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Will Go Right Ahead.

There is every indication that Fort Steele will press right on and continue to be what every citizen believes her to be, the mining center of East Kootenay. Its growth is assured, and numerous buildings both public and private will be erected during the coming season; showing that no matter what outsiders may think, there is no sign of decadence, and Fort Steele will be better known when other ambitious towns, jealous of her fame, will sink into inocuous desuetude.

Old timers say the present season is most remarkable, there has been nothing like it in ten years. This seems to be the report from all sections. There was no snow in Moutreal or Winnipeg last week, and the prairies in the Northwest Territories are bare.

Open Winter and Mining.

From what can be learned there is not so much snow in the mountains as is usual at this season of the year, and it is predicted that the mining season will commence much earlier this year than last. If this is so we may look for great progress being made in the mineral development of the mines in this district. In fact, many have been worked all winter. In the Windermere country last year it was almost impossible to get in the mountains until July, but during the present winter mines 7000 feet above sea level are being worked. It is extremely gratifying that the conditions have been so favorable for development in high altitudes.

At the Old Abe.

Some fine specimens of ore were brought up from the Old Abe mineral claim on Sunday last. It is the finest ore yet taken from that section. It is high grade, some of it assaying over $100 to the ton. Mr. Caldwell is much pleased with his purchase, and believes with further development the property will hold its own with any property in East or West Kootenay.

In the vicinity of Bull river there are many claims which bid fair with development to be producing mines; in fact the development going on in the Old Abe and the Chickamon Stone is giving increased faith in the mines of that district.

Mining Notes.

Late reports from the Sullivan mine are to the effect that as the work progresses the mine is improving. The amount of ore which can now be extracted for shipment will keep the North Star branch busy.

The tramway at the North Star has been completed except stringing the wire. The wire was shipped on the 2nd inst, and should be here almost any day. Men are now engaged in completing the terminals.

Sullivan stock is still advancing, the latest quotations being 9¼ bid and 10¼ asked. A still further advance is perdicted by those on the inside,

Work on the Quantrell group on the North Star Hill is progressing satisfactorially.

Frank Tracy and Harry Bradford own some fine claims on the St. Mary's Meadows. They left for the property a few days ago taking with them supplies to last three months. The boys are of the opinion that they have a world beater.

The 6000-foot tramway will probably be completed in about twenty days. When furnished it will represent an expenditure of $20,000. The company is now building a 350-ton ore bin at the terminus of the North Star branch railway.

All development work at the mine has been stopped until the railway is completed, only six men being employed as against 100 last month.

All of the new buildings, bunk house, mess house, office etc., have been finished. A large amount of ore will be shipped soon as the railway is turned over to the oporating department of the C P. R.

A. T. Caldwell returned from a visit to the Old Abe on Thursday evening. He reports the property improving with every shot.

There have been no reports from the Empire mine during the past week.

Work on the Black Bear mine near Kimberley is progressing rapidly, by the time the railway is completed the company will make a shipment of ore. The property is favorably located for shipping facilities, the railroad passing over the property less than 50 feet from the main opening.

The Golden Five.

H. Rogers, of Rogers & Rogers, Spokane, returned from a visit to the Golden Five group on Wild Horse on Saturday last. The company operating the Golden Five is a Spokane corporation, and it is their intention to thoroughly develop the property. The tunnel recently started is now in 36 feet, and will be extended 164 feet further. This work is being done on The Big Bend Boy, and is under the supervision of T. D. Thomas, a practical miner of many years experience.

Mr. Rogers expressed himself as much pleased with the work which is being done and regards the property most favorably.

The property was located seven years ago, and at one time the owners refused to entertain a proposition to bond the group for $100,000, with a large cash payment. An incline tunnel was run sixty feet and rich ore was taken from the workings, but for some reason not much work aside from representation has been done since. The tunnel now being driven is further down the hill, and it is expected to encounter rich ore in quantities when the work now planned is completed.

New Band Hall.

The new hall being built by the Fort Steele brass band is fast approaching completion. The building is now under cover and will be finished about February 1st. It is learned that the formal opening of the hall will take place about February 9th, when a grand ball will be given. The building is admirably arranged for dances, shows, public meetings, etc.

The Ice Crop.

Unless the weather gets colder the ice crop will be mighty small. Here is a chance for some enterprising individual to open up an ice mine in some of the glaciers which abound in the mountains hereabout. It is learned that there is a glacier of the second class on Lost creek near the Dibble group of mines. Dad Sprague, who is good authority on such matters, says the ice is of the finest quality.

THE NORTH STAR.

Is Being Equipped With Compressor Plant. Tramway Nearly Finished. Large Bodies of Ore Uncovered.

The recent strike in the North Star is of even more importance than at first reported. The new ore body is ten feet thick and covers an area of 150 by 200 feet and increases the amount of ore in sight by 15,000 tons. The ore is of good grade being high in lead and low in silver. It is connected with the old ore body.

The mine will shortly be equipped with a 7-drill air compressor, and the building for its reception is now in course of construction. The plant is from the James Cooper Company of Montreal.

General Mining Notes.

The amount of ore shipped through Kaslo last year amounted to 25,700,224 pound.

There is some talk of a smelter being built at Kaslo.

The mines tributary to Slocan city are being largely worked. As a result Slocan city is experiencing a period of prosperity which it has not enjoyed for the past three years.

The labor troubles in the Slocan seem no nearer solution than six months ago. The miners make demands which the mine owners refuse to entertain and there the matter stand.

Five hundred thousand dollars was expended for development in the Buffalo Hump district, Idaho, last year, with the result that numerous claims of great value have been uncovered.

There is great activity in the mines about Sumpter, Ore. A large amount of money has been expended in development of property, and probably a 20-stamp mill has been installed.

Good Roads.

It is to be hoped that the present legislature will take up the subject of good roads and make ample appropriations for their construction and maintenance. From what can be learned the Province is sadly deficient in this respect, and the appropriation heretofore made for this purpose have been inadequate; in fact in many places, especially in East Kootenay, the money expended has been practically wasted, as a small amount is intended to cover a large territory, and each year the old roads largely absorb the appropriation for repairs, and but little is left for construction of needed thoroughfare. The roads all over the district are in bad shape, and with melting snow are rapidly becoming worse. This could be avoided were the officers in charge permitted to use the funds allotted, in making repairs permanent. It is a great undertaking to build roads in a country like British Columbia, but if they are well constructed in the first instance, the amount to be expended in repairs would be reduced to the minimum.

The Railway.

The north and south railway has become a necessity and its speedy construction may be looked for. The preliminary surveys will be made this winter and surveys for permanent location will probably be made in the spring. THE PROSPECTOR has recently pointed out the proposed route, this has come from reliable sources and can be depended upon. As has before been stated it is the desire of the C. P. R. to get a through rail route to the coast for coal from the Fernie coal fields, doing away with the tedious delays occasioned in the Kootenay and Arrow lake, where barges are employed to transport the cars from both Kootenay Landing and Robson. Next season it is to be hoped will see the new road well under construction.

The bridge across the St. Mary's has been completed and the first engine crossed on Wednesday last. It is expected that the road will be completed by the first of February.

The New Hotel.

The new hotel to be built on the site of the old International will be modern in every respect. From what can be learned the building will have a frontage of 73 feet, will be two stories high and will be lathed and plastered throughout, and will contain all of the modern improvements. The construction of the building will commence in a short time.

The Contingent Off For War.

E. A. Elton returned from a visit to Macleod on Thursday evening. He says the members of the Macleod contingent from South East Kootenay, through F. E. Leach, desire to extend their thanks to the people of Fort Steele and Cranbrook for the generous contribution of money for their benefit.

Mr. Elton says there was great enthusiasm at Macleod when the contingent left on Sunday last. At 6 p. m. the men were drawn up in open order an opportunity of talking to their friends was given them. At 7:30 p. m. they were marched to the station and at 7:30 the train pulled out amid the cheers of the people, the band playing Auld Lang Syne.

The train was composed of tourist sleepers, and every comfort that could be furnished was supplied. The horses were loaded in palace stock cars. The detachment comprised 106 men and six officers.

M. A. Beale in London.

A letter received from M. A. Beale, says: "We arrived in London on Christmas Day in time for dinner, after a pleasant trip across the briny. I have not seen the sun although I have been in London three days. We are enveloped in fog and it nearly chokes me after the pure air of British Columbia. London is rather in a state of depression owing to the number of people in mourning, and great anxiety exists though everyone is hopeful that with Roberts, Kitchener and Buller in the field, the tables will be turned, although it is expected that tremendous loss will be entailed, owing to the strong position of the Boers".

Mr. Beale gave no intimation when he would return.

For the Volunteers.

Mesdames Ross and Nelson during last week were soliciting subscriptions for the benefit of those people in South East Kootenay who have volunteered for service in South Africa, and succeeded in collecting $150. This money was telegraphed by Manager Smythe of the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Fort Steele to Colonel Herchmer at Halifax for distribution. While Messrs. Leach, Robinson, Ruck, Huckle, Martin and Willoughby are from Fort Steele, and Mr. Armstrong from Fernie, the ladies have instructed, that it be equally divided among the volunteers of South East Kootenay.

The Center Star mine of Rossland will pay a dividend of $30,000 this month.

LATEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Warren Within Seventeen Miles of Ladysmith.—Big Battle Expected.—50,000 Men in British Line.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Renesburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 18.—A patrol composed of sixteen men of the New South Wales Lancers and South Australians was ambushed by the Boers and overwhelmed after a severe fight. Only six of the detachment escaped and reached camp.

This morning a patrol visited the scene of the fight, and found one dead Australian, and one wounded man; a number of dead Boers was also found.

Spearman Farm, Natal, Jan. 18.—General Lytleton's brigade with a howitzer, crossed the Tugela river at Potgiester's Drift on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The water came above the waist of the men. The Boers fired two shots and then recalled their men to the trenches. The passage being uninterrupted the British advanced in skirmishing order, and several small kojies or summits were occupied by 6:30 p. m. During the night it rained heavily. Yesterday, Wednesday, the Boer trenches were vigorously shelled in front of Mount Alice while the British remained in possession of the kojies and plains. Heavy mists enveloped the hills but naval guns and howitzers batteries made good practice, thoroughly searching the trenches. On the Boer right a breach was made in a sandbag intrenchment where it was supposed Boer guns had been placed. The cannon fire was heavy and continuous and the Boers were observed leaving the trenches in small parties. The hill covering the British position was shelled next.

Lord Warren has forced a passage of the Tugela river seven miles to the left.

London, Jan. 19.—A special dispatch from Durban, dated Wednesday says that Sir Charles Warren had arrived within seventeen miles of Ladysmith, and that British wounded are arriving at Mooi river field hospital by every train from the front, indicating that there has been severe fighting. No confirmation of the dispatch has been received as yet.

London, Jan. 19.—4 a. m.—Military critics in affiliating with war office consider that the expected battle along the wide area south and west of Ladysmith, can hardly be delayed beyond today. From Durban is is expected that fighting has already commenced.

Generals Buller's forces engaged in the flanking operations across the Tugela river, are some 13,000 bayonets, 1,200 horses and 40 guns. The disposition of his other 15,000 or 20,000 men is not known, although the assumption is that the whole army will be in action when the hour for combined movement arrives.

London, Jan. 19.—The war office announces that next week there will be embarked 72 guns, 2,710 men, and 2,210 horses. This is the largest consignment of artillery ever sent abroad.

The war office sent for Lord Strathcona yesterday and he had a long conversation with officers, particularly with General Sir Evelyn Wood. All details of his force, have been arranged and cabled to Canada.

Nomination In Ontario.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Nominations for six vacant seats in the house of Commons took place yesterday. Verchers, Berthier, Labelle, Chaubly and West, Ontario, government returned by acclamation.

Contests in Sherbrooke, Que., and Winnipeg, Man.

The United States government is not favorable to retaliation in the Ontario Log export tariff.

The Allan Liner Numidian, will probably convey Lord Strathconia contingent to South Africa.

The Canadian patriotic fund now amounts to $50,954.

MINING NEWS.

Captain A. H. Revspech and A. J. Lockhart, and J. W. Reid, of Rossland, accompanied by A. T. Caldwell and R. O. Jennings, went down to the Old Abe claim on Bull river yesterday, where they will spend several days examining the property. The name of the company operating the Old Abe is the Caldwell Mines, Limited. Mr. Lockhart is secretary of the company.

The ore body on the Old Abe is said to be six feet wide.

Thomas Starbird, manager of the Red Line group of mines near Windermere, sent down for six miners to work on the property. The men will go up on the stage tomorrow.

There is every reason to believe that considerable mining property will change hands during the coming season in fact several deals of importance are contemplated. The deals if consummated will bring a large amount of money into the district and add greatly to the importance of East Kootenay.

From Windermere comes favorable reports of mineral development although no details of production have been received.

The development of the Big Chief will be pushed during the coming season.

There has been many theories advanced as to the source of the Fraser river gold. K. Ludloff places it in some dykes of quartz in the upper Fraser, 30 miles south of Fort George.

The Lardeau country is again attracting considerable attention Several years ago some large leads of galena were uncovered but owing to the difficulty of reaching them and the low grade of the ore they have been but little developed, but with a railroad in the district they are becoming valuable.

The New Club Building.

While all of the plans for building the new quarters of the Kootenay Club have not been perfected, it is definitely settled that the construction of the building will be commenced in a short time. The secretary reports that the fund is daily increasing. The building will be a cottage containing four rooms, all on the ground floor. There will be a billiard room, a card room, reading room, bar, and a large hallway. When completed the club will be up to date in every particular, and will not be equalled by any similar building east of Nelson.

The Masons will probably decide to lease the rooms now occupied by the Kootenay Club soon as they are vacated.

China New Year.

The Chinamen are making great preparations for the celebration of their New Year, which occurs in ten days. Supplies for the festivities have been arriving for some time, and they purpose to make it a memorable occurrence.

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Certificate of Improvements.

MINERAL ACT, 1896
(FORM F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

"Gem and Stone" Mineral Claims, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Sullivan Hill, near Mark creek.

Take notice that I, Thos. T. McVittie F. M. C. No. 1890) agent for Chas. H. Wolf, Free Miner's Certificate No. 38858A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under Section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1899.

48-4 THOS. T. McVITTIE, Agent.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Emerald Mineral Claim, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of South East Kootenay District.

Where located:—On Lost Creek and is a north eastern extension of the first extension of the Last Chance mineral claim.

Take notice that I, Walter VanArsdalen Free Miner's Certificate No. B 9833, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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

44-52 WALTER VANARSDALEN.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1899.

Land Purchase.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date, I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C. for a special license to cut timber on a certain piece of land described as follows, and situated in East Kootenay, Province of B. C.: Beginning at a post planted on the west bank of Elk River about a mile and a half north of mouth of Coal creek, thence west (80) forty chains; thence north (40) forty chains; thence west (40) forty chains; thence north (160) one hundred chains; thence east (80) chains more or less to west bank of Elk river; thence following west bank of Elk river in a southerly direction to place of beginning in all (640) one thousand acres more or less.

A. McDOUGALL.

Dated this 30th November, 1899. 48-52

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, Ellen Smith intend, one month after date, to make application to purchase the following land in South East Kootenay viz.:

Commencing at a post planted near the north west corner of George Pickering's preemption, thence north 20 chains; thence west 20 chains; thence south 20 chains; thence east 20 chains to the place of beginning.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C. this 2nd day of December, 1899. 46-1

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, E. C. Smith, intend one month after date, to make application to purchase the following land in South East Kootenay viz.:

Commencing at a post planted about 30 chains west of the south east corner of George Pickering's preemption. Thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to the place of beginning.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C. this 2nd day of December, 1899. 46

ACCOUNTS will be rendered up to the end of the year, and prompt settlement is desired.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, maintain and *operate telephone and telegraph lines* within and throughout the Province of British Columbia, and to construct, erect, and maintain such and so many poles and other works and devices as the Company deem necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working, operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone and telegraph, and to open or break up any part or parts of the said highways or streets as often as the said Company its agents, officers or workmen think proper and for the purpose of the undertaking to purchase, acquire or lease and hold and sell and dispose of lands, buildings or tenements within the limits aforesaid, and to purchase or lease, for any term of years, any telephone or telegraph line established or to be established in British Columbia connected, or to be connected, with the line which the Company may construct, and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines for any portion or portions thereof, to any company possessing, as proprietor, any line of telephone or telegraph communication connecting, or to be connected, with the said Company's line or lines, and to borrow money for the purposes of the Company, and to pledge or mortgage any of the Company's assets for that purpose, and to receive bonuses, or privileges from any person or body corporate, and with all other usual necessary or incidental rights, powers, or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

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NOTICE.

Take notice that I, William Percy Henry, intend, sixty days from this date, to apply to the Commissioner of Lands and Works, to purchase the following land in East Kootenay District.

WILLIAM PERCY HENRY.

Fort Steele, B. C., Dec. 26, 1899. 1-9

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

"THE GEM SILVER-LEAD MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY."

Registered the 18th day of July, A. D., 1899.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Gem Silver-Lead Mining and Smelting Company," as an Extra-Provincial Company under the Companies Act 1897, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of Spokane, State of Washington, U. S. A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $75,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares of five cent each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Sullivan Hill, and J. Houghton, miner, (not empowered to issue and transfer stock), and whose address is Sullivan Hill aforesaid, is the attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is fifty years.

The objects for which this Company has been established are:—

To work, operate, buy, sell, lease, locate, acquire, procure, hold and deal in mines, metals and mineral claims of every kind and description, within the United States of America and in the Province of British Columbia; to carry on and conduct a general mining, smelting, milling and reduction business; to procure, acquire, hold, erect and operate electric and power plants for the purpose of mining and treating ores, and for the purpose of furnishing lights and creating power; to bond, buy, lease, locate and hold ditches, flumes and water rights; to construct, lease, buy, sell, build and operate railroads, ferries, tramways and other means of transportation for transporting ores, mining and other material; to own, bond, buy, sell, lease and locate timber and timber claims; to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and good-will and liabilities of any company, corporation, partnership or person carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or which is in any respect similar to the objects of this Company, or which is capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, or possessed of property deemed suitable for the purposes of this Company; to subscribe for, purchase, or otherwise acquire and hold shares in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as to directly or indirectly benefit this Company; to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company shall see fit.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 18th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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The Prospector

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1900.

THE Semlin government, not withstanding all grapevine telegrams from the Baker contingent, expressing an early defeat, are getting down to business, in fact very much better than when the irrepressible Joe Martin supported them. If they will push the estimates to an early hearing, and adjourn, they will meet the wishes of the people of the Province.

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The Dunsmuir special train and steamboat service, is a straw that indicates the way that the Dunsmuir, Turner and Martin wind is blowing. The Dunsmuir outfit was never a friend to labor, and Joe Martins alliance with them, shows positively that he never was sincere on that point, or that he cast his true sentiments aside, to gratify his personal spite, against a few, to the detriment of the wage earners of the whole Province.

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Joe Martin's bump of destructiveness has grown to an enormous extent since his exit from the council. As a matter of fact, from his present attitude, his labor day speech at Nanaimo, and his alliance with the Turner, Dunsmuir faction, his actions are disgusting not only to a large number of his constituents, but to a majority of the electors of the Province. Personal spite is the only factor in his "rule or ruin" alliance with the Dunsmuir clique.

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The political gymnastics of Joe Martin are being watched with much interest. He seems to be anything to gratify his personal ambition or spite, and can jump from one side of the house to the other with the greatest ease.

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Fighting Joe Martin seems to be unfortunate in many respects. He has always posed as the friend of the laboring man, but they seem to have dropped to his methods, and are bitterly denouncing him.

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Many of the papers persist in calling Joe Martin the horned beast of politics. With all his horns he has not yet succeeded in overturning anything in British Columbia.

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With the North Star, Sullivan, Estella, Chickamon Stone, Empire, Black Bear and Old Abe mines shipping ore, the output for East Kootenay will be at least 1,000,000 dollars this year as against 850,000 last year.

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The merchants of Fort Steele report business as most excellent for this season of the year. They are looking forward to a big business the coming season.

East Kootenay.

The following private bills have been presented to the Provincial House for consideration:

By Colonel Baker from Robert Jaffray and others, for private bill to incorporate the "Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company".

By Mr. W. C. Wells:—From H. E. Foster and others, for a private bill to incorporate the "East Kootenay Telephone Company".

Mr. Joseph Martin to ask the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works the following questions.

(1.) Have Crown grants for all or any portion of the land grant of the British Columbia Southern Railway been issued; and if so, when, for how much, and to whom.

(2.) If crown grants have not been issued are the same in process of being issued.

(3.) If Crown grants have not been issued, have the Government decided not to issue the same, and when; and if not, why not?

Railway Smash-Up.

The west bound train on the Crow's Nest line was badly wrecked on Sunday last at a point about one mile east of Creston. For a wonder no lives were lost although three people were injured and taken to Nelson. The cause of the wreck has not been determined, although it is surmised that it was caused by spreading rails. The following account is given in the Nelson Tribune:

"The train comprised a locomotive and tender, baggage car, colonist car, first-class coach and Pullman car. The train was running at an ordinary rate of speed and was rounding a curve when the crash came. The locomotive kept the rails, and the tender, baggage car, colonist and first-class coaches were hurled some distance from the track.

The scene after the passengers extricated themselves was startling, and on every side wonder was expressed that half a dozen lives or more had not been lost. The baggage car was at a right angle to the track. The trucks, floor and one side of the colonist had been torn up as though the material had been tin. The first class car was thrown over two great stumps fifteen feet from the track, while the rear trucks kept to the rails."

The baggageman, E. P. Burnell, was quite severely hurt, being crushed about the shoulders and hips. J. C. Drewry who was a passenger on the train says: "I am quite at a loss to understand how half of the passengers aboard the wrecked train escaped without the loss of life or limbs."

There is a reasonable probability that the track of the Canadian Railway and that of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway will be connected at Nelson. This will have among other beneficial results, the effect of causing shipments from western United States points to Republic and the Boundary towns to be shipped through Nelson instead of being unloaded at Bossburg and freighted forty miles by wagon road to Grand Forks.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1900.

Latest News From the Transvaal.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, Jan. 17.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has received the following dispatch, dated Tuesday, January 16th, from Petermaritzburg. "There is no news from the front, but heavy firing was heard today in the direction of Frere. It is probable that General Buller is engaging the enemy. A rumor is current here that a portion of the British forces are near Ladysmith."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Petermaritzburg, dated Tuesday, says: "There was heavy firing in the north yesterday. I believe that the Boers are contesting General Buller's passage of the Tugela river, howitzers were evidently busy, as the firing is described as the heaviest yet heard in Natal."

The Times publishes a dispatch from same place saying: "That very heavy artillery firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Springfield." A report from Mafeking dated January 15th says: "Mafeking is holding out as pluckily as ever, the garrison has plenty of canned meat. Stories of Free States dissatisfaction continues to be critical. British shelling was in progress at Modder river. The Boers are returning the British fire. New Zealanders and Yorkshire men gallantly repulsed the enemy at Roseburg with the bayonet."

The special service squadron is leaving Gibralter.

Several Canadian contingents, and the rough riders of the North West Mounted Police were entertained at luncheon at Winnipeg. The men will be reviewed at Ottawa on Friday by Lord Minto.

Much enthusiasm is manifested over the raising of a British Columbia corps, and applications are pouring in from all points in the Province.

London, Jan. 16.—The war office has published the following dispatch from General Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, Jan. 15: "French reports that in a reconnoissance yesterday that he shelled Colesburg road bridge. No casualities. He returned today. No change in the situation with Methuen and Gatacre.

The Standard gives prominence to the following dispatch from Durban, dated January 13: "A man who has just arrived from Springfield says that a British column proceeding to the relief of Ladysmith, has crossed the Little Tugela, and when he left it was facing the Boer position at Big Tugela, and a howitzer was shelling the Boer trenches. He also says that 270 wagons laden with commissariat stores, for Ladysmith had left Frere, and it was expected that the column would join hands with General White Monday evening.

The traction engines have been doing excellent work in hauling heavy wagons out of holes and swamps. This they accomplished with the greatest ease. The British patrols have discovered parties of Boers in the vicinity of Ennersdale, between Frere and Estcourt.

Kruger has issued a proclamation ordering all burghers to the front. A similar order has been issued in the Free States, calling on the merchants as well.

London is still confused over surmises and rumors.

The Western contingent will reach Winnipeg today at noon and partake of a citizens lunch in the drill shed.

The Laurentine the first transport to leave will sail Saturday.

The Canadian Patriotic Fund at Ottawa now amounts to $12,179.00.

Speakers in the B. C. Legislature devoted much attention to Mr. Joseph Martin.

John Williamson of Vancouver fatally shot himself.

The Sunday closing movement in Chicago is rapidly gaining gaining ground.

An attempt is being made to form a Canadian Forrestry Association.

A French warship sank two Chinese gunboats and seized Kwong Chau Bay.

Jas. Walsh attempted to shoot Judge Loechren in the U. S. court room at St. Paul.

The Servian Ministry has resigned as a protest against the execution of political prisoners by King Alexander.

New York bankers have refused to take the account embracing the relief fund for widows and orphans to fallen Boers.

The editor of the Kamloops B. C. Standard has been summoned to the bar of the B. C. House for contempt to Governor McInnes.

London is eagerly waiting for news from the Transvaal.

The colonial troops are all doing fine work, proving that they are natural fighters.

The United States senate are having a hot time over the Philippine situation.

The Boers are calling out every available man. The Free States are also in the same strait.

Foreign military attaches arrived at Durban on January 14th and proceeded to Cape Town where they will join Lord Roberts.

A British column is said to have crossed the Tugela river.

A forward movement is on and we may look for important war news at an early day.

Emperor William is furious, and is charging Lord Salisbury with acts of bad faith.

The publisher and editor of the Kamloops Standard, have placed themselves in a hot box, and will be brought before the bar of the Provincial House.

Buller is reported all ready for the big battle. The London press says the battle is now on.

Andrew Carnegie paid $1,000 to foment a war that it will cost a million to close.

The mysterious shipwreck in St. Mary's Bay, Nfld., is more mysterious than ever owing to the continuance of turbulent seas, and it is impossible to launch boats or get information.

Crossing Confirmed.

London, Jan. 18.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Spearman's Farm dated January 17, 2 p. m.:

In the forced march westward on January 10, Lord Dundonald by a dashing movement occupied the hills above Potgiester's drift, fifteen miles west of Colenso, taking the Boers completely by surprise. The same evening the infantry followed. General Lytleton's brigade crossed the river yesterday, and shelled the Boer trenches beyond with howitzers. General Warren's forces are now crossing Trichardt drift five miles above. He was not opposed although the Boers are holding a position five miles from the river."

Other morning papers are out with extra editions confirming the dispatch from Spearman's Farm to the Times.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent under date of yesterday says: "I am permitted to wire from Spearman Farm that General Lytleton yesterday ferried and forded the river, and seized with little opposition a line of low ridges a few miles from there. During the night a howitzer battery was carried across. General Warren also crossed today the Tugela river six miles further to the west, near Wagon Drift, with all arms in face of a hot and heavy fire from Boer cover and rifles. He has effected a most satisfactory lodgement two miles further on towards Sproer-Koje."

The Standard prints a graphic description of an attack on Cesars camp and Wagon Hill, Ladysmith, January 6, by the enemy, in which there were critical moments for the safety of the garrison.

General Methuen shelled the Boer position at Modder on Tuesday, in view of drawing off attention from Kimberley, where the besiegers have been very active lately. The Boers, however, reserved their fire. There were no casualities on the British side.

Colonel Plummer's Mafeking relief force, from Fort Tuli, is 100 miles north of the besieged town.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Arrangements are in progress for the organization of Lord Strathcona's rough riders, full instructions having been received here from the Old Country. Negotiations are in progress for an Allan liner as a transport. A crowded mass meeting was held in Victoria to consider the Provinces' share in the contingent.

How Things Get Mixed

Those newspaper correspondents who travel through the country in a palace car are liable to get things mixed. A correspondent of the Toronto World writes from Fernie on the mines of East Kootenay. Some of the statements which he makes will astonish the good people of Fort Steele. The following is a sample:

"* * * Cranbrook is a divisional point on the line and from it the C. P. R. has under construction a 20 mile branch to the North Star mine, which is situated near Fort Steele to the north.

The C. P. R., by the way, has surveyed a line to connect Cranbrook and the Crow's Nest Pass railway with Golden, on the main line of the C. P. R. This road if constructed will run up the great valley, which intervenes between the Rocky Mountains and the Selkirk range and it will open up mining fields of much promise and also some agricultural and grazing land.

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If the correspondent had been familiar with the country the mistakes he has fallen into could have been avoided.

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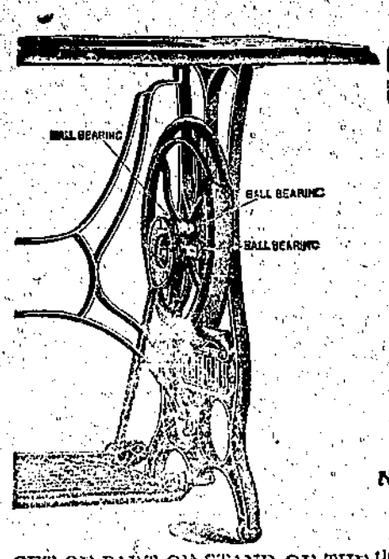

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Big Dam on the Nile.

Notwithstanding the English started their planning for storing the Nile waters that now escape into the Mediterranean at flood time in the year 1883, it was not until last year that the work for this purpose—the Assuan dam was started. It is to be built of granite ashlar, quarried out of the same ledges from which the obelisk in Central Park, New York, was cut thousands of years ago. It will be a mile and a quarter long, with the approaches 75 feet high and 35 ft wide at the top, where there will be a fine drive and carriageway. A thousand million gallons of water will be stored behind the monster structure, and to support this enormous weight at a level of 49 feet above the water on the other side of the dam, special means of construction had to be planned. In consequence, this dam is not only by far the greatest dam in the world but it is unique in other respects. To confine the Nile at high flood was impossible, therefore the dam had also to be a waterway, so that the river could run through the structure practically unimpeded at certain periods. To make this possible the shape of the dam is that of a bridge with piers set close together.

Canada and the United States.

In 1894 Canada bought from Great Britain $83,717,000 worth of merchandise; in 1899 $87,000,000 worth. In 1894 Canada bought from the United States $55,034,000 worth of merchandise; in 1899 $91,000,000 worth. Imports from the United Kingdom are remaining stationary or going down, while imports from the United States are increasing rapidly and continuously. Proximity and a similar currency have something to do with it. But the main cause is that the manufacturer of the United States is out after business, while the manufacturer of the United Kingdom expects business to come to him.—*Nelson Tribune.*

Confectionery in Army Rations.

Candy has been added to the regular ration of the American soldier. One New York firm has shipped more than fifty tons of confectionery during the past year for the troops in the Philippines, Cuba and Poto Rico. The government buys candy of good quality which would retail from thirty to forty cents a pound. It consists of mixed chocolate creams, lemon drops, cocoanut maroons and acidulated fruit drops. These are put in sealed one pound tins of a special oval shape, designed to fit the pockets of a uniform coat. According to The Evening Post, the use of candy as an army ration originated in some experiment on the diet of troops conducted by the German government ten years ago. They showed that the addition of candy to the regular ration greatly improved the health and endurance of the troops using it. Since that time the German government has issued cakes of chocolate and a limited amount of other confectionery. The Queen has just forwarded 500,000 pounds of chocolate in half-pound packages as a Christmas treat for the troops in the Transvaal. American jam manufacturers are considering a movement to add jam to the army ration. It has been found so wholesome for the British army that 1,450,000 pounds have been dispatched to South Africa as a four months' supply for the 116,000 troops.

Schmidt's Long Ride.

"As is natural many stories are afloat at this time," said George Lamborn of London, who has lived at Pretoria for several years, "to account for the extraordinary manner in which the British have been outflanked and overcome by the Boers. I have repeatedly seen statements that this was partly on account of the superior stamina and endurance of the horses which the Boers rode, which could cover 80 to 100 miles a day and keep it up for several days. That is all rommy rot; the Boer horse is a good animal, but he is of flesh and bone, and not of steel and iron, as such endurance as that would imply. The greatest record ride in the Transvaal was the one made by Schmidt at the time of the Jameson raid, who, in a single night, rode from Pretoria to a point near Krugersdorp, on the Mafeking border, and return. The distance is about ninety miles, and he covered it on the same horse, although in so doing he killed the animal.

"The real trouble has been that the war found the Boers better prepared. They have been getting in war supplies and doing it openly, too; but, why the English authorities did not take notice of it and go and do likewise passeth all understanding. For instance, the gun which the Boers call 'Long Tom,' which the Boers are making such good use of at Ladysmith, they had mounted on Hospital Hill, outside of Johannesburg, for a long time, and the way they have commandeered the property of foreigners of other nations since this war began, should they win, will keep them busy paying for the next twenty years."

British Pluck.

Professor Moses Colt Tyler, in his book, "Glimpses of England" comments upon the fact that "English pluck" is renowned in all the four quarters of the earth. "The English are brave" he says, "but so are many other peoples—the French, the Spanish, the Austrians for example—yet who ever heard of French pluck, or Spanish pluck or Austrian pluck? There is in Englishmen, he suggests, a predominance of physical fortitude which justifies the celebrity attained by the phrase all over the world.

The boys' schools in England manifest every day this cardinal English virtue. Every boy does homage to pluck, and scorns sneaks and cowards. "Not long ago", writes Professor Tyler, under date of 1864, "I happened to be at a boys' school near London during the play hour. A little fellow was brought in with a severe contusion of the forehead, from a stone. The blood was running freely down his face but not one tear. He disdained even to appear personally concerned in the affair."

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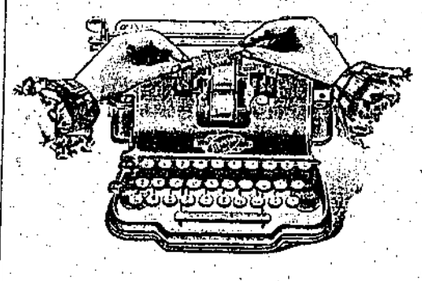

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1900.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Daniel Howe, one of the owners of the Howe group of mines, arrived in the city on Saturday last.

Joe Taenhauser, Watchmaker and Jeweler, opposite the Post Office. All work guaranteed.

Mr. Freeman of Lethbridge was in town on Monday.

McInnes & Co. opened their meat market at the old stand on Wednesday last with Geo. A. Meyers in charge.

Now is the time to insure. Remember the fate of the International Hotel, and call at once on
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Thos. Frizzell left on Thursday for Eastern Washington.

McInnes & Co. are selling beef by the side for 7½ cents.

Robert Little was down from Perry creek on Wednesday last.

Commercial travellers are in evidence at this season of the year. No less than a dozen have visited Fort Steele during the past week.

All kinds of meat and poultry at the McInnes meat market.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kershaw was gladdened by the advent of a daughter on Monday afternoon.

C. H. Pollen returned from West Kootenay on Tuesday last.

Frank B. Gibbs of Nelson and W. H. Smith of Chicago were in the city on Tuesday.

N. A. Wallinger has removed his office to the room adjoining Carlin & Durick, formerly occupied by the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co.

THE PROSPECTOR is indebted to Tom C. Gray, vice-president and auditor of the Sumpter Townsite Company, for papers descriptive of the banner mining town of Eastern Oregon.

McInnes & Co. are selling beef by the side for 7½ cents, all other meats and poultry in proportion to the above price.

Anges McDonald, Dr. McDougal and Thos. Frasier of Toronto have located at Fort Steele.

The new theatre building is rapidly approaching completion.

The business arrangements connected with the new hotel to be constructed on Riverside Avenue are completed, and work will be commenced in a few days.

The Nelson Miner will hereafter issue both morning and evening edition.

J. F. Armstrong went to Fernie on Wednesday.

W. R. Ross in response to numerous inquiries has secured 25,000 shares of the Big Chief Mines for sale to those who may wish to purchase, this clears out the first allottment of 100,000 shares.

Messrs Barnes, Mather, Macleod and Scott went to Kimberley on Wednesday.

Harry Brown, assayer at the North Star for several years, has severed his connection with the company, and will probably engage in business in Fort Steele.

N. A. Wallinger went to Wolf creek on a business trip.

J. H. Fink went down to the Chickamon Stone on Monday last. He reports that the property is looking well.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sick have a brand new boy at their house. An angel brought it on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Schmidt of the California Brewery, of Butte, Montana, has been spending a few days with A. Mutz. He returned home on Thursday.

The man who sells straw hats in January and fur coats in July was in town a few days ago. He represents a big Toronto house.

E. A. Elton returned Wednesday from a two weeks visit to Macleod.

A. E. Watt has accepted a position with G. H. Gilpin.

A. C. Beach representing the John L. Cassidy Company, Limited, of Montreal was in town on Thursday. Mr. Beach is a reliable travelling man having been with the house for over 30 years.

C. M. Edwards was in town on Wednesday last.

Arthur Fenwick was a visitor in the city on Thursday.

J. F. Armstrong and H. W. Barnes went to Kimberley this morning to try an assault case.

Harry White has recently been appointed Justice of the Peace for Kimberley.

George Watson is spending a short time in Victoria before going east.

K. J. Higbye is down from Sheep creek taking in the sights.

Geo. Scott of Tracy and C. Van Blake of Bull River were in town yesterday.

The monthly reception of the Kootenay Club took place on Wednesday evening last.

The Canadian Pacific have given $15,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The Columbia & Western Railway have rails laid to Midway.

War Poets.

It is fortunate for South East Kootenay that no war poets have yet turned up to write war verses. There is so much maudlin sentiment put into verse of late that people have become sick and tired of it. It will continue until the war is ended, and if for no other reason it is to be hoped the conflict will speedily terminate.

St. John's Church of England.

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

In future, and until further notice, divine service will be held on Sunday in the Presbyterian church at 3 p. m., only Sunday school at 2 p. m.

A small force is now employed at the Dupont this will be largely increased in a short time.

The court of revision was held on Saturday and Monday last.

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The Rambler.

During the past two weeks there has been more dogs in evidence in Fort Steele than even the oldest timer remembers. Some of them were visitors from Wardner, Cranbrook and Kimberley. The supposition is that it was a dog congress; at all events they made night and day hideous with frequent fights and many demonstrations.

Some of the sports thinking to dissolve the parliament and to overthrow the dog government, concluded that the leaders of the tumult should be shot. They shot at the first dog and missed him, the next shot hit him in the same place where he was missed before. Finally one animal was severely wounded; but the heroine of the day sought safety in flight and hid under a house. One of the boys went under, put a rope about her neck and she was led to execution. How many shots it took to kill her is not known. In the melee two dogs were sent to the happy hunting ground and their bodies thrown into the raging Kootenay, when someone with a legal mind suggested that there was a fine of $20 for throwing dead animals into the river. This alarmed the boys and they made up a purse of $2 and hired a Siwash to dive into the stream and recover the bodies. The result may be summed up as to the total expense: Two dead dogs at $1 each, 40 catridges, $1, total $3.

Hotel Arrivals.

WINDSOR:—Geo. Russell & Son, Winnipeg; T. G. Proctor, Nelson; J. C. Nelson, Dupont; Dan Howe, D. Savage, North Star; W. Haynard, R. S. Beattie, Geo. Keefer, M. McInnes, Cranbrook; M. Freeman, Lethbridge; Steve Hanson, Montana; W. J. Whines, Sullivan mine; Frank B. Gibbs, W. H. Smith, Nelson; S. Bonnell, Fernie; Geo. H. Scott, Tracy; A. C. Beach, C. E. Smith, Montreal; W. H. Christie High River; Alex. Cross, Nelson; D. J. Elwell, Moyie.

Rocky Mountain Rangers.

It is proposed, if 45 names can be secured to organize a corps to be called the Rocky Mountain Mounted Rifles. Any person desiring to join this corps should communicate with C. M. Edwards, Fort Steele, within the next two weeks. It is desired to have the names of permanent residents of South East Kootenay, from the ages of 18 to 40. The corps will not be organized unless 45 men are enrolled.

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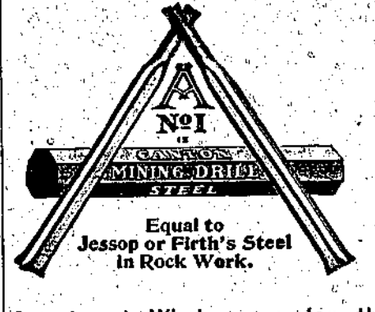

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