

FROM OTHER CAMPS

Rosebery Concentrator to Have a Capacity of 100 Tons Per Day.

THE BOUNDARY COUNTRY

It is the Scene of Intense Activity—East Kootenay Coal Ship From 150 to 200 Tons Per Day—News of the Big Bend Placers.

News from the outside camps, this week, indicates that the coming warm weather will witness an era of greater activity than ever before in the entire Kootenay country.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

At the annual meeting of the Dardanelles Mining Co., held in Kaslo, all the old directors were re-elected. Everything is in satisfactory shape.

There are about 100 tons of ore on the dump of the Golden Wedge, a property near Slocan City, which is now being employed at the mine.

NELSON DIVISION.

It is given out that work is to be resumed on the Mollie Gibson group on Kokanee creek. This property is tied up in litigation, preventing general development and the shipping of ore.

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Six men are at work in the tunnel of the Golden Crown, which is in 300 feet. Work has been commenced on the shaft, but no results will be known for some time to come.

Work is progressing very satisfactorily and with good results on the Winnipeg. At the Snowshoe there are five men at work, in two shifts.

The following is the report presented by J. F. Hemenway, the superintendent of the Old Ironsides mine, to the directors of his company while in Spokane:

"We have cut through a solid body of ore 22 feet wide, and a good body of ore, judging from the dump and samples coming up in the bucket. Assay values could not be ascertained. A shaft house has been erected on the property."

feet, discovering four feet of solid sulphides, giving assay returns of from \$2.07 to \$37.50. Four hundred feet to the west of this shaft is an open cut tapping a body of sulphides, which can be traced for about 300 feet.

The Columbia ore body is of iron sulphides about eight feet wide at the disjunct point. The ledge has been stripped for a distance of 12 feet, and only one assay has been taken, yielding \$10.55 in gold.

South of and adjoining the Anaconda is the Forest Grove with the same quartz and lime contact, on which a shaft 12 feet in depth has been sunk, and giving very good assay returns.

To the south and west of the Columbia is the Lancaster on which a 12-foot shaft has been sunk, with the same formation and averaging assays nearly the same as the Columbia.

South of the Lancaster is the Marguerite, owned by Dr. McMartin, J. P. Harlan and E. C. Brown. This claim was located in June, 1895, or rather was relocated.

A new shaft is being sunk about 150 feet from the old one. Assay values show an average of \$20 in gold.

EAST KOOTENAY.

The tunnel on the Estella is now in 301 feet. The ledge matter is highly mineralized and looking well. The owners are working six men.

The Swansen claim is situated on the east bank of Wild Horse creek. The owners are at present engaged in running an open cut on the ledge. The ore is a gold quartz.

Mr. Bostock has presented in the house at Ottawa a petition for the East Kootenay railway obtaining a charter. The railway proposed in this bill is to be constructed from the international boundary to Fort Steele.

The Midnight, which is now being worked by the North Star company, has a shaft down 75 feet. A drift has been run to the north 75 feet, also one to the south 30 feet.

William Vose has uncovered a large lead of gold quartz on the Spirit claim 28 feet in width, and is now engaged in crosscutting the lead by an open cut.

Assay returns give \$11 to the ton. The old tunnel on the Dardanelles mine is in 204 feet, showing a strong lead from three to six feet in width.

The ore is a free gold quartz carrying gold. At 117 feet the ore assayed \$29 in gold to the ton.

The owners lately commenced a new tunnel 500 feet to the south of the old workings, which is now in 60 feet. The ore is the same as in No. 1 tunnel.

Assay returns from this tunnel give an average of \$22 in gold to the ton. Work on this claim will be continued during the summer.

The property known as the Paris Exhibition, situated on Six-Mile creek, is under bond to Victoria capitalists. The claim is looking well.

The main tunnel is now in 104 feet. The ore is galena and carbonates. Assay returns give \$50 per ton. There were from surface ore. Samples of carbonates have been sent to Victoria from which returns are expected.

There is every indication that this property will soon become a paying investment. On the surface the ledge is exposed for a distance of 300 to 400 feet, having a width of three to six feet.

The Fort Steele Prospector is the authority for the statement that East Kootenay mines are today capable of shipping ore to the amount of 150 to 200 tons daily.

BIG BEND PLACERS.

Goldstream, with its tributaries, McCullough and French creeks, furnished the great proportion of the gold taken out of the Big Bend of the Columbia river, east of Revelstoke, in the stamping 30 years ago, joins the Columbia about 65 miles above Revelstoke.

This creek is an exceedingly difficult one for men without capital to handle, owing to the very high stage. It is in fact a river in its character, and water prevailing in it from the middle of May till September, which renders the construction of windmills and flumes, without sufficient capital to push the work through, a very precarious undertaking.

Hitherto the reason, lack of means, has prevented a proper prospect and with the past few years the canyon of the creek towards its mouth, as much as \$2,000 or \$3,000 in coarse gold has been collected in recent years by scraping it out of the bed rock during extreme low water.

One nugget obtained in this way was worth \$10 to \$12. On the benches on either side of the stream the gravel carries gold in considerable quantities. In the northern eastern angle between Goldstream and the Columbia is an extensive deposit of gravel carrying as high as 75 cents a yard.

Four miles above the mouth of Goldstream, a tributary, Camp creek flows into our country, and has been found in large quantities. In the meantime development work will continue."

The Anaconda group, a half interest of which was recently purchased by T. A. Garland from E. A. Bielenberg, comprises the Anaconda, Columbia and Kootenay claims. The Anaconda claim is situated in North Deadwood camp, and has on it a vein of quartz and lime spar about 100 feet in width, carrying copper sulphides, copper oxides and iron coppers, and assays from \$2 to \$20 in gold, three to 12 ounces in silver, and averaging 17 per cent in copper.

An assay of samples taken from the claim went \$12.56 in all values. There are five distinct ore chutes on the claim, three of which have been uncovered and in all about \$5,000 has been expended in development work.

The Kootenay claim adjoins the Anaconda on a west and two distinct ore bodies has thus far been exposed. On one of these a shaft has been sunk 20

have been tried. The Ophir claim at the mouth of the creek has been worked as a hydraulic proposition and gave very fair results, which might, in competent opinion, have been largely increased by more workmanlike method of handling the property, which is no doubt a valuable one.

However some trouble over the division of the output of the mine arose and the property has now been lying idle for years awaiting the action of the courts.

Above the Ophir lies the Last Chance claim, on which work has been carried on for the last 12 years by a Revelstoke company in order to strike the bedrock of the creek, which is confidently and reasonably expected will yield enough of the precious metal to repay the owners for the expense and exertions, by which the company has proved its faith in its claim and the district.

Above the Last Chance again lies the North Star, on which also some work has been done. These three claims together would form an hydraulicking proposition second to none in British Columbia, easily worked and with every prospect of big results.

CASCADE CITY NOTES.

C. P. R. Surveyors at Work—A Toll Bridge Across Kettle River. CASCADE CITY, March 22—(Special.) The C. P. R. surveyors are here and have been at work for the past week, surveying between this place and McRae creek. They will start back at once toward Robson on the same route to make a final survey.

This looks as if the C. P. R. meant business, and there is every reason to believe that the Kettle river valley will have a railroad within a year under the management of Van Horne.

Quite a number of buildings are being put up this spring. Among the most noticeable is that built on Main street by the townsite company, and when completed will have room for two stores and several offices.

Hall Bros., at Hall's ferry, five miles from Cascade, are also making improvements. They are now building a toll bridge across the Kettle river, which will be completed by the latter part of the month. They purpose also building a large hotel and store.

AGAINST THE CHARTER

B. C. Legislature Opposed to the Kettle River Valley Railroad.

It Passed a Resolution Requesting the Dominion Government to Not Grant Its Charter.

VICTORIA, March 23.—The following resolution opposing the Kettle River Valley railway charter was passed by the British Columbia legislature this evening, and has been telegraphed to Ottawa:

Whereas, A bill is now before the railway committee of the Canadian parliament, asking for the incorporation of a company to construct a line of railway to be known as the Kettle River Valley railway company, which railway, when constructed, will be a portion of the Red Mountain Railway company, whose terminal is at Northport, in the United States of America, and

Whereas, the construction of such line by the company seeking such act of incorporation will draw the ore and traffic from the province of British Columbia to the United States, and will most materially affect the commercial and industrial interests of this province and of other portions of the Dominion of Canada, be it, therefore, Resolved, That a humble address be presented to his honor, the lieutenant-governor, praying him to communicate with the Dominion government urging the government to oppose the granting of such a charter or of any other law for its charter, and to request that the said charter be not granted.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

A Young Lady Accidentally Shot—May Lose a Limb. REVELSTOKE, Mar. 23.—A sad shooting accident occurred here today. While a young man named Skene, who had been out shooting, was showing some birds to Miss Maud Robinson, daughter of Fred Robinson, of the Revelstoke Lumber Co., his gun was accidentally discharged and the contents passing through Miss Robinson's leg.

It is necessary. Miss Robinson is about 21 years of age, is very popular and has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

THE LEVEES BREAK.

West Side of the City of Columbus Is Submerged. COLUMBUS, O., March 23.—The Cleveland division of the Big Four railway and the south line of the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking Valley were the only two of the 15 roads here that could move trains out of the city today. The system of levees which protected the west side of the city are submerged and are known to be badly broken in many places. These breaks permitted the water to flow where it had not gone perhaps in 40 years. People in these parts were slow in moving up stairs. There are 1,500 or 2,000 of them on the upper floors of buildings situated in an artificial lake. Men who worked all of Tuesday night to save bridges and levees sent out messengers to warn householders, but many of them considering themselves safe remained at home.

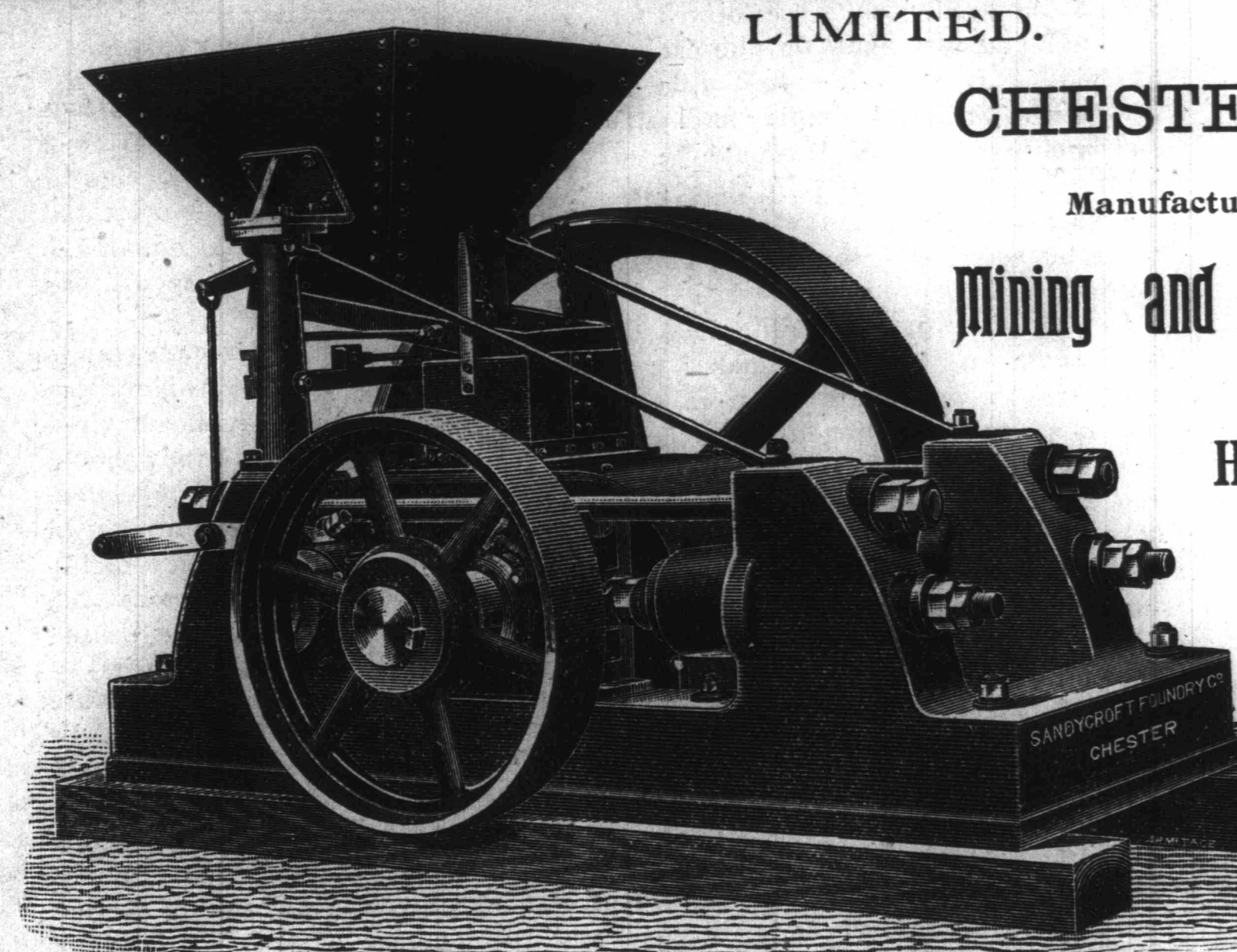
The Miami Rising.

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, March 23.—The great Miami river is higher than at any time since 1866. The state dam has been broken, causing the hydraulic water to run into the canal. Its banks threaten to be overflowed into the streets. The breaking of the reservoir tributary comes in, known as McCullough creek, from which as much as \$100,000 in gold is stated to have been taken in 1866, and on which efforts have since been constantly made to extract the gold left by the old miners in the deep gravel at the mouth. This gravel is over 100 feet thick and nuggets have been found in it worth from five to seven dollars, together with much fine gold. Both hydraulicking and deep digging

The Price of Silver.

New York, March 23.—Bar silver, 50c. per ounce; silver certificates, 66 @50c.; Mexican dollars, 45c.

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KELLIE TRUCK ACT

It Provides That in an Action to Recover Wages no Offset Will Be Allowed on Account of Supplies Furnished to an Employee—Penalties.

ALSO COMPANY STORES

A copy of the Truck act recently introduced in the provincial legislature by Mr. Kellie, member for this district, has been received from Victoria.

If the act passes as it is framed it will do away with company boarding houses and stores, and employes will receive their wages in lawful coin and they will be permitted to spend it without the dictation of any one. Appended is a synopsis of its principal provisions:

Section 1 is the enacting clause. The 2d section defines the meaning of the expressions used in the bill, and section 3 provides that the wages of workmen shall be payable in lawful money of Canada only and not otherwise, and any contract for the payment of any part of such wages in anything else shall render the contract illegal and void.

Section 4 provides that any contract that provides how a whole or any part of the wages due or to become due to a workman shall be paid out is declared to be illegal and void.

Section 5 provides that wages shall be paid in coin, lawful money of Canada, and not otherwise, and any payment made to workmen by an employer by the delivering to him of goods is declared illegal and void.

Section 6 and 7 provides that in any action brought for the recovery of wages of a workman that no set off shall be allowed on account of goods delivered to such workman by an employer or in respect of any goods sold, delivered or supplied to such workman.

Section 9 provides that in any action brought by a workman for the recovery of wages the employer shall not be entitled to maintain an action or remedy whatsoever for any goods supplied to the workman under an order or direction of the employer and the employer of a workman or the agent of the employer, or any person supplying goods to the workman under any order or direction of such employer or agent, shall not be entitled to sue the workman for or in respect of any goods supplied by such employer or agent, or under such order or direction, as the case may be.

Section 10 provides that nothing in the act shall be construed to extend to prevent any employer or any agent from supplying or contracting to supply workmen with medicine or medical attendance, or any fuel, or any materials, tools or implements to be used by such workmen employed at his trade or occupation.

Section 11 provides that no deduction shall be made from a workman's wages for the sharpening or repairing of tools, except by agreement, not forming a part of the conditions of the hiring.

Section 12 provides where deductions are made from the wages of a workman for the sharpening or repairing of tools, the employer at least once every year shall submit to two auditors appointed by the workmen.

Section 13 provides that nothing in the act shall be construed to prevent the employer from advancing to a workman any money contributed by him to any friendly aid society established according to the laws of the Province, nor from advancing him money for his relief in sickness.

Section 14 provides that nothing in the act shall be construed to render invalid the payment of any contract for payment of wages in the notes of the chartered banks of Canada, and up to the 1st of July, 1898, in the gold and silver coin of the United States.

Section 15 makes it unlawful, too, for an employer to charge a workman any amount, discount or interest on advance made before the regular pay day. Advances made before the regular pay day are sufficient to render the contract void in its entirety.

"No employer shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or his agent, impose as a condition, express or implied, in or for the employment of any workman, any terms as to the place at which, man, any terms in which, or the person with whom any workman is to board, lodge, subsist, or reside, or as to the place at which, or the manner in which, or the person with whom any wages or portion of the wages are to be paid to the workman, or as to the place at which, or the person with whom any wages or portion of the wages are to be expended, and no employer shall, by himself or his agent, dismiss any workman from his employment from or on account of the place at which, or the manner in which, or the person with whom any wages or portion of the wages are to be expended, or fail to be expended."

Section 17 imposes the penalty for breaking the law. It is provided for the first offence that the punishment shall be imprisonment for one month or without hard labor, and on a second offence exceeding \$50, and for the second and each subsequent offence, imprisonment for not more than six months and a fine of not less than \$25, nor more than \$500. The remainder of the sections prescribe how the law shall be carried out, and among other things it states that it shall be the duty of the inspectors of mines to enforce its provisions.

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Stock Letter.

The stock market has been decidedly more active during the past week. Rossland stocks have been in good demand generally and the enquiries for Slocan stocks have been greater than for some months past. There has been a good strike made in the Deer Park, from which assays have been taken running into hundreds of dollars. The result of such a strike has been to raise the price of stock 3 cents. The best local sellers have been Deer Park, Josie, Le Roi, War Eagle, and Monte Christo, while the Slocan stocks most dealt in have been Noble Five, Dardanelles and Arlington. A large body of high grade ore has been struck in the Arlington, and we have no hesitation in recommending this stock as being good for a rise. Another Slocan property which is looking well is the Hill Side. This property is located three miles from Whitewater. The latest assays taken from the Hillside run 96 ounces in silver and 61 per cent lead. We know of no stock more likely for a rise than this at the price quoted.

Table with columns: NAME, Par value, Price last week, Price this week. Lists various stocks like Arlington, Battle, Commander, Deer Park, Dardanelles, Dundee, Evening Star, Good Hope, Great Western, Hillside, Iron Ore, Iron Mask, Josie, Kenneth, Keystone, Lerwick, Lily May, Monte Christo, Novelty, Palo Alto, Peoria, Portland, Silver Bell, Twin, Virginia, War Eagle.

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TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

Union Men Requested to Buy Union Made Articles as Much as Possible. The organization committee of the Trades and Labor Council reported that the stationary engineers of the camp held a preliminary meeting Monday evening with a view to forming a union. There is no doubt that such a union will be formed, adding another source of strength to organized labor in this camp. Postmaster Waddis has kindly granted permission to the Trades and Labor Council to place a notice board in the postoffice, on which will be displayed notices of the different meetings of the labor unions in the town and anything of interest to organized labor. A copy of the Truck act, introduced by Mr. Kellie in the Provincial parliament, was placed before the council and will be discussed at the next meeting. The secretary was requested to issue circulars to the different unions with regard to buying goods produced by union labor and with regard to the withholding of patronage by labor men from Chinese labor or person employing Chinese labor.

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