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MINING NEWS.

At the St. Eugene.

Moyie, August 1.—The capacity of the concentrator is double that of any other concentrator in British Columbia, 400 tons of ore is concentrated daily.

It is reported that a new strike has been made on the Moyie and Lake Shore claim, the new strike is at a point between the north and south veins, and there is ten feet of clean ore in the new ledge.

We learn that the company contemplates an addition to the concentrator of 100 tons more a day.

Bonded.

It is reported that an option has been taken on a copper property, situated on the Skookum Chuck. The amount of the bond is in the vicinity of $10,000.

Star Group.

There is a reported new strike on the Star group of mines at the head of Quartz Creek. The strike it is said adds materially to the value of the property, but little information however can be obtained regarding its extent.

Sand Creek.

Reports from the claims of McBain & Bishop are still encouraging. Word has just been received that the shaft is now down thirty feet and still in ore. John Davenport, of Spokane, who visited the property recently, says:—"If this ore body goes down it will be one of the biggest propositions in the country."

Mining as a Business.

It takes money to develop mines, and the man with money is the one we must look to. There are millions of dollars standing ready to invest in good mines but the properties must bear rigid inspection before the capitalist will jar loose. It is the commercial instinct in man which induces them to go into mining, and they go into it as they would into any other legitimate business. There is no sentiment about it. If convinced there is money in it, there is no lack of funds available. The element of chance does not enter into it to a greater degree than that of any other business.

Bonded.

We learn that the Keystone mine has been bonded to parties in eastern Canada. The Keystone is situated at the head of Maus creek, about six miles from Fort Steele. The ore is a galena carrying high values in gold and silver.

Mining Notes.

The contract on the Big Chief has been completed. It is now probable that another contract will shortly be let and the further development of the mine continued.

Work is being steadily pushed on the Dupont, and the showing which is being made is most encouraging.

A party of Fort Steele people went up, last Sunday, to see the Keystone at the head of Maus creek.

Considerable work is being done on the many claims on Luke creek this year, and so far as can be learned the development has given most encouraging results.

The work which is being done on Skookum Chuck has developed some large bodies of copper ore. It is said that there are no better showings in the district. The section is attracting considerable attention this season.

Fred Hazen and Bob Dewar have just returned from working on the Hard Scrabble claim on Alki creek, St. Mary's lake. A shaft was sunk twenty feet and a crosscut commenced at the bottom and run for seven feet. The lead is a strong one about ten feet wide, lying in one of the diorite belts characteristic of that country. The trend of the vein is northwest and southeast. The ore is a quartz carrying copper pyrites, pyrrhotite, and in some places galena.

Dan Howe is hard at work on the Howe group on the south side of the St. Mary's lake. Dan is of the opinion that he has a big thing, and judging by the smile which Dan wears these days it must be so.

On the north side of the St. Mary,s lake Curran has finished doing some development work on the Banff group. Negotiations for the sale of this group are now in progress.

British Columbia is essentially a mining country. Its agricultural area is limited in extent, but in the mountains within its borders there are vast stores of hidden wealth ready and waiting for the pick of the prospector to make it known. In all of this domain, an empire in itself, there is no more attractive section than East Kootenay, and it will not be long before its limitless resources are known to the world. East Kootenay is bound to play an important part in the development now going on all over the province.

Duke of Saxe-Coburg Dead.

Coburg, July 31.—Prince Ernest Albert, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, died at 10 o'clock last night at Bosenau Castle from paralysis of the heart. Recently at a consultation of specialists in Vienna it was discovered that there was a cancerous growth at the root of his tongue. By his sudden end he escaped a painful lingering death. During the minority of his heir, the Duke of Albany, the government of the Duchy will be conducted by the hereditary Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenberg, the guardian of the young duke.

Meeting of the Board of Trade.

There was a special meeting of the Fort Steele Board of Trade at the office of J. A. Harvey on Wednesday evening for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Second Annual Convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia.

J. A. Harvey as president of the local Board of Trade made known to those present the objects for which the meeting was called, and stated that the work of the Convention last year is bearing fruit, and that three of the measures under discussion last year were receiving attention in the provincial legislature.

The following extract from a letter from E. J. Coyle assistant passenger agent was read by the secretary: "We will be very glad to extend the usual Convention rates for this meeting, namely, fare and a third for the round trip on the certificate plan."

After a brief discussion of the matter the following delegates were elected, C. F. Hannington and W. R. Ross. They left on Thursday afternoon for Nelson.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Monday evening, in the office of Mr. Harvey, at 8 o'clock.

ADVANCE AGAINST PEKIN.

Pei-Ho River Blocked.—Thirty Thousand Allied Troops on Their Way to Pekin.

London, Aug. 1.—The Allies began the advance from Tientsin this morning, announces an agency bulletin dated at Shanghai at 11:10 a. m. today. It is assumed that the Americans, British and Japanese are taking part in this forward movement whether the other nationalities are or not.

An advance base will probably be established twenty or thirty miles nearer Pekin and supplies will be assembled preparatory to a direct stroke on the capital.

Of the sixty thousand Allies debarked at Pechili port, English military observers consider that 30,000 are available for an advance beyond Tientsin. The Chinese forces, according to the vague gatherings of the Allies' intelligence officers, up to July 27th, were disposed in a great arc thirty miles long and distant ten or fifteen miles. The number and exact location of the different divisions is utterly unknown.

Pei Ho River.

The Pei Ho river is blocked by sunken stone laden junks for twenty miles beyond Tien Tsin, and further up according to Chinese spies of the Allies, a dam has been constructed for the purpose of flooding the low lying expanse of the country. The first engagement of the relief expedition will probably be at Pei Tang, where the Viceroy Yulu personally commands.

The following information was brought to Tientsin Wednesday July 25th, by a Chinese missionary student. He was unable to deliver them and left Pekin July 18th. He saw a few troops between Pekin and Yang Tsuog. No works has been constructed. Food was scarce and the city would be quite unable to endure a siege. Among the scraps of information brought by another courier who left Pekin July 14th, was the fact that General Mea, a notable Boxer chief, had been killed by the Legationers.

Admiral Seymour has been invited by the foreign consuls to take command of the Shanghai defences.

The British Second Infantry Brigade has been ordered to debark at Hong Kong to form a flying column to serve anywhere in China.

The Chinese emperor has issued an imperial edict, ordering all loyal Chinese to protect the foreigners in the empire.

Only messages in plain language, without cipher or reference to military matters, will be delivered to the foreign ministers.

The Chinese government is detaining 600 Europeans as hostages, including the ministers and their families and the members of the legations.

China Has Declared War.

China declared war on the powers, and attacked the legations, Baron Von Ketteler, and Francis James an English professor were murdered. Over 400 non-combatants occupied the British legation. There is no doubt but that the ministers are held by the Chinese as hostages subject to the outcome of the advance on Pekin.

A Pleasure Resort.

There is everything to be said in favor of Fort Steele as a pleasure resort. THE PROSPECTOR called attention to the fact that there is no more beautiful place in America, with its magnificent mountains, charming river, beautiful lakes, and picturesque mountain streams. No section of the east can compare with it. The famous Delaware water-gap is less grand than the canyon of Wild Horse or Lost creek. The highlands of the Hudson cannot compare with many of the scenic beauties of East Kootenay. This is a favored section, and, with a completed railway through this valley, it will not be long before it will become famous and recognized by pleasure seekers as the most beautiful portion of the Dominion.

The Death of Barney Riley.

It would seem that undue haste was made in burying Barney Riley last week. The poor fellow took supper in his cabin on Tuesday night and on Wednesday was hurried into his grave, and on Thursday his effects were advertised for sale by public auction.

Barney had been a soldier of the Queen and was drawing a pension from the Imperial Government. He had fought in all lands to uphold the Empire, but when he died no notice was taken of it, and he was hurried into his grave with scant ceremony.

A number of old soldiers in this vicinity would have been glad to have honored an old comrade and have given him a decent funeral.

It is one of the most pathetic occurrences in this community.

A Band Stand.

An effort is being made to raise sufficient money to build a band stand at some point on Riverside Avenue. The members of the band will give a weekly concert if the stand is built. In most of the cities and towns of West Kootenay, where there is a band, the citizens have clubbed together and built a band stand. The cost would be but little, and the pleasure which these concerts would give will ample repay our people for the outlay.

Preparing to Retreat.

London, Aug. 1.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily Express says:

The Boers are preparing to retreat from Watervalboven. Frank Pettigrew, son of Senator Pettigrew, has arrived there and has joined Commandant General Botha's staff.

A dispatch received at the war office today from Lord Roberts materially modifies yesterday's statement of the surrender of 5000 rebels under General Prinsloo. It now appears that General Prinsloo, Villiers and Crowther surrendered with 936 men, 1432 horses, 955 rifles and a Krupp 9-pounder.

Dixon Whipped.

The one time invincible George Dixon succumed to Tommy Sullivan of Brooklyn, at Coney Island in their battle at 122 pounds. The end came as the men shaped for the seventh round, when Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's chief second, admitted the defeat of his man and claiming that his left arm was disabled, refused to permit him to continue. Sullivan was declared the victor.

King and Queen Arrived.

Rome, August 1.—King Victor Emmanuel III and Queen Helene arrived here early this morning and proceeded towards Monsea, where they will arrive this evening. The ministers met their majesties at the railway station.

CHINA SITUATION.

Wants to Stop the Advance of the Allied Army.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Paris, Aug. 2.—The French consul at Shanghai telegraphs today as follows:—

Li Hung Chang has wired to the United States consul that the ministers will be put in communication with their respective governments if the Allies arrest their march on Pekin. Li Hung Chang is yet unable to secure a reply to the message in his care to the French minister in Pekin, as the foreign office will not consent to the forwarding of cipher message to their ministers. It is asserted that the foreigners within the imperial city, and the consulate corps have decided to entrust the defence of the concession to the international forces.

London, Aug. 3.—Telegrams from Hong Kong and Shanghai indicate that the restlessness is increasing in Southern China. The German mission at Namon has been destroyed by fire, and the native city of Wa Chow is no longer safe for foreigners.

From Shanghai the Daily Express has received a confirmation of the reported murder of fifty missionaries in the province of Shansi, with the additional information that eight English women were taken out of the mission buildings and beheaded in the streets of Chow Chow. French troops are reported to have occupied Meng Nsze in the province of Yun Taw.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR NEWS.

Botha Weakening.—Wants to Communicate With Dewet.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, Aug. 3.—Commandant General Botha is weakening. He has sent a messenger to Lord Roberts for a confirmation of the report of the surrender of General Prinsloo and requesting permission to communicate with General Dewet.

Hotel Arrivals.

IMPERIAL:—D. Wilson, Kalispell; Frank Seaman, Toronto; H. Lane, Portland, Oregon; H. W. Kent, Vancouver; Leo S. Batty and wife, Moyie; Charles Estmere, Kimberley; Wm. Tarrant, Luke Creek; A. B. Fenwick, The Ranch; G. Campbell, Wm. Miles, Moyie; Paul Rookes W. S. Keay, T. R. Burns, B. Stewart, A. McVicor, G. Small, L. McDermot, Cranbrook.

WINDSOR:—O. W. Trask, Winnipeg; J. C. Nelson, Dupont; T. C. Arnold, Nelson; Jack Olsen, Dibble.

Corbett and McCoy Matched.

James J. Corbett and Kid McCoy were matched to fight before the Twentieth Century Club on the night of August 30. The men will go 25 rounds under Marquis of Queensbury rules.

Pekin In Eight Days.

London, Aug. 3.—The Allies advancing towards Pekin numbers 20,000 men, with 170 guns, they hope to reach Pekin in eight days. They are 13 miles from Tien Tsin.

It is quite within reason that the edict announcing the safety of the ministers on the 28th, is correct.

It is now beyond doubt that the frequent ascertions by the Chinese, that for a month past the legations have been enjoying the protection of the throne, are, one and all, false.

Fire at Ymir.

Ymir, Aug. 1.—There is great danger from the forest fire this morning. A strong wind is blowing. The Dundee mill is cut off and a party are trying to reach a ton of powder at the Dundee mine. The Ymir mill is threatened.

Fire at Nelson.

Nelson, August 1.—A disasterous fire occurred this afternoon in the lumber yards of the Nelson Saw & Plaining Mill. The cause of the fire is unknown.

A Triple Murder.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Tete de Boule, an Indian, it is alleged killed all his relatives, his uncle, his children and his wife. The murder was committed at Lake la Barriere. The murderer has not been arrested.

SHOT AT THE SHAH.

Pistol at His Breast.—He Strikes the Assassin With a Cane.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Paris, Aug. 2.—M. Useaffar Ed Din, Shah of Persia, who has been a visitor to the exhibition since Saturday, as the guest of France, narrowly escaped an assassins bullet this morning. A pistol was pointed at his breast but the monarch struck this would-be assassin on the head with a heavy cane. Only five minutes before the attempted murder the Shah was the recipent of a letter which warned him that his life was in danger. The would-be assassin is an Italian and was promptly arrested.

Czar's Turn Next.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Rome, Aug. 3.—The regicide, Bressi, still maintains his excited demeanor and has to be dressed forcibly. Today he exclaimed to a warder that it would be the Czar's turn next.

Sullivan Stocks.

Sullivan stocks are again advancing, the latest quotations being 13c asked with 12c bid. This is nothing more than was expected. There could be no question of its advance, it has been lower than the development of the property warranted. From this on a steady advance may be expected.

Telegraph Brevities.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Winnipeg, Aug. 3.—The strike in the cotton mills at Mago, Que., has ended.

The Peace Congress, now in session at Paris, had a warm discussion on the war in the Transvaal.

Over $6,000,000 of Klondyke gold reached the Seattle mint in July.

Major Beddor's force of 400 men had heavy fighting against an army of 4,000 Ashantis. His losses were heavy but the enemy were defeated.

From Kimberley.

Kimberley City, Aug. 2.—A large force of men arrived in town on Wednesday to commence work on the new C. P. R. station.

The new water works system will be in operation in the course of a few months.

The new compressor for the Sullivan mines is nearly ready to start up. with its installation the output of the mine will be largely increased.

Ore at the rate of one hundred tons daily still continues to come down from the North Star. This output could be largely increased if cars enough to haul the product could be obtained.

Do not forget the Board of Trade meeting on Monday evening. Business of importance to the whole community will be transacted.

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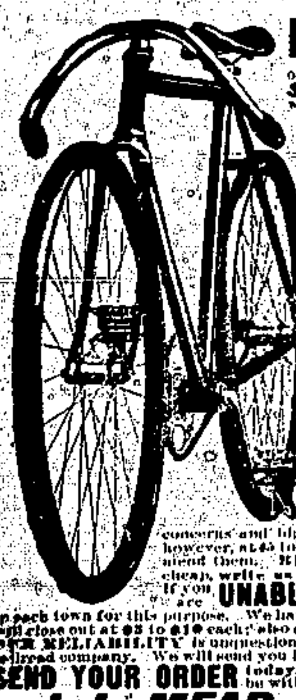

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NOTICE.

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N. A. WALLINGER.

Fort Steele, B. C., June 27, 1900.

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WILLIAM P. HENRY.

Fort Steele, B. C., June 27, 1900.

NOTICE.

Sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in South East Kootenay: Commencing at the south west corner where I have planted the initial post 20 chains east from the north west corner of Lot 780, Group 1, Kootenay District; thence east 80 chains; thence north 20 chains more or less to the south line of Chapman's pre-emption; thence west along said south line to Chapman's south west corner; thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains; thence south 40 chains to place of beginning. Containing 245 acres more or less.

C. F. HANNINGTON.

Fort Steele, B. C., June 27, 1900.

NOTICE.

I intend sixty days from date to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in South East Kootenay: Commencing at the north east corner of McInnes purchase; thence south 60 chains to north line of Lot 39, Group 1; thence east 80 chains to east line of Lot 310, Group 1; thence north 20 chains to south line of Lot 780, Group 1; thence west along said south line to south west corner of said Lot 780; thence north 40 chains; thence west 20 chains more or less to place of beginning. Containing 235 acres more or less.

J. A. HARVEY.

Fort Steele, B. C., June 27, 1900.

NOTICE.

Sixty days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in South East Kootenay: Commencing at the north east corner of Lot 807, Group 1, Kootenay, thence east 80 chains; thence north 40 chains run to Wild Horse creek thence west along Wild Horse creek to place of beginning. Containing three hundred acres more or less.

W. R. ROSS.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C., June 27, 1900.

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M. A. BEALE.

Fort Steele, B. C., June 27, 1900.

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THE PROSPECTOR.

WATER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made under Part II. of "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," to record the right to take, divert, convey, and use water in the East Kootenay District, for ordinary, domestic and agricultural purposes:

(*a*) The name of the applicant is the Indian Department per R. L. T. Galbraith.

(*b*) The name of the lake, stream or source is (*if unnamed the description is*) Phillips creek.

(*c*) The point of diversion or intended ditch head is at or near the Boundary fence on Mr. Phillips Lot 289.

The point where it is to be returned is at the International Boundary.

The difference in altitude between the point of diversion and the point where it is to be returned is about six foot.

(*d*) The means by which it is intended to store and divert the water is by an ordinary irrigation ditch and flume to be constructed over part of Lot 289 and the Indian Reserve.

(*e*) The number of inches applied for is One Hundred.

(*f*) The water is required for domestic and irrigation purposes.

(*g*) The land or mine on which the water is to be used is the Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve.

(*h*) This notice was published on the 28th day of June, 1900, and application will be made to the Commissioner on the 30th day of July, 1900.

(*Signature*) R. L. T. GALBRAITH,
Indian Agent.

(*P. O. Address*) Fort Steele, B. C. 25

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(*a*.) The name of the applicant is the Indian Department per R. L. T. Galbraith, Agent.

(*b*.) The name of the lake, stream or source is (*if unnamed, the description is*) a small stream rising on Lot [illegible], Group 1, East Kootenay District.

(*c*.) The point of diversion or intended ditch head is near the South East Corner of Lot 487 (M. Phillipps Land).

(*d*.) The means by which it is intended to store and divert the water is by an ordinary irrigation ditch and flume to be constructed over part of Lot 487, Group 1, East Kootenay District, the property of M. Phillipps.

(*e*.) The number of inches applied for is six (6).

(*f*.) The water is required for domestic and irrigation purposes.

(*g*.) The land on which the water is to be used is on the Indian Reserve of the Tobacco Plains Band.

(*h*.) This notice was first published on the 16th day of June, 1900, and application will be made to the Commissioner on the 24th day of July, 1900.

(*Signature*) R. L. T. GALBRAITH,
Indian Agent.

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Thirty-six years ago, in the wild and rugged mountains of South East Kootenay, on Wild Horse creek, one of the largest tributaries of the Kootenay river, five thousand gold hunters gathered in search of the precious metal. From the placer fields of Wild Horse creek $25,000,000 in gold dust and nuggets were taken, and since that time every year gold in paying quantities has been taken from the gravel found in that old camp. The eager gold hunters, seeking new fields, were scattered afar, and but a few of the old-time pioneers remained to tell of the days of gold in South East Kootenay.

In the early days of the '60s the pioneers and prospectors of the northwest were gradually drifting north in search of new gold fields. In 1863 some half breeds, by the name of Finlay discovered gold on what is now known as Finlay creek, late in the fall of that year they returned to Frenchtown in Montana. They took out gold to the value of $1,000, the greater part of which was sold to a Hudson Bay trader by the name of Linkletter who was located at Tobacco Plains. They wintered at Frenchtown.

Early in March 1864 they returned to Finlay creek, but it had become known that they had struck rich diggings, and other parties were on their trail, bound for the new Eldorado. Among the first were a party of five who came in from Walla Walla by the way of Joseph's Prairie. Pat Cuddy, Curley Carroll, James Smith, Lem. Harris and Bob Dore comprised the outfit. Cuddy, Smith and Carrol went to Finlay creek, Harris and Dore went up Wild Horse creek. Bob Dore found the first pay, and located the discovery claim, calling it the Dore, then followed the Cuddy, French, Fisher and other claims. The claims were all rich and as much as $7,000 was taken out of the Dore claim in a single day. The Dore averaged $3,500 per day for some months, $521,750 was taken from the Dore in two years. Other claims were also very rich, but it is impossible to tell how much gold was taken from Wild Horse creek. The government statistics show that $...000,000 has been accounted for, yet it is a positive fact, that this is not all, as the larger number of the miners were from the United States, and as the government had placed a tax of 50 cents per ounce upon all gold taken out, a large amount was smuggled across the line, which is not accounted for, it is estimated that from $12,000,000 to $...00,000 went out of the country in this way.

The principal diggings were just above the mouth of what is now called Brewery creek. At this point the explorers ran across a fine black cayuse stud, which gave rise to the original name "Stud Horse Creek", which, with the consent of the miners, was changed to Wild Horse creek a few years later by Gold Commissioner P. O'Reilly. During the year 1864 there were in the neighborhood of 3,000 men on Wild Horse, and about ... on Finlay creek. The Wild Horse diggings payed from $20 ... a day to the man. Finlay creek turning out a failure, about ... was there was a stampede ... the Columbia to the Spillimacheen, caused by a false report on the part of some miners. The greater part of the miners left the country late in the fall, but about 800 men wintered in the district during the winter of 1864.

In the spring of 1865 provisions became very scarce, flour was $1.25 per pound, Tobacco $15 per pound, and other things in proportion, no beef was to be had, in fact more than half the people were forced to hunting and fishing, to enable them to live. Late in the spring about 100 sheep came in over the Montana trail, and sold for 50c a pound. It was not until the end of May that supplies arrived from the Flathead mission.

The year 1865 was very prosperous, there must have been from 5,000 to 8,000 men in the district, and Wild Horse creek in that year paid better than any creek or gulch in California, during its palmy days of 1848-49-50.

Hundreds of men made $3,000 to $5,000 in a few months, some as high as $20,000. The Fisher Co., with six partners, about $100,000, the Dore Co., $150,000, Rose & Co., $75,000, Griffith Co., $50,000, while dozens of small companies made their thousands. Hundreds of nuggets were taken out that ranged from 10 to 18ozs. eight and 10 ounce pieces were common. The largest nugget was found by the Reynolds Co., weighing 36 ozs. It is estimated that over $5,000,000 in gold dust was taken out during this season, most of it going to Montana and Walla Walla.

Large sums were expended in the construction of ditches, the Victoria ditch cost $50,000, the town ditch $150,000, Stone & Co's. ditch $15,000, Dawson & Co's. ditch $12,000, all completed this year. At this time the camp was in a most flourishing condition, with fully 5,000 miners working on the creek, besides large numbers of prospectors in the gulches and creeks tributary to Wild Horse.

It is estimated by old timers and officials that over $20,000,000 was taken out during the three or four years following its discovery, and since that time the yearly output has been from $20,000 to $50,000 yearly.

The subsequent history of Wild Horse creek for a number years is substantially that of the sudden rise, and subsequent slow decline in importance as a gold placer camp. In the last eight years placer mining has improved to a great extent, there are now several large companies actively engaged in hydraulic mining, and the coming season promises to be one of great importance to this district, both in quartz and placer mining. Over 250 quartz locations have been made on Wild Horse creek and its tributaries, many extensive leads have been discovered and are being developed, the country is rich in gold, silver, copper and lead, and the future may show that the palmy days of Wild Horse creek are not passed and gone, but the contrary, yet to come.

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CHINA.

The area of China is 4,218,401 English miles. Of this vast territory only 336,481 miles belongs to China proper, the remainder being dependiencies of Manchuria, Mongolia, Thibet, Jungaria and East Turkestan. Notwithstanding the relatively small size of China proper, it contains the bulk of the population, having 386,000,000 inhabitants out of a total population of 402,680,000.

The present emperor of China belongs to the Manchu dynasty which overthrew the native dynasty of Ming in the year 1644.

Pekin, or Peking, the capital of the Chinese empire, stands on the northern extremity of the great alluvial delta which extends southward from its walls for 700 miles. For the last nine centuries Pekin has remained an imperial city. Its population is about 1,000,000. The modern city consists of two parts Tartar city, and the outer or Chinese city. The Purple or "Forbidden City, the central portion of which forms the Imperial Palace, is in the southern division of Pekin. Among the striking features of the city are the Drum and Bell towers. The great bell is one of the largest in existence, weighs 120,000 pounds, is fourteen feet high, 34 feet in circumference, and nine inches thick, it is struck by a wooden beam, and only at night.

The altars of the sun and moon and those of the earth and agriculture are situated in the Chinese city.

Legationers as Hostages.

The New York World publishes a statement by Sheridan P. Reed, ex-consul at Tientsin, in which he says:—

"When the allied relief forces reach Pekin I think they may find the capital deserted by the court and the envoys gone. It is not unlikely that the empress, and possibly the emperor, have fled with their court under the escort of Manchu banner men from Pekin to Sinan Fu, taking with them the ministers at least as hostages and leaving the other foreigners in Pekin to a horrible fate. If the ministers are being held as hostages and are being removed to the remote inland city of Sinan Fu, a place more difficult to reach, it is necessary that the Chinese should put forth all their finesse and cunning to conceal this move until they are safe across mountains.

"Sinan Fu was the capital of China in ancient times. It is situated on the so-called 'Marco polo' road. The only way it could be reached would be by the way of the Yang Tse from Hankow up the Han river and Tan river valleys. This would be the most herculean task. Sinan Fu is larger and cleaner than Pekin. Like all Chinese cities it is massively walled."

CAN'T STAND THE HEAT

Martin Will Leave the Green Fields of British Columbia for the Frozen North.

Intimate friends of Joe Martin in Victoria declare that Martin has arranged to leave British Columbia at the close of the present session to practice law in Dawson, and run for the Dominion House when the Yukon is given representation. Smith-Curtis is expected to take his place as leader of the Opposition in the Legislature.

It is evident from the above that the climate of British Columbia is to torrid for "Fighting Joe", and that the only place where his heated political blood can be reduced to a normal temperature, is among the glaciers in the frozen north. It would be a grand sight to see Joe, posing as the "Ice King" with a glacier for a throne, and the north pole as his scepter.

Flume for the St. Eugene.

The St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Co. have still more improvements in view. Work was commenced this week on a four-mile flume which will be built from Sunday creek to connect with the flume recently built from Bridge creek. The new flume will furnish more water it is claimed than the one from Bridge creek and the one from Bark Shanty creek together at the present time. This work will give employment to at least 75 men.—Moyie Leader.

Wants to Surrender.

A special dispatch from Cape Town says:—"General Christian Dewett has offered to surrender on condition that his followers be permitted to return to their homes unmolested. Lord Roberts has refused anything except unconditional surrender."

Lord Roberts says:—"Broadwood is still watching General Dewett, who has taken up a position on the high hills near Reitzburg, about seven miles south of the Vaal.

"P. Dewett, a younger brother of Christian, surrendered at Kroonstad yesterday."

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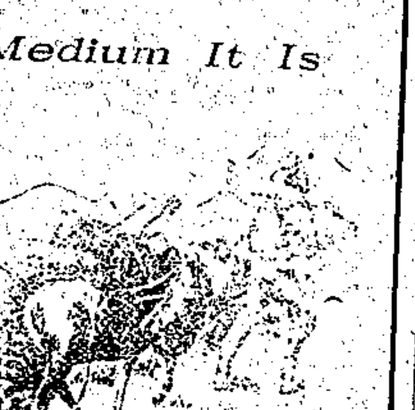

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1900.

MINING development in the Fort Steele district will be increased a hundred fold with the knowledge that railway will be constructed through the Kootenay valley north and south. It means more to the town of Fort Steele than any other event which could happen. With the development of the mines on the east side of the valley to a producing point Fort Steele will go ahead faster than was ever dreamed of. The development of mines means the installation of machinery, and a large increase of population, large mercantile establishments and other industries which follow in the wake of active mining.

Not only will Fort Steele feel the stimulating effects of a railway, but the entire Kootenay valley from Elk river to Golden will forge ahead at a rapid rate. There is not a mile along this valley where mineral is not found, and the properties which in a short time can be placed on a shipping basis, and which give every reason to believe may become shipping mines will furnish an enormous tonnage before many years.

Fort Steele is all right, its tributary mines are all right, in fact there is nothing now to prevent its going ahead and occupying the position which it has long held, and justly entitled to, the banner mining town of South East Kootenay.

There is any amount of gold and silver in the mountains of South East Kootenay.

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There will be, as we certainly believe, a large number of mining men in the district this fall seeking mining properties.

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Every day is proving more and more the value of our mines, and the many companies that have acquired properties and are developing them, are more than satisfied that a rich reward will be the result of their investments.

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All eyes are now turned upon China. The condition of affairs is exciting much apprehension, later reports indicate that the ministers are being held as hostages. It is to be hoped that the allied forces will soon commence actual operations in a line that will remove all doubts concerning the legations.

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The meetings of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia must be productive of much good. In union there is strength, and the combined efforts of the Boards of Trade will have its effect in the legislative assembly. In the past Eastern British Columbia has had but scant consideration at the hands of our legislators, but now the people, backed by a strong organization, can speak with no uncertain sound and demands for proper recognition will not fall on deaf ears.

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The hot weather is causing the shingles and boards on the houses to get as dry as an old sermon, and as a result more likely to catch fire. The fire brigade should have a practise and ascertain how quickly they can stretch the hose from the hydrant opposite the Steele House to the Windsor or so far as the hose will reach. The boys will, no doubt, enjoy the run.

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A recent dispatch says: That the Sultan of Turkey is much shocked at the barbareties of the boxers. The dispatch fails to say how he regarded the Armenian outrages.

Sixteen to One.

Now that the adoption of the silver plank into the Bryan platform brings the silver question once more into the domain of live political issues it is well to remember exactly what the ratio of 16 to 1 means. A gold dollar weighs 25.8 grains, of which 23.22 grains are pure gold, the remainder being alloy. A silver dollar weighs 412.5 grains of which 9.10, or 371.25 grains are pure silver, the remainder being alloy. Thus the pure silver in a silver dollar weighs about sixteen times as much as the pure gold in a gold dollar, and this is the meaning of "16 to 1." The proposal to adopt the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 is a proposal that any owner of silver bullion shall be authorized by law to take it to a United States mint and have coined and returned to him one dollar for each 371.25 grains of silver, this dollar being the legal tender for the payment of all debts, public or private. The silver in such a dollar (and the dollar itself under free coinage) would be worth, at the present price of silver not far from fifty cents in gold.

News Notes.

The burial grounds of the Ming dynasty are of great interest. The Holy Road is the most interesting feature of the burial grounds. It is lined on both sides with Colossal monolithic statues standing about 200 yards apart. There are thirty-six statues of which twenty-four represent animals and twelve high dignitaries. The statues are by no means crude. The statues are made without pedestals and disposed in groups of four each: four lions, four ramas, then camels, elephants, horses and chimeras. In each group two animals are shown standing and the others lying down.

Red Hot From the Drum

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Norwich, Mich., in the Civil War. Piso's Cure is. Cures that [illegible] 25 years. Piso's Cure for Coughs, Colds, Throat and Lung Troubles. Burns, Boils, [illegible] Eruptions. Best [illegible] Guaranteed. Sold [illegible] Druggist.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1900.

King Humbert Assassinated.

Rome, July 30.—His Majesty King Humbert was assassinated last night at 10:30, at Monsea, near Milan, and died at 11:30 p. m. The murderer is Angelo Bressi, a native of Prato, in Tuscany.

The King had been attending a distribution of prizes in connection with a gymnastic competition. He had just entered with his aide de camp, amid the cheers of the crowd when he was struck by three revolver shots fired in quick succession. One pierced the heart of His Majesty, who fell back and expired in a few minutes. The assassin was immediately arrested and was with some difficulty saved from the fury of the people.

The terrible news did not reach here until after midnight. The Premier at once called a Cabinet meeting and made preparations to go to Monsea. The Crown Prince and Princess are on board the royal yacht Vela, making a cruise in the Levant and were at once telegraphed the sad intelligence.

HEALTHFUL BAKING POWDERS

The Government Report Shows But Two Sold in this Province.

The report of the Inland Revenue Department on the baking powders sold in Canada gives but two cream of tartar baking powders found on sale in the entire provinces of Manitoba, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, viz., Dr. Price's and Royal. All baking powders found on sale, collected and analyzed, except these two, were made from alum, and are condemned as unhealthful.

With regard to these cream of tartar baking powders, the report says their wholesomeness may be taken as well established. The use of cream of tartar with bicarbonate of soda long antedates the commercial baking powder. These ingredients act in a perfectly definite way, so that the manufacturers of these powders are able to guarantee a mixture which contains no excess of either, and which is absolutely pure and healthful.

It is quite otherwise, the report says, with burnt alum. Owing to the difficult solubility of of the alum, five per cent or more of it goes unchanged into the bread. The interaction of the alum and the soda is completed in the stomach of the consumer. A disturbance of gastric digestion is inevitable and cannot but prove harmful.

Hence, the Department considers cream of tartar baking powders the only ones proper for use or healthful, while it emphatically condemns alum and alum phosphate powders.

The analyst takes up and refutes the claim of the alum powder makers that the alum in their powder is resolved into a neutral substance when the bread is baked. The residuum the alum powders leave in the bread—composed, the analyst shows, largely of alum, a mineral poison—cannot be conceived, he says, under continuous use, to be without injurious consequences upon the stomach.

Five Thousand Boers Surrender.

Capetown, July 30.—General Prinsloo, with 5000 men has surrendered unconditionally to the British.

London, July 30.—The following official dispatch was received today from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, July 30.—On July 26 General Macdonald fought a rear guard action with the enemy from early dawn until dark, within nine miles of Nanpoort, in the Bethlehem hills, resulting in his effectually blocking Naupoort Nek to the Boer wagons.

"Hunter reports that the enemy twice checked his advance by holding strong positions on two neks, one of which was taken before dark by the Scots, the Royal Irish, the Wiltshires and the Leinster regiments. Our casualities were only five or six. The second nek was taken during the night by the Scots and Guards without opposition, the enemy retiring closely to Naupoort.

"Prisoners taken stated that 1200 burghers would surrender if guaranteed that they would be treated as prisoners of war and not as rebels. To this I had assented. As a result of these operations General Prinsloo, commanding the Boers, asked under a flag of truce to General Hunter this morning, a four days armistice for peace negotiations. General Hunter replied that the only terms which he could accept were unconditional surrender and until these were complied with hostilities could not cease. I expressed my approval and told Hunter on no account to enter into negotiations.

"As I am writing a telegram has come from Hunter saying that Prinsloo had written a second letter expressing willingness to hand over himself with his men, rifles, ammunition and over firearms upon condition that the horses, saddles, bridles and other possessions of the burghers be guaranteed them and they be free to return to their homes. I replied that the surrender must be absolutely unconditional, that all rifles, ammunition, horses and other possessions must be given up and that the burghers be considered prisoners of war. I added that Prinsloo's overtures will not be allowed in any way to interfere with Hunter's operations, which must be continued until the enemy is defeated or has surrendered."

A later dispatch from General Roberts, dated July 29th, confirms the surrender of Prinsloo with 5,000 Boers.

NEWS FROM CHINA.

Immediate Advance on Pekin.—Chinese and Russians Fighting.

London, July 31.—In the House of Commons today, Parliamentary Secretary Broderick announced the receipt of a dispatch from General Sir Alfred Gaselee, commanding the British forces in China, stating that he contemplated an immediate advance on Pekin and he hoped to have the co-operation of the allied forces.

Telegrams from Shanghai reiterate that the Empress left Pekin three weeks ago and that she will proclaim Si Ngang Fu the capital when Pekin falls. The Chinese nevertheless profess confidence that the jealousies of the powers will prevent them reaching the capital, scoff at the idea of a punitive force and brag of their ability ultimately to recover all the leased territory and compel a revision of the treaties to their advantage.

Japanese sources report that the Russians captured the forts at New Chwang, Thursday, July 26th. According to a Che Foo despatch Admiral Alexieff has returned to Port Arthur.

Shanghai, July 31.—A dispatch says that the Japanese have news that 10,000 Chinese are attacking New Chwang with 4,000 Russians opposing them. The Japanese minister has forwarded a letter to Tientsin stating that the casualities at the Japanese legation at Pekin were Captain Ando, Attache Dojima, and five marines killed and Secretary Narahara wounded

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NOTICE.

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AL. DOYLE.

Dated 18th July, 1900. 30-

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

(FORM F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

ROWAN MINERAL CLAIM.

Situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of South East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Huckleberry Hill, near Mark creek.

Take notice that I, Neil McLeod Curran (Agent for D.D. Mann, Free Miner's Certificate No B 8854), Free Miner's Certificate No B 31,553 intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

Dated this 24th day of July, 1900.

NEIL McLEOD CURRAN, Agent.

NOTICE.

DAFFODIL MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located: On Huckleberry Hill, near Mark creek.

Take notice that I, Neil McLeod Curran (Agent for the North Star Mining Company, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No B 31,570) Free Miner's Certificate No B 31,552, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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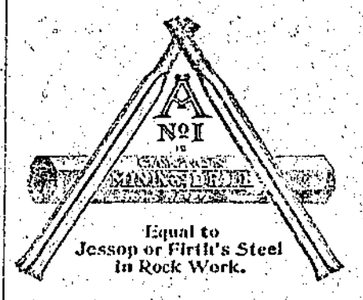

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1900.

Fort Steele Mining Division.

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Gold, silver, lead, copper and coal are the principal products of South East Kootenay. The district extends 250 miles north of the international boundary line, and lies between the main range of the Rocky Mountains on the east, and the Selkirks on the west.

Fort Steele has long been the acknowledged center of the district, being located within easy reach of all the camps.

One of the greatest coal deposits in the world is at Fernie, and since the railroad has been completed, the output has averaged 1,000 tons daily. The company has 250 bee-hive coke ovens, and plans the erection of a large number. It is developing twelve seams of coal, and the amount in sight is estimated to run away into the millions of tons.

QUARTZ MINING.

Mining in the Fort Steele district did not die with the decline of the placers. After several years of inactivity, the district is again taking on new life and is stirring with a mighty impulse which will have no ephemerial existence as the placer boom of 1864.

The Crow's Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific railway now cuts this richly mineralized portion of the Fort Steele district from east to west. Its coming has given the country an impetus it has never had before. Branch lines are now being constructed, one completed, and a number of mines are sending ore to the smelters.

The first quartz location in the district was recorded in 1888, since then over 2,000 locations have been recorded, and the yearly assessment work done amounts to about $10,000, but this is not the total of the development work in the district, it is estimated that over $1,000,000 has been expended on the shipping mines of the district.

SHIPPING MINES.

The North Star group of mines on what is known as Huckleberry mountain comprises some ten or twelve silver-lead claims. The mine has been a shipper for several years, sending its ore down the Kootenay river by boat to Jennings, Mont., thence by rail to Great Falls. Since the construction of the railway, the daily output of the mine is from 100 to 125 tons daily.

About two miles in a northeasterly direction from the North Star is the Sullivan group consisting of three silver-lead claims, and it is now shipping from 25 to 50 tons of ore daily. This group of claims has even a more remarkable ore body than the North Star. A ledge of clean galena has been opened, and no one is yet able to say what the exact width of the vein is.

The St. Eugene group on the shores of Lake Moyie, owned by the St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Company, consists of twelve claims. Shipments began in the spring of 1899, and the company has erected a 350-ton concentrator, and put in a large air compressor. The output is from 60 to 70 tons daily.

The output of the North Star and Sullivan groups for the month of June, 1900, was 2,600 tons. The St. Eugene group in the same month put out 1800 tons.

Shipping ore in the Fort Steele district is of such recent date that comparisons with other districts are not out of place.

The Kaslo district of West Kootenay in the month of June, 1900, had an output 4,573,000 pounds. The Fort Steele district in the same month put out 8,173,000, or 3,600,000 pounds more than the Kaslo district.

Is not the Fort Steele district with this enormous output worthy of attention from outside investors?

It is not improbable that the output of the mines of South East Kootenay will be increased over 75 per cent before the close of the year.

On the east side of the Kootenay river, in the main range of the Rocky Mountains, within a radius of twelve miles of Fort, Steele there are a number of mines that can become shippers and producers within a short time, large quantities of high-grade shipping ore are on the dumps. We might mention the Estella, Chickamon Stone, Old Abe, Dibble, Burton, Empire, Blue Grouse, and fifty others that have from 100 to 500 tons of ore on the dump.

There are a number of free-gold propositions in the district, sufficiently developed to place machinery on the properties. On Wild Horse creek, the Big Chief, Dupont, Golden Five, Bald Mountain, Doherty, Kootenay King and a number of others.

On Perry creek the Kootenay River Mining Company have five claims, the Shakespeare, New York Jewelry Shop, London Treasury Box, and the Hawkins group are in condition to put in stamps.

Large bodies of copper ore are found in the St. Mary's country, but transportation is needed to bring the mines of this portion of the district in touch with reduction works.

In conclusion we might say, that during a period of twenty years in mining camps, in Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana and Idaho, we have never seen such surface indications, large veins, so much ore blocked out in partially developed mines, as is now seen in the Fort Steele Mining Division of South East Kootenay.

Mated for Life.

The following account of the Farrell-Spencer wedding is taken from the Lowell Sun, of Lowell, Mass.

"The marriage of Mr. John P. Farrell of Moyie, East Kootenay, B. C. and Miss Sadie Spencer of this city took place Wednesday at the Sacred Heart church."

The Moyie Leader says:—Mr. Farrell and his bride reached Moyie last Sunday, and they are now making their home in the Half-Moon addition to Moyie. The Leader joins with the people of Moyie in extending congratulations.

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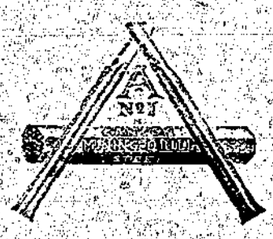

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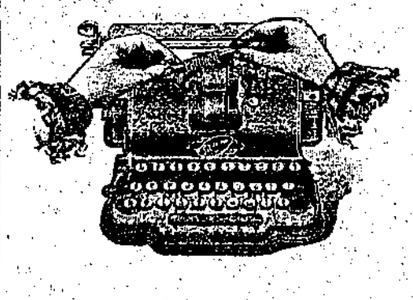

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1900.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

An excursion, organized under the auspices of the Boards of Trade of Montreal, Quebec and Toronto, is being planned to visit British Columbia.

We have on file for reference by our readers the latest price circular of the McMillan Fur & Wool Co., Minneapolis, Minn., dated May 14th. Their advertisement will be found in another column, and we take pleasure in recommending any parties who have goods in their line to ship to them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Elton and their infant son returned to Fort Steele on Tuesday last.

N. A. Wallinger returned from Cranbrook on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. McKinstry are to be congratulated upon the advent of a daughter.

In order to get rid of the army worm, it is only necessary to catch the worm and sprinkle him liberally with paris green, farmers who have tried this remedy say it works to a charm.

It is rumored that a telephone exchange will shortly be established at Fort Steele. H. W. Kent of Vancouver was in town on Monday looking over the field.

In order to get the best effect of advertising, try THE PROSPECTOR.

If you have a claim which you desire to sell give THE PROSPECTOR all the information you may have, it reaches mining men from Cape Nome to South Africa.

J. A. Harvey returned from a trip to the coast a few days ago.

Dr. and Mrs. Corsan accompanied by their children went to Tracy on Monday.

Dr. Harry Lane of Portland, Oregon, was registered at the Imperial on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwell returned to Kimberley on Wednesday.

Miss Hannington accompanied her father to Nelson on Thursday.

Miss Condon of Wild Horse was in town on Wednesday the guest of Mrs. Charles Clark.

Andy Devlin, who has been a frequent visitor to Fort Steele, writes to a friend that in the Coeur d Alene country there is great mining activity. The town of Wardner has a population of 4,000 and was never more prosperous than at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elwell arrived from Kimberley on Tuesday evening returning on Wednesday.

H. W. Kent representing the big telephone combination of British Columbia was in town on Monday last.

THE PROSPECTOR received a war poem during the week written by an old subscriber, who by the way has not paid his subscription for five years. The poem has much to commend it. The principal objection to its publication is that loss is made rhyme with horse. We draw the line at that and consigned the poem to the waste paper basket.

Charles Estmere, the Kimberley hustler, was in town on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Joe Martin is going north to try issues with the frost king.

What has become of the Fort Steele Board of Trade?

The Hotel Imperial was lighted throughout with acetylene gas on Tuesday evening.

R. O. Jennings and Ed. Mahon went to Windermere on Thursday.

Don McKay came down from the Carbonate and John Bull groups of mines on Tuesday evening.

The army worm is getting in its deadly work, one citizen says he took 48 of the pests from one cabbage plant.

A Missouri editor, in reply to the question, "Do hogs pay?" says, "a great many do not. They will take the paper for several years and then some day the paper will be sent back marked refused."

The secretary of the Fort Steele Athletic Association will call a meeting of the members in a few days to discuss important matters of business.

W. S. Keay of Cranbrook was in town on Wednesday.

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FRASER-HENDERSON.

A Pretty Wedding at St. John's Church.

The wedding of Miss Annie Fraser and Hugh Deacon Henderson was solemnized at the church of St. John the Divine on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. C. A. Procunier the vicar officiating.

The wedding party entered the church to the strains of the wedding march. The bride was unattended while Mr. Henderson was accompanied by M. A. Beale. Arthur Fenwick on behalf of Miss Frasers parents gave the bride away. The simple and impressive service of the Church of England united the happy pair.

It is needless to say that the bride was charming, she was attired in a gown of white cordid silk cut low, the front filled in with white chiffon the yoke trimmed with white duchess lace a hat of white chiffon with white rosettes and white osprey. She carried in her hand a prayer book with white covers and ribbons.

The church was prettily decorated with flowers, the edifice was filled with friends of the bride and groom.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hotel Imperial and after which a wedding lunch was served in the spacious dining room. Manager Reineman excelled himself in its preparation, the seating capacity of the dining room was taxed to its uttermost. The bride and groom were the recipients of the good wishes of those present.

After the lunch the happy couple drove to the house which the groom had prepared for the bride.

The presents were numerous and costly and were from friends in England and in this country.

The wedding will long be remembered in Fort Steele society.

On Tuesday evening the members of the Kootenay Club tendered a reception to their president Col. H. D. Henderson, who was to become a benedick the following day. Chief among the exercises was the presentation of a silver ice pitcher. The presentation was made on behalf of the club by W. R. Ross, and the gift was acknowledged by the Colonel in a few appropriate remarks. The affair was a most successful one.

HELD AS HOSTAGES.

Ministers at Pekin Held to Secure Favorable Terms.

London, July 30.—At last the British government is convinced that the ministers at Pekin are safe. Brussels, Berlin and Washington advices were regarded with a certain amount of doubt, but once the British consul at Tientsin confirmed them all doubts vanished.

The feeling of relief and gladness shown by officials who have read the dispatches is very marked. In the same breath they express their delight, they say this afternoon's dispatch may be regarded as a vindication of United States Secretary of State, Colonel John Hay.

London, July 30.—Shanghai dispatches to the Daily Mail say that Li Hung Chang was questioned yesterday. He declares that the Emperor, Empress Dowager and foreign ministers are all safe, but he has no more compunction than befits an Oriental for the condition of women and children in Pekin. He is unable to explain why, if the ministers are safe, he cannot produce such proofs as would satisfy the powers, but he strongly favors holding the ministers as hostages so as to secure favorable terms for the rebel government and the Empress Dowager. He does not see that holding the envoys as hostages would be a less crime than killing them. It is obvious now that the object of Li Hung Chang's visit to Shanghai was to sow discord among the allies through the consuls, but as yet he has not met with success.

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Ottawa, Ont., July 31.—It is announced here officially that Colonel Herchmer has been superannuated and Major Perry has been appointed his successor as Commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police.

St. John's Church of England.

Divine service will be held in St. John's church at 7.30. Stranigers welcome.

Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All the children invited.

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Rev. D. McK. Reid, B. A. will preach in the Presbyterian Church tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

The Shah in Danger.

Paris, July 30.—It was rumored this afternoon that an attempt had been made against the life of the Shah of Persia. Investigation proved that while the Shah was visiting the exposition this morning a member of his suite noticed near him a rough looking Persian carrying, as customary, poniards in his belt. On account of his suspicious actions this individual was arrested.

Confidence in the Future.

In the Lords, the Earl of Wemyss asked whether the premier had received information "confirming the view of one of our military attaches to the effect that it was all important that England should be entirely unassailable by November next, and whether he had satisfied himself our means of defence were such as to render all attempts at invasion futile."

Salisbury demanded the name of such attache.

Wemyss—I cannot give it.

Salisbury—Then you have no right to quote him.

Wemyss—You have no right to ask it.

Salisbury, with some warmth, said Wemyss' inability to quote the name was evidence that the story was a pure invention. He said that he had never heard that it was important that England should be unassailable by November. He understood a number of shooting stars might be apprehended in November. If his Albert Hall speech were read in its entirety, it would be seen he had not pointed to any immediate danger. He believed the defences were quite adequate and had every confidence in the future.

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