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The Bull River Mining Company.

The prospectus of the Bull River Mining & Milling Company has just been received. It is an interesting document from the fact that no promises of dividends are made. The property is better known here as the Star group, and is located on Quartz creek a tributary of Bull river, and over the divide from Boulder creek. It embraces fourteen claims. Arrangements are being made to commence work on the property soon as the weather conditions will permit and the development will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The property is fortunately located so that it can be developed largely by tunnel. It is the intention of the company to commence work on the White Swan it being well located for quick and easy development.

J. T. Kesler is the general manager and one of the largest stockholders. He is a conservative man of much successful experience.

Will Work the Bill Nye.

Wm. M. Violet, who has been spending a portion of the winter in Spokane, returned to Fort Steele on Tuesday last. He says it is his intention to do considerable development work on the Bill Nye group this summer and will commence operations soon as he can get to the property.

Mr. Violet says the people of Spokane have a good opinion of East Kootenay and a number of mining men have announced their intention of paying the district a visit this summer.

From Windermere.

R. Kimpton of Windermere who was in the town on Monday last in speaking of the mining situation in the Windermere country, said the work on the Paradise group would probably be resumed in a short time.

At the Delphine operations were suspended for a short time, but will go right on. The showing on the property is as good as at any time during its history.

It is rumored that R. Mulford of New York will shortly return and that the work on the Red Line would be continued this summer.

Mr. Kimpton has a high opinion of the district and believes that it will prove as rich as any section of East Kootenay.

Closed Down.

Word was received on Saturday last that the Empire mine had been temporarily closed down. No reason was assigned. The mine never appeared better than at the present time. Work will be resumed in the course of the next month.

Isadore Canyon.

There is considerable activity in Isadore Canyon. It is learned that work on the Copper Crown and Excess will be resumed. A whim will be put on the property.

Several other claims in that locality will be developed during the summer.

The Old Abe.

The Old Abe is improving with every shot. A. T. Caldwell was down to the property on Sunday last and brought back with him some fine specimens of native copper encountered in the crosscut. So far the crosscut is in over fifteen feet and the footwall not yet reached. It is not improbable that the company will make a carload shipment inside of thirty days. There is a large quantity of shipping ore on the dump, and the workings being in ore insures a plentiful supply. The Old Abe is one of the most promising properties in this section.

Large Ore Bodies.

Considerable prospecting will be done this summer between Sand creek and Bull river. It is the opinion of many prospectors that there are large bodies of ore in that region. So far as prospected the ore bodies seem to widen out as depth is obtained and the valhes are much increased on the lower levels.

On Luke Creek.

In the vicinity of Luke creek there are a number of promising properties which with development promise to make mines of considerable magnitude. There are large surface showings, and the shafts which have been sunk on the various properties give evidence of better values than appear on the surface. The ledges for the most part are well defined. There is a group of claims commencing with the Martin and Trilby and running down the Montana almost to Luke creek, upon which considerable work has been done. They are the Mammoth, Black Hill, Green Monster and Yankee Girl.

On the opposite side of the creek is the Lottie, Pedro, Carbuncle, CarrieLee, Annex, Rattler and Sweepstake, they will be thoroughly developed during the coming summer. O nthe Annex there is splendid showing. This claim can be worked by a tunnel. The lead is three feet wide, and in a twelve-foot shaft, it shows increased width and larger values, the lead is well mineralized throughout. The work on the Carrie Lee is going ahead. A new shaft is being sunk and is now down 25 feet, and the vein is widening out with depth. The principal value in the ore is copper, although some galena is found.

Moyie Items.

Moyie Leader:

Arrangements are being made to start the St. Eugene concentrator about the 1st of April if possible.

Things are beginning to brighten on the west side of the lake. The face of the Aurora tunnel will soon be in ore, and as the work progresses the owners become more confident that they have a good thing. Manager Rader says that if the mine shows up sufficiently well he will instal an air compressor early this summer.

The Friday group, owned by S. A. Scott, is another west side property which is showing up well and is destined to turn out all right.

The Transvaal, at the lower end of the Moyie lake, is looking fine. O. L. Franklin is sending a small shipment of ore to Northport to have a test made.

The Canadian Pacific railway will build a new station to cost $6000.

Kootenay King Bonded.

It is rumored around town that a deal is on involving the sale of the Kootenay King mine to Spokane parties for $15,000 on a bond one year, the first payment of ten per cent to be made May 1st.

The Kootenay King is the first quartz location made in East Kootenay. The property is owned by Messrs. Barnes and Voss.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

Elections Will Be Held June 15.—House Will Sit In July.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

Victoria, March 30.—The general provincial elections are to be held on June 15th, and the House will sit in July. Martin announced this at the inaugural meeting of his campaign here on Tuesday.

As yet Martin has not completed his cabinet, he wants a finance minister and president of council. George Washington Beebe, provincial secretary, has returned to Agassiz. It is reported that the finance portfolio has been offered to alderman McQueen of Vancouver.

At a meeting last night Liberals came to no decision on party lines.

Edward Elwell of Fort Steele has been gazetted as a Notary Public.

It is reported on good authority that W. H. Keary of New Westminster has been offered and accepted the portfolio of Chief Commissioner in Martin's Cabinet, Yates transfering his attentions to the department of finance. Mr. Keary will probably be sworn in tomorrow.

Fernie, March 26.—At a meeting of Liberals held here it was decided to send delegates to the Vancouver Convention to be held on April 5th. Delegates are pledged to vote against party lines.

The Liberal party at Fort Steele have decided not to send delegates to the Vancouver Convention, but will wait for the result of the Convention regarding party lines.

A meeting of wage earners was held at Fort Steele on Friday evening to consider the political situation, also the advisibility of sending delegates to the Labor Convention to be held at Cranbrook today.

Cranbrook, March 29.—At a meeting of Liberals held here it was decided to send F. M. Medhurst as a delegate to Vancouver. Mr. Medhurst is pledged to support Joe Martin.

No action has been taken by any of the Liberal-Conservatives towards organization of the district. We learn that it is the unanimous feeling among them is against party lines.

Victoria, B. C., March 27.—Premier Martin opened the general election campaign tonight at which he alone spoke. He urged that all opposition to himself or his policy was either inspired by eclipsed ambition or purchased by the corporations, all and singular of which he would oppose as champion of the common people. The practical part of the speech was confined to an endeavor to introduce himself as a Liberal in a party lines fight, with issues between Martin and liberal government, and Charles Wilson and conservatism. He urged the necessity of a thorough revision of the voters' lists as an excuse for delaying general elections as long as possible.

The Old Abe.

As the work progresses on the claim it is showing up better than ever. There is a large amount of ore on the dump and it is expected that shipments will commence in about thirty days. The management hope in a short time to ship at least two cars of ore per week. In the crosscut the ore body is four feet wide and the ore will average in value over $40 to the ton. The Old Abe promises to be the first mine on the east side of the river to make regular shipments. During the four months the present company have been working the property, they have run two tunnels, one in 100 feet and the other nearly two hundred. The work at the present is confined to the lower tunnel. In a short time a new tunnel will be started lower down the mountain to tap the ore body at a greater depth.

North Star.

In speaking of the North Star mine the Rossland Miner says:

"The vein is a flat one, similar to those found in Leadville, Colorado, and the mine is one of the largest in East Kootenay. The ore carries a large percentage of lead and from forty to sixty per cent copper."

If there is so much copper it would be gratifying to know where the large per centage of lead comes in. The North Star people have always thought they had a silver-lead mine, and they will no doubt be astonished to know that, instead, they have a phenomenally rich copper property.

Selling a Mine.

In buying a mine, investors first send in an engineer to make a report on the property. They will not take the word of their closest friend that "it is a good thing", they deserve to become acquainted with all of the facts and the location of the mine for economic working, its nearness to transportation, cost of getting the ore to market, etc.

One writer says: "Accessibility is an important factor. Mines and prospect holes are sometimes on the top or sides of mountains thousands of feet above the valley below. The engineer argues that a mine at such almost inaccessible heights ought to carry a great deal of high grade ore to pay for transportation. On the other hand a mine whose workings open out within easy reach of the valley or railway, could afford to carry less valuable ore. There are other things to be considered, timber water power, etc. The engineer will observe the character, dip and direction of the veins. He will consider the nature of the ore deposits, whether they are in fissure veins, in crystalline rocks, or blanket deposits in sedimentary rocks, or contacts at junction with eruptive porphyries."

All of these features are to be taken into consideration. The value of the mine is dependent on the report of the engineer. It stands to reason that a mine forty miles from a railroad is not so valuable as a lower grade proposition close to transportation. The prospector is right in getting all that he can for the property, but it is one thing to ask a price and another to get it. Capital is shy about putting in large sums of money in the development of a claim, making a large cash payment for the privilege of exploring it.

In sampling ore the sample should show the average sample of ore as mined, including all that goes with it. The biggest expense of handling gold ore is in mining, not the milling of it, so that a sample should represent what is to be mined. Whether it is all going to be put through the mill or not is another matter.—Mining and Scientific Press.

Don McKay came down from Lewis creek on Thursday. He says it is the camp for his money, and that there will be more work done there this summer than in any other section in this vicinity.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR NEWS.

Kruger Will Retake Bloemfontein Within a Week.—Mafeking Bombarded.—Rushing Troops to Glen.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, March 30.—The Boers are concentrating in force about fifteen miles north of Bloemfontein, on the road to Glen, and Lord Roberts is sending forward troops to engage them. The seventh infantry division and part of General French's cavalry have been sent up to join the 14th brigade and the two cavalry regiments that are holding Glen and its environs.

It does not seem probable that the Boers will give serious battle in the country north of Glen, still the evident strength indicates aggressive movements in all parts of the field of war. The Johannesburg mounted police, esteemed by the Boers to be their best mounted command, are raiding the country near Blomfontein, harrassing the farmers who have given up their arms to the British, and driving off cattle. There is a Boer report from Natal that a Russian soldier of fortune, Colonel Ganetzki, and 100 horsemen are operating close to the British outposts on the western border.

According to Pretoria advices Mafeking was bombarded for seven hours on Tuesday.

President Kruger asserts his intention to retake Bloemfontein within a week, and it is probable that the Boers are advancing in force southward.

Lord Roberts is making extensive arrangements to police and safe guard all the Free State towns in the territory occupied by the British.

A dispatch from Cape Town says that the first death has occurred among the Canadian rifles. On Wednesday trooper Ramsay died in the hospital of inflamation.

Canadians Are Good Stuff.

John Ewan, writing from Cape Town to the Globe on February 28, says that when the news of the Canadian advance at Paardeberg became known Canada was on every tongue. It recognized that the casualities were not such as would occur as the result of some lamentable mistake, but were sacrifices in the performance of usual duty, to the accomplishment of which our noble lads applied themselves with dogged courage that would add lustre to the proudest regiment of the Queen's forces. It makes the little Canadian colony prouder of there far-away home, and wherever a conical crowned sombrero appears on the streets, its wearer is recognized as one of the band that contains "good stuff".

Bryan in the Northwest.

William Jennings Bryan, who is an aspirant for presidental honors is making a tour of the Northwest, and was in Spokane last evening. Mr. Bryan is blessed with the gift of gab, and hopes to talk himself into the presidental chair, but the American people do not want that kind of wind to move the ship of state.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers.

The Jubilee Singers in connection with the Presbyterian church, gave an exhibition at the Opera House on Tuesday evening. Everyone was prepared for a rare musical performance and it is safe to say that none were disappointed. The Negro melodies were excellent, and every number on the programme was highly applauded. The "Absent-Minded Beggar", rendered by the entire company, was received with enthusiasm. Mrs. Porter-Cole has a wonderful voice of great compass and power. Mr. Downs has a splendid bass voice that delighted the large audience. The audience was unanimous in the verdict that the Jubilee Singers are the best entertainers that have come to Steele during the past year.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

W. W. Barker Missing Since March 10th.—Theory of Murder Advanced.

W. W. Barker, superintendent of construction for North Star Tramway, has been missing since the 13th of the present month. He left Kimberley on the 10th inst. for Cranbrook where he was to get $900 to pay his men, on the night of the 12th he stopped at the Forest House on the 13th he was at breakfast and tendered a $5 bill in payment for his lodging and breakfast. Not being able to change the bill Mr. Forest said pay next time, after sitting in the office a few moments he went out and has never been seen since nor can any trace of him be found. He did not draw the money. There are two theories advanced one is that he took the train at Cranbrook that day, and went east. Another that being suspected of having the money he has been murdered. The first theory seems untenable as his principals at Trenton have been communicated with, and he has not returned. The government took action in the matter and on Sunday last Constable Barnes went out, and searched both sides of the track from Cranbrook to the St. Marys, and parties are now engaged in searching between the St. Marys and Kimberley.

Mr. Barnes has questioned all of the passenger and freight conductors on the division and they say that no man answering the description so far as they know, has passed over the line.

Mr. Barker was a man of excellent habits, did not drink, he owes nothing, and he has had no trouble with anyone, his work has been most satisfactory.

The government will use every effort to ferret out the mystery.

A Good Season.

One miner says there will be more prospecting done this season than ever before. Men are coming in from West Kootenay and Yale and from across the border. Inside of a year there will be more people engaged in mining in the Fort Steele district than at any time in its history.

There should be no prejudice among miners against a mining "expert" provided he is a real expert. He is a good friend to the miner, has killed many swindles and caused the opening of good mines and the investment of capital, and has encouraged the honest promoter.—Mining & Scientific Press.

Good ore is coming in the crosscut of the Dupont. The work is still going on slowly, but each day goes far to demonstrate the value of the property.

N. T. Tregear of Rossland arrived in town on Thursday, and went to visit the Old Abe on Friday. Mr. Tregear was formerly superintendent of the Le Roi mine and later was manager of the Rossland Giant.

A piece of the Queen's chocolate about the size of a large bean, sold at Great Marlow for $1.50.

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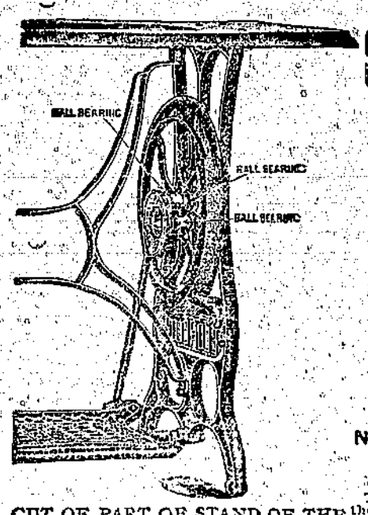

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Land Purchase.

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 Lot 2371, Group 1, Kootenay District.

WILLIAM PERCY HENRY.

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

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I shall apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, at Victoria, for permission to purchase the following described piece of land: Commencing at the south west corner of lot 2793, group 1, thence south eleven chains, more or less, to the edge of the bluff on the St. Mary's river, thence following said bluff, down stream eighty chains, thence north to the south east corner of said lot 2793, group 1, thence west to the point of commencement.

J. F. ADAMS.

Dated at Fort Steele this 24th day of January, 1900. 4-8

Notice to Taxpayers.

SOUTH-EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

"ASSESSMENT ACT" and REVENUE TAX ACT."

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1900. All of the above taxes collectible within the district of East Kootenay Southern Division, are payable at my office, Fort Steele. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate.

Three-fourths of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars one and one-fourth of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars one and three-fourths of one per cent.

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One per cent. on the assessed value of ore or mineral bearing substances, payable quarterly, on the last day of the months of March, June, September and December in each year.

A. C. NELSON,
Assessor and Collector.

Fort Steele, B. C., February 1st, 1900.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Charles Estmere, all business in connection with the Kimberley townsite, on and after February 16th, 1900, must be done through the office of the Fort Steele Development Syndicate at Fort Steele.

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Dated this 1st day of March, 1900.

DALY & HAMILTON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KOOTENAY HOLDEN AT FORT STEELE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of February, 1900, it was ordered by J. A. Forin, Esq., Judge of the said Court, that James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator of the County of Kootenay, be Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credit of Andrew H. Wigen of Walnut Grove in the State of Minnesota, Miner, deceased, intestate.

Every person indebted to the said deceased is required to make payment forthwith to the undersigned.

Every creditor or other person having any claim upon or interest in the distribution of the personal estate of the said deceased, is required within thirty days of this date, to send by registered letter addressed to the undersigned, his name and address, and the full particulars of his claim or interest, and a statement of his account, and the nature of the security (if any) held by him.

After the expiration of the said thirty days, the Administrator will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard to those claims only of which he shall have had notice.

Dated at Fort Steele this 26th day of February, 1900.

JAMES FERGUSON ARMSTRONG,
8-11 Official Administrator.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

BIG CHIEF, LITTLE CHIEF, EUREKA, GENEVA AND MELTON FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIMS.

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

Where located: Big Chief, on Huckleberry Hill adjoining the Eureka Mineral Claim.

Little Chief, adjoining the Geneva Mineral Claim.

Eureka, on Huckleberry Hill aforesaid.

Geneva, adjoining the Eureka Mineral Claim.

Melton Fractional adjoining the Eureka Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, William Roderick Ross acting as agent for the Hastings British Columbia Exploration Syndicate, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 41292, 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 for each of the above claims.

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

Dated this 17th day of February, 1900.

WM. R. ROSS.

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FROM THE FRONT.

Interesting Letter From the Transvaal.

The brother of E. Elwell of this city, who is now in South Africa, wrote the following letter to his mother in England. It is an interesting communication and will be read with pleasure by the readers of THE PROSPECTOR:

Strumfonteiny Farm,
Expeditioning Force
South Africa.

Dear Mother:

This is the first chance of my writing to you since leaving Cape Town. We had a week at Maitland Camp to recruit the horses, and then we had an awful three days journey to De Arr and from there to Renesberg. We were seven men in a carriage and some carriages had no place to sleep in and we had to sit upright all through the hot night, which was so wretched. Simply nothing to eat or drink, and things were so expensive, two shillings a small bottle of beer, and three-pence a cup of coffee, and bread a shilling a small loaf, but at last we arrived here about three days ago.

Well! we have a very rough time, nothing to eat but salt bully beef and hard biscuits, and last Saturday we got some fresh meat, and we were all looking forward so to it, and a few hours sleep. We had been out since 2:30 a. m. in the morning and got in and finished about 11:30 a. m. Got the horses finished and everything put away and we all had sleep until dinner time, when at last the grand dinner of stewed mutton arrived. We all sat down and were just in the middle of it when we heard such a bang about a mile away and a shell came just over our tent and fell in the doorway of a tent of the 2nd Life Guards. Up we got in a moment and then another one came and we all mounted in a minute, everbody swearing like anything at having to leave nearly all our good dinner. Well! the Boers put seventeen shells into our camp, and it is a most miraculous thing that no one was hurt. The officers said it was simply extraordinary. We were all out, artillery, etc., in less than five minutes, and we did not get back until 10 p. m. that night and we did not get anything to eat until next morning, and I had to go out on picket all night and go to the field next day. One has no idea of the hardships. We go for six or seven days without taking our boots off, and on guard five and six days at a time, and then sometimes we will get to sleep for an hour or two when you hear turnout about half-a-dozen times, and out you go, perhaps not getting back to camp for a day or two, and one carries his life in his hands, as these Boers are as artful as foxes and regular cowards, you can never see them until bullets whiz all around you and you cannot get a smack back at them. We had an awful narrow squeak the other day. We were to hold a kopje until ordered to retire. Well! we were on the edge of a ridge. A Troop, that is my troop, had our photograph taken about twenty minutes before by an engineers officer, which included Mr. Ward, three others and myself, so look out for it in one of the papers. Well! things were very quet for half an hour when a bullet came whizzing over Thompsons head and mine and we dare not show ourselves as two were right on top of the hill looking out with spy-glasses but the beggars crawled up within twenty yards of us, and, by Gad, the bullets came like rain. Then we heard Major Carter shout out "Retire". Thompson, myself and two others were the last to leave those blooming rocks, which I shall never forget. All the horses had gone with the exception of one and on it I got, but as soon as I was mounted the poor brute was shot in the near flank and I could not hold him and he bolted unto a lot of rocks, fell down and chucked me right onto my side, which I did not feel until I got back to camp. Well! up I got and ran about twenty yards and fell over another stone and lost my helmet which I did not bother to pick up. There were four of us to get out without horses and the bullets, my Gad, they did fall; we all expected to be shot any minute. We walked and ran for about half a mile when Mr. Ward came galloping back and Thompson nipped up behind him and I got up behind another corporal, and the rest behind two others, and we galloped like blue murder out of the range of the beastly bullets. We all shook hand with each other when we were safe. You simply cannot get the beggars, they never come out in the open and we cavalry have the most dangerous part of the work, and a very unpleasant part to, for we have to go right in the front and draw the enemy's fire so as to let the artillery know where they are, and then the artillery opens fire. We advance up the kopje expecting every moment a bullet through one, and the Boers wait until we get right in sometimes before they fire, and sometimes they let you get right past them, so that they can get a good chance to open fire on our main body, and then we have to gallop right back and through them, and it makes you feel a bit queer at that time as one simply has no chance to get at them. But wait a little time, until we get across the Orange river then the cavalry will get their own back again, as there are no kopjes there and we shall have them out in the open, and then we shall have some sport.

We bring in prisoners nearly every day, and it is funny that they cannot stand steel or swords. One came in the other day and one of our fellows said, "Wait until we get you in the open", and flashed it over his head and he nearly went crazy, they are awful cowards. We went two days with a little jam and biscuit, then nothing for two days more. I bet that I'll never grumble any more if I get back home all right. When we were in that train from the Cape I thought of the last time I had slept in a train, and that was when we went to Scotland with the Evans. By Jove, there was a difference. I had a little "Tam O'Shanter" and a wollen muffler sent out to me, beautiful things. As I have nothing else to put on my head I have to fight in it, as I have lost my helmet, and the nights are bitterly cold and terrible, so the muffler comes in awful handy, I would not take any money for them. The horses are always saddled and the saddles are only taken off when things are very quiet, and we have to wear our arms always. Two other fellows and myself went out in charge, and we had nothing to eat since 4 a. m. so we went to a farm house to see if it was occupied by Boers and we saw some ducks and all of us chased the blooming ducks with drawn swords, cut the head off of six of them, and then got a pot of water, plucked them and then cooked them and ate them within an hour, we were so hungry. We went in the garden. It was the most beautiful garden I ever saw, peaches, figs, apricots, melons, apples, and oh! everything you could possiby imagine, and by Gad we did have a blow out, we could hardly get on our horses we were so fat, we took home three kids on our wallets, and onions and greens and we had a tremendous stew that night, you could smell it for miles around. Of course this is a chance that might not happen again so we made the most of it.

I tell you it is an awful sight to see after a big day, horses with their legs and half their flank blown off, and some shot and bleeding from about six different places, and a horse running about with half its head off. We were out the other morning and dismounted under a big hill and we're all smoking our pipes when a big gun from behind a hill opened on us and a shell skimmed over our heads just missing us, so we were soon mounted and skedaddled off like old boots, and another came just behind and hit one of the Carbineers, poor fellow, it went through his groin behind, through his saddle and blanket, and through the horses neck, and fell down on the ground and did not bust. They are awful things. We opened one the other day and they are full of big pieces of cog wheel and pieces of sharp-cornered steel. And the nights terribly cold. We go into action always smoking. It looks so funny to see a man galloping out into danger with a pipe in his mouth. One of our men got bitten by a scorpion, just like little lobsters with long claws. You see some lovely ostrich feathers, lying about the plains and we often dismount and pick them up and put them in our hat. We got into a swarm of locusts the other day. They were so thick that you could scarcely see the man next to you. You see some lovely locusts all different colors.

I cannot imagine anyone coming to live here, it is a most awful place, but the farms are simply lovely and just around them the only green places and they are generally close to water.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1900.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

We trust that the Dominion Government will lose no time in searching out those parties who are responsible for the disagreeable state of affairs that are now existing in provincial politics, and meet out to them the justice they so wilfully refuse to the electors who have come into the country in good faith to earn an honest livelihood by honest labor.

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There are no great reasons why an election in South East Kootenay should be run on party lines. There is a good deal of concern felt by electors regarding this matter, and it is the universal opinion that the good of the entire district, and not party lines, should be the main factor in the coming election.

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What this Province has long needed is a government of and for the people, one that will pay strict attention to business, and one that will not curry favors with that class of politicians that imagine that they are rulers of the universe by divine right.

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Mines and mining make towns and without full confidence in the advancement of the mining industry, which has become so well marked in the Fort Steele district, the citizens of Steele would not have had such an abiding faith in the future of the town of Fort Steele.

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As the snow disappears and spring approaches we would say, miners and owners of claims, get in and drill, improve your properties as quick as possible, and if you can't sell, ship all the ore that you have on the dump that will stand shipment, by so doing you will make your prospect pay for development.

TUESDAY'S WAR NEWS.

Special to The Prospector.

Bloemfontein, March 26.—Reinforcements for Lord Roberts come by train every day and officers believe that the advance on Pretoria will commence in about two weeks. Until he has all his troops here it will be unsafe for him to move as mobile bands of Boers are still hovering within a few miles of his camp, and would seriously threaten his long line of communication. Every regiment that can be spared at other points have been ordered here. Trains are now running to Port Elizabeth and all new troops can be brought here without delay.

London, March 27.—Military observers here, and even those in close affiliation with the war office, are considerably confused as to what is being done for the relief of Mafeking. Some five or six thousand men are engaged with Methuen at Warrenton and Fourteen Streams, and now another column is about to leave Kimberley, if it has not already started, for Griquatown, 100 miles westward. Its ostensible purpose is to drive out the Boers. The force is described as a strong one and the expedition as likely to attract much attention. General French is reported from Bloemfontein Sunday as returning from Thaba Nchu without apparently having headed off Commandant Oliver with his 15 guns and miles of baggage. Boer horsemen are in contact with the British outposts from Biggarsberg to Warrenton. General Buller's patrols had a sharp skirmish on Sunday at Waschbank. Lord Roberts infantry have now been quiet four days and an advance is hourly expected at the war office.

London, March 27.—The Daily Mail publishes the following from Mafeking:

We are still being very heavily shelled. There have been several casualities, and skirmishing continues in the trenches. The native food question is a problem. The Boers have broken the Sabbath agreement to not fire on Sunday, and have seized the opportunity to extend their trenches.

Lady Sarah Wilson says:—"We have received the news of the relief of Ladysmith but it only serves to increase our disappointment as there is no prospect of our relief. The town remains closely invested. The Boers are reported to be very numerous and strongly entrenched between us and Colonel Plummer. Some of the natives are dying of starvation owing to their prejudice against horseflesh."

London, March 27.—The total British losses, exclusive of the invalids sent home, are 16,418 in killed and wounded and missing.

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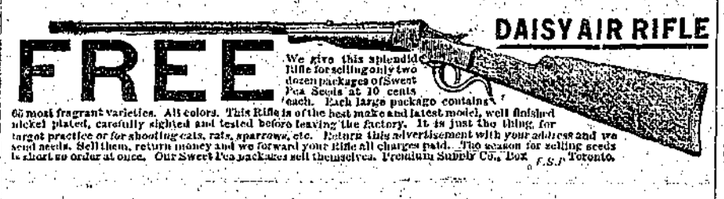

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Resignation and Appointments.

Victoria, March 27.—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of the Honorable James Stuart Yates of the office of Provincial Secretary.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make following appointment:—"George Washington Beebe, of Agassiz, Esquire, to a member of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:—"The Honorable George Washington Beebe to be Provincial Secretary of the Province of British Colnubia.

Fort Steele as a Summer Resort.

THE PROSPECTOR has frequently made mention of Fort Steele as a summer resort, and it is a pleasure to repeat this. In all of East Kootenay there is no place which offers the same attractions. The mountains are at our very doors, navigable stream passes through the town, the drives in the vicinity cannot be excelled, and mountain climbers can indulge in their dangerous but favorite amusement of attempting to climb Mount Fisher. The hunter can find game in abundance, and the disciples of the immortal Isaac Walton can satisfy their craving for sport by whipping the mountain streams. It is a veritable sportsman's paradise, and will be so recognized in a few years.

In Nelson.

A. C. Clute, Q. C., of Toronto, is again in Nelson, his mission being in connection with matters at issue between the mine owners association and the miners' union. Mr. Clute was in the Province a short time ago conducting the inquiry as to the effects of the eight-hour law.

The Athabasca.

The Athabasca mine near Nelson is showing up well these days. The following were the returns for last month:

Length of run, 27 days 14 hours. Value of bullion recovered $9,344.59; gross value of bullion recovered, $1,767.50. Total values recovered, $11,312.09. Number of tons crushed, 347. Total values recovered per ton of ore crushed, $32.60.

It is only a few years ago when Athabasca stock went begging. Mayor Neilnerdo of Nelson always had faith in it, and never let up until he had placed it on a paying basis.

The Hall Mines.

The Hall Mines, Limited, seem to be in a peck of trouble, and whether from bad management or not no one seems to know. It is rumored that the smelter built to treat the Silver King ore will pass into the hands of the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate if satisfactory arrangements for the transportation of ore from the War Eagle and Center Star can be made with the C. P. R.

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

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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.

Steamer for the Kootenay.

It is understood that the new steamboat which Messrs. Murray & Griffith are building at Tobacco is about completed and that it will soon be brought down the river to Libby, at which place the machinery will be put in. The boat will have a capacity of about twelve tons, and it is expected that they will be able to navigate the river for about eight months in the year.

It is understood that the machinery will be driven by power derived from gasolene, and the boat will run between Tobacco and Libby.—Libby News.

A GOOD FIND.

A Cave Which Will Cause a Great Sensation.

In the mountains not far from Fort Steele a large cave was recently discovered by a prospector. He refuses to state where it is but says it is there and when he has thoroughly explored it he will be glad to make its location known to the public. To a representative of THE PROSPECTOR he gave the following information:

"I was in the mountains not a dozen miles from Fort Steele following up some float which I had found at the foot of the hill. I noticed a small opening in the side of the mountain and pushed a small stone into the aperature and could hear it striking the rocks for a long distance. This is a find. Perhaps I have found a mine already developed, I said to myself. I managed to loosen a big rock sufficiently large to enable me to peer inside. There it was plutonian darkness. I removed some more rock, and made a hole big enough for me to get my body through. Lighting a candle, I entered. After going down for about twenty feet I came upon a chamber which I should judge was 50 feet square. With the eye of a prospector I knocked some quartz off and found it filled with free gold. I explored the chamber and found at the far end another opening leading somewhere. I did not take time to investigate, but looked about, took some more samples of quartz, every piece of which was studded with gold. On coming to the surface I closed the opening but will go back in a few days to make further explorations. I believe I have a mine of more than ordinary merit. If everything comes out as I hope my mine will cause as great a sensation as did the discovery of gold on Wild Horse."

THE PROSPECTOR would be glad to give the name of the fortunate prospector, but for various reasons he wishes it withheld for the present.

Salisbury Apologized.

New York, March 27.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says: Lord Salisbury has apologized to the United States for the opening, by the British censor at Durban of mail addressed to ex-Consul C. E. Macrum at Pretoria. The apology will be sent to the house committee on foreign affairs by secretary of state Hay, when Mr. Macrum's case against the state department is heard.

London, March 28.—The Times prints a statement from Cape Town to the effect that the Boers after deducting heavy losses are probably unable now to put more than 30,000 men in the fighting line.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1900.

Will England Be Invaded.

"To-Day" appears determined to prove that an invasion of England is being considered by the military and political chiefs of France. Following an article last week pointing out the defenceless condition of the country, our contemporary now publishes a contribution giving an outline of the scheme that the French generals have in view. The writer says:

The period for the coming French invasion can be fixed with tolerable accuracy. First, of course, the great World's Fair, and, consequently, the cessation of the stream of foreign gold, which will, during the coming summer, flow into the provident French pocket. Secondly, when the rearmament of the army which is now proceeding is finished.

Our military attache at Paris is aware that the French arms factories are proceeding with feverish haste in the accomplishment of a task unprecedented in the annals of the manufacture of material of war.

The Lebel rifle is undergoing a transformation of its breach, which makes it in point of general efficiency far ahead of the Lee-Enfield, of the Mannlicher, or even the latest pattern of the Mauser system.

It is computed by the General Staff that not possibly before August can all the twenty corps depots be supplied with enough of the converted weapons to arm the territorial army and the reserves. Thus the date approximate for hostile action is again fixed. Also to the climatic and other considerations, the French troops cannot move against Morocco until September.

But, it may be asked, what in the name of all that is reasonable has Morocco to do with the threat of a French Jameson raid upon our shores? Well, it is this, Morocco is about the most fanatic country in the whole world of Islam.

The movement of French columns upon its frontiers will throw its Christian-hating populace into a white heat of Mohammedan fanaticism.

As a consequences, war ships of all the powers will be sent to the Moorish coast to protect European lines and interests in the Dominions of the Western Sultan. And there will be found the warden of our marches, the channel fleet, for we will not find it expedient to strip or weaken our fleet in the Mediterranean. And with the presence of the channel fleet on the North African littoral will come across the Channel one hundred and fifty thousand French soldiers thirsting for the sack of London.

Its believed that General Jamont, vice-president of the Superior Council of War, will be in supreme command, and the force is known by General Staff officers to be composed as follows, for the whole grim business is all cut and dried;

The 4th and 10th Army Corps under General Brugere, who succeeded General Zurlinden as military governor of Paris; and the 5th and 12th Army Corps under General Lucas. To these two armies will be attached the 1st and 5th Cavalry Divisions.

At the moment that this force is being dispatched to the north of France in a vast procession of trains, three brigades of the 19th Army Corps will have crossed the Moorish frontiers.

The editor of "To-day", in commenting upon the article, urges that, at any rate, the Reserve squadron, now being assembled for a month's training, should be kept in commission until after that date, and not dispersed as at present proposed.

A Smart Recruiting Officer.

During the height of the excitement in London on Lady-smith day, write "The Major" in "To-Day", a smart recruiting sergeant, with flying ribbons, got himself hoisted shoulder high by some friends in the crowd. He waved his hand for silence, and then in stentorian tones, shouted, "What's the use of cheering the Queen, who'll come and fight for her?". He was subsequently seen marching to the nearest recruiting office at the head of a troop of thirty recruits, who, on the spur of the moment, had answered the call to arms. It must have been a good day's business for that wily non-commissioned officer. I am told that candidates offered themselves all day long at the various London recruiting depots, and that reports from provincial depots are equally favorable.

MONDAY'S NEWS FROM THE TRANSVAAL.

Special to THE PROSPECTOR.

London, March 29.—The last report from Mafeking was on the 14th. They were being heavily shelled, and apparently but little progress is being made towards relief.

A dispatch from Kimberley dated March 25th says: Prisoners brought in here report that a force of British cavalry have entered the Transvaal and penetrated to a point eighteen miles north of Christiana. The British forces at Fourteen Streams are being strengthened. A movement northward is expected soon.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein says the Boers are retiring from Kroonstad after having blown up the bridge.

London, March 26.—The Times has the following from Roupville dated Saturday: "Commander Oliver with a strong force and fifteen guns is moving north, proceeding towards Cocolan. General French may intercept them".

Makes a Difference.

"It makes a great difference how a thing's done," said Bronco Bob, as he thoughtfully laid his seven-shooter down.

"What makes a difference?"

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A corporal of the marine corps writing from Modder river sends the following: "At the recent charges of the Guards at the battle of Belmont a young Irishman was about to bayonet a Boer, who lay concealed behind a large stone, when another comrade came up alongside him and said, 'Let me give him a poke,' but young Pat yelled, 'Go away and find a Boer of your own,' and with that he laid him low."—London, (Eng.) Mail.

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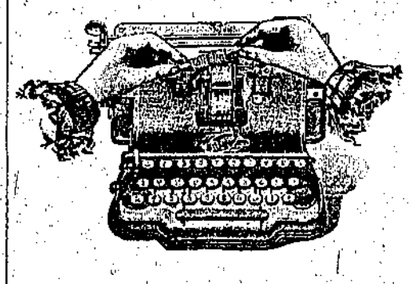

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

J. T. Kesler has returned to Spokane from Southern California, and will be in Fort Steele in a short time to inaugurate work on the Star group of mines.

The entertainment on Monday evening will be of such a character that will delight everybody.

Remember that Prest the photographer will visit Fort Steele next Tuesday and then only visit monthly afterwards. See advertisement for particulars.

A. W. Bleasdell left for Skookum Chuck on Thursday last to look after his mining interests in that section.

Now is the time to insure. Remember the fate of the International Hotel, and call at once on
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A most enjoyable musical and literary treat at the Opera House on Monday evening.

R. A. Kimpton, the Windermere merchant, is taking in the sights of Fort Steele.

Mrs. Dilse has a consignment of millinery, consisting of the latest styles which will arrive about the 1st of April. *

C. P. Hill, deputy collector of customs at Port Hill, Idaho, goes out of office today, and now the people of Bonner's Ferry are wondering who will be appointed to fill his place.

W. Graham Hodsdon will sing the "Absent-Minded Beggar" at the Opera House on Monday evening.

There is an opportunity for some good reliable, pushing citizen to secure the agency of the Imperial Life Assurance Company by applying to the Provincial Manager, J. W. W. Stewart at Vancouver.

It is learned that several cottages will be built here this summer. There is an unprecedented demand for desirable tenements. A number of families will take up there abode here this summer.

Before purchasing see the newest and latest styles of millinery at Mrs. Dilse's establishment at Fort Steele. *

James Carroll of Kimberley was in town on Wednesday last.

We have on file for reference by our readers the latest price circular of the McMillan Fur & Wool Co., Minneapolis, Minn., dated March 15th. 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. *

R. L. T. Galbraith returned from a month's trip to Spokane and the coast cities on Friday of last week, stopping at the West Kootenay reserve on his way home.

E. A. Hargreaves of Empire City, Oregon, arrived in town on Friday of last week. He is looking about the territory with a view of locating.

Notwithstanding the closing down of several mines in the vicinity of Windermere, a large number of prospectors will go to that country this year. Several people left Libby, Montana, a few days ago to prospect in the mountains thereabouts.

Miss Ethel Webb will recite a descriptive piece on the death and burial of General Wauchope at the Opera House on Monday night.

R. O. Jennings is up at the Quantrell superintending the work on that claim. It is looking better as the work proceeds.

There is some inquiries for properties on the Sullivan and North Star hills. There will be great activity in that section during the coming summer.

Robert Lee of Edmonton, and L. H. Hogan, Pincher Creek, were in town on Wednesday.

Thomas Starbird and H. F. Collett came down from Windermere on Thursday.

Ben Pugh arrived in town from the north on Thursday last. Ben is looking well.

Dr. John Barber is sick at the hospital with pneumonia.

N. A. Wallinger is putting a new fence about his place.

The Rev. D. Lang will preach in the Presbyterian Church here to-morrow at 3 p. m. His sermon will have a special interest to young people.

A dance will be given in the Opera House on Easter Monday, April 16.

The citizens of Cranbrook tendered a banquet to F. E. Simpson of the Herald on Thursday evening, giving him a good send off on his far northern journey. THE PROSPECTOR hopes that Mr. Simpson will return with a pocket full of gold nuggets.

No one should miss the entertainment at the Opera House on Monday evening. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Hodsdon sing say it would be difficult to find his superior.

W. R. Ross and J. H. Fink went to Cranbrook yesterday.

David Griffith was in town several days during the week sizing up the political situation.

Daily war bulletins have been discontinued, the public having seemingly lost interest in the present news from South Africa.

New Deal on the Red Line.

It is rumored that a new deal is now on for the purchase of the Red Line group of mines, in the Windermere district, on a basis of $100,000 for the property. The new bond stipulating that $5,000 worth of work be done each month. The names of the prospective purchasers are not given, in fact the rumor cannot be traced to any definite source, although it is certain that a new deal is on.

Hard on Publishers.

The last few months has been hard on the big publishers. A short time ago the Harper's became involved in financial difficulties, and now the well known firm of D. Appleton & Co., is in the hands of a receiver.

Paris Exposition.

Paris, March 27.—At cabinet council held today it was decided to officially inaugurate the Paris exposition Saturday, April 14.

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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 a line or lines of telephone, electrical works, power houses generating plant and all such other appliances as are necessary and proper for the generating of electricity or other power and transmitting the same, within and throughout the District of East Kootenay and various Townsites in the said District as the Company from time to time determines, and to construct, maintain, and operate the same along the sides of, and across or under any highway, streets, public bridges or any such places in the said District as the Company from time to time determines and to construct, erect, and maintain such and so many poles and other works and devices as the Company deems necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working, operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone or electrical works, power houses, generating plant and other appliances, and to open or break up any part or parts of 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 or surrender lands, buildings or tenements within the limits aforesaid and to purchase or lease for any term of years, any telephone line established or to be established in British Columbia connecting or to be connected with the lines which the Company may construct and to purchase or lease for any term of years the right of the company to construct and maintain any such telephone line and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines or any portion or portions thereof to any company possessing as proprietor any line of telephone communication connecting or to be connected with the said Companies line or lines and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids 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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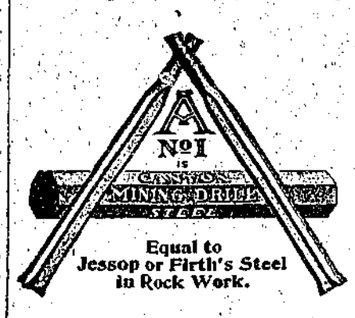

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