

WAGES PAID MINE WORKERS

Comparisons Made.

Paul Johnson of Greenwood is in Nelson on his way home from California. He is strongly opposed to the eight-hour law, and when in California got data to show that the mine workers of British Columbia are drawing higher wages than mine workers in any other section of America. THE TRIBUNE will take issue with Mr. Johnson, for the data he obtained were from one man only, and his operations are confined chiefly to low-grade camps in Utah and Eastern Nevada, where the conditions are not at all similar to the conditions that prevail in British Columbia.

Mr. Johnson's informant is general superintendent for captain De Lamar, who began his mining operations near Silver City, Idaho, ten or twelve years ago as the representative of a firm of Chicago glue manufacturers. By chance he got hold of a mine that proved to be rich, but little of the riches went to the Chicago glue makers. But this has nothing to do with the question at issue. He operated in Idaho and had more or less trouble with his mine workers in attempts to reduce wages from the \$3.50 and \$4 standard that then ruled throughout the camps of that state. He next began operations at Mercur, Utah, where the ore was very low grade and rebellious. He commenced operations at the time when an agitation was on for the passage of an eight-hour law. The law was passed and De Lamar threatened to leave the state; but he didn't. The rate of wages paid in Utah, where living is on an average 22 per cent less than in this province, ranges from \$2 to \$3 per day for eight hours.

Mr. Johnson says that captain De Lamar's superintendent told him that the eight-hour law had tended to demoralize the men; that they spent more time in saloons than when working ten hours, and that they were lacking in ambition. In this connection it can be stated that R. C. Chambers of Salt Lake, Utah, who has been superintendent of the Ontario and Daily mines at Park City, in that state, for over twenty years, says that he would not return to the ten-hour system now that he has given the eight-hour day a fair trial. He says that the men take more interest in their work; that they are better morally, mentally and physically.

After developing his Mercur properties, captain De Lamar commenced operating in eastern Nevada, just across the line from Utah, and it is to be presumed that he does not pay any higher wages in Nevada for ten hours than he pays in Utah for eight. But Paul Johnson should know that in western Nevada the rate of wages for miners is FOUR DOLLARS PER DAY OF EIGHT HOURS, AND THAT THIS RATE AND DAY HAS PREVAILED THERE FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS.

Coming to northern California, where captain De Lamar is also operating, wages have ruled at \$3 per day for skilled miners for over twenty years; but living in northern California is much lower than in southern British Columbia. It is strange that Paul Johnson, who is always looking for an increase of salary, and no one who knows him will deny that he is entitled to the best wages going—should be so strongly opposed to workingmen when striving to better their condition.

The following is the data regarding wages in different localities as given THE TRIBUNE by Mr. Johnson in an interview:

When in California Mr. Johnson was in Shasta county, advising captain De Lamar in the matter of the construction of a copper smelter for the Bully Hill copper mines, situate about twenty-five miles from Redding. Captain De Lamar has extensive mining interests throughout the several states of the union, and employs about 2000 men in mines and reduction works, and, during his visit, Mr. Johnson interviewed general superintendent Oxnam of the De Lamar companies with respect to the wages paid in the several states and the hours of labor. By superintendent Oxnam he was informed that the De Lamar company averaged \$2.50 per day in its wages for miners in the state of California, and the working hours were from 7 o'clock to 12 o'clock, and from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock, with a charge of \$10 per month for

board. In Leadville, Colorado, the same company paid from \$2.50 to \$3 per ten-hour shift; \$3 being paid in wet places and \$2.50 in dry places, the general wage in the state being \$3 for ten-hour shifts. In the state of Nevada the De Lamar company paid \$3 per ten-hour shift, with a charge of \$24 per month for board. In Arizona the company paid from \$3 to \$3.50 for ten hours work, with a charge of \$26 a month for board. In the state of Utah, where an eight-hour law is in force, the company paid \$2.50 per day. The experience of the De Lamar company was that under the eight-hour law the men had too much time for loafing, and that they frequented the saloons more than before in order to fill in the time. Eight hours work in the day were not sufficient, and the best of the men left for other parts where they could work ten hours per day and receive a corresponding increase in pay. The experience of the De Lamar company was that the law furnished poorer miners than in places where the men were allowed to work ten hours. Taken altogether, the actual experience of the eight-hour law in Utah was not satisfactory.

RUMORS OF MINING DEALS

Green Interviewed.

KASLO, March 28.—[Special to The Tribune].—Gooberham and Blackstock are said to be figuring on investing in mines on the south fork of Kaslo creek and at White-water. J. C. Drewry, who is concerned with them at Moyie, is at Whitewater today with expert W. H. Jeffery and Fred Ritchie of Rossland. On Friday they will inspect the B. N. A. mine on the south fork of Kaslo creek.

Bob Green has given a direct denial to the statement that he will run a Martin candidate. He said to THE TRIBUNE representative, "You can tell anybody who asked that I am not a Joe Martin man." Regarding his trip to Slocan Lake, he said, "I'm a judge of political feeling, the riding is solidly Green." He states that a large number of people in outlying districts are getting their names on the voters' list. Down on Slocan Lake times are getting better. "They have not employed all the men who are about," he said, "but the general feeling seems to be that things are improving."

The boat broke down so the Free Masons will be unable to go to Nelson tonight to help institute the chapter of the Royal Arch.

Wants Public Improvements.

To the Editor of The Tribune: I have read with some interest the editorial discussion in the Rossland Miner and THE TRIBUNE re the electric lighting of Nelson, and I have an idea that the Rossland paper, although tending to the C. P. R. management for alleged discriminations against Rossland in the way of freight rates, is willing to accept pointers from a C. P. R. employee as to the electric lighting system of Nelson. I may be mistaken, but there is one thing on which I am not mistaken, that is, if the city council will only submit a money-bill for the approval of the people for \$150,000 or for any other amount, payable in twenty years, the money to be expended in improving an electric light plant, grading streets, extending the sewer system, laying sidewalks, or making other public improvements, the people will back them up. Let the council wake up and get a move on, and give the Johnnies that chance here to settle later on a chance to pay for it. By all means let the city hold its grip on the electric light system. W. P. ROBINSON, March 27th.

Royal Arch Chapter Instituted. Nelson Royal Arch Chapter was instituted last evening with the following officers: Ex-companion George Johnstone, 1st principle; Z. ex-companion Robert Weir, 2nd principle; H. ex-companion Dr. D. LaBau, 3rd principle; Scribe E. J. companion E. W. Matthews; scribe N. companion G. L. Lennox; treasurer, companion W. P. Teetzel; P. S., companion N. F. McLeod; S. S., companion E. A. Crease; J. S., companion Fred Irvine. Ex-companion George A. Mitchell of Rossland Chapter No. 122, ex-companion Charles G. Mills of Grand River Chapter No. 70 of Bracebridge, and ex-companion Dr. Quinlan installed the officers. R. E. companion E. E.

Chipman of Kaslo, was to have presided, but owing to an accident to the boat did not arrive in the city, much to the regret of the members of the chapter. The following members were present: Ex-companions G. A. Mitchell, Rossland; Charles G. Mills, Bracebridge; Dr. W. J. Quinlan, George Johnstone; companions W. T. Townsend, K. Lackey, Rossland; William Duncan, William Douche, Hamilton Byers, H. J. Robie, E. Hammelmeier, J. A. J. Moore, Spokane, W. R. Griffith, G. A. Carlson, Kaslo; ex-companion Robert Weir, Dr. D. LaBau, companions Fred Irvine, William Ragless, Jacob Dover, E. A. Crease, J. Roderick Robertson, Geo. McFarlane, Frank Teetzel, H. J. Evans, G. L. Lennox, E. W. Matthews.

News From the North.

VICTORIA, March 28.—The steamer Willapa of this city returned today from Cape Scott and waypoints on the west coast bringing news of the finding of the bowsprit of a large ship near Kyaququot, pointing to some vessel having met with disaster, also of finding the body of captain Hansen, the Flying Dutchman of sealing fame, and of a dynamite explosion at G. R. Talbot's mine two weeks ago on Bear river, as a result of which one man lost his life and another very badly injured. The latter came down on the Willapa and tells of the explosion as follows: "There had been a misfire of a charge of dynamite. Next morning, when the men went to work, Chris Arnott of Kyaququot started to get out the unexploded charge. He got some from the hole and thinking that he had secured all began to drill in the same hole. He had not been working but a few minutes when there was a terrible explosion. Benson, who was drilling near by with his back to Arnott was thrown to the ground. One piece of rock was driven through his pants and into the flesh of his hip. His back also suffered considerably."

Two Liberal Conventions.

VICTORIA, March 28.—[Special to The Tribune].—The Liberals held a meeting tonight to elect delegates to the provincial convention at Vancouver on April 5th. There was an animated discussion resulting in a decision to participate under condition of abiding by the decision of the convention and a mixed delegation of sixty were appointed, and on April 4th they will choose the forty whom Victoria is entitled to send. At Vancouver tonight the Liberals had a stormy meeting for the same purpose, ending in the appointment of delegates after an angry protest against the use of the convention for the evident purpose of promoting Martin's cause.

Bostock Puts Pertinent Queries.

OTTAWA, March 28.—[Special to The Tribune].—Bostock has put a series of questions on the order paper in regard to premier Martin and lieutenant-governor McInnes. Bostock wants to know if McInnes has given his reasons for dismissing Semlin and calling on Martin, what time Martin has got to form a government, if the Dominion government is aware that Martin's colleagues are not members of the legislature, if it is aware that the provincial legislature passed a vote of want of confidence in Martin, and that in spite of this it is said that no election is to be held before June, and if McInnes had given the Dominion government reasons for such a state of affairs existing, and, if not, if the governor has been asked to report immediately.

The B. O. Contingent.

OTTAWA, March 28.—[Special to The Tribune].—The correspondence in regard to the offer of British Columbia to send a contingent to the front was brought up in the house today. On February 1st Laurier transmitted the offer to Chamberlain, and the latter's reply was that he would be glad to accept, but nothing less than a unit should be sent. On February 8th Laurier replied to the British Columbia government, making the offer which has already been published, and which applied to all the provinces, and this was the end of the whole matter.

A Needed Measure.

OTTAWA, March 28.—[Special to The Tribune].—Charlton moved his resolution in the house for a special committee to arrange for doing away with long speeches in the house. The matter was not disposed of.

NELSON LOCAL NEWS.

P. P. Gutelius, late of Trail, came to Nelson yesterday and is to make his home here, having recently been appointed engineer for the districts under the control of superintendent Troup. Mr. Gutelius' apparatus also arrived yesterday, and was placed in the suite of offices reserved for his use in the new quarters on Baker street. He is thoroughly familiar with every foot of the road across the river, and after the first of the month will make a trip over the lines on this side of the Columbia. Mr. Gutelius will have charge of the disbursement of the large appropriation for the improvement of the roadbed to be expended this summer.

The grocers of Rossland held a meeting at which it was unanimously decided that they should all become members of the board of trade of that city.

Charles Ink, of THE TRIBUNE staff, who has been confined to his bed for some days with a severe attack of la grippe, was able to be out again yesterday.

The Nelson fire department was given a fairly thorough test of its efficiency yesterday, and came out of the ordeal with flying colors. The alarm was sounded between 5 and 6 yesterday afternoon, and within 4 minutes of the bell a stream of water was playing over Reisterer & Co.'s brewery on Latimer street. The run was a practice one, but it showed that in case of need the department can be relied upon to get on the spot in quick time, even when the call comes from up the hill outside of the business quarter of the city.

The business booked at the mining recorder's office yesterday was as follows: J. Shuttleworth of Erie transferred a half interest in the Nina G. mineral claim at the mouth of Rest creek, to Arthur Clements of Erie, consideration \$100. Charles Munro filed a certificate that he had not made any payments under the bill of sale by George Stephenson to him in respect to the Black Horse, Gold Quartz and Clarence claims, and that he has released his claim against the properties. A certificate of improvements was granted W. B. Townsend and J. W. Moore of the Hungry Man claim.

E. Nelson, manager of the Athabasca mine, leaves on Friday night for Halifax, whence he sails on April 8th per S.S. "Parisian" of the Allan line for Liverpool.

Yesterday a celestial named Lum, who peddles vegetables, went into a store on Baker street and endeavored to work off his wares on some of the young men employed there. The young fellows were not busy and jollied Lum until the Chinaman seized an axe and threatened violence. Then they put Lum out of the building and he, alleges, administered several swift kicks in parting, which so galled his proud spirit that he laid information in which the parties are charged with retaining some of his corn. The case comes up before magistrate Crease this morning.

The many friends of Miss Barry and Mrs. H. M. Vincent will be grieved to hear of the death of their sister Ethel, at London, Ontario, after a long and painful illness. Deceased was a bright, promising young lady in her 20th year, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

Charles J. Johnston, Victoria street, came to chief Jarvis last night with a piece of plaster on a puncture in his face below the left eye. Johnston stated that a small boy had maliciously prodded him with a sharp stick, and though loathe to enter a formal complaint, desired the chief to take such action as would prevent a recurrence of the incident. It is probable that a police court case will result.

Constable Smith has quite recovered from his recent lengthy illness and will probably resume his beat on the first of the month.

The carload of pipe shipped from Nelson the other day for the Kootenay Air Supply Company contained 3000 feet, which when laid will enable the company to commence operations. They have already laid 9700 feet of pipe and the 450 horse power plant is ready to start compressing air for delivery to the various mines with which the company has contracts. The pipe is now being laid to the Highlander and Tariff properties where

the pressure is expected to be 80 pounds. There is only one other plant of this description in Canada, the second being located at Magog, Quebec.

Judge Forin handed down his judgment yesterday in the action of Briggs vs. Conruyt. The judgment declared plaintiff to be the owner of the Monarch mineral claim which was in dispute, and granted an injunction to prevent defendant trespassing. The litigants were required to pay their own costs. Elliot and Lennie appeared for plaintiff and Wheeler & Martin for Kaslo for defendant.

H. J. McDonald, who was burned out at Kuskoook, has decided to start business at Procter, and is in Nelson purchasing a stock of general merchandise.

W. C. Watson writes THE TRIBUNE asking if a working man can attend the Liberal caucus called to elect delegates to the Vancouver convention. Mr. Watson is evidently a novice in politics. Workingmen, like Mr. Watson, are not wanted in caucus; they are only wanted in polling places on election days. Workingmen, like Archie Johnson, attend to all the preliminaries before election days, such as calling caucuses and attending conventions.

Rev. G. J. Colter White, M. A., the new pastor of the Baptist church is registered at the hotel Hume, having arrived in Nelson last night. Mr. White obtained his degree at Acadia university of which institution he is now a governor. After graduating he took a three year course at the Newton, Massachusetts, theological seminary, and then assumed the pastorate of the Baptist church at Annapolis, Nova Scotia, which he held until eight months ago when failing health compelled him to relinquish his duties. Since that time Mr. White has been recruiting his health at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, the university town. He will take the services at the Baptist church here on Sunday.

W. C. McDonald, clerk at the Grand Central hotel, received a telegraphic message from Standby, North Dakota, to the effect that his wife was critically ill. Mr. McDonald left for the east at once, and expects to be absent ten days.

William McCann of South Tacoma, Washington, arrived in Nelson last night to take charge of the body of his brother, the late Patrick McCann, who was killed on the Molly Gibson wagon road Sunday afternoon. Mr. McCann goes up to the mine today to go over the scene of the fatality, and close up his brother's affairs. The body of Patrick McCann will be taken to Tacoma for interment tomorrow.

George Hale's gasoline launch was taken out for a trial run yesterday. The craft ran smoothly at about eight miles per hour with comparatively little noise, and, of course, without any smoke. She is the first gasoline propelled boat to run out of Nelson.

About 9:45 o'clock last night fire broke out in a building just across the track from the baggage room at the C. P. R. depot. The fire department turned out promptly, and after a brief struggle extinguished the flames in which the building was quickly enveloped. Several C. P. R. section men were shaking in the premises and the origin of the fire is presumed to be their stove. The building was practically destroyed.

The king of silver trout was captured yesterday off Procter by John T. Joyce and W. H. Stone of Cranbrook. The big fellow measured 31 inches and tipped the scales at 101 pounds. It was a genuine trout, beautifully marked with broad crimson stripes, and was viewed at the Queen's hotel by most of the local fishing enthusiasts.

The Flisk Jubilee Singers will appear at the opera house on Friday and Saturday of this week. This is the 20th season of the company, which has won laurels in several countries. Lovers of good ballad singing will enjoy a treat.

After April the ton-mileage system will be in operation on the Kootenay divisions of the C. P. R., which is the link necessary to make the system effective from ocean to ocean. The system is ingeniously worked out, and consists of a schedule of returns which have to be filled with each division superintendent every day before 11 o'clock, and which demonstrate to a cent the exact cost of operating his division for the previous day up to 24 o'clock. After passing through the hands of the superintendents

the returns are wired to the eastern or western managers, as the case may be, and then go direct to the general manager at Montreal, who thus knows each day by 17 o'clock the operating expenses of the whole system for the previous day. E. H. Cuddy of Winnipeg has been in Nelson several days introducing ton-mileage.

Redistribution Killed.

OTTAWA, March 28.—[Special to The Tribune].—The Redistribution bill was thrown out by the senate today by a majority of 22. There were 41 votes in favor of Bowell's six months' hoist, and 19 against it. The only Conservative who supported the bill was Poirier, New Brunswick, otherwise it was a party vote. There were nine Liberals absent.

Did Not Consult Laurier.

OTTAWA, March 28.—[Special to The Tribune].—Laurier stated tonight that there was nothing in the story that Chamberlain was in consultation with him in respect to the South African settlement.

Advance Begins.

LONDON, March 29.—5:15 a.m.—Lord Roberts has sent 10,000 troops to Glen, ten miles north of Bloemfontein, on the railway. This is a preliminary to the general advance.

GENERAL JOUBERT IS DEAD

His Career Outlined.

PRETORIA, March 28.—General Joubert died last night at 11:20 o'clock. He had been suffering from stomach complaint. The town is plunged in mourning for this true patriot, gallant general and upright and honorable gentleman. General Petrus Jacobs Joubert, commander general of the Transvaal forces, better known as Slim Peter, was born about 48 years ago. He was descended from the old French Huguenot family, which settled in South Africa. He was born in Cape Colony, but was taken by his parents to the Orange Free State, where he was brought up from childhood to shoot straight and hate the British. Of schooling he had but little, but his ambition prompted him to read the few books he could obtain, and he succeeded in obtaining a fair knowledge of history and languages. Soon after the acquisition of Natal by the British he became a burgher of the South African Republic and a daring fighter. He was so feared by the natives that the knowledge that he was at the head of a punitive expedition usually resulted in their surrender. He was elected president of the Transvaal in 1876, defeated Sir George Colley at Majuba Hill in 1877, and acted as president of the republic in 1883-4, during Kruger's absence in Europe.

General Joubert was always in favor of the use of force instead of diplomacy and president Kruger on several occasions had great difficulty in repressing his hot headed friend and colleague, notably in 1870, when Joubert, with Kruger and Pretorius, was planning the rebellion to overthrow British rule in the Transvaal.

It was Joubert who organized the army of the South African Republic, dividing the country into 17 military districts with commandants, field cornets and lieutenants. To such a point of perfection was the system carried that when the present war was declared Joubert, it is said, only had to send 17 dispatches and within 48 hours the Boer nation was under arms. It was due to general Joubert that the South African republic succeeded in amassing the immense stores of war munitions and provisions which have stood them in such good stead during the conflict now in progress. Although known as "Slim Peter" he was nearly six feet in height and of stout build, his nickname being given him on account of his shrewd military tactics. The wife of general Joubert, who was a Miss Fraser, had been devoted to him throughout the campaign, frequently sharing the dangers in the field.

LONDON, March 28.—In connection with the announcement of the death of general Joubert, it is interesting to note that Sir George White, the British general who commanded the garrison which defeated Ladysmith, in a speech at Cape Town yesterday evening, declared that Joubert was a soldier and a gentleman, and a brave and honorable opponent.

MINING IN THE SLOCAN IS

Going Right Ahead.

NEW DENVER, March 28.—[Special to The Tribune].—Returns have been received by the owners of the Capello from the ore recently shipped by them to the Trail smelter. There was a little over six tons in the consignment, which yielded \$920.63. The freight and treatment charges were \$93.87. These returns demonstrate the richness of the ore veins on Goat mountain, and should encourage general development on the part of the claim owners. The Capella ore was taken out during development this winter, and is the second shipment to be made.

Work was commenced this week on the Lakeview group, between here and Silverton and owned by the Northwest Mining Syndicate. So soon as things get into shape the force will be increased, as the showing is most encouraging.

Ore shipments from the Bosun this month aggregate 120 tons, with large reserves in sight. Everything about the property is in excellent shape and condition, and the staff satisfied and contented.

The exports of ore from the camp continue to increase, there being upwards of 500 tons sent out last week. For the year the total is in excess of 3000 tons.

Thomas Lloyd has secured an option and lease on the Victor claim, Ten-mile creek, and goes down tomorrow to commence work. The claim is at the Half-Way camp, on the north side of the creek, and is one of the richest in that section. Considerable work has been done on the lead, exposing a fine showing of mineral. It is mixed with quartz and carries flakes of native silver, the assays being in the hundreds. Two or three tons of ore are lying on the dump, and it is the intention to make a shipment in the early summer.

Several outside parties will be in so soon as the snow goes off to examine and purchase a number of properties on Ten-mile and Springer creeks.

Young & Murchison have a most promising property on Goat mountain, adjoining the March Bird group. They have been stripping the lead of late, and have uncovered a nice showing of ore similar in character to the Capella.

R. T. Green, M.P.P., was here on Monday sizing up the political situation. He had no definite announcement to make as to when his platform would be issued, or who would be his rivals in the coming campaign. Bob's friends are numerous throughout the camp, and he will poll a winning vote.

OLIVIER IS NOW IN SAFETY

Boers Concentrating.

PRETORIA, March 28.—According to a dispatch from Kroonstad, commandant Olivier has joined generals Grobler and Lemmer, who are safe. General Delarey is still sick at Pretoria, but he will proceed to the front Sunday. Trains are frequently leaving with burghers for the fighting line on this side of Bloemfontein.

The Standard and Diggers News learns that generals Olivier, Grobler and Lemmer have arrived at a point sufficiently far north to relieve all apprehensions of the possibility of their being cut off. It is expected that they will arrive at Winburg in a few days and effect a junction with general Dewett, when the federal position, it is declared, will formidably oppose Lord Roberts.

Reports received from the various banks of the republic show that the cash holdings amount to £2,633,057 or \$81,165,285.

Wolsley on the Army.

LONDON, March 28.—Presiding at the annual meeting of the Militia Rifle Association this afternoon, the commander of the forces, Lord Wolsley, said the country was to be congratulated on the manner the war was proceeding. Great Britain had in the field the largest army ever sent across the waters in the world and composed of the finest he had ever seen in the history of the country. This satisfactory situation was primarily due to the wonderful army system inaugurated by Lord Cardwell, without which it would have been impossible for Great Britain to carry on the war.

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BAKER STREET.

The Tribune.

The genial old gentleman who writes the pound-cake columns of the Miner is in sore distress. He imagines that mayor Houston is ambitious to represent Nelson riding in the provincial legislature, and that none of the parties will have him as a candidate, not even the followers of "Joe" Martin. The genial old gent assures his few readers that J. Fred Hume will again make the race, and that the Conservative machine will nominate as their candidate one of the lawyer stockholders of the company that publishes the Miner. The Tribune can state upon the written authority of J. Fred Hume himself that he will not again make the race for legislative honors; but this will not prevent the Miner from saying that he will.

FINDING that they were over-doing the business of shouting "ruin," the organs of the J. Roderick Robertson class of mine owners, such as the Nelson Economist and the British Columbia Review and North American Mining Journal, of London, England, are beginning to hedge. The Economist is willing to make any statement if it would help return ex-premier Turner to power. Yet the province as a whole was as sick of Turner two years ago, as the bucking mine managers are now reputed to be of the eight-hour law. But it is not with the Economist that THE TRIBUNE will deal. It is with the London publication. It has been rabid in its denunciation of the eight-hour law and the men who were standing out for a fair day's wage. But in its issue, dated March 10th, it draws it so mild that one wonders who has been shaking a golden fleece before its bandaged eyes. It says: "The Slokan labor trouble is definitely and finally settled. The logic of events was rapidly bringing it to a conclusion in any case. The mine owners had offered what the vast majority of miners considered a fair and reasonable compromise scale of wages. The opposition to the men's going to work on the part of the union had become purely official, and now has been withdrawn altogether. The standard wage adopted is \$3.25 per day of eight hours and \$3.00 for muckers; machine men and men working in wet ground or bad air get \$3.50. This agreement has not been accepted for any specified time, but, nevertheless it will fix the wage scale in the Slokan indefi-

troops in the open. The projectiles were ineffectual against cover, but were dangerous to pedestrians. One shell burst in the court house killing several natives and wounding four persons. Several women were also slightly wounded.

News From Warrenton.

WARRENTON, March 26.—The movements of the Boers on Saturday indicated that they were trying to find the range in order to shell the British camp, which moved during the night. The Boers keep up a steady smashing. The railway line is clear and an armored train arrived here today.

Australians at Windsor.

LONDON, March 27.—The Australian federation delegates were received in audience by the queen at Windsor this afternoon. The secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, and Mrs. Chamberlain accompanied the delegation and introduced them and their wives to her majesty.

Kaffirs Taken From Mines.

LONDON, March 27.—A dispatch from Johannesburg, published in the second edition of the Times, declares the Boers are using natives from the mines to construct trenches around Johannesburg, adding that the mines are expected to shut down owing to the military demand for Kaffir labor.

White on Symons.

CAPE TOWN, March 27.—Sir George White was accorded an immense reception here today. In an address he paid a tribute to the late general William Penn Symons, who, he said, first taught the Boers that the British soldiers could drive them from their strongest positions.

Australia an Unit.

SYDNEY, March 27.—The Australian premiers have joined in a cablegram to Mr. Chamberlain, declaring that it is undesirable to conclude peace in South Africa except on terms guaranteeing the absolute supremacy of British rule.

Preparing to 'Abandon Natal.

LADYSMITH, March 27.—It is reported that the Boers are massing in their entrenched positions at the Biggarsburg; and it is added that their transport trains are packed at Newcastle in readiness to facilitate their retreat in case necessity should require such a step.

Russian Menace.

YOKOHAMA, March 27.—A Russian squadron has arrived at Chemulpo. It is believed this presages a demand for a concession of land at Masango, and it is arousing uneasy comments in Japan.

AUCTION SALE

Household Furniture

In pursuance with instructions received from W. A. Gallihier, the undesignated will offer for sale, by auction, the whole of the household effects and furnishings contained in Mr. Gallihier's residence on Lake street, on

Wednesday, April 4
at 2 p. m., sharp.

This house has been newly furnished with modern furniture of the latest style, and the disposal of it will afford an excellent opportunity of securing bargains.

Dining Room Furnishings

including handsome oak side-board, extension table and chairs.

Drawing Room Furnishings

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Hon. R. R. Hill, chairman committee on foreign affairs, house of representatives. Sir: In response to your inquiries of this morning I have the honor to report that up to this date Mr. Macrum, late consul of the United States at Pretoria, has made no report to this department in regard to the opening of his mail by the British authorities.

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Marriage in Colorado.

The very latest in the way of sensational legislation undoubtedly hails at the present time from Colorado, and it goes far to cast all previous efforts of the kind into the shade. The desirability of improving the race by carefully selected marriages has long been talked about and now the mountain state has set itself seriously to the task. A bill has been introduced into the legislature permitting only healthy, well-developed and moral people to marry. Among its provisions are that the man must be at least 25 and the woman 22; both must be free from consumption, epilepsy, insanity, organic or hereditary, and drunkenness; they must not be more closely related than fourth cousins, and no certificate shall be granted for marriage to any who "shall have a notorious reputation for moral depravity, or who shall at the time of application for marriage license be on trial, under bonds, or in prison to answer for felony."

To carry out this law a county board of medical examiners is to be formed, one of whose members must be a woman; and no certificate to marry can be granted until the man and woman have been examined by this board. Any attempt to deceive on any of these points is penalized by a legal clause. It is hard to find a loophole here.

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ENGINEERS. CHATHLES PARKER—Mining and milling engineers. 103 Baker street, Nelson.

TRADES UNIONS. NELSON MINERS' UNION NO. 16. W. F. of M. Meets in miners' union room, month end corner Victoria and Kootenay streets, every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members welcome. JAMES WILKES, Sec'y. CHAS. A. MCKAY, Pres.

THE regular meetings of the Carpenters' Union are held on Wednesday evening of each week at 7 o'clock, in the officers' union hall corner Victoria and Kootenay streets.

R. ROBINSON, President. JAMES COLLING, Secretary.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.—The regular meetings of the Trades and Labor Council will be held in the miners' union hall, corner of Victoria and Kootenay streets, on the first and third Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p. m.

G. J. FIORINI, Pres. J. H. MATTHESON, Sec'y.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES. NELSON LODGE NO. 23, A. F. & A. M. Meets second Wednesday in each month; Soljourning brethren invited.

K. NIGHTS OF PYTHIANS—Nelson Lodge No. 25. K. N. of P. meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Knights cordially invited to attend.

