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The Prospector.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON 'THE PROSPECTOR' AND FORT STEELE.

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A chiel's amang you takin notes,
And faith he'l prent them.

LOGAL NEWS.

A hardware store is under construction on Riverside Avenue.

C. F. McMillan of Rossland purchased 8 lots in Steele.

C. M. Keep will open a bank here about the 1st of June.

O. S. Frizzell is building a residence on Galbraith Avenue.

H. L. Amne will erect a cottage on Government Avenue.

WANTED—A good cook, apply at the Prospector office.

W. E. Johnson went to Kalispell Thursday.

Wm. Ridpath returned to Spokane on Wednesday.

Fishing tackle and choice cigars at the Pioneer Drug Store.

Mr. J. S. Clute, Custom Inspector for this district is visiting at Steele.

W. S. Kaye, Custom Collector will be stationed at the Crow's Nest Landing.

Wm. Steward has commenced the erection of a hotel on River side Avenue.

Several Chinamen were blown up by giant powder, on Wild Horse creek last week.

The Kootenay river is rising very fast, it is about eleven feet above low water mark.

Blackwood Bros. are erecting a soda water manufactury across the river.

The annex to the Dalgardno House is rapidly approaching completion.

Transfers to the extent of $4,000 were made in the real estate line on Thursday, by Venosta & Co.

Another lot of those famous razors, also stationery, combs, brushes and soaps, at the Pioneer Drug Store.

Coming up, the Kootenay River is still rising, though not as high as the highest point reached in 1896.

Sixteen parties stopped over night at Wasa last Saturday, they were all bound for Fort Steele.

It is reported that 65 large freight teams from Kalispell, Montana, are on their way to Fort Steele.

Four large freight teams came in from Kalispell on Thursday evening, loaded with general merchandise.

P. Jensen arrived from Jennings last Sunday. Mr. Jensen was here last season and has several prospects in the vicinity of Tracy creek.

Gold Commissioner Armstrong has sent out a large force of men to repair and place in good condition for travel, the Tobacco Plains road.

Gilpin & Lindsey have nearly completed their new general merchandise store, their stock is all on the way to Steele, and will arrive by the first of the week.

"It is a startling fact that, almost without exception, the adulterated teas are dangerous to health. Some of them are actually poisonous."
—*N. Y. Herald.*

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Schilling & Company
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J. W. Arthur, a mining expert from West Kootenay came in during the week. We learn that Mr. Arthur will take up his residence at Steele.

We learn that E. S. Bailey, has placed a force of men at work cutting a trail from Perry to Hell Roaring creek.

Navigation on the Kootenay river will be opened in about two weeks. Captain Armstrong will have the "Gwendoline' ready for business by the 1st of June.

John Weightman's stage from Kalispell arrived on Wednesday with seven passengers for Steele Mr. Weightman reported a large number of freight teams en-route for Fort Steele, delayed by high water at Sand creek.

Real estate has had quite a boom during the past week, C. F. Venosta, of the firm of Venosta & Co., townsite agents, report sales to the amount of $20,000. No wonder "Van" wears a Crow's Nest smile upon his countenance.

Considerable excitement was caused during the early part of the week, by three drowned cayuses coming down the river, there was considerable speculation as to whose outfit it was, but at present we are unable to tell who was the owner.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Next Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock, the Presbyterian form of Divine worship will be conducted in the school house. The bell will be rung twice, once at 7-30 and again at 8. All are cordially invited to attend.

A New and Modern Post Office For Fort Steele.

We learn that a new site has been selected for a Post Office, and construction will soon be commenced on a suitable building. The new office will be an up to date affair, and adjusted to accommodate the increased postal business of Fort Steele.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEW LAWS

Province Put in Good Shape To Do Business.

Victoria, May 14th—After a session lasting three months to a day, the Provincial Legislature closed its sitting last Saturday with the usual ceremonious prorogation by the lieutenant governor. It has been an eventful session, and as far as the province itself goes, one of more than usual historic interest.

There were more than 70 bills passed by the legislature this year, and of these there are a greater number of important measures than ever went through at any previous session. The water clauses bill and its companion bills will make it simple for companies to incorporate in future, and as a general set of sections has been passed which will in future apply to all companies incorporated, there will be far less time lost over private bills in future sessions than in former years. The amendment to the mineral act, putting a common sense and easily understood meaning on what constitutes "mineral in place" which must be found preparatory to staking a claim, is something that the miner will appreciate, he will also see that care has been taken to prevent monopolies from crabbing the water powers in the mining districts.

The session has been a most useful one, and now that the mining industry is going ahead so rapidly, and opening up new territory, the benefits of the bills past will soon be appreciated.

Mining News.

Wm. Gordon of Pilot Bay, arrived at Fort Steele on Wednesday evening. Mr. Gordon is an expert minerologist, and has had a large and practical experience in connection with smelters of East Helena, Wicks, Great Falls Castle mountain, Tostan, Everett and Tacoma, and also has been identified with the Wellington mines at West Kootenay.

Mr. Watt, one of the owners of the Wellington mine in West Kootenay arrived at Fort Steele on Wednesday. Mr. Watt will look over the mineral resources of the district, and possibly invest. Mr. Watt assured a Prospector reporter that the Fort Steele district was all right, and had a great future.

E. S. Bailey of Spokane, arrived at Steele on Wednesday. Mr. Bailey has bonded a group of mines on Hell Roaring creek. We learn that Mr. Bailey will place a force of men at work immediately upon the property. Mr. Bailey is one of the owners of the Payne group of mines in the Slocane district, West Kootenay.

THE DIBBLE MINE.

John M. Burke, a mining expert from Spokane arrived in Fort Steele last week. Mr. Burke immediately visited the Dibble mine. Report has it, that Mr. Burke is experting the mine for a syndicate who desire to purchase the property. Mr. Burke returned from the Dibble mine on Saturday, and left in the afternoon to inspect the Rams Horn property near Six mile creek.

A NEW STRIKE.

Another new strike has been reported north of the Upper Moyea lake, and about five miles west of Cranbrook. Joe Davis is the lucky finder; he says that he has traced the formation from the St. Eugene mine to the North Star and Sullivan group, the trend of the formation is west of north, and can be easily followed. The lead crops in various places in the form of large iron capping containing lead, from specimens that we have seen, also shown to Mr. James Cronin manager of the St. Eugene mine. There is no doubt that the mineral zone or belt extends for nearly forty miles in a north westerly direction. Mr. Davis has made two locations on this vein, and will thoroughly prospect the claim at once.

WEAVER CREEK.

Prospecting has now commenced in earnest, the old timer would hardly recognize the crossing on Palmer Bar creek, which is literally covered with tents, of the coming and going prospector. The attention of the prospector is directed towards the head of Niger creek, which strikes their fancy from the immense areas of granite, intersected by large ledges of friable porphyritic quartz. Evidence of prospecting can be seen all over the mountains, and it is not the trail prospector, or the poor excuse of that genius who seeks his information from the Recorders office, or the one that makes an imperfect discovery upon other people's claims, but it is the cream of the prospecting fraternity that are searching the mountains of East Kootenay.

Weaver creek gets a good share of the attention of the prospector. If you camp at night on the high mountains of the Weaver creek divide, you can see the camp fires of the prospectors dotting the mountain side far and near. True evidence of the fact, that the intelligent prospector is satisfied to expend his efforts in hard labor for the benefit of himself and the people of British Columbia, that he finds in the creeks and gulches of this district the ear marks of hidden treasures, which bids fair that his hopes will be realized in the finding of the source from whence came these promises of wealth and happiness, found in the placer diggings in days past. A large number of quartz claims are located on Weaver creek, among the many promising locations, are the Prospectors Dream, Old Abe, Sniper, Nile, Paupers Dream, Monitor, Gold Reserve, Wide Awake and the Hamilton Fraction.

The surface ore in this region is strictly free milling, it is very rarely that one finds sulphites in the ore, the character of the ore is a honey-comb, hermitite, oxide of iron quartz, now and then pieces which are slightly copper stained. No traces can be found of lead or zinc in the ore.

If we take into consideration the immense water power Weaver creek has at its disposal, the the vast amount of low grade, and the appreciable amount of high grade ores, we are certain that this creek cannot fail to equal the favorable showing of Gold ores now found in the vicinity of Perry creek.

As near as we can judge the cost of milling in this vicinity will not exceed 50 cents per ton, mining $2 per ton, leaving a handsome margin to the investor. In conclusion we might add, that taking into consideration the large amount of ore in sight, the comparatively small cost of production, we are certain that Col. McQuade and his friends will reap rich harvest in the fulfillment of the promises they have made in regard to this section of country.

THE MOYEA CAMP.

The Moyea camp is booming. West Kootenay and Rossland prospectors are thoroughly investigating this portion of the Fort Steele district.

The St. Eugene is the pride of the Moyea country, and when we look at the surface showing of this property we can hardly believe our tapeline which shows 400 feet of lead croppings upon the surface. We go into the upper tunnel, and cannot help admiring the beautiful sight which confronts us there, a tunnel driven through 130 feet of solid galena, which yields 55 ozs in silver and 60 per cent lead, a large amount of work has been performed upon this property, and upon the advent of the Crow's Nest Railway it will become a large producing mine.

We follow the croppings of the St. Eugene through the St. Powell into the Fra Diavale until the croppings are lost in the Moyea Lake. The Queen of the Hills has a magnificent showing of galena. The Moyea is right in line with a large amount of fine ore. The Lake Shore, under the management of—Mining expert, Chas Farrell, has a large amount of concentrating ore and solid galena on the dump.

A large number of claims have been located at this point within the last 30 days, thus giving evidence, that in the near future a large silver-lead camp will be established on Moyea Lake.

LOCAL NEWS.

John Campbell, Barrister, has opened an office on Riverside avenue, Mr. Campbell, is a member of the firm of Wilson and Campell of Victoria.

Dr. N. J. Lindsey of Calgary, N.W.T. is prepared to treat all diseases of the eye, including testing for errors of refraction and fitting glasses.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JENNINGS AND FORT STEELE.

A special to The Prospector reads as follows: Telegrams to Kalispell & Spokane says, the Gwendoline, has been fully repaired, and will leave Jennings for Fort Steele on Tuesday, May 25th.

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Contributions are solicited from all parts of the district, but all matter intended for publication must have the writer's signature.

KNOCKED OUT IN THE 3rd ROUND.

The Prospector has the pleasure of announcing that the alien amendment was knocked out. It was lost by a majority of one, hence this district made a perilously narrow escape as to its future prospects.

The adoption of this amendment would have done infinate injury to East Kootenay at this time, as it would have shut out American prospectors at the most vital time in the history of the district, at a time when we want our district prospected and made a rich field for enterprise with capital. Though if this bill has passed, our American cousins would have appreciated the fact, that this government was the originator of a similar odious bill, but good common sense seemed to have come to the assistence of both legislative departments, and both bills have met the same fate.

THE CROWS NEST RAILWAY.

The most important question before the people of East Kootenay today is, when will the road be constructed. There is no knowing what influences may be brought to bear upon the government, and they may be led to adopt a course which would not be what the people of this district desire. The fact is. That we want the railroad, it is a necessity in our business, we want its assistance in developing our mineral resources, we need it to cheapen the necessaries of life.

We need the road to transport machinery to develop our mines, to hasten the erection of smelters and reduction works, for the ores mined in the district.

And the main point is, for the Government to see that the road is constructed as soon as possible. Give us the assurance that the road will be built; and we won't complain as to who constructs, owns or operates it.

The building of the Crow's Nest Railway will give every encouragement to the development of the mineral resources of this district, the result will be that the markets of the Northwest will be the means of supplying the thousands of miners with the staple articles of food.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A VALID MINERAL LOCATION.

ROCK IN PLACE DEFINED.

Justice McCreight, in the Paris Belle case, has defined what is a valid mineral location, also what is mineral in place. McCreight states that the legislation in its acts has made a definition which states "a mineral claim shall be marked by two legal posts placed as near as possible on the line of the ledge or vein," these words "ledge or vein" are disjunctive, and show that the legislation did not consider a vein to be necessary, though it might be sufficient for a location. "The locator shall also place a legal post at the point where he has discovered "rock in place" on which shall be written "discovery post." This shows that the discovery of "Rock in place" means "valuable deposits of mineral," the word "valuable" being defined as "capable of being valued." The applicant, therefore, for a mineral claim need not swear to to the value of the mineral found in place, but that he has found it. McCreight considers it is not intended to subject the miner to finding a "substance" between defined walls before recording, as the Chief justice has held, because often a large expenditure is necessary in order to find the vein between walls, and often without success as to walls. In short it is not intended to subject the miner to the necessity of finding a substance between defined walls before location and record.

COMING IN AND GOING OUT

Prospectors are coming into the district from all directions, the snow has disappeared, except from the summits, and the sun is very hot in the mountains, prospectors are fitting out every day, and starting for the mountains, and it is safe to state that at least 500 prospectors are scouring the mountains in search of mineral.

C. P. R. AT WORK IN THE CROW'S NEST PASS.

A dispatch from Macleod states that Mr. Lumsden, in charge of the C. P. R. survey in the Crow's Nest Pass says, that they are working westward rapidly, and will reach the Kootenay river shortly, where they expect to reach the surveying party, who are working eastward from the Kootenay Lake and river.

P. J. CRUICKSHANK,

Fort Steele, B.C.

General Blacksmith.

HORSE SHOEING,

AND JOBBING.

Mining Work a Specialty.

NOTICE.

Education Office,

Victoria, 9th May, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the Public Schools of the Province will be held as follows, commencing on Friday, July 2nd, 1897, at 8:45 a.m:—

Victoria.....In South Park School Building.

Vancouver.....In High School Building.

Kamloops.....In Public School Building.

Each applicant must forward a notice thirty days before the examination, stating the class and grade of certificate for which he will be a candidate, the optional subjects selected, and at which of the above named places he will attend.

Every notice of intention to be an applicant must be accompanied with satisfactory testimonial of moral character.

Candidates are notified that all of the above requirements must be fulfilled before their applications can be filed.

All candidates for First Class, Grade A, Certificates, including Graduates, must attend in Victoria to take the subjects prescribed for July 12th and 13th instants, and to undergo required oral examinations.

S. D. POPE,
Superintendent of Education.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 240 acres of land situated in East Kootenay district, on the north fork of Sand creek, about one and a half miles from the forks. The initial post being the South east corner, thence 60 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 60 chains east, thence 40 chains south to place of commencement.

W. J. LANGLEY,

Dated this 12th day of May, 1897. 46

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date Intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situated in East Kootenay district on Sand creek about nine miles from the bridge. The initial post being the north west corner, thence 40 chains south thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west to place of commencement.

J. B. Langley.

Dated this 12th day of May, 1897. 46

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail at my Hotel in westport.

Thos. Robson

Dated this 12th day of May, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor at retail on the premises known as the Oriental Hotel.

William M. Stewart.

Dated, May 10, 1897. 45

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NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail, on the premises known as the Imperial Hotel.

C.F.Venosta.

Dated May 10, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

Notice, that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Sifton Hotel, situated at the head of Moyea Lake.

Lindsey Crossin.

Dated May 10, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land on Wild Horse creek commencing at my north east corner situate on Victoria gulch below the Invicta ditch, thence running 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains north to place of commencement.

D. P. KIMPTON,

Dated May 10th 1897. 45

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, for permission to purchase about 120 acres of unreserved and unoccupied Crown lands, situated on east bank of Wild Horse creek, East Kootenay district. Beginning at the north east corner of lot 787 (Wm. Baillie), thence south 40 forty chains, thence east 40 forty chains, thence north about 29 twenty chains to bank of Wild Horse creek, thence following bank of Wild Horse creek to place of beginning.

R. F. CUMMINS.

Dated at Fort Steele 30th April, 1897 45

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of unsurveyed and unoccupied land. Commencing at the north east corner of R. O. Jennings land on Mark creek thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east to initial post.

Dated May 3rd, 1897.

C. L. DURICK. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situate on Moyea Lake in East Kootenay district and described as follows. Beginning at a post planted half a mile down stream from bridge and a quarter of a mile back from the river, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of beginning.

L. A. Martin.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Crahan House, Wardner.

William Carlin.

Dated this 11th. day of May, 1897. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises of a Hotel to be constructed at the town of Kimberly.

C.F.Sears.

Dated this 8th day of May 1897. 44

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of unoccupied crown land situated on Mark creek, north of the North Star wagon road. Commencing at R.O.Jennings north west corner post, thence 40 chains north thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east to place of commencement

B. Bainbridge.
I.M.Foster.

April 24, 1897. 44

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works Victoria, for permission to purchase 160 acres of land on Wolf creek East Kootenay, B. C. Commencing at the N. W. corner situate on the south bank of the above creek: thence running 40 chains east; thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains west; thence 40 chains north to the point of commencement.

W. J. R. COWELL

Date d this 1st day of April, 1897. 39

NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Kootenay will be holden at Fort Steele at the Mining Recorder's office on Saturday the 12th day of June at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Summonses for the said Court can be procured from the Registrar at Donald.

By order of the Judge,

J. F. Armstrong,

Registrar of the County Court of Kootenay holden at Fort Steele. 39

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby give , that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 160 acres of land on Perry Creek, commencing at Weller and Doyle's S W corner post, thence running 20 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east, thence 20 chains north to point of commencement.

E. J. WALSH.

Dated Fort Steele, March 29 th 1897. 37

NOTICE.

COURTS of Assize and Nisi Prius, and of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden at the places and on the dates following, viz:

City of Nelson, on Monday, the 21st day of June, 1897.

Town of Donald, on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1897.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
23rd March, 1897. 40-4

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase a fraction of land lying between Johnston & Dewar's pre-emption and the mountain. Starting at a post north east corner of Johnston & Dewer's pre-emption, thence 10 chains east, thence 40 chains south, thence 10 chains west, thence 40 chains north to place of commencement.

S. M. Bridges & Co.

Dated April 2nd, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land in East Kootenay. Beginning at the initial post planted on the west bank of the Kootenay river at the south-east corner of lot 707. Hence west 35 chains more or less, hence south 44 chains, hence east 40 chains to western boundary of Lot 708, hence north 20 chains to the north west corner of Lot 708, hence east two chains and seventy seven links (2.77 chains) to north east corner of Lot 708, hence following bank of Kootenay river to place of beginning.

N. A. WALLINGER.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works, for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situated in East Kootenay District in a valley between Bull River and a branch of Sand Creek, about two miles south of Bull River. The Initial post being the north east corner, hence 40 chains south, hence 80 west, hence 40 chains north, hence 80 chains east to place of beginning.

E. A. Elton.

Dated this 27th March, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase, 80 acres of land, more or less. Starting at a post south west, corner of Johnston & Dewars pre-emption, thence 50 chains east, more or less, thence 20 chains south to Moyea Lake, thence 50 chains west along Moyea Lake, thence 20 chains north to place of commencement.

John A. Christie & Co.

Dated April 2nd, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land. Starting at a point on Moyea trail, 2 miles south of Cranbrook estate, more or less, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains east to place of commencement.

T. Borbridge & Co.

Dated April 3rd, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for permission to purchase, 65 acres of land, more or less. Starting at post south west corner of Johnston & Dewars pre-emption, thence 20 chains west, thence 60 chains south to Moyea Lake, thence 30 chains, more or less, north east along Moyea Lake, thence 20 chains north to place of commencement.

George Ask & Co.

Dated April 2nd, 1897. 40

NOTICE.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DUPLICATE OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO PART (1.05 acres) OF LOT 296, IN GROUP ONE (1), KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention at the expiration on one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title of Wait Wade to the above lands dated the 22nd day of October 1891 and numbered 1817 A.

Land Registry Office, Victoria British Columbea. March 17th, 1897.

S. Y. WOOTTON.
Registrar General of Titles. 39

NOTICE.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DUPLICATE OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO PART (1.06 acres) OF LOT 296, IN GROUP ONE (1), KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the certificate of title of Benjamin Walter Jones to the above lands dated the 19th day of October 1891, and numbered 18716 A.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia. March 17th, 1897.

S. Y. WOOTTON
Registrar General of Titles. 39

Notice Taxpayers

ASSESSMENT ACT AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX.

FORT STEELE DIVISION OF EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897.

All of the above named taxes collectable within the Fort Steele Division of East Kootenay District are payable at my office, in Fort Steele.

Assessed taxes are collectable at the following rates, viz:—

If paid on or before June 30th 1897.

Three-fifths of one per cent on Real Property.

Two and one-half per cent on assessed value of wild land.

One-half of one per cent on personal property.

On so much of the incomes of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates namely: Upon such excess of income when the sum is not more than ten thousand dollars one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July 1897.

Four-fifths of one per cent on Real property.

Three per cent on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent on Personal property.

On so much of the incomes 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-quarter 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-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial Revenue Tax $3.00 per capita.

C. M. EDWARDS,
Assessor and Collector.

Fort Steele Feb. 23rd, 1897. 34

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of unoccupied Crown lands, in a valley on the south side of Bull river, about one and a half miles from the Pack bridge. Commencing at the north west corner post, thence forty chains south, thence eighty chains east, thence forty chains north, thence eighty chains west to place of commencement,

A. W. Bleasdell.

Dated at Fort Steele, B. C., this 27th day of March, 1897. 42

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license for the purpose of prospecting for coal on land situate on the north side of St. Mary's river about (2) two miles west from the Indian Reservation. Starting from the south east corner post, thence running 80 chains north, thence running 80 chains west, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east to place of commencement, comprising 640 acres.

E. J. WALSH

Dated this 15th April, 1897. 41

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license for the purpose of prospecting for coal on lands, situate on the south side of the St. Mary's river, about three miles west of the St. Eugene Mission. Starting from N. E. corner post, thence running 80 chains south, thence 80 chains west, thence 80 chains north, thence 80 chains east to the place of commencing. Comprising a total of 640 acres.

Nicholas Coccola.

Dated this 15th April, 1897. 41

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land, situated in the district of East Kootenay and described as follows: Beginning at a post planted, (20.00) twenty chains south of the mile post on the southern boundary of block 313, thence south (40.00) forty chains, thence west (40.00) forty chains, thence north (40.00) forty chains, thence east (40.00) forty chains to place of beginning.

JAS. E. DILSE.

Dated, 10th April 1897. 40

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase three hundred and twenty acres of unreserved and unoccupied Crown lands situated on Movie lakes East Kootenay district B. C. Beginning at a post planted at the north east corner of lower Movie lake, thence north (80.00) eighty chains, thence east (40.00) forty chains, thence south (80.00) eighty chains, thence west (40.00) forty chains to place of beginning.

Thos. T. McVittie.

April 12th, 1897. 41

NOTICE.

The undersigned will in thirty days apply for a retail liquor license for the Wardner House at Wardner B. C.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1897.

N. HANSON. 41

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase the lands within the following described area. Commencing at the north east corner of lot 1091, G.1, thence north to the pre-emption of W. S. Collier, thence west to the Kootenay river, thence following the river southerly to the north west corner of J. Duricks application to purchase, thence east to the point of commencement.

Dated at Fort Steele 26th April, 1897.

T. W. JACKSON. 43

NOTICE,

No. 362.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN COMPANY.

"COMPANIES' ACT," PART IV., AND AMENDING ACTS.

"Sullivan Group Mining Company" (Foreign).

Registered the 1st day of March, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Sullivan Group Mining Company" (Foreign), under the "Companies' Act," Part IV., "Registration of Foreign Companies," and amending Acts.

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

The objects for which the Company is established are:—To carry on the business of mining, milling, smelting, and reduction of ores of all kinds; to buy, sell, and deal in mines; to buy, sell, to lease or bond mines and mining properties, and generally to deal in and handle mines and minerals of every description within the United States and the Province of British Columbia, and to erect and maintain mills, smelters, and all appliances for the reduction or handling of metals and minerals, and to do all things necessary or proper in connection with the foregoing objects, as aforesaid.

The capital stock of the said Company is two million five hundred thousand dollars, divided into two million five hundred thousand shares of the par value of one dollar each.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of March, 1897.

[L.S.] S. Y. WOOTTON.
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies. 43

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of unreserved and unoccupied Crown lands situated on Perry creek, district of East Kootenay, B. C. Beginning at a post placed on the south west angle of the Old Town bench, thence north (40.00) forty chains, thence east (40.00) forty chains, thence south (40.00) forty chains, thence west (40.00) forty chains to place of beginning.

A. Irvine Robertson.

Dated this 14th April, 1897. 42

NOTICE.

We hereby give notice, that sixty days after date, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land, more or less, situated about two miles in a northerly direction from Moyie Lake. Starting at the north east corner post of Mose Prudhomme's pre-emption, thence 40 chains north, more or less, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains east to place of commencement.

J. LAMONT.
ED. MURPHY.

Dated this 24th April, 1897. 42

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situate in East Kootenay described as follows: Beginning at a post planted at the south west corner of lot 325, Thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of beginning.

Dated Feb. 16th, 1897.

W. FRENCH. 42

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land in East Kootenay District situated on Perry creek, beginning at the Initial post planted about four miles above the old shaft, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to Initial post.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1897.

W. S. FORSYTH. 41

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as Moyea Hotel.

GLENGARRY CAMPBELL.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1897. 41

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice, that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell liquor by retail on the premises known as the Miners Hotel, situated in Old Town, Perry Creek.

A. I. ROBERTSON.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1897. 41

FORT STEELE MINING ASSOCIATION,

Thomas McVittie.	President,	
O. S. Frizzell.	Vice "	"
N. A. Wallinger.	" "	"
E. C. Smith.	" "	"
C. F. Venosta.	Secretary,	

The regular meetings of the association will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday in every month.

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Notice is hereby given that the North Star Mining Company intend sixty days after date to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 160 acres of unreserved and unoccupied crown lands situated at McGinty creek, East Kootenay, B. C.

Beginning at a post placed to the south-west of the Company's buildings, thence forty chains north, thence forty chains east, thence forty chains south, thence forty chains west to place of beginning.

North Star Mining Co.,
per W. M. McLeod Curran
Agent.

Dated at Fort Steele, this 7th.day of May 1897. 45

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I will apply to the Gold Commissioner for a license to sell intoxicating liquor by retail at my residence at Crow's Nest Landing, near Elk river. Objections should be filed at the Mining Recorder's Office before the 11th. June, 1897.

Mrs. J. Mott,

Dated the 12th. day of May 1897 45

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres of land more or less, comprising an Island in the Kootenay river opposite the new townsite called Wardner.

Thomas Anderson Gregg

Dated, May 11, 1897. 45

THE WAGON ROAD SOUTH.

On Wednesday a deputation of citizens waited on Gold Commissioner Armstrong and represented to him the desirability indeed the necessity in view of the wrecking of both the river boats—of putting the wagon road between here and the boundary in a good state of repair, as supplies and travel would have to come that way now. Mr. Armstrong with his usual promptitude, readily agreed to the suggestion, and a gang of men left Thursday morning for Sand creek. The worst places on the road will be repaired first. We understand also that Mr. Vogh wrote the same day to friends at Kalispell to take steps at once to have the road from there to the boundary improved. We may therefore look for a steady stream of traffic over the wagon road for the rest of the summer; for however pleasant and expeditious river travel may be—when all goes well—when the risk of wrecks (and of two at a time) is taken into consideration, most people will choose the safer though slower mode of conveyance by land. There is no evil without some compensating good. It seemed—and it was a serious disaster to have the navigation of the river so suddenly closed—even if temporarily. Only—at the best stage of water too; but it has proved to us the absolute necessity of having the trunk road south put in good condition for traffic all the year around. The cable ferry at the crossing of the Elk river is now in good running order, so that no delay or inconvenience will be experienced there. By the way the cable for this ferry was purchased by private subscription, we believe; why should it not be maintained by the government as are ferries in other parts of the province?

MAIL SERVICE.

The mail service in the Fort Steele district still needs to be improved, and we trust that our member, will see the necessity of improving the service from Golden, also the securing of a route south. The result would be an improvement in our mining and mercantile industries. Already large crowds are flocking to this district; investors with capital are here, documents of importance are dispatched to all points, that require a more rapid means of communication.

U. S. TARIFF ON LEAD.

The following is the tariff rate on mineral products in the new McKinlay bill: Lead ores, 1 cent per pound on the lead contained. Lead duties are to be estimated at port of entry, bonds given in double the amount and the duties liquidated in the end after government assay. Lead dross and refuse lead 2 cents per pound, sheet pipe, shot, etc. 2½ cents per pound; metallic minerals crude, including monazite sand 20 per cent; mica 3 cents per pound and 15 per cent; nickel 6 cents per pound, quicksilver 10 cents per pound.

EAST KOOTENAY'S COAL FIELDS.

The building of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, and the demand for coal and more especially coke, are attracting more attention in the Dominion of Canada than any other question of the day. The report of Dr. Selmyer, late director of the Dominion geographical survey, is of great interest at the present juncture. From analysis it is ascertained that an excellent coke, very low in ash, can be produced which cannot be excelled by any made in the west.

The coal fields are near the Crow's Nest lake on a ridge which runs in a north-easterly direction between Martin creek and Michel creek, and form the west side of the valley of the west side of Michel creek. From this ridge a number of spurs, with steep intervening gullies, descend abruptly to the trail. In these, and on the intervening ridges, a wonderful series of coal seams are disclosed one above the other to the summit of the ridge. The outcrops, which can be seen on the ground, are twenty seams in all showing a total thickness of 132 feet of coal. There is in the Crow's Nest Pass between the eastern summit and the valley of the Elk river, an area of not less than 144 square miles that is destined to be one of the most valuable and productive coal fields on the continent. A rough calculation would give about 49,952,000 tons per square mile.—Stock Reporter.

BRITAIN'S DEFENCE.

Remarkable Naval and Military Preparations—New Ships and Fortifications.

A writer in the New York Observer in a recent issue said: In sharp contrast with the German Emperor's naval programme for the next four years is that for the next fiscal year recently presented to the British Parliament. The former called for an expenditure of 328,000,000 marks in building four battleships, six cruisers, one gunboat, two despatch boats and three torpedo boats, but met with such determined opposition in the Reichstag that the Government was forced to accept in lieu of it a credit of 1,000,000 marks toward a new battleship. The British naval estimates for the coming year alone call for $100,190,000, or more than the German appropriation asked for, with which is to be begun the construction of four battleships, three cruisers, two sloops, four gunboats, and two torpedo boat destroyers. Adding these to the ships already authorized, there will be under construction or to be completed during the coming year, 14 battleships, 27 cruisers, 42 destroyers, two sloops, four gunboats, and nine boats for special service, a total tonnage of 380,000 and will develop about 800,000 horse power, and 66 of them will it is expected, be ready for service this year, including 50 of the torpedo boat destroyers, some of which are guaranteed to reach a speed of 33 knots. Provision is also made for an increase of the navy personnel officers, seamen, marines, etc.—the new estimate being for 100,050, as against 93,750 for the current year, and the manufacture of guns, projectiles, powder and other munitions is to proceed on a larger scale. Meanwhile, as a preparation against a possible invasion of England by a coalition of continental powers, and to relieve the navy from more purely defensive work, the War Department proposes to fortify four more harbors, and to strengthen the defensive positions already selected between London and the coast. These positions will, in the event of attempted invasion, be defended by the militia and volunteers, the regulars being pushed to the front, and in order to educate the former for their work numerous rifle ranges are to be established throughout the kingdom. In addition it is proposed to acquire 40,000 acres as a maneuvering ground for troops, with a special view to the training of officers who have had no experience, yet upon whom the work of defense may fall, in handling large bodies of men. All these preparations have for their chief object the defense of London, the objective point of any invasion, and which once lost or thrown into anarchy would mean almost irreparable ruin, even though the island itself were not conquered. The danger of attack by a hostile coalition is, it is held, a real danger, the motive for it being jealousy of the rapid expansion of Great Britain, the belief that she is already stirring up strife among the powers in order to rid herself of political and commercial rivals, and the chagrin of statesmen at their inability to make effective combinations without British assent. The new navy and military preparations are Great Britain's answer to the menace of coalition, and her determination to fortify the island from coast to centre, is notice that her citadel is to be made impregnable.

SIMPLE ORE TESTS.

For Use by Prospectors When They are in the Mountains.

The following simple tests will show whether an ore carries any precious metals. Afterwards samples of the rock should be assayed to ascertain the amount of value per ton:

Gold—Powder; roast if sulphurets are present; grind very fine and wash in pan or spoon; examine with lens; yellow particles not soluble in nitric acid. The color of pure gold is bright yellow, tinged with red. Gold may be distinguished from all other metals or alloys by the following simple traits: It is yellow, malleable, not acted upon by nitric acid.

Silver—Pure silver is the brightest of metals, of a beautiful white color and rich luster.

Chloride of silver—If suspected in a pulp harshly rub a bright and wet copper cartridge thereon. If a chloride or a chloride-bromide of silver, it will whiten the copper. Graphite will also whiten copper or gold, but can be rubbed off.

Copper—After roasting the pulp, intimately mix and well knead with a like quantity of salt and candle grease or any other fat, and cast into the fire when the characteristic colors—first blue, then green—will appear. This test is better made at night.

Galena—Black zinc blend is often mistaken for galena. The two may be distinguished by the infallible sign: the powder of galena is black; that of blende, brown or yellow.

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And The
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION CO.
TIME TABLE 1897.
FORT STEELE AND JENNINGS ROUTE, NAVIGATION EXPECTED TO OPEN 10th, OF APRIL. AFTER 1st OF MAY, BOATS WILL LEAVE DAILY, (EXCEPT SUNDAY.)
FORT STEELE and GOLDEN ROUTE. Until the opening of Navigation, STAGE will leave Fort Steele every Tuesday morning arriving at Golden Friday evening, and leave Golden 2 p.m., every Tuesday, arriving at Fort Steele Saturday morning.
After May, 1st. Steamer will leave Golden 4 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, connecting with Stage at Adela, and arriving at Fort Steele Thursday and Sunday afternoon, and leave Fort Steele, Tuesday and Friday mornings, and arriving at Golden Thursday and Sunday afternoon.
F. P. ARMSTRONG, MANAGER.

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THE FUTURE CAPITAL OF EAST KOOTENAY.

Fort Steele, the future capital of East Kootenay, B. C. is situated 158 miles south of Golden on the C. P. R. and 160 miles north of Kalispell on the G. N. R. R. It is the head of navigation on the Kootenay river, and is the natural distributing point for all outlaying camps in the district, has an abundant supply of purest water, and a first class system of waterworks will be in operation at an early date. Fort Steele has a fine public school, and religious societies are represented, good hotel accommodations, will have a bank within 30 days, and is the oldest gold producing portion of the district, gold having been discovered here in 1863, and since that period has produced over $25,000,000 of the precious metal. Here are located some of the largest silver-lead deposits on the Continent; these mines will soon be equipped with the latest improved machinery. Stamp mills are to be placed on Weaver and Perry creeks as soon as the necessary means of transportation can be effected. The towns growth has been a substantial one, free from the evils attendant upon real estate booms. It will be seen that Fort Steele is one of the few towns where hard times have not been felt. The people are a prosperous and industrious class in the fullest sense of the term, and the continuance for years of these flourishing conditions are certain. The mines in this district will soon become producers, and will place in circulation a large amount of money. No other district in British Columbia presents a safer field for investment in mining properties than the "Future Capital of East Kootenay" "Fort Steele." Any letters of inquiry concerning our mines and mineral products will receive prompt attention. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Fort Steele Mining Association, Venosta & Co. or The Prospector.

Mining News.

CLAIMS AROUND FORT STEELE.

Fort Steele is fast becoming the centre of many mineral claims, along the Wild Horse creek immediately back of the town are a number of locations all carrying gold, silver and copper. Within the last few months the country in the vicinity of Wasa, Tracy and Sheep creeks has attracted the attention of prospectors, a mineral zone extends through the mountains at this point upon which many locations have been made.

The mountains in the Selkirk range has a large mineral belt which extends for forty miles, and many promising locations have been made on the belt, the ore being galena similar to that found in the St. Eugene, North Star and Sullivan group.

It is within the bounds of possibility that Fort Steele will in the near future, be surrounded by rich producing mines.

STARTING UP.

Col. Wm. Ridpath, has a large force of men employed at the Sullivan mine, we learn that it is the intention of the company to push development work as fast as possible, preparatory to placing machinery upon the mine. In excavating for a powder magazine, a large body of galena has been exposed, making it more apparent that the whole mountain is a vast silver-lead deposit.

James Cronin manager of the St. Eugene mine, has employed a force of men, development will be pushed, preparatory to the advent of the Crow's Nest Railway.

The Invicta, Nip & Tuck and the China Co. have started their giants, and a large amount of gravel is being washed. The Nip & Tuck expect to have another giant in operation in a few days.

MAY BUILD A SPUR

Great Northern Line North of Jennings is Contemplated.

TO GET BEYOND THE RAPIDS.

Only Five Miles of New Track is necessary — Scheme Now Being Considered.

A movement has been started by the Spokane owners of the Sullivan group and other mines in the Fort Steele district to urge upon the Great Northern the importance of building a five-mile spur from its main line at Jennings, Mont., beyond the swift and dangerous stretch of water which recently wrecked the steamers Ruth and Gwendoline. It is said the owners of the steamer line have become convinced that this little stretch of swift water cannot be safely and practically navigated, and if the Great Northern will not build the proposed spur, they intend to put in a short tramway and transfer from one steamer to another around the troublesome piece of water. When this obstacle has been overcome, it is said there will remain nothing but easy navigation from the Great Northern to the Fort Steele country, 150 miles up the Kootenay river.

It was reported yesterday that the Great Northern, realizing the importance of the matter had taken immediate action and that plans and specifications had been prepared for the proposed spur. Inquiry at the superintendent's office elicited this statement:

"The matter has not gone that far but it is under consideraton by the engineering department." It is said the Great Northern realizes that same such step will be required to hold the traffic into the East Kootenay, as their is a competing transportation line from the Canadian Pacific on the north.

There are now four routes into the Fort Steele country: The northern line via Golden a wagon road from Kalispell and trails Jennings and Bonner's Ferry. Officers of the International Transportation Company the line which suffered the recent loss of two steamers say they will have their new steamer now under construction at Jennings, completed inside of 25 days.

These routes will have to take care of the rush into the Steele country this season but it is believed by many that the Crow's Nest Pass road of the Canadian Pacific will be built into the new district by next season and that section will then be supplied with the best of transportation facilities.—Exchange.

WHAT OUR BANKER HAS TO SAY ABOUT US.

DOWN FROM FORT STEELE

C. M. Keep is Greatly Pleased Over the Outlook There.

C. M. Keep, who has been staying several weeks at Fort Steele, came down on the first steamer, the Gwendoline. The passage down to Jennings was pleasant. Among the passengers were Mr. Curran, manager of the North Star mine, and Mr. Grace, editor of the Fort Steele Prospector. At Jennings there are a crowd of people awaiting their turn to take passage up the river.

East Kootenay is a wonderful district, the showing is fine in all directions. Not a day passes but new discoveries are reported and it is yet early to prospect any but the lower hills.

Fort Steele is very lively. It is the centre of the district. On the west are the St. Mary's, with the famous North Star and Sullivan groups, the Perry creek ledges of free milling ore and Weaver creek with its free ledges and placers. A number of nuggets were brought in from Weaver recently one going as high as $63.

Moyea river and lake have recorded a number of good discoveries lately and the St. Eugene is showing up fine and is a great mine.

East of Fort Steele are the Rockies and the famous Wild Horse, and the good prospects and mines on Tracy creek, Mouse creek, Sand creek, Bull river and other streams. Taking into consideration that probably seventy-five per cent. of all the locations have been made within a year and that a very small part of the territory has been prospected, there is no mineral section that offers so many inducements or has so bright a future.

There are thousands of prospectors going in and there is room for all. There will undoubtedly be many good discoveries made this summer in entirely new districts.

Fort Steele is growing rapidly and is well located at the mouth of Wild Horse and the head of navigation. The townsite is owned by Mr. Galbraith, a courteous and intelligent gentleman who has been prominent in politics. The custom house and recorder's offices are old established institutions, and the officers are very pleasant gentlemen. The hotels are doing their best to accommodate the incoming public. The stores carry a large stock, well assorted, and prices are reasonable.

Mr. Keep is in Spokane for fixtures and stationary for the bank, which will soon be completed.—Spokane Chronicle.

Probably the section which will receive as much attention as any of the newer ones, will be the large division of East Kootenay, on which the Spokane promoter already has his eye. The topography of this division is favorable for rapid development, and rail transportation is an assured fact. Some of the best authorities predict a future for East Kootenay, greater than that of West Kootenay.

Canadian Mining Review.

SHALL WE CELEBRATE.

The last Canadian Gazette contains the Governor-general's proclamation fixing June 22nd as a "day of general thanksgiving and rejoicing" for the purpose of celebrating the Queen's diamond jubilee.

It would be in order for Fort Steele to celebrate jubilee day this year, as the first celebration of note that has ever taken place in Steele.

DAVID GOLDBURG

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Dated this 17th day of May 1897. 46

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