

THE BILL IS SIGNED

Finishing Touch Put to the Act for Rossland's Incorporation.

C. P. R. ALREADY AT WORK

Construction of Crow's Nest Pass Railway Begun—Premier Turner Favors a Bill to Enable Miners to Acquire Surface Rights to Their Claims.

VICTORIA, March 4.—[Special.]—There was another very short session of the house today and the only business of importance was the assent of Lieut. Governor Dewdney in the presence of the house to the bill for the incorporation of Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks.

At the time appointed the lieutenant-governor, accompanied by Captain Richardson, arrived and went into the speaker's chair. The members took their seats and the clerk read the title of the bill and at the same time read the title of the bill for correcting the ambiguity in the British Columbia Southern charter.

Premier Turner in conversation today, said he desired to correct the impression in Kootenay that the government had brought in a provision depriving miners of surface rights to their claims. The recommendation, he said, came from the committee on mines and the house had acted on that recommendation.

It was a few minutes after 9:30 a. m. when the train, delayed by a snowslide west of the Cascades, reached Ellensburg. From the last bulletin received the train would reach Post street crossing at exactly 3:27 this afternoon.

The Paris Belle case will be argued before the court today but will be opened by Mr. Taylor for the appellants tomorrow at half past ten.

PORT OF NELSON.

Over \$500,000 Worth of Mine Products Exported in February.

Through the courtesy of George Johnston, collector of the port of Nelson, we are enabled to give the following statistics for that port for the months of December, 1896, and January and February, 1897:

Table with columns for Imports (Dutiable, Free, Total) and Exports (Gold dust, Ore, Matte, Total, Animals, Manufactures, Miscellaneous) for Jan and Feb 1897.

The exports of mineral products during January totaled \$675,506.00, and February \$662,853. To get the output of West Kootenay the exports via Revelstoke for the same period, which were given in The Miner yesterday, should be added. These amounted for the two months to \$172,554, or a total of \$1,410,913.

BOTH SIDES ARE WORKING.

Lalonde Opened Headquarters Yesterday—Scott Men Working Hard.

That there is quite as much interest demonstrated in the first municipal election of the town of Rossland as could be expected is shown by the earnest canvassing that the friends of both candidates for the mayoralty have been so earnestly conducting the past two days.

But these lists will not decide the election by any means, unless one gets a preponderant majority over the other, and this at present does not seem likely. There may be, however, among the signers some who are not qualified to vote. This can only be decided when the voters' lists are prepared. Mr. Scott's supporters claimed Friday to have 230 signatures to their requisition asking that gentleman to accept the nomination.

The number of those signing in favor of Mr. Lalonde could not be ascertained, but it was estimated to be about the same. This would give nearly 500 votes, or about one-half what the total vote cast is expected to be by those who have made some rough calculations on the subject.

The supporters of Mr. Lalonde have swung their banner to the breeze in the shape of a huge sign

across Columbia avenue reading: "Lalonde for Mayor. Headquarters." These headquarters are in the new offices of N. A. Mackenzie in the Commercial block. The first meeting was held there last night, when a committee was appointed to arrange for a public meeting to be held at Dominion hall on Monday evening.

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SPOKANE, Wash., March 5.—[Special.]—A Northern Pacific special train consisting of an engine, baggage car and two Pullman coaches carrying Sousa and his band made an unprecedented run from Seattle to Spokane today in order to get the band here on time to open for the matinee this afternoon.

SALE OF POORMAN STOCK.

About 30,000 Sold For Assessments and Costs.

Spokesman-Review: About 30,000 shares of Poorman stock were sold at the courthouse at public auction on Wednesday for assessments and costs of sale. This stock was bid in by the company.

ROSSLAND-SLOCAN COMPANY.

The Rossland-Slocan Mines Development company has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,000,000 divided into 10,000,000 shares of the par value of 10 cents each.

SECOND TO NONE.

Grenville Kleiser, the talented elocutionist and impersonator, appeared at Dominion hall Friday evening. Owing to the unusually stormy weather he was greeted by a rather small audience which made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers.

FAVOR UNION LABOR.

A delegation from the Rossland Typographical union waited on the two candidates for the mayoralty Friday, O. Lalonde and C. P. Scott, to ascertain their views as to city printing. Both stated that they were in favor of an ordinance requiring all city printing to be done at home and by union labor.

MINING NOMENCLATURE.

The names of mines are curious things—O. K. should be "all right." I wonder whether Blue Bird sings, is Centre Star a "night"?

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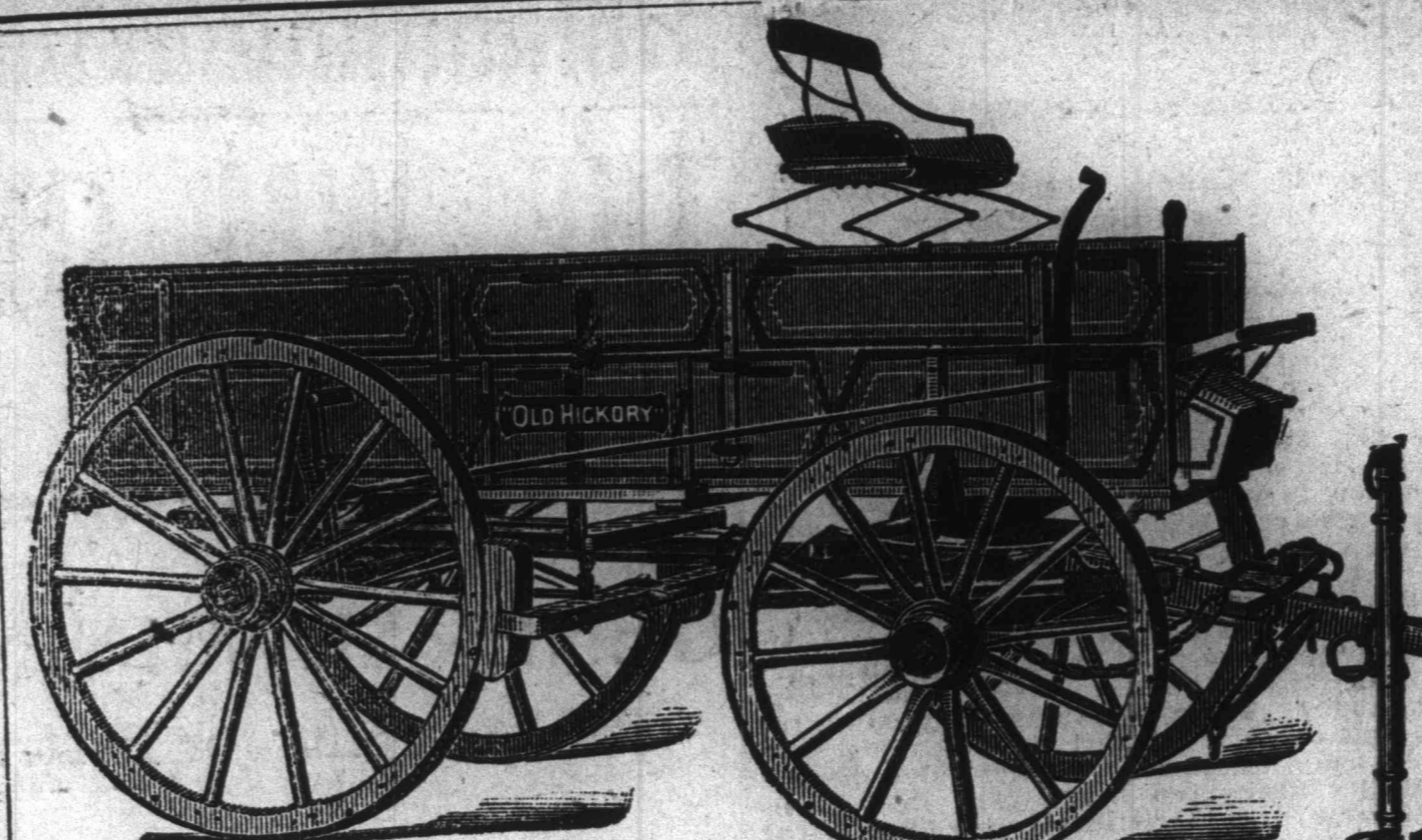
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