2" fly wheel, etc., all complete | \$467.50 |
| 1 Truax Ore Car | \$27.50 |
| 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" thick steel fly wheel | \$25.50 |
| 1 1/2" Canadian Rand Drill Co. Little Giant Drill, with Drifting Column, stoping bar and tripod, with weights, all complete | \$850 |
| 500 1 1/2" steel bits for above drills | \$130 |

This material is all new, and in perfect condition, as it has been stored in dry buildings. It is offered at from 5% to 10% of its value.

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Sandon News Croppings

Frost pinched the rosebuds on Tuesday night.

The Court of Revision will sit on the 27th of June.

Billy Lawson is taking lessons in the art of banking.

All the patients in the hospital are on a fair road to recovery.

Charles Hanson is confined to his room in Poplar with an attack of fever.

Ed McLeod struck a nice showing last Tuesday. The assay was nearly \$700.

John Whittier is in Sandon and will spend the summer in B.C. His home is now in California.

The New York brewery has increased its stock of kegs. Its product does not require any bonus.

Wearly Willie has gone to Spokane. He had \$8, one novel and a plug of tobacco when he left the city of silver.

Tom Benton and Bert Wilhelm have gone north with the intention of taking up ranching land near Port Simpson.

Sandon merchants are very indignant at the favoritism shown Nelson by the C.P.R. They should remember that the Great Northern taps Sandon and also carries freight.

The Kootenay Engineering Works in Nelson are now making the Crawford double rope aerial tram. Expert tram men say it is the best system in America, and Slocan mine-owners should see it in operation when in Nelson. A full-sized model is set up at the Works.

BLACK DIAMONDS.

Black diamonds, or borts, such as are used for the cutting edges in diamond drills, have of recent years advanced materially in cost, the present market quotations being about \$55 per karat, as against \$25 ten years ago. The greatly enhanced value of these wonderful stones is due to two causes, first, the greatly extended use of the diamond drill; second, that the carbons are becoming seemingly scarce, the supply being inadequate to the demand. Diamond drill manufacturers keep in supply upwards of several thousand dollars' worth of borts, which are handled with excessive care. The cost of drilling would be greatly reduced were a much less expensive article substituted for the diamond, but nature was exceedingly sparing in its manufacture of the hardest known substance, diamonds, and even to the ordinary black diamond, or bort, useless as a gem but in commercial uses incomparable. The United States produces no black diamonds, the stones that we use being purchased in Paris or London, and which are of Brazilian or South African origin. Borts are massive forms of the diamond, having little or no cleavage. The true bort occurs in rounded form, made up of a confused aggregate of crystals, and is even slightly harder than the true gem stone. The ordinary size used for drilling weighs from one-half to one carat, and in special uses stones running up to six carats are used. The crowns of large drills ten inches in diameter contain at times as high as \$7,500 worth of borts.

Mining leases in Cornwall, England, are usually granted for 21 years. The leases specify that a certain number of men shall be kept steadily at work. Ground for dumps has to be bought and often at high price.

Only three or four feet of water now remain in the lower workings of the Elkton mine, Cripple Creek, the water having been lowered 80 feet since the drainage tunnel was completed. It is estimated that 6,500 gallons per minute are pouring through the drainage tunnel at this time.

D. J. Richardson & Co., of Nelson are alive to what the people need in the way of Furniture. Write them.

THE SLOCAN MINES.

The Rambler shipped 40 tons of ore this week.

A rich strike on the Wakefield is reported this week.

A car of ore was shipped from the Hewitt last week.

Judgement in American Boy and Last Chance case has been reserved.

The troubles of the Chapleau were expected to be settled this week.

Goat mountain, at New Denver, is attracting the attention of many mining men.

Charley McNichol and his partners have thrown up their lease on the Port Hope.

This week the forces at the Rambler, Trade Dollar and Mountain Con have been increased.

Alex. Smith returned from the east last week, and will resume operations on the Surprise in a few days.

Last week the Chapleau shipped 3 tons; Enterprise, 20; Port Hope, 5; Payne 22; Slocan Star, 52; Ivanhoe, 25.

Jake Kelsen will put a force to work on the Argo. He recently purchased Andy Grier's interest in that property, and is now the sole owner.

A pack train took supplies to the McAllister this week. Dave Murphy will likely be foreman, and the property will work steadily for several months.

Since the lead bonus became operative the Great Northern railway has decided to look more closely into the resources of the Slocan. Prof. Parks has been engaged to thoroughly examine the mines on the south fork of Kaslo creek, and the dry ore belt at Bear lake. His report is satisfactory the K. & S. railway will be changed to a standard gauge, and a spur built up the south fork of Kaslo creek, and a large zinc plant established in Kaslo. Prof. Parks is now on the ground and the result of his investigation will be known in July.

A FIRE THAT NEVER GOES OUT.

The Chequer Inn, at Slapstone, near Osmotherly, must be unique among English inns in one respect. It boasts of a fire that for more than a century has never been allowed to go out. The place is a quaint little building to which many visitors resort on account of its never-extinguished fire and the turtletakes upon its hearth. It has been the occupation of one family for over a hundred years.

MINERAL PRODUCTION OF ONTARIO

The total value of metallic minerals for 1903 of Ontario was \$5,165,000, and non-metallic, \$7,332,644. The number engaged in the production was: Metallic, 2,539; earning in wages, \$1,583,341; non-metallic, 7,652; earning in wages, \$2,617,912.

In the Almaden (Spain) quicksilver mines the miner cannot work more than four and one-half hours a day and cannot work more than seven or eight days a month without seriously injuring his health.

The Grosh Brothers have been given the credit for the discovery of the Comstock (Nev.) lode, who it is said in 1850 found a vein of silver ore. Both of them died soon after and the knowledge of the lode was lost with them. The real knowledge of the lode's value dates from June, 1859, when assays of some ore showed enormous values in gold and silver.

Float is a handsome annual, written, compiled and published by R. T. Lowery. It contains much that savors of life in the west and mining camps. Many of the articles are largely worth the price of the book. It is sent to any address upon receipt of 25 cents. Send orders to R. T. Lowery, New Denver or Nelson.

During the Civil War.

REBECCA HARDING DAVIS, in an article in the Saturday Evening Post, on incidents in the lives of non-combatants in the border States during the civil war, says:

"Living on the border, your farm was a waste, all your horses or cows seized by one army or the other, or your shop or manufactory was closed, your trade ruined. You had no money; you drank roasted parsnips for breakfast; and ate only potatoes for dinner. Your nearest kinsfolk and friends passed you on the street silent and scowling; if you said what you thought you were liable to be dragged to the county jail and left there for months. The subject of the war was never broached in your home, where opinions differed; but, one morning, the boys were missing. No one said a word, but one grey head was bent, and the happy light died out of the old eyes and never came to them again. Below all the squalor and discomfort was the agony of suspense or the certainty of death. But the parsnip coffee and the empty purse certainly did give a sting to the great overwhelming misery, like gnats tormenting a wounded man.

"Absurd things happened sometimes and gave us the relief of a laugh.

"Two of my girl friends, for instance, had a queer experience. They lived on a plantation near Winchester. The men of the family were in the Southern army when that town first was taken by the Federal troops. Word was sent to their mother that two Union officers would that evening be quartered on her. The girls, in a panic, with an old house servant put all their jewelry, table silver, and napery into boxes which they buried in the barnyard. The supper-table was laid with coarse yellow linen, de ft, and two-pronged iron forks brought from the kitchen. 'The Yankee thieves,' they boasted, 'should find nothing to steal.'

"What was their dismay, when supper was served and the guests appeared, to meet two men with whom they had danced and flirted the summer away at Saratoga!

"What could we do? tearfully they said afterward; 'the silver was buried deep in the barnyard. We could not tell them we had hid it expecting them to pocket the spoons. For two weeks they were with us, and went away, no doubt, to say that all the old families of the South ate on kitchenware with iron forks.

"There was, too, many a laugh in the preparation of troops for action. Regi-

ments of men who never had fired a gun were commanded by men who never had handled a sword. Farmers, clerks, dentists, and shopkeepers today—presto, to-morrow, soldiers! Many a new made officer sat up half the night to learn the orders he must give in the morning. One gallant old officer told me, 'When I went out to drill my men I always had the orders written on my shirt-cuff.' Being near-sighted, he actually, at Culpeper, led the wrong regiment in a charge, leaving his own men standing idle.

"The newly made surgeon of a new ly-made regiment came to bid us good-bye before going to the field. 'Yes,' he said, exultantly, 'we're off to the front to-morrow. My men are ready. I've vaccinated all of them, and given every man a box of liver pills.'

"Yet with all this fever of preparation in our town we never quite believed that there was war until, one day, a rough, wooden box was sent down from the mountains. A young officer had been killed by a sharpshooter, and his body was forwarded that it might be cared for and sent to his friends. He was a very handsome boy, and the men in the town went to look at him and at the little purple spot on his white breast, and came away dull and sick at heart. They did not ask whether he had been loyal or a rebel.

"He was so young! He might have done so much! they said. 'But this is war—war!'

"I remember that in that same year I crossed the Pennsylvanian mountains coming to Philadelphia. It was a dull, sunless day. The train halted at a little way-station among the hills. Nobody was in sight but a poor, thin country girl in a faded calico gown and sun-bonnet. She stood alone on the platform, waiting. A child was playing beside her.

"When we stopped, the men took out from the freight car a rough, unplanned pine box and laid it down, baring their heads for a minute. Then the train steamed away. She sat down on the ground and put her hands around the box and leaned her head on it. The child went on playing. So we left her. I never have seen so dramatic or significant a figure.

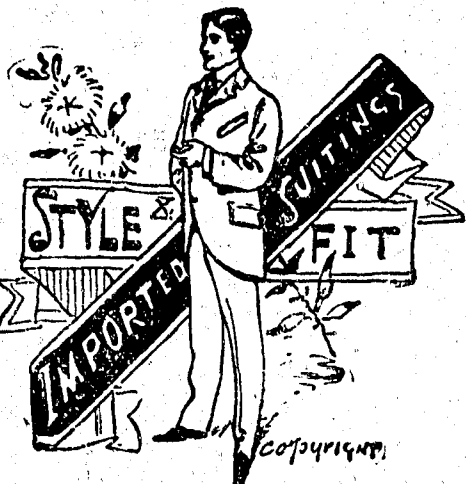
"When we hear of thousands of men killed in battle it means nothing to us. We forget it in an hour. It is these little things that come home to us. When we remember them we say: 'That is war—war!'

CONTROLLING THE SALE.

There is a new movement in England in the direction of temperance. The fanaticism which distinguishes the Canadian prohibitionist does not influence the English people who have sensible and practical views on the subject of temperance. Our esteemed contemporary Saturday Night states that in England there is a strong temperance organization with a pious and noble lord at the head of it and a number of clergymen on the committee of management and people, instead of advocating prohibition are gathering money and buying public houses placing in charge of them men who while selling liquor will utterly discountenance drunkenness.

That is a sensible plan to promote temperance, and no doubt will have its influence on the English people. Prohibition would not promote temperance. To prohibit a man from taking his glass of beer with his dinner, or a glass of hot grog in winter at bed time, would greatly promote secret drinking, and lead to the establishment of secret drinking dens. What is needed is temperance not prohibition, and temperance is best promoted by such means as those proposed in England.

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NEW DENVER, B.C.

PILGRIMS

SOME months ago I issued a publication called "FLOAT" at the greatest expense ever incurred for the single issue of any publication in Kootenay. The work contains, in addition to over 50 illustrations, full page and otherwise, several stories by different writers, and sketches of my own upon things that have occurred in the various camps of the Slocan. Life in the cent belt is depicted in all the sombre shade of the effete but Sunday School cast. Taken altogether a \$1 would not be too much to charge for such a work, but I shipped several cartons at 50 cents, and still had that I have several thousand left. In order to assist the world, and spread sunshine over many a dark path I will, until further notice, sell "FLOAT" at 25 cents, three copies for 50 cents, or seven copies for a dollar, post free anywhere. Tourist associations should send it to all centres of travel. Others should treat their distant friends to a copy. Shoot your orders in the most convenient collateral and address them—

New Denver R. T. LOWERY Nelson, B.C.

The Sinews of War.

AMONG the things which seem to have struck Henry Norman the most during his recent stay at St. Petersburg was the glimpse he was allowed to obtain of the war chest of Russia, which dispelled in his mind all doubts as to the financial ability of the Russian Government to prosecute the present conflict for a considerable time to come, independently of the assistance of the foreign money markets. The Russian war fund amounts, it is said in Russia, at the present moment to \$300,000,000 in gold, an estimate which by some is thought to be exaggerated. But even if this were the case there is no doubt that it exceeds under any circumstances \$350,000,000, the tremendous monetary loss sustained by the absence of any returns from this vast pile of gold in the shape of interest being more than compensated for by the assurance which its presence in the treasury gives to the Muscovite Government in crises such as the one to which the Russian Empire is now being subjected.

But in addition to this war chest, concerning the existence of which no concealment is made, the Czar can in a moment of great emergency draw upon a still more gigantic fund, of which little is known, especially abroad. It is known as the "Holy Gold Fund of Russia," and has been amassed by years and years of collections from the orthodox faithful in all portions of the administration of the landed estates, the mines and enterprises of one kind and another belonging to the churches and to the monasteries.

In no country in the world are people so generous in their donations to the Church as in Russia. The weekly offering never fails. It is contributed by the Czar, by every noble, every officer and soldier and by every individual, no matter of what class, from Prince to moujik. On the great feast days, a great cloth is spread near the altar in church and there rich and poor heap up gold, silver, paper money, jewels, kopecks, pearls, tokens studded with gems, all their most cherished treasures, until the cloth is completely hidden. On such festivals as these the Russians yield to a perfect mania for surrendering their wealth to the Church, and as they are the most ardent, religious and excitable people on the face of the earth, especially the masses, their generosity is unbounded.

The expenditure of the Church does not absorb a half, probably not even a third, of its revenue derived from all these sources which I have just indicated. The remainder goes to swell the Holy Gold Fund, of which the Emperor is the chief custodian in his double capacity of

temporal ruler and supreme pontiff of the Church. Ever since the burning of Moscow during the Napoleonic war, that is to say, for nearly a hundred years, the accumulation of this secret holy fund has been going on. The growth of the wealth of the Church and the development of gold mining have combined to pile up the increment. A quarter of a century ago it was estimated to amount to a sum in gold as large as the national debt of the United States at the close of the civil war, namely, \$2,000,000,000, and it is a well known fact that neither in 1877, during the war between Russia and Turkey, nor yet during the Crimean war, when Russia was confronted by a coalition comprising Great Britain, France, Turkey and Italy, was a rouble of the holy fund touched to meet the expenses.

And so it will be during the present war with Japan. Russia before she even touches her war chest will exhaust by every available means her capacity for borrowing money abroad. Not until the foreign money markets shut down hard and fast against her will Emperor Nicholas permit any use to be made of the gold in the war chest, and it is only when that has been drained to its last drop, and when Russia is called upon to fight for her very existence as a nation, that the Holy Gold fund of Russia will be proclaimed by Emperor Nicholas as available—but not until then.

Compared to these tremendous resources at the disposal of the Russian Emperor, those of Germany, which has a war chest in the so-called Julius Tower, in the fortress of Spandau, near Berlin, estimated at \$200,000,000, seem small. In the case of Germany, these figures are of course only approximate; for the hoarding of gold in the fortress of Spandau has been going on for a long time, all that is known with any degree of certainty being that a large proportion of the war indemnity exacted by Bismarck from the French at the close of the war of 1870 went to swell the war chest at Spandau.

France is credited with a war fund of \$300,000,000 in gold, while Emperor Francis Joseph has available for the same purpose bullion to the amount of \$100,000,000 in the custody of the Austro-Hungarian Bank. Italy, too, has her war chest, and the only two great powers that have no regular war fund are the United States and England.

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Assassination of Lincoln, April 14,
1865.

First steamer crossed the Atlantic,
1819.

German empire re established, Jan.
18, 1871.

Dark Ages, from the 6th to the 14th
century.

The great London fire occurred Sept.
26, 1666.

Storm clouds move thirty six miles
an hour.

First subscription library, Philadel-
phia, 1731.

The Latin tongue became obsolete
about 580

Cork is the bark taken from a species
of oak tree.

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Ether was first used for surgical pur-
poses in 1844.

Ignatius Loyola founded the order of
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England 951.

The first newspaper advertisement
appeared in 1652.

Glass windows (colored) were used
in the 8th century.

Benjamin Franklin used the first
lighting rods, 1752.

CURIOSITIES OF NATURE.

There has been discovered in the
wilds of northwestern Idaho a species of
the acacia tree which is entitled to be
classed as one of the wonders of plant
life. It grows to the height of about
eight feet, and when full grown closes
its leaves together in coils each day at
sunset and curls its twigs in the shape
of pig tails. After the tree has settled
itself thus for a night's sleep, if touched
the whole thing will flutter as if agitated
or impatient at being disturbed. The
tenderer the foliage is disturbed the
more violent becomes the shaking of the
branches, and at length the tree emits a
nauseating odor, which, if inhaled for a
few moments, causes a violent, dizzy
headache.

The angry tree, as it has been named,
was discovered by travellers, who, upon
making camp for the night, placed one
end of a canvas covering over one of
the sensitive bushes, using it for a
support. Immediately the tree began
to sharply jerk its branches. The mo-
tion continued, growing more nervous;
until at last the sickening odor which it
gave out drove the tired campers to a
more friendly location. Curiosity of
course, prompted an investigation. One
of the angry trees was dug up and
thrown to one side. Immediately upon
being removed from the ground the tree
opened its leaves, its twigs lost their
pig tails, and for something over an hour
and a half the outraged branches
showed their indignation by a series of
quakings, which grew weaker and
weaker as time passed, finally ceasing
altogether, when the foliage hung limp
and withered. The next morning the
tree was placed upright in the ground
again, a little water was applied to the
roots, and very soon it resumed its nor-
mal condition.—Toronto Globe.

THE WHITE PLAGUE.

A Sanitarium, in which those afflicted
with consumption can be cared for, may
be established at Ashcroft very shortly.
Dr. C. J. Fagan, of Victoria, Provincial
Medical Health Officer, returned on
Sunday from Ottawa, and reports that
he was favored with a donation of \$5,000
from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy president
of the C.P.R. on behalf of that company,
and a promise from the same gentleman
that the company would contribute an-
other \$5,000 if the amount were required.
In addition, Dr. Fagan said, he expected
that the Dominion government will
make a grant in aid of this institution.
If this latter is done, the construction of
the building will proceed immediately.
When the sanitarium was first talked
of, Kamloops was the place suggested
at which it would be built, but the peo-
ple of that town objected. No site was
decided upon, and since then Mr. John
Shields, president of the Ashcroft Power
and Light company, has made an offer
of 10 acres of land to the government.
The company has 1,000 acres or more,
and will give free water and electric
light for a period of five years, and after
that at cost. If the necessary funds are
secured, which is altogether probable,
this offer of Mr. Shields may settle the
site at Ashcroft.

CAMELS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Senator Reid was one of the pioneers
of the Cariboo District, and has many
interesting tales of his early experiences
in the Great West. One of his stories
has to do with the survey of the tele-
graph line which it was proposed to build
across Siberia to the Behring straits, Al-
aska, and down British Columbia before
the Atlantic cable became an accom-
plished fact. It was believed by the pro-
jectors of the Siberian American line
that a submarine cable would prove un-
workable over such a vast distance as
that between Valentia and Newfound-
land. Consequently survey parties
were sent out by the Americans inter-
ested in the rival line. Siberia was vis-
ited by one party, and another explored
the British Columbia mines. The pro-
blem of transporting supplies in the lat-
ter district was a difficult one, as horses
were found unsatisfactory. It was not
until a number of Siberian camels were
imported that the surveyors could go
any distance from civilization. The Si-
berian camel is a capital beast of bur-
den, and the twenty-odd brought to
British Columbia are very satisfactory.
When the surveys on the two continents
were almost completed word came that
the newly-laid Atlantic cable was work-
ing excellently. The surveying parties
were recalled, and the plan to rival
Cyrus Field's cable was abandoned. The
camels, being useless, were liberated, and
for years, Senator Reid says, were a
nuisance in Cariboo. The work of
transporting supplies into the interior
was done by pack-trains of horses, and
many a valuable belt-mare or pack-
horse, coming suddenly on one of the
straying camels as it was going along a
mountain road, bolted over the precip-
ice. The camels filled the horses with
such deadly fear that they became ab-
solutely unmanageable. Consequently,
the owners of pack-trains ordered their
packers to shoot the camels whenever
encountered. It was several years, how-
ever, before the last of the Asiatic vis-
itors was killed.

Stop at The Queen's Hotel in
Trout Lake City.

At Stockton, Utah, the Honoring
drainage tunnel has been driven to more
than 6,000 feet from the portal, and work
still progresses in this great enterprise.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS**SATISFACTION Mineral Claim.**

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West
Kootenay District, where located: On
Silver mountain near the Hartney mine.
TAKE NOTICE That I, Wm. S. Drewery,
acting as agent for Alfred J. Marks, Free
Miner's Certificate No. B. 80,009, 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 section, under sec-
tion 37, must be commenced before the issuance
of such Certificate of Improvements.
Dated this 21st day of April, 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, sixty days
after date I intend to apply to the Hon-
orable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and
Works for permission to purchase for agricul-
tural purposes the following described tract of
land: Commencing at a post marked "A. R. F."
S. W. corner and situated about 800 feet north-
easterly from the shipyard at Rosebery and adjoin-
ing R. N. Cook's pre-emption thence north 40
chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40
chains, thence west 40 chains to point of com-
mencement containing 160 acres.
A. R. FINGLAND.
Dated April 6th, 1904.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.
To G. F. COPELAND, deceased, or to whom his
interest has been transferred in the Morning
Star mineral claim, situated on Goat moun-
tain, Slocan Mining Division, West Kootenay.
YOU are hereby notified that I have expended
\$700.00 in labor and improvements on the
above mentioned mineral claim under the pro-
visions of the Mineral Act, and if, within 60 days
from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to
contribute your proportion of the above men-
tioned sum, which is now due, together with all
costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim
will become the property of the undersigned
under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment
Act 1900."
JOHN CAROLAN.
New Denver, B. C., April 7, 1904.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 30 days
after date we intend to apply to the Chief
Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special
licence to cut and carry away timber from the
following described tracts of land, situated in
West Kootenay district:

FIRST LOCATION.
Commencing at a post planted on the second
west fork of Wilson creek and about 1/2 miles from
the main creek marked J. C. S. W. C., thence
west 40 chains, thence north 160 chains, thence
east 40 chains, thence south 160 chains to point
of commencement.

A. KENNEY.
Located the 17th day of April, 1904.

SECOND LOCATION.
Commencing at a post planted on the second
west fork of Wilson creek marked J. C. S. W. C.,
thence north 40 chains, thence east 160 chains,
thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to
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