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The amendment to the Assesment Act which was passed last session, and is being now enforced. is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction among the miners and prospectors of this section of the Province. Surely the Government could find some other means of raising the revenue, without unduly hampering the efforts of those men, to whom we must look for the development of our mineral resources; when you consider the hardships these men undergo in their search for the precious metals, the time and money expended while thus engaged, the cost of mining license and record fees, the yearly assesment work on each claim the labor that is necessary before the property can be proved to be of any value, and which is thrown away when proved to be worthless, the length of time that must of necessity elapse before anything can be realized even on the best of prospects, it certainly seems as if the Powers that be, ought to have been satisfied with the Act as it was, And rest content with taxing mineral property, when a crown grant had been obtained or when they became ore producing mines. It is a question which would be advisable for the MINING ASSOCIATION to take up and discuss, so as to get an expression of opinion from the members generally, which could be forwarded to Col, Baker our Representative in the Legislature.' Following is the clause referred to in the Assesment Act, which was repealed last session, and also what was substituted therefor,

Act, 1888.

Section 2 (Subsection 3.

(3) The terms land, Real Property, and Real Estate respectively, include all buildings or other things erected upon or affixed to the land. and all machinery or other things so fixed to any building as to form in law part of the realty, and all trees or underwood growing upon the land, and all mines (other than gold mines) Minerals, (other than gold) Quarries, and fossils in and under the same, except Mines belonging to Her Majesty.

Amendment 1895.

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Mr, Derosier from Tobacco Plains, reports that the wagon road is completed to the Plains. the men from Fort Steele cut and cleared some 22 miles making a good 12 foot road as far as Elk River, The contingent from the plains, put in a bridge 165 feet in length at Elk River, also cut & cleared 20 miles of road to the Plains. And now we have direct communication with Montana. Mr, Derosier came over the road with a pack train yesterday,

Announcement.

A SPECIAL (illustrated) number of the Fort Steele Prospector will be issued next week, It will form a handsome Christmas souvenir to send to absent friends. The illustrations will embrace scenes in , and around Fort Steele. The resources of this District will be fully set forth in an interesting manner, it is the hope of the publisher that their efforts will prove a benefit to the mining and general business interests of this district.

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Messers Demar & Derosier will put on four, four horse teams between Fort Steele and Tobacco Plains, they will do a general freighting business. They will also connect with the Great Northern R.R. at Kalispel, giving Fort Steele direct means of transportation with Montana during the winter. Freight rates will be 2¢ per pound from Kalispel, and 1¢ per pound from the Plains.

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Dont forget the mining association meeting to night.

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Riches in Lumps.

The following is a list of the largest gold nuggets ever found, according to the records of the Smithsonian Institution. King of the Water Moon nugget found in Australia in 1852, 223 1/3 lb The Welcome, found at Ballarat, Vic, Australia in 1854 184 lbs 10 ozs; Bakary nugget, found at Carson Hill, Cal, in 1855, 180 lbs. and another at the same place in the same year 149 lbs. The Corona, found in Toulumne Co, Cal. in 1850 147 & 1/2 lbs. Farish nugget in 1860 at SIERRA BUTTES Cal, 133 lbs. Another at the same place in 1869 69 lbs. Great Siberian nugget near Miask Siberia in '46. 96 lbs 4ozs. The Blanche Barclay nugget found in Australia in 1842. 146 lbs. A gold nugget from the Reed mine North Carolina, 80, lbs. Rattlesnake nugget, Rattlesnake river, Cal, 106lbs 2 ozs. The Meroo creek mine, N.S.W. produced three nuggets during 1851 that had a combined weight of 318 lbs.

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The following Ladies, and Gentlemen will take part in the Childrens entertainment,

Miss, Bell.	Mr, R.Little.
Mrs, Huckle.	Mr, H.W.Barnes.

Be sure and help the entertainment by Your presence.

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Capt, E.C.Parker has returned , He will arrive in Fort Steele to-morrow, we tender him a hearty welcome.

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Mr, James Brady of the Thunder Hill mining Co, accompanied by an expert, is at present engaged in examining the property as to future operations.

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The majesty of the law will be evoked, for the benefit of a couple of Chinamen, to day.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

To the Editor of the Prospector.
Fort Steele, B.C.

Please announce through the columns of your widely circulated journal, the sudden death of Mrs,Jarley. en route to Fort Steele with her choice collection of wax figures. I ask the sympathy of the community in my sad bereavement, Say to them, I will be with them on the 20th of this month, and I will try, under the circumstances to make the entertainment as successful as possible. although not equal to the late lamented Mrs,Jarley.

Signed,
Jarley.

Now Proprietor of the late Mrs, Jarleys choice collection of Wax Figures.

N.B. The residents of Fort Steele can show their sympathy for me , by a full attendance at my exhibition. Please let them not forget, that Tickets can be had for 50¢, each. A liberal patronage will lessen my sorrow a good deal.

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Look out for the following at the exhibition on the 20 th prox.

Mrs, Gamp.
Queen of Hearts.
My dainty partner.
Miss, Maffit.
Little Bopeep.
Mrs, Winslow.
Florence Nightingale.
Red Riding Hood.
Jack and Jill.
Crimean Hero.

Jarley.

THE COMING ENTERTAINMENT.

Dont Fail to get Your Tickets (as there will be a rush for seats) for the,

WAX WORKS EXHIBITION.

to be held at the Dalgardno Hotelon the Evening of the 20 th at 7 /2 O,clock P.M.

Tickets can be purchased from the Pupils of the Public School. or at the Stores.

The following Ladies, and Gentlemen, have kindly consented to lend their assistance to the Childrens entertainment to be held on the 20 th prox.

Miss, Bailey.
Mrs, Levett.
Mrs, Durick.
Miss, Wallinger.
Mrs, Henry.
Mr, McVittie.
Mr, N.A.Wallinger.
Master H.S.Clark.

And the Children attending the Public School. It promises to be the most successful entertainment ever held in Fort Steele The above names, connected with it,means SUCCESS.

Mrs H.W.Barnes will also take part in the above entertainment, We accidentally omitted the Lady's name. Ed.

Dear me! how they come to see us -
Come to see us - and then, maybe,
Come because they heard that me and
Wife was goin' to name the baby.

ROUND TOWN.

Divine Service will be held in the Public School Room, on Sunday Evening next, at 7 1/2 Oclock.

The subject for the Evening's discourse, Dark Times. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Strangers are Welcome.

At last Sunday Evening's service there was a good attendance. And the discourse was listened to with marked attention.

The Nip and Tuck placer claim on Wild Horse Creek lately purchased by Mr Foster for $ 4.500. Has been leased to an American Syndicate for ten years. the consideration is $ 1.500 per annum. The above investment shows the value of mining property in this district.

It is rumored that Tom Robson has sold his ranch.

Messers Dempsey , Grassick and Barnes, went a hunting last Thursday. What did they get! why, they got home safe with their guns.

We wonder what is the matter with the Gun Club.

Messers Demars & Derosiers will put on teams between Kalispel, and Fort Steele.

Dont forget the mining association meeting to night.

Mr Wm Bossee returned to Fort Steele on Thursday, He called at the Prospector office,And to our surprise proved an old friend. Mr,Bossee was one of the Pioneers in the Couer D'Alenes. He is a practical miner, and a jolly good fellow.

It is reported that a small lead has been struck on the Dibble property.

NOTICE, NOTICE, We have been informed that a social dance will take place after the entertainment on the evening of the 20 th,

We would suggest to the dancing committee, that. that stove will not be wanted at the next dance.

Mr,W.M.Sprague has made an offer, to the owners of the Sullivan Group, to bond the property. The owners, have matter under consideration,

The Prospector will have a X,mass edition.

Has any one got, will any one give, will any one lend an old shoe to me.

The old woman that lives in a shoe.

Wanted by the School Children, A good X,mass story. with plenty of Candy, Nuts, and Raisins in it.

Dont forget the X,mas tree.

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All possible information will be furnished by the association upon application to
Thomas McVittie Sec, Fort Steele B.C.

Every one is asking who is Mrs Jarley.? Well on X.mas week all will have an opportunity seeing her and her unique collection of wax figures, which she has recently exhibited in the United States.

It is reported that Cap Miller of the steamer Haly's has joined Capt, Armstrong and the two will build a boat to run between Libby Montana, and Fort Steele.

The North Star Co, will have twenty five teams hauling ore this week.

Parents, and those interested in education. will remember the X,mas tree.

Dont forget the Mining Association meeting next Saturday evening.

The coming season will without doubt, be the beginning of an era of prosperity in mining matters in this section. Heretofore we have had no ore producing mines in operation, consequently the District has been laboring under a disadvantage, in not being able to show and prove to the satisfaction of Capitalists, that we possessed valuable mineral deposits. But now with the North Star, Moyea, and Dibble mines all actively engaged in getting out ore for shipment next Summer; While the work that is being done on these several claims is proving beyond a shadow of doubt that they are true mineral lodes and promise to develop into mines of great magnitude, we can rest content with the knowledge that, that difficulty has been surmounted. These claims have been described in former issues of this paper, so there is no necessity for any further remarks concerning them, but there is another property on which there is considerable work being done this winter and of which very little notice has been taken, it consists of two claims the name of one being (the Wynnstay) situate in the Rockies on the east side of the valley, about three miles North from where Elk river leaves the mountains, and about one mile from the proposed Railway line. it is a well defined ledge from three to five feet in width, containing Malachite, Chalcocite and Copper Pyrites,with iron oxide and carbonates on both walls; an average assay gives $4.00 in gold, 8. ounces in silver, 37 % copper. There are three men employed in extracting ore and they expect to have about 250 tons ready for shipment in the Spring, it is thought that it will be worth at least $80.00 per ton. The mine is very easy of access, being only three quarters of a mile up the mountain from the valley, so that when the Railroad is built it can be worked to great advantage. There are other men working on a small scale in different sections of the country, and next summer will see numerous properties opened up, as the owners gain confidence, and realize that this District has at last begun to produce ore which can be shipped out to smelters at a good profit.

THE BIG THREE.

These mines are situated on the East fork of Wild Horse Creek some two miles from the forks, the Sweepstakes located by Chas,Elwood, Maud S by H.L.Amme, and the Nancy Hanks by A.B.Grace. These three claims has the largest vein of mineral discovered in this district . the vein is 400 feet in width, and can be traced for a distance of 4.000 feet. There has been considerable work done on these claims, the ledge has been cut showing mineral the full width of the vein; there is numerous small cuts some sixty feet apart,also a tunnel in 15 feet, The ore is Iron Sulphurets, an analysis of the ore is ,

Lead Carbonates.
Silver Sulphide
Iron Sulphurets ,per Oxide.
Manganese Oxide.
Zinc Sulphide
Aluminum Oxide.
Gold.
Silicon Oxide. (quartz)

As there is a large body of this ore it can be profitably worked by smelting,with Galena or any other lead product. An average of 14 assays give $17.80. to the ton. In the event of a smelter being erected in this district, these claims will prove valuable (aside from the gold and silver contained in the ore) as a flux to any and all lead products.

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