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From the Lake Towns

The Bosun is reducing its force.

The force at the Speculator has been increased to its full capacity.

Nominations for the Provincial elections will be made on Saturday.

N. F. McNaught reports a good strike of ore on the Hampton group.

Returns on the last shipment of Republic ore amounted to $82 per ton.

H. Byrnes left on Monday for Enderby where he has purchased a farm.

Messrs. Foster, Cory and Woods are digging for gold on Cooper creek.

Mrs. D. Matheson is getting in a full line of fashionable fall millinery. Don't send out.

Born—At Greenwood, Sept., 10, to the wife of A. W. Strickland, of New Denver, a son.

All the popular styles of fall suitings to select from at F. F. Liebscher's, Silverton's boss tailor.

Owing to the difficulties in getting the ore packed to the Siding the Capella shut down last week.

Bob Taylor, an old Slocan miner, at one time shift boss at the Queen Bess, died at Greenwood last Saturday.

A ten-inch payshoot of rich ore was uncovered last week by Bob Milloy on the Monterey group, Ten Mile.

Geo. Lendrum, a director of the Bosun mine, arrived from England last week and spent a few days inspecting the property.

Wm. Davidson, the labor candidate, addressed the voters of McGuigan Monday night and on Tuesday was in Three Forks.

Mrs. Points came in from Spokane Monday and has joined her husband at the Marion. Mr. Caldwell, of Kaslo accompanied her.

Wm. Thomlinson made a deal for W. B. Young on his Goat mountain interests this week, T. H. Hoben securing the property.

The C. P. R. was peddling sugar and other commodities about the Slocan last week, as a result of letting a carload of freight run into the lake at Nakusp.

Another holdup. This time it's the lumber men behind the gun. They raised the price of rough lumber fifty per cent, and the mine owners are complaining.

R. I. Kirkwood made a good strike on the Riverside group, Ten Mile, last week. In the face of a tunnel driven 20 feet on the lead he has six inches of clean ore showing.

Returning officer Henderson has established his polling places, viz.: Deer Park, Burton, Nakusp, Rosebery, Three Forks, McGuigan, Sandon, New Denver, Silverton, Enterprise, Slocan and Winlaw.

Grand Chancellor Nelson went to Ymir on Wednesday to institute a K. of P. lodge. Another is preparing at Cranbrook. Pythianism has taken a decided jump forward since C. F. Nelson took hold of the wires.

Silverton Miners' Union has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Robt. Spencer; vice-president, Phil Walters; secretary, John Findlay; treasurer, F. F. Liebscher; warden, Geo. White; conductor, Harry Thorburn; trustees, Wm. Kyte, Geo. White, Wm. Scott.

The following are the names of the officers elected for the ensuing six months by the Slocan Miners' Union at their last meeting: President, W. H. Harrison; vice-president, Thos. D. Tobin; financial secretary, D. B. O'Neal; recording secretary, John Skinner; warden, Thos. Capparelli; conductor, John A. Kinman; trustees, D. B. O'Neal, Wm. H. Davidson, Ralph Gillette.

A party of sporting men from Pittsburg were in New Denver last week, trying to get pack animals to take their "traps" up Wilson creek. The local combine tried the cinch game and drove the party away. They returned to Smith & Co. upwards of $60 worth of groceries and left for Revelstoke. They are now on a hunting expidition up Kootenay river. Other parties are following this. and will no doubt pass the Lucerne like a white chip.

NO LIBERAL NOMINEE.

At the convention of Slocan Liberals, held in New Denver on Tuesday, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, owing to the removal in the near future from the Province of R. A. Bradshaw, the Liberal candidate for Slocan Riding, he has deemed it necessary to resign as such candidate, and such resignation has been duly accepted, and

Whereas, the McBride government having most unfairly changed the date of the elections from the 31st to the 3rd, of October, thus bringing on the elections in a little over two weeks from this date, and the nominations in four days hence, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the Liberal delegates for Slocan riding in convention assembled this 15th day of September, 1903, do not nominate a candidate at the ensuing elections. And be it further

Resolved, that, while we affirm that the Liberal Party is the best friend of the working man, and while we heartily approve of many of the planks of the platform of the Labor candidate for this riding, we view with great apprehension that clause in said platform which provides that the resignation of the said candidate shall be placed in the hands of a committee of the convention which nominated him, as we consider such a condition unconstitutional and fraught with great danger to constitutional government.

SUTHERLAND—CLEVERLEY.

Another well-known and popular New Denver couple were married this week. Robt. J. Sutherland and Miss Mable A. Cleverley went to Nelson on Monday and there, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. W. W. Baer, were happily wedded as the shadows of evening were stealing sleepily across the lake. After spending a few days in the Kootenay metropolis Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland returned to New Denver, where they will reside.

WHERE GOLD GLITTERS.

Writing from Poplar creek, J. C. Bolander says that in his opinion that is going to be a very busy camp this fall and winter. A great amount of labor will be required to clear the townsite and even now buildings are going up as fast as the lumber can be laid on the ground.

The latest excitement at the camp has arisen through the discovery that practically all the gravel beds in the valley are gold bearing, colors being obtainable eveywhere from the moss down. This was observed last week, and as a result over forty locations were made the first day, and about thirty since.

The Poplar creek townsite has been staked not only for a pre-emption, mill site, half a dozen mineral claims, railway land, townsite and by applicants for purchase, but now has placer posts stuck all over it. It is believed that the townsite company have the title to the surface all right, but if the gravel is as rich as it is at present thought to be, there will not be much surface left.

The first discovery of the gold bearing gravel was made in the centre of the town, and after the different prospectors who were in town at the time had made an examination of the pans taken they quickly scattered to look out locations for themselves. Along the main river itself, placer operations have been conducted for years, but it was not thought that the sand and gravel even to the base of the mountain was also gold bearing. What the practical value of the discovery will be yet remains to be proven, as work has not progressed far enough to tell. None are down to bedrock yet, and the gold has been so fine, although plentiful, that it is difficult to save it with the crude apparatus yet employed. At the river bank half a dozen cradles and rockers have been built and with these the owners are hoping to reap a rich harvest.

Two miles below Poplar, near Goldhill, Messrs. Stead, Moyer, Sharpless and Gilmour have a force of men at work with a hydraulic pump on a gravel bed at the east side of the river. The gravel is pumped into a flume, the gold being caught by riffles. The machinery is not yet complete, a few minor changes having to be made in the nozzle of the intake pipe, but enough has been done to show that the project should prove most profitable. A stream of water has been turned in from the river which supplies enough force to wash down the gravel to the mouth of the pipe. The party of Philadelphia capitalists who are interested in this placer bed, with other properties in the neighborhood, have been spending several days here, watching the installation of machinery.

It is reported that an important mining deal is likely to go through early next week on a property twelve miles up the creek, owned by several Swedes, the purchasers being a Nelson syndicate. This claim, the Spyglass, is considered by many to be the richest proposition of the camp, the ore being so rich that it is possible to pack it out on men's backs and yet make big profits. The values are principally in silver and gold. One seven inch lead carries 4,000 ounces of silver to the ton, and $500 in gold, and the main lead is also very rich. The ore is by far the richest ever struck in this part of the country, and when a trail has been cut in to the property so that it can be reached easily it will cause a great stir among mining men.

BOUNDARY MINING NOTES.

The force at the Oro Denoro, Summit camp, has been increased to 25 men.

Once again this week the Snowshoe has broken all previous records for shipping ore, the total being not far from 3,000 tons for the seven days.

Managar Plewman, of the Winnipeg, expects to start shipments of ore on a small scale next week. The mine is now pumped out down to the 100 foot levl.

A waggon road is being surveyed from the Betts and Hesperus mines on Hardy mountain, to the Granby smelter, which will shorten the distance about four miles.

For the first time in the history of mining in British Columbia, it is announced that the LeRoi No.2 mine Rossland has made a contract with the Greenwood smelter for the treatment of its ore.

The report published by the Pioneer some weeks ago that the Greenwood smelter was arranging to use Cascade power, via Phoenix, has been confirmed from Greenwood this week, notwithstanding its denial at the time first printed.

Two furnaces were blown in at the Granby smelter last Thursday and two more yesterday morning. The two new ones are connected but cannot be blown in till the two slag-carrying locomotives arrive from the east, which will probably be in three or four weeks. The mines yesterday began shipping 1,200 tons of ore per day.

PROVINCIAL FLOAT.

The North Star mine in East Kootenay has 40 men on the payroll, all working on development.

A mortgage for $35,000 is to be placed on the Britannia mine, Howe Sound, for the purpose of building a tramway to tidewater.

The Copper King mine, Kamloops, shipped recently the first carload of ore for smelter treatment to the Crofton works, Vancouver Island.

The ground is being surveyed at the Hunter V. mine, near Ymir, for the building of a tramway, which it is hoped to have installed before the snow flies.

A strike of high grade galena and zinc blende has been made in the 400-foot level of the Ymir. It is reported to be worth over $100 to the ton. At this mine the tram is to be extended to the No. 2 tunnel.

Manager Kirby of the War Eagle thinks Rossland has seen its darkest days. He says "I believe that reforms in the mining legislation of British Columbia cannot much longer be delayed, and with it will begin a new era in the history of British Columbia. The province cannot be further repressed. It has a mining area of 1100 by 400 miles including the richest part of the Rocky mountain ranges. Some day this will be dotted with mining communities drawing their supplies from the great area of agricultural lands adjoining. This province is an empire, although few men at present realize the fact."

GENERAL MINING FLOAT.

The United Copper Company management declares that it can get 14 cents for all of the copper it can turn out, and that this price will govern.

A new oil process for treatment of refractory ores is being worked out at San Francisco, says Pacific Coast Miner, an experiment having been made with Tonapah ores.

W. P. Hammon, the dredge man of California, has placed orders for four dredgers, to be located on the Yuba river, at a point not conflicting with the work of the Debris Commission.

The 160-stamp mill of the Royal Gold Mining Company, Hodson, Calaveras county, California, has been started. This is said to be the second size mill on the coast, the Treadwell leading.

Manufacture of glass from quartz has passed the experimental stage, and it is predicted that the ordinary glass of the future will be produced in this manner, which affords economies not possible before.

A ball of India rubber immersed in liquid air becomes brittle, and if dropped to the floor breaks like glass. A lead ball acquires elasticity and will rebound like the rubber in its normal state.

An extensive platinum producer appears to be in permanent working shape at Playa de Oro, Ecuador, where the rare metal has been proven to abound in the placer ground and the rock being mined for gold.

Amended articles of incorporation for the Federal Mining and Smelting Company have been filed in Denver increasing the capitalization from $3,000,000 to $30,000,000. Filing of these articles takes place about the time of the Coeur d'Alene deal being consumated, and is regarded as being significant.

Hundreds of people are locating furniture these days at the store of D. J. Robertson & Co., in Nelson. His stock is immense and the prices reasonable.

Sandon News Croppings

J. M. Harris is in Spokane on business.

Ed McLeod left for Spokane on Tuesday.

Byron White went to Spokane the past week.

The Bluebird made a shipment of ore this week.

J. E. Lovering has returned from Revelstoke. Alone.

Jack McFarlo badly cut his hand at the Idaho on Saturday.

The Noonday was shut down this week. They have no winter quarters at the property.

Agent Clark of Kaslo is relieving Geo. Huston, of the K. & S., who is enjoying a few days' well-earned rest.

W. J. McDonald is removing his stock of general merchandise from Whitewater to Sandon.

A party of Great Northern officials came in today over the K. & S., on a tour of inspection.

Lumber arrived last weeek for the Rambler flume, and work is being pushed with all possible speed.

With the commencement of work on the new tram for the Idaho, that old camp is taking on its old-time life.

The Inland cigar company of Kamloops has appointed G. H. Muirhead, Sandon agent for the company.

McPherson & Hurley lost their valuable horse Baldy this week. He broke his leg in the stable and had to be shot.

The Ivanhoe shipped 61 tons of ore in the past ten days. The coal shortage has been relieved and the mill is working full time.

A horse belonging to Liveryman Crawford fell off the pack trail to Three Forks near the electric power house on Tuesday and was killed.

After being newly papered throughout, and other interior improvements, the Miners' hospital presents a very attractive appearance.

Hans Hanson was taken to the hospital Monday night with a bad fracture of the ankle. Thos. Jones also spent a few days in the institution this week.

Major Vanmoerkirk, who has been working alone on the Empress claim, adjoining the Silver Glance, for the past few years, is taking out ore for another carload shipment.

Work was started the past week on a contract to drive 80 to 100 feet of tunnel to tap the lead on the Noble Five group. Phil McInness and Mike Morrissey are doing the work.

A large gathering enjoyed the basket social given Tuesday evening by the Ladies Aid in the Reading Room. Upwards of $60 was realized from the sale of baskets. It's wonderful what a little string of calico will do.

A great deal has been said lately about "the Wonderful lead being struck at last." The fact is, W. W. Warner, who has operated the the property, has been taking ore from the Wonderful shaft for months and months. He probably knows the property better than any man in the camp, and he laughs at the report of the recent discovery.

A number of Knights of Pythias were in Sandon Wednesday night from New Denver. Six candidates were put through, and after the lodge work was finished, at 2:30 a. m., a few of the mathematically inclined went down to the lumber yard and made measurements of the piles. A movement is on foot to increase the police force and put the sidewalks in better condition.

Frank Malcolm has taken the contract to supply ore for the Ruth mill from the mine for a period of three months. Mr. Malcolm has been foreman of the property the past year or two and is in position to handle the output most advantageously.

Last week a hay famine was on in Sandon, and pack animals had to be turned out in the hills for feed. One of the teamsters had a bale of hay in his stables and locked the door and sat up all night to watch it. The Ivanhoe was also short of coal, though five cars had been on the way from Nelson for several days. C. P. R. freight trains, like C. P. R. passenger trains, come and go with marked irregularity—except into the lakes.

MORE MEN WANTED.

There is no cause for men to be idle in the mining camps of B. C. In the Slocan there is a demand for more men, and in the Boundary the shortage appears to be even greater.

The Phoenix Pioneer says: "There is no cause for men to be idle in the Boundary country this fall and winter, for the simple reason that the forces at all the properties are gradually being increased. Assistant Manager Flumerfelt, of the Granby mines, said to the Pioneer this week: "We could use 100 more men today if we could get them, but men seem to be scarce. As you know, we have been running with less men than we actually need for a month or two, and now we wish to secure the full number. We have sent word to Vancouver, Victoria, Nelson, Rossland and other places, and hope soon to have all we need. A number have come in this week, but we have places for a good many more at standard wages, both at the mines and at the smelter. When we get the fifth and sixth furnaces in operation at the smelter we will need to still further increase our force."

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1902 was, approximately, 30,000 tons. Since January 1 to September 12, 1903, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	T
American Boy		505
Antoine		275
Arlington		4
Black Prince		17
Bondholder		7
Bosun	40	800
Blue Bird		20
Dewdney		3
Enterprise		3
Fisher Maiden		290
Hartney		42
Hamilton		4
Highland Light		2
Idaho		
Ivanhoe	41	652
Lucky Jim		15
Mercury		11
Monitor		45
Motor		2
Ottawa		1
Payne		151
Queen Bess		5
Rambler		115
Reco		4
Scramble		7
Ruth		15
Ida		
Red Fox		
Slocan Star	73	185
Sloan Bay		
Silver Glance		3
Surprise		5
Victor Ver		2
Wonderful		
Total tons	34	[illegible]

ON THE LIST.

The voters' list is closed. Eight hundred and fifteen names are registered from the following places:

Slocan	[illegible]
Nakusp	100
Sandon	154
New Denver	[illegible]
Rosebery	17
Silverton	57
McGuigan	[illegible]
Three Forks	[illegible]
Winlaw	20
Alamo	2
Gerrards	1
Cody	3
Burton	[illegible]
Fire Valley	4
Deer Park	[illegible]

The people around Sandon generally drop into the Kootenay saloon when they want an antidote for wet weather.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Ticked Over the Wires During Many Days From Every Point of the Compass.

LONDON, September 9.--The revelations contained in the report of the royal commission on the conduct of the war in South Africa have filled all England with consternation and indignation. Of the three volumes just issued much has been suppressed "in the public interest," but enough remains to justify apparently the opinion freely expressed that the war office at the outbreak of the trouble was in a state of incompetence which is nothing short of amazing. According to the testimony of general Nicholson, the intelligence section of the war office relating to South Africa was run before the war on the two men and a boy principle, with two officers and one clerk. The treasury, against the united recommendation of the war office, refused any increase. Hence it is not surprising that, when England went to war, there was no effective map whatever of the Orange Free State, the Transvaal, or Natal. To quote lord Kitchener's own testimony, according to the official memorandum, "a field intelligence department had to be created from the very beginning."

NO INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT.

General Nicholson is responsible for the information that there was practically no valid connection between the intelligence department and the defense committee of the cabinet. Colonel Altham testified that every Boer gun was known and traced after the war. The British local defense scheme was, however, based on an inadequate force. It was merely that generals should report how they could make the best use of what troops they had, and that experts by desire should prepare the plan of a scheme of mobilization in the early summer. But the government would not vote the extra necessary money until it was forced to do so. This was the testimony of general sir F. Stopford, and, from the official memorandum and colonel Altham's testimony, it is apparent that the marquis of Lansdowne knew that there were forty-eight thousand mounted Boers waiting to oppose the British. Yet, almost without exception, infantry were sent. When finally the mobilization of the first army corps was ordered it was so late that it was not possible for general sir Redvers Buller to be in a position to take the field until the end of December. The Boers, however invaded Natal in the second week in October. The hasty mobilization on the part of the British caused disorganization.

Nearly all the military witnesses, notably general Kelly-Kenny, lay stress on the fact that the representations of the commander-in-chief did not meet with sufficient compliance. Viscount Wolseley lays great stress on this and on the way lord Lansdowne treated him and his advice in 1890, when he was absolutely disregarded, the secretary of state for war absolutely refusing to sanction even the most urgently needed expenditures. This refusal delayed the army corps, nor did the war office send out the reinforcements he urged. Lord Roberts also condemns the initial preparations in South Africa.

MANY OFFICERS WORTHLESS.

A large number of militia officers had never been trained at all, according to major general Borrett, while lord Lovat stated that each regiment practically had officers who were so completely worthless that they could not be taken on a trek. They used to be left in different headquarters for superintending baggage and stores.

Vice admiral sir R. Harris tells the following delightful story: "The confusion, of course, was tremendous, owing to the war all through the colony. I may say, for instance, that I sent a truck load of one hundred and fifty lyddite shells to lord Methune, which was absolutely lost for three weeks."

Utter confusion existed initially and through the course of the campaign. Sir Redvers Buller said he went without any general instructions whatever and received none on his arrival in South Africa. Sir J. Ardagh declares the war office always contemplated a withdrawal to the south of the Tugela on the outbreak of the war, and never thought for a moment of Ladysmith being a defensible place. Yet the bulk of the stores in that town were poured in from October 7th, three days before the war broke out, and it was then impossible to have removed them.

LANSDOWNE SHOULD RESIGN.

Some of the newspapers are strong in their expressions of indignation. The Daily Mail says: "One lesson blazoned on every page of this report is that our national interests can no longer be entrusted to men who regard statesmanship as a pleasant occupation for the leisure classes. The day of such men as lord Lansdowne and Mr. Broderick in English statesmanship is over. They are costly and dangerous luxuries. The reputation of lord Lansdowne is blasted a hundred times over in the pages of this evidence, and not only his reputation but the whole attitude of the present cabinet towards their duties to the empire."

The Times says, in regard to the report: "It is a sweeping indictment of our military unpreparedness, an unpreparedness, be it observed, which there is no reason to think has been very materially lessened in the period since the war."

The Morning Advertiser sarcastically remarks: "There is only one thought likely to trouble the mind of the patriotic Britisher, as he reads these remarkable volumes—that is the notion that they will be of greater service possibly to our military friends on the continent than they will be to our own war office and army."

The Daily Chronicle says: "If lord Lansdowne has any sense of decency left he will send in his resignation at once. It is not fitting that a minister who has so flagrantly mismanaged one department of the public business should remain in charge of another of equal importance."

LONDON, September 10.—Only a few days ago the American built Turkish cruiser the Medjidia was launched in Philadelphia and the Progressive Turk, who does exist, though he is not numerous, began to dream dreams of a day when Turkey, the traditional inertia of five centuries overcome, should replace the rotting fleet of the Golden Horn with real battleships and assume in some degree the position among the naval powers of the world to which her unsurpassed maritime advantages obviously entitle her. This inertia is not merely a matter of tradition, it is almost a matter of religion. For a majority of the faithful believe that God has given the land to the children of the prophet and the sea to the Giaours, infidel dogs that they are.

Such is the teaching of Islam. Al Makkari, a Mohammedan writer of authority, says in his "History of Mohammedan Dynasties in Spain," "When the Moslems achieved the conquest of Egypt the Khalif Omar-Ibn-ul-Khattah, who was then the commander (of the faithful) wrote to his lieutenant Amru-Ibn-ul-Aas, asking him for a description of the sea. The answer sent him by Amru was as follows: 'The sea is a great pool, which some inconsiderate people furrow, looking like worms on logs of wood.' On receipt of this answer the Khalif forbade the Moslems to navigate the seas, and so it was as long as the Khalif lived no Arab dared to go aboard a boat unless he had previous leave, and transgression of the prohibition was severely punished."

From the time of the first naval engagement between Moslem and Christian, at the time of the siege of Constantinople, when four big galleys of Greeks and Genoese put to rout the 145 ships of the Turks, to the infinite chagrin and fury of Mahomet II, down to the present day, the Turkish navy has been impotence personified. In vain sultans following in the wake of Mahomet II, who rode out into the shallow water brandishing his sword, shouting terms of Turkish obliquy against his naval commanders and ordering the captain pasha to be impaled, have tried to mobilize a fleet, conduct a successful naval campaign or even carry ordinary commerce, unless a Christian captain was at the head of the enterprise.

Turkey has no mercantile marine. All commerce beyond the waters of the Black sea or Levant is carried on by the Greeks or other Europeans. Even the ferry boats running through the Bosphorus and Golden Horn, though under the control of Turkish capitalists, are run by European captains and engineers, and the boats themselves are all made in Europe, mostly on the Thames. There are, of course, small craft owned and manned by Ottoman subjects, Moslem and non-Moslem, but they are only equipped for short trips.

Great, black, unseaworthy hulks, idly rocking and rotting in the port of the Golden Horn, are what is left of the beautiful Turkish cruisers bought twenty-five years ago by the sultan Aziz. Long ago their boilers were sold by order of Hassan Pasha, and their armament is now completely out of date. Beside these Turkey has a few so-called seagoing ironclads. But they learned during the Graeco-Turkish war, when they stuck fast in the Dardanelles, that it was better for them not to try to go to sea. And she has eight smaller ironclads for coast defense, and a fair-sized fleet of gunboats and a score of torpedo boats, including two Nordenfeldt submarines.

This imposing fleet is manned by conscripts forced into service for a term of eight years, including three on leave and four years in the reserve. The marines are indolent, uncleanly, and absolutely without discipline. They are regularly exercised on land, each morning finding their blue-uniformed ranks winding in and out of the admiralty buildings to the shrill music of bugles and a bewildering clatter of orders, which, being issued by the captain, pass on to the next in authority, and eventually through a long line of subalterns reach the jackies, along with a choice assortment of epithet and complimentary, as "Jackass!" "Donkey!" "Why don't you do this?" "Are you a fool and the son of a fool that you do that?" etc. It is small wonder that at the end of eight years' service they are utterly untrained in the habits and knowledge necessary to the successful use of the terrific engines of modern maritime warfare—particularly as they have none of those terrible modern weapons to practice with. Of such men as these Turkey has a peace force of 15,000 men, the number being doubled in time of war.

The demoralization of what once promised to be a fairly effective Turkish navy was the work of Hassan Pasha, the Turkish minister of marine, who died the other day. Hassan was a sailor, but he was also a coward and a thief. For over twenty years he held his position while ministries rose and fell, boasting that the sultan dare not remove him, and apparently with reason, since while other official heads tumbled one by one into the porte's waste basket, his remained firmly on his shoulders. He was regarded a grafter-in-chief, even in that land of graft. Year by year the Turkish fleet has sunk further and further into a condition of inocuous desuetude, to the great profit of Hassan and the sultan.

Year by year vast sums of money apportioned for the maintenance of the navy were divided between Hassan and his master. The navy has been extinguished, but Hassan has waxed fat and well liking. And Hassan secured the abrogation of the constitution, the abolition of parliament, undid the work of Midat Pasha, and sent that brave reformer to his death, to prevent investigation of his grafts and political jobbery. Is it any wonder that from that time on he boasted of his power and knew himself immune no matter how actively the miscreate of reform might work for his undoing?

Big Industrial Company In Trouble.

PHILADELPHIA, September 9.--That the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, which has extensive interests on the great lakes and in Canada and which is capitalized at more than $100,000,000, will be involved in litigation with some of the stockholders now seems inevitable. These stockholders, headed by E. Clarence Miller, a banker of this city, want to know the names, subscriptions, and details of the $11,000,000 underwriting stock syndicate. They claim that over $7,000,000 of these subscriptions are unpaid. Counsel for the stockholders last week threatened to bring proceedings and force the company to show its books. On Saturday an agreement was reached by which counsel for the stockholders were given to understand that the books of the company were open for their inspection. When counsel for stockholders called at the company's offices today they were told that the books had been removed to Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. Counsel for the complaining stockholders will now bring suit against the company, and if they cannot reach the books through the courts of the United States they declare they will apply to the Canadian courts.

Want to Improve Ireland's Condition.

[Associated Press.]

LONDON, September 11.—Another conference looking to the improvement of the condition of Ireland will be called shortly. Captain Shaw E. Taylor, who was secretary to the recent landlord and tenants' conference in Dublin, which was instrumental in securing the Irish Land Bill, proposes to invite the representatives of the Orangemen, Roman Catholics, Protestants, and the heads of educational institutions in Ireland to meet in Dublin and confer together with the purpose of finding a common ground on which all may stand, thus ending the religious differences in connection with education, which has lasted for centuries and which has been responsible for many of Ireland's difficulties.

Ask for a Postponement.

[Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, September 12.—Russia has requested permission of China to postpone her evacuation of one of the frontier provinces of Manchuria for several months after October 8th, the date fixed for the general evacuation of Manchuria.

Minister Conger cables the state department this fact, and the matter has been referred to secretary Hay, at the secretary's summer home in New Hampshire, for consideration. The state department apparently is not concerned over Russia's request, as it is pointed out the province is a small one and the postponement is only for a short time.

The Prince May Not Attend.

[Associated Press.]

BOSTON, September 12.—No steps whatever have been taken in connection with the frequently reported contemplated visit of the prince of Wales to America. No invitation has been tendered to the prince, and neither the United States embassy, the British commissioners to the St. Louis exposition, nor C. T. Watson, the secretary of the commission, have any expectation that the visit will occur. Nothing is being done, even in a preliminary unofficial way, towards securing the prince's presence at St. Louis.

Train Robbers Sentenced.

[Associated Press.]

EL PASO, Texas, September 12.—The Americans who robbed a Mexican Central train and the Wells-Fargo express at Bermejillo, Durango, July 23rd, 1902, have been sentenced at Mapimi to 15 years imprisonment and fined $1000 each. The men were Bill West, alias Ingram; Lee Smith, alias Whitaker, and James Paris. It is said they got from the Wells-Fargo company $52,500, all of which has been recovered except about $10,000 or $15,000.

Disastrous Wind Storm in Florida.

[Associated Press.]

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, September 14.—No wires are working south of Jacksonville this morning, and no details of the hurricane which swept across the southern part of the state Saturday is complete. So far as known seven people met death, the bodies of five being washed ashore near Miami on the east coast, and two near Bounton on the west side of the state. Passengers arriving today on belated trains report that on the east coast many vessels have been wrecked. Above Miami it is reported seven or eight are ashore. The property loss in the city of Tampa is about one million dollars. West Tampa was flooded. No loss of life is reported in Tampa, although several persons were hurt by the falling trees. Much damage was done to the Orange groves and gardens, and it is feared that the beautiful winter homes of northern people are damaged. The disturbance is today sweeping across Alabama and Louisiana. All wires south of Montgomery, Alabama, are down. Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, and New Orleans, all report high winds. There is no evidence of the storm at Charleston, South Carolina, although precautionary signals have been displayed for two days.

Snow Storm Swept Montana.

[Associated Press.

RED LODGE, Montana, September 12.—A heavy snow-storm swept over Montana last night. Considerable grain is still standing, and it is probably ruined. The storm covered a wide area. It is reported that two feet of snow fell near Pryor mountains.

Returning Bodies of Soldiers.

[Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, September 12.—The United States' transport Kilpatrick from Manilla arrived today. On the transport were the bodies of 300 United States soldiers, who lost their lives in the Philippines. This is the largest number of bodies ever returned at one time from the islands.

Session Closed.

[Associated Press.]

LEICESTER, England, September 12.—The Trades Unions' Congress closed its session here today with the election of two delegates to attend the convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Historic Castle Discovered.

[Associated Press.]

BERLIN, September 12.—A historic castle, which is believed to have existed four hundred years before Christ, has been brought to light near Cassel.

A Crises in the British Cabinet.

[Associated Press.]

LONDON, September 14.—The Associated Press understands that the rumors of the approaching resignation of the chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Ritchie, are well founded. He will attend a cabinet meeting held for today with the determination of resigning. Other minor resignations are likely to occur, but colonial secretary Chamberlain and premier Balfour are reported to be standing together and intend keeping the cabinet together by filling the vacancies. From all parts of the country and the continent British cabinet ministers came to London today to attend the cabinet meeting, which was regarded as marking the most important phase in the recent political history of the United Kingdom. The Times voices public sentiment in saying it was "a great occasion," more important even than the historic meeting when home rule was supported most. For the main issue today is "The Unity of the Empire." Not since the fateful day when the cabinet framed an answer to president Kruger's ultimatum had such crowds gathered around Downing street. From early morning loiterers assembled here in the hope of catching a glimpse of political leaders. However, it was announced that the cabinet would not meet until 3 o'clock, and the spectators dwindled. Mr. Balfour, who arrived in London from Scotland yesterday, went to Downing street early. Treasury officials were posted all the morning with Mr. Balfour's secretary, and going over the statistics on which the cabinet is supposed to base its decision for or against free trade. Mr. Chamberlain, who was the central figure in today's proceedings, left Birmingham accompanied by his wife. A large crowd bade them farewell at the railroad station. On their arrival here Mrs. Chamberlain went to their London home and Mr. Chamberlain proceeded to the colonial office.

Were Once Paid for Their Services.

In former times members of the British parliament, who serve now entirely without pay, were rewarded for their services by the constituencies which they represented However, the member took his reward more often in goods than in specie, a not surprising matter, seeing that money was not the common possession of those from whom he levied tribute. The last payment freely made of which there is record is that which Andrew Marvel received. It was a barrel of herrings. In 1677 parliament formally discontinued payment of itself, but the practice had gradually been lapsing for some time, for ten years earlier Samuel Pepys had lamented the disappearance of the paid member, "so the parliament is become a company of men unable to give account for the interest of the place they serve for." The old paid member was very much the servant of the house. He dared be absent only by permission of the speaker, on penalty of a fine equal to about $250, in addition to the stoppage of his wages; while imprisonment was at times substituted. Further, the members who appeared at the house later than 8 a.m., and so missed prayers, were penalized, not even the speaker being exempt from the order as to attendance or payment of penalty in case of remissness.

In Danger of His Life.

[Associated Press.]

BERLIN, September, 14.—An extraordinary letter, purporting to have been written by a Bulgarian statesman, has appeared in the Klein Journal. The writer asserts that a subterranean passage leads from the castle where prince Ferdinand lives, as though besieged, to the river, through which the prince can escape by water when convinced that his position is no longer tenable. It is added that the princess Clementine, mother of prince Ferdinand, saw king Edward at Vienna, and told him that her son was in a deplorable position and in danger of his life, and begged the king to have a vessel in readiness to carry him away from Bulgaria. King Edward, it is asserted, assured princess Clementine that prince Ferdinand would always find an asylum in England.

Probing the Postal Scandals.

[Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, September 14.— Charles McGeichen and George H. Huntington of the Columbia Supply Company, who are indicted in Washington in connection with the postal scandals, surrendered themselves to United States marshal Henkle in this city today. Bench warrants were issued for Huntington and McGeichen at the time of the arraignment of George W. Beavers on the Washington indictment.

CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM.

[Adopted at Revelstoke, September 13th, 1902.]

1. That this convention reaffirms the policy of the party in matters of provincial roads and trails; the ownership and control of railways and the development of the agricultural resources of the province as laid down in the platform adopted in October, 1899, which is as follows:

"To actively aid in the construction of trails throughout the undeveloped portions of the province and the building of provincial trunk roads of public necessity.

"To adopt the principles of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the government of the province control of rates over lines bonused, together with the option of purchase.

"To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the province."

2. That in the meantime and until the railway policy above set forth can be accomplished, a general railway act be passed, giving freedom to construct railways under certain approved regulations analogous to the system that has resulted in such extensive railway construction in the United States, with so much advantage to trade and commerce.

3. That to encourage the mining industry the taxation of metalliferous mines should be on the basis of a percentage on the net profits.

4. That the government ownership of telephone systems should be kept right about as a first step in the acquisition of public utilities.

5. That a portion of every coal area hereafter to be disposed of should be reserved from sale or lease so that state owned mines may be easily accessible, if their operation becomes necessary or advisable.

6. That in the pulp land leases provision should be taken for the general preservation of forests by guarding against the wasteful destruction of timber.

7. That the legislature and government of the province should persevere in the effort to secure the exclusion of Asiatic labor.

8. That the matter of better terms in the way of subsidy and appropriations for the province should receive closer attention upon the assembling of parliament.

9. That the silver-lead industries of the province be fostered and encouraged by the imposition of increased customs duties on lead and lead products imported into Canada, and that the Conservative members of the Dominion House be urged to support any motion introduced for such a purpose.

10. That as industrial disputes almost inevitably result in great loss and injury both to the parties concerned and to the public, legislation should be passed providing some method for the compulsory arbitration of such disputes between employers and employees.

11. That it is advisable to foster the manufacture of the raw products of the province within the province as far as possible by means of taxation on the said raw products, subject to rebate of the same in whole or part when manufactured in British Columbia.

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FROM POPLAR CREEK

Breezy Items From the Young Gold Town in the Lower Lardeau Valley.

The rush to this camp still continues, two coaches being required to bring in the passengers.

During the past week W. B. Pool and J. J. Young closed a deal for the Swedes claims, situated about 1½ miles from the Lucky Jack, on the east side of Poplar creek. The purchase price is said to be $50,000, with a substantial payment down and the balance in 30 and 60 days. Development work is to be commenced at once, and a stamp mill will be in operation before December.

Rutherford and Stevenson, representing Philadelphia capital, have bought the Athwood group, just west of the Marquis and Gilbert.

New gold strikes are reported on Canyon creek, eight miles from here, also 10 miles below Trout Lake, on the north side of the lake.

Building operations continue as rapidly as lumber can be obtained. The Kaiser and Jacobson hotels are under way. Archer of Kaslo has opened a hardware store. A new restaurant has been opened in a tent, and the Smock hotel will open this week. William Schnell has sold his barber shop to Al Gregory. Williams and Gavin are building a blacksmith shop on their lots. Billy Schnell has opened his hotel and Baillie's brokerage office is nearly completed.

Several representatives of capital have visited the camp this week.

Trout Lake Topic: On Wednesday next the Lucky Boy will send to the smelter a carload of high-grade ore. The shipment, it is expected will run away up, because it has been carefully sorted. During the process of getting the shipment together test assays ran on an average of $500 to the ton. Mr. Stead, the manager, says, however, that he does not think he will be paid at that rate, but he is confident it will run considerably over $300. The last shipment, which was unsorted, went $214 to the ton, so Mr. Stead's prediction is pretty nearly sure of fulfillment.

Nate Lay and Sid Graham have discovered a four-foot vein of gold-bearing quartz about half a mile from the railway between Canyon and Lynch creeks. The samples of the strike they brought down all contain free gold. Gold has been found now on an almost continuous chain of claims from the Second Crossing to the foot of the lake. Between Gerrard and Trout Lake gold has been found at one point about three miles from Trout Lake and it will be very strange if this season does not see the chain complete between the Second Crossing and Fish creek, a distance of 50 miles.

It is reported here that the people owning the Triune are considering a proposition to extend their tram line across the summit to the lake. This proposition appeals to them, owing to the natural difficulties in the way of maintaining the line in its present location. The proposition of bringing the ore to the lake presents no insuperable difficulties—in fact it would be both a wise and an economical move. From the Triune to the lake by tram the distance would be only six or seven miles, while by the present route it is thirteen, and owing to slides the tram line can only be worked during the summer months. By the other route the property could be worked twelve months of the year and is free from slides.

The Silver Cup has now stacked at Trout Lake something over 200 tons of ore. Owing to the shipments of machinery and supplies coming in every other day the two big warehouses of the Western Mines Company are kept on the overflow, consequently the ore has had to be piled outside. A shipment of fir timber squaring about 18 inches each came in the other day from Whatcom for the chlorination plant, now in process of installation at Five-mile. The brick is coming in and the different sections of the mortars and furnaces arrived some time ago. The corrugated iron roofing for the mill forms part of today's shipment. The large quantities of machinery piled at the wharf gives a pretty fair idea of the size of the works being built at Five-mile.

A party of men leave this week to reopen the Black Prince property, near the head of Gainer creek. The Black Prince has been lying idle since '97, and the reasons probably were the low price of silver and the transportation problem. Silver is on the upward move and transportation is no more a bugbear, therefore it is probable that the Black Prince will be developed with a view to early shipments. This property has a surface showing which at one time had not its equal in the camp in point of grade. The black sulphurets could be scooped up in handfuls and the assay returns were up in the thousands. The average ore value, however, while not running so high will yet be rich enough to place the Black Prince in the front rank of the high-grade properties of the camp.

E. B. Kirby, general manager of the War Eagle-Centre Star companies, states that the Rossland Power Company, a subsidiary company of the War Eagle and Centre Star, has perfected all plans and arrangements for the immediate construction of the long-promised concentrator for the treatment of the low grade ores of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines, and probably within ninety days of the commencement of the work the mill will be erected on the flat north of the smelter, near the present rifle range. The original plant will have a capacity of 200 tons per day, but it will be constructed in such a manner that it will be enlarged to advantage as fast as circumstances may require. Work on the construction of the mill will commence immediately under the direction of Franz Cazin, a mechanical engineer of Denver, who enjoys an exceptionally high reputation in the ranks of his profession. Mr. Cazin spent a few days in Rossland last winter. The superintendent of the mill will be Clyde M. Eve, who has been in charge of the experimental plant at Silica. The building of the concentrator will be of very material benefit to Trail, as a considerable number of men will be employed in its operation.

Water for the mill will be taken from Stoney Rock, and Murphy creeks, and conducted to the concentrator by a flume. Sixty or seventy men will be employed on the mill in construction, and the work will be rushed as rapidly as possible. While the concentrator may not be ready for operation by the first of the year, it certainly will be in operation within four to six months. While the plans are for a 200-ton plant, there is every reason to suppose that as soon as it has been in successful operation it will be doubled if not quadrupled in capacity without the slightest unnecessary delay. The erection of the mill will be completed earlier than would ordinarily have been the case by reason of the fact that the company had the timbers sawn some weeks ago, and the material is now thoroughly seasoned and ready to put into place. Moreover, the machinery for the plant has been ordered from the manufacturers at various plants, and arrangements made for the stonework required in the foundations. A special effort will be made to have the premises roofed in before the snow flies and the outlook for the accomplishment of this seems to be bright.

Blairmore (Alberta) Times, 12th: The Frank mine of the Canadian-American Coal & Coke Company has again resumed its place at the head of the list as a shipper of coal from this section, at present sending out some 400 tons of first-class coal per day. The three openings on the coal measure are all now in a position to ship steadily. At the old workings the main entry is again in excellent shape, and with the installing of the new fan will be in shape to produce fully as much coal as it was before the slide. Within a few days the new fan, which is a six foot Murphy, will be placed in position and then the mine will be well ventilated, and the former heavy shipments of coal resumed.

The Liberals squeezed themselves into Taylor's committee rooms last Saturday and four speakers filled the air with words. The News reported an audience of 237. In 1900, when the Provincial Party used the same room, 150 people filled it to suffocation, but then the Liberals may have shrunk until less space accommodates them. John Hamilton was chairman, and opened the meeting with railroad promptness, but without prayer.

F. M. Black discussed the affairs of state in a vigorous manner, and painted a beautiful heaven for this province provided Sidney Stockton Taylor was elected. He handed Sidney several lines of sweet praise, and said that he had no strings on him. Probably he meant that the Nelson Liberal god would buy his pants in Montreal, if he wished, without paying any attention to the local establishments that have done so much to make the men of Nelson. Mr. Black also stated that Sidney would not go to Victoria with the object of personal gain, but would be a loser financially, and was a man whom we could trust and respect. Perhaps Mr. Black was partially in jest when he uttered those words. Who ever heard of a lawyer losing anything by being sentenced to the legislature? Ask the Western Federation of Miners at Rossland what they think about Taylor's weakness for losing anything. Law is a profession and lawyers live upon the mistakes and troubles of the human family. Some of them are liars, and will squeeze every dollar out of a client that it is possible to get. Is it reasonable to suppose that Taylor is an angel in a profession black with intrigue, and bloated with the spoils skimmed from the pot of human troubles? Canada is cursed with too many lawyers in its legislative halls.

William Ebbs is a Socialist—one of the dreamy kind. He has a poet's nature, and has dwelt many an hour with Homer, Virgil, Burns, and other dead composers of beautiful imaginations. Ebbs is an eloquent speaker, and has the fire within him that touches the soul and drives it above practical matters. Ebbs believes in public ownership, afar off probably, as did the Socialists of Nelson when it came to wanting public ownership of the electric light. Mr. Ebbs, judging from his flow of oratory, is evidently in love with Sidney Stockton, and looks upon the little lawyer as the hero of a poet's dream dressed in a cheap Montreal suit of clothes. However, the little god may wear Ebb's shoes.

At this point Alf Parr struggled to his feet and the audience put a cinch on its breath. Alf talked all about the way to handle this country and put the smelters and railways on the ragged end of dividends. Parr did not say anything new. He is a chubber in politics and tackles the job like a jack-of-all-trades. Parr knows as little about the science of politics as he does about principle. He belongs to a class who cry wolf in order to reach the maple syrup themselves. If Alf fails to peg on October 3rd he might make a fortune lecturing upon "The Gift of Gab, or How to Live Upon Wind."

When Mr. Taylor rose to his feet he threw a bouquet at Ebbs and went on to tell his continued story about what he would do for this great country, provided he could sign M. L. A. after K. C. Mr. Taylor in his speech said many wise things, but he did not mention one thing that he has done for labor in this city. He referred feelingly to his clothes, and [illegible] to have an issue made about where he bought his nice, cheap clothes. In presenting his claims upon this progressive city he failed to remark that if all men pursued the policy of buying their goods in the East there would be no election in Nelson for there would be no Nelson. It is the men who assist in the upbuilding of a city who deserve any honors that the people may have to give. Point to anything that Taylor has built in Nelson except a bank account. It has been a lunch for him, and now he wants a full dinner.

The announcement that from and after the 15th passengers to and from Revelstoke would be sent by way of the Nakusp and Slocan railway and the Slocan River branch was premature, as nothing has been heard of it at Nelson. The time between Nelson and Nakusp by that route is six hours.

Embarassing.

A young Oklahoma man went to church with his best girl. Both were quite handsome and modest. When the collection was being taken up the young man explored his pockets and whispered to the young lady: "I havn't got a cent; I changed my pants." In the meantime the young lady had been searching in her pockets, and, finding nothing, blushed a rosy red as she stammered: "I'm in the same predicament."

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

Dated this 10th day of July, A.D., 1903.

W. J. McMILLAN.

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Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: [illegible] between Fennell and Granite creeks about 11 miles southwesterly from the Thompson ranch.

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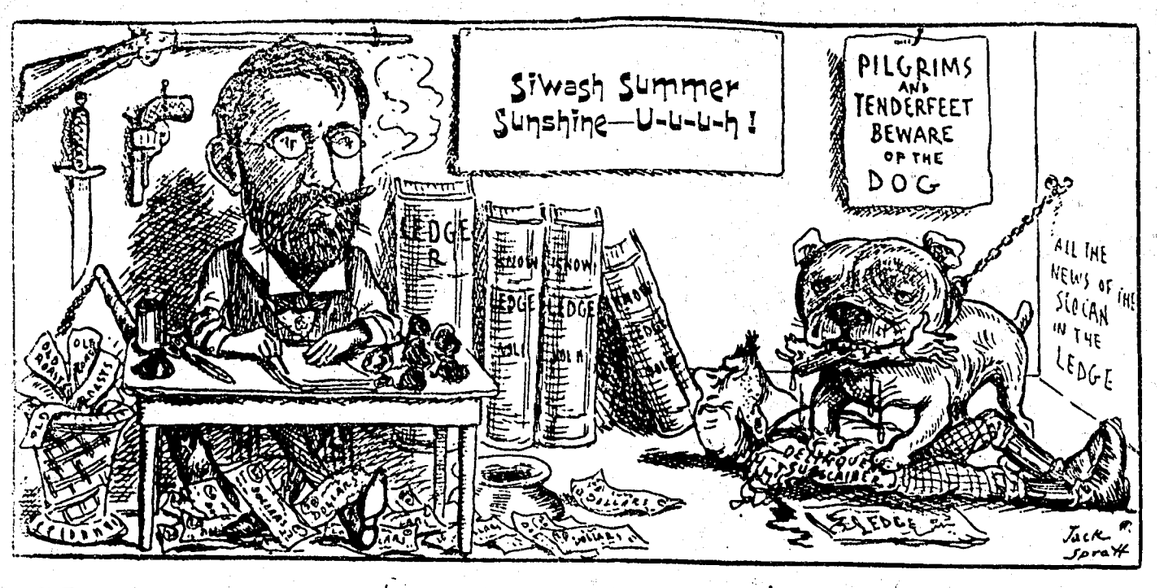

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ALL is not gold that glitters, except around Poplar creek.

IT LOOKS like an early winter. A coal dealer was seen buying a diamond ring this week.

IN 17 days the music of many a candidate will be silent, and the glad hand limp and lifeless.

WE CAN see an era of prosperity just ahead of Kootenay that will cause the world to sit up and clap their hands in admiration.

AS NOTHING can beat a volcano for opening up a country it would not be a bad scheme to set a few of them going in East Kootenay.

VOTES are the principle things being prospected for in British Columbia this month. Many of them will be staked on October 3rd.

THE coming fair in Nelson looks as though it would be a great success. It might be greater if prizes were awarded for legislature canditaes.

SPAIN is bankrupt, and its government rotten. If something is not soon done for that lovely country it is liable to go over the dump and be lost to view.

A MILLION dollars a year was too much for Mr Schwab. It does not pay to be too smart in your youth. Better strike an average and last longer. We are now old enough to take Schab's job and hold it without expecting any further rise in the salary.

WHEAT and silver have some connection. When one lifts its head the other looks up. Some people talk about dollar wheat these days, but it is a wild dream to think that silver will ever again reach the $1 mark. Still if it goes a few cents higher there should be a great air of prosperity in and around the famous Slocan. Even as it is there should be good times for all who will dig out the white metal.

IMPORTATION OF TIN ORE.

Importations of pig tin into the United States in the past year were larger than in any preceding year. The statistics of the year's imports as presented by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics show that the importations of tin were 88,000,000 pounds valued at more than $23,000,000. In 1890 the importations were 35,000,000 pounds, valued at about $7,000,000.

These figures are especially interesting in view of the recent imposition of a duty on exportations of tin ore from the British colonies of the Malayan peninsula. The rapid growth in the use of tin in the United States and the fact that *practically none of that article is produced in this country*, suggested the importation of tin in the form of ore and the smelting of the ore and manufacture of the pig tin at home. A plant for this purpose has been erected in the United States, and the shipment of ore from the Malayan peninsula was about to begin when the department of commerce and labor received word through the reports of the United States consul at the Straits Settlements that an export duty of $30 per picul (133 pounds) had been levied on tin ore exported, the purpose of this export tax on the ore being to prevent its exportation in the natural state and to retain for the people of the Malayan states the profits of smelting.

Whether this will terminate the project of importing the ore into the United States for smelting cannot yet be told. The Malayan states now produce more than half of the tin which enters into the commerce of the world, their total shipments in 1901 being 50,000 tons out of a total of 89,000 tons entering the markets of the world in that year. It is interesting to note that three-fourths of the world's tin comes from parts of the world not far distant from the Philippine Islands, and this fact, coupled with the growing demand for tin in the United States may lead to careful examination as to the possibility of tin production in the Philippines.

MINING A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

A case came up in the district court in St. Paul, Minn., in July in which evidence elicited the fact that 4405 shares of stock which cost Charles Faber $15 in March, 1891, were worth $20,000 in July, 1903. The stock was considered valueless when he purchased it. It was the stock of the "Royal Gold Mining Co.", which owns the Song Bird and Gray Eagle mines at Silver Cliff, Montana, which have become very valuable properties.

Faber became insolvent, and listed among his assets, it is said, "A mining interest at Silver Cliff, Mont." The receiver sold this interest to J. F. George who sold his interest to F. F. Wilde; Wilde sold it to his wife and she sold it to her daughter, the plaintiff in the case, and Faber is now endeavoring to retain the stock and insists that the item in assets did not include the stock of the Royal Gold Mining Co., for at that time it was considered absolutely valueless, and was not considered worth listing.

Investors are often reminded of failures in mining and loss of money in speculation, but rarely hear of the success achieved and wealth gained by investors who have displayed judgement and investigated before investing. Who ever hears of the investor who paid $100 for 100 shares of United Verde copper stocks twelve years ago, and whose holding, the same 100 shares is now worth $30,000, and has drawn down in dividends $1200 per year for several years; or of the man who put $100 into Homestake stock a few years ago and who could now sell his stock for $20,000, and who has also received handsome dividends every month; or of the investor who holds 100 shares of Greene Consolidated which is worth about $8,500, which he bought for $100 about three years ago; or of the lucky woman who paid $25 for stock in the Jack Pot in 1891 which is now worth $1500 and who received $750 in dividends in that time; or of the investor who purchased Peerless oil stock at $1 per share in 1901, who has received monthly dividends since January, 1902, and who could sell his stock now for $15 per share; or of the many millionaires who have made money by judicious and plucky investments in mines and mining stocks?

The secret is that people who lose money in any business, as well as mining, make a noise, while the people who make money are not advertising the fact.

Notwithstanding the many failures and ill-advised investments, statistics prove that there is more money made in a given time in the mining business than in any other in which man is engaged. But speculators should remember that mining, when legitimately carried on, is a business, not a gamble, and should be investigated as any other business would be. "Be sure you are right, then go ahead," may be applied to mining with a great deal of meaning and force.—The Engineering and Mining Journal.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To THOMAS M. RAE, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the Royal Five, Lake View, and Jessie mineral claims, situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

YOU are hereby notified that we have expended $[illegible] in labor, improvements and survey, upon the above named mineral claims, under the provisions of the Mineral Act, 1896, within ninety days from the date of this notice, you failed or refused to contribute your proportion of the above-mentioned sum, which is now due and payable, and your interest in the said claims will become the property of the undersigned under section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1903.

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Samuel Hawkins Napier, who found what is said to have been the largest nugget of gold ever mined, is dead. He died alone, except for the companionship of a faithful dog, 200 miles from any human habitation, in the wilds of the Gatinea river, Canada. He was a Canadian, born in New Brunswick. He was the discoverer of the largest gold nugget ever found in the world, the famous "Welcome Nugget", found in the Ballarat camp by Mr. Napier and his partners, who went from Canada to Australia at the time of the Australian gold excitement in 1852. The nugget weighed 2,195 ounces, nearly 183 pounds, and contained only a small quantity of gangue. The nugget was placed on exhibition at the first Crystal Palace Exposition in 1853, and the owners took in thousands of pounds from curious sight-seers. After the exposition the nugget was bought by the Bank of England for £8376, 10s, 6d. At the time the big nugget was found the Ballarat district was overrun by bushrangers and Napier and his partners did not dare to let a hint drop of their phenomenal good fortune. They buried the big lump of gold in their tent and proceeded in their diggings as usual. Later, after declaring that their claim was valueless, the men packed the big nugget in a bullock cart and made for the coast, where they took ship for England.

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1st That we gradually abolish all taxes on the producer, shifting them on land values.

2nd. Government ownership of railroads, means of communication, and the establishment and operation by the government smelters and refineries to treat all kinds of minerals.

3rd. That the Franchise be extended to women.

4th. The abolition of property qualifications for all public offices.

5th No land or cash subsidies Lands to be held by the actual settlers, and further, that ten per cent of all lands be immediately set aside for educational puposes and the education of all children up to the age of sixteen years to be free, secular and compulsory. Text books, meals, and clothing to be supplied out of the public funds when necessary.

6th. Compulsory arbitration of labor disputes

7th Restriction of Oriental immigration by a law on the lines of the Natal Act, and such action by the government as will ensure the workingmen of this Province protection against the effects of Oriental competition and association.

8th Absolute reservation from sale or lease, of a certain part of every known coal or oil area, so that state-owned mines and wells, if necessary, may be easily possible in the future. All coal leases or grants hereafter made to contain a provision enabling the government to fix the price of coal loaded on cars or vessels for shipment to British Columbia consumers.

9th Municipalization and public control of the liquor traffic.

10th. To provide for the settlement of public questions by direct vote under the Initiative and Referendum.

11th. Election day to be a public holiday. Provision to be made that every employee shall be free from service at least four consecutive hours during polling, and the exercise of the Franchise to be made compulsory.

HOWARD THOMPSON, President.
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A few quartz mills in Toulumne and Calaveras counties, California, have been compelled to close because of water shortage. Others may have to follow.

The gold output of the Klondike this year will not exceed $10,000,000, according to W. T. Willis, of the Canadian National Bank of Dawson. Mr. Willis has been handling this gold output since 1898, and is one of the men best able to speak of prospects for the year.

On the 1,100-ft level of the Homestake mine, South Dakota, the big 500 gallon Reidler pump used to drain the mine is closed in a brick building 60 feet long, 20 feet wide and 18 feet high under the arched roof. This is said to be the largest brick structure under ground.

At a conference between the mine owners, union men and merchants of Prescott, Ariz., the operators conceded another advance, but the union men held out, stating that they would not come down a cent from their original demand. Prolongation of the strike there is expected.

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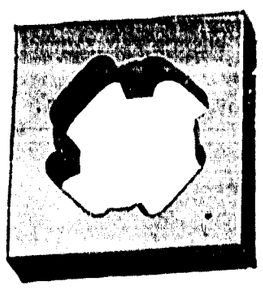

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