

THE POORMAN SOLD

Hector McKee and Fred Ritchie Head the Purchasing Syndicate.

MINE FETTERED \$100,000

It is the Principal Free Milling Gold Property in Kootenay and Has Been a Big Producer—Is Situated Near Nelson.

There was concluded in Nelson Tuesday night one of the most important mining deals of the season. It was the purchase of the well known Poorman mine, in the Nelson district, by a syndicate headed by Hector McKee and J. Fred Ritchie, of Rossland, for \$100,000. Mr. McKee arrived in town yesterday afternoon and confirmed the report of the sale. The deal has been on hand for 10 days or more and was at the point of falling through two or three times.

The Poorman is the principal free milling gold property of West Kootenay. It has yielded \$100,000 already and has been a regular producer for several years. It was owned by A. L. Davenport and his brother-in-law, Robert Ewart. It is equipped with a 10-stamp mill, a compressor, blast and power drills, all operated by water power. The Poorman is but one of a group of six claims included in the purchase. The other claims are the White, Hardup, Hardscrabble, Election and Myener.

The work on the Poorman consists of about 1,000 feet of tunnels, shafts and drifts. A crosscut is now being run to tap the vein at a depth of 320 feet. This tunnel is now in 140 feet, and will have to be run 160 feet further to tap the ledge. The vein is well defined and persistent, and carries an average of \$14 in gold. The ore is perfectly adapted to milling, and 85 per cent of the gold is saved on the plates.

The White is the only other claim in the group which has been worked to any extent. About 500 tons of ore have been taken from the claim and the average value is about \$20 per ton.

A company is to be organized under the provincial act of 1897 to take over the entire property. The capital is to be \$250,000 with \$50,000 in the treasury for development work, new machinery and other improvements. The capital will be divided into 1,000,000 shares of the par value of 25 cents each, hence there will be 250,000 shares in the treasury. According to the new provincial law the shares of mining companies will be absolutely non-assessable, and the new company is fortunate in being able to avail itself of this provision.

The trustees of the new company will be Hector McKee, J. Fred Ritchie, J. Fred Hume, M. P. F., A. L. Davenport and Robert Ewart. The new company will start out under the most encouraging conditions.

NEARLY FATAL ACCIDENT

Passenger on the Red Mountain Road Shot in the Leg.

It Was in the Same Coach in Which Fisher Succeeded—Hector McKee's Narrow Escape.

Another fatal shooting in the identical passenger coach of the Red Mountain railway in which John B. Fisher shot himself last Friday, nearly happened yesterday when a revolver which was being carried by a passenger was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing through the back of a seat and embedding itself in the leg of Edward Carlson, of Lewiston, Idaho, who was sitting across the aisle.

A strange coincidence in connection with the affair is the fact that Hector McKee, who was in the car when Fisher shot himself, was on the train yesterday sitting directly behind the seat in which the revolver was discharged. The bullet missed his leg by just below the knee and passed through the seat-back and buried itself in Carlson's leg.

A physician who was on the train was immediately summoned, and it was found that the bullet had entered Carlson's left leg just below the knee and had then plowed its way 12 or 14 inches, lodging in the fleshy part of the limb near the thigh. The physician said he did not consider the wound very dangerous, although it was exceedingly painful. Carlson was braced up in the best manner possible and when the train reached Rossland he was removed to the Sisters' hospital.

The accident occurred half way between Northport and Rossland. R. J. Baker, a resident of this city, was sitting on the north side of the smoking car, toward the front end. He left his seat to get a drink of water at the rear end of the coach and returned in a few minutes. As he sat down, a 44-caliber Colt's revolver he carried strapped to his hip, caught in some way and was discharged. The ball struck the back of the seat at an angle, passing out at least 15 inches from the spot where it entered, and striking Carlson's leg. Carlson's seat was the next behind Baker's on the other side of the aisle.

The report of the revolver startled everyone in the coach and those who had heard of Fisher's suicide at once thought that another despondent individual had sought the coach as the place for ending his existence. Carlson's cry of pain, however, and Baker's explanation, made plain what had happened.

The seat occupied by Baker was three ahead of the one in which Fisher was sitting when he rose to blow out his brains. The number of the fatal coach charge by the conductor and removed to the baggage car. It is of the single action type and is a foot long. The accident is accounted for by the supposition that the hammer was caught in the belt when Baker sat down, forcing it back and then releasing it, thus allowing it to fall on the cartridge.

The bullet was cut out of Carlson's leg at the hospital. It was partially flattened, indicating that it had come in contact with the bone during its passage. Carlson was resting easy at last accounts.

Booth-Tucker Indicted.
New York, May 12.—Booth-Tucker, commander of the Salvation Army, was indicted by the grand jury this forenoon for maintaining a nuisance and disturbing the peace at the barracks of the army, No. 124 West Fourteenth street. The complaint against Tucker is made by P. Smith, who resides in the rear of the barracks. The offense is a misdemeanor punishable with fine or imprisonment or both. Tucker will appear in the district attorney's office tomorrow to plead to the indictment and furnish a bond.

American Wagons for England.
CORTLAND, N. Y., May 12.—The London agent of the Cortland Wagon company cabled today that he had closed contracts with the British government for a large supply of mule wagons. Last Saturday the company received an order for four sample wagons to be shipped at once, and today's dispatch indicates that the contract had been closed without waiting for the arrival of the samples. The so-called mule wagons are ordinary farm wagons.

Cigarette Making Pays.
New York, May 12.—At the annual meeting of the American Tobacco company, held today in Newark, N. J., the annual report for the year ending December 31, 1896, showed a balance of \$3,884,548, against a surplus of \$3,600,372 for the year previous. The net earnings for the year were \$3,593,197.

ROSSLAND MINING MARKET.

Stocks Inactive but Prices were Fairly Well Maintained.
The Stock market was rather inactive during the past week. Prices, however, were maintained and few stocks declined. The sales during the week were as follows:

Thursday, May 6.—750 Poorman, 5 1/2; Reddin-Jackson Co. to Weeks, Kennedy & Co.; 250 Poorman, 6; Reddin-Jackson Co. to Weeks, Kennedy & Co. Both sales after call.

Friday, May 7.—500 Elise, 7 1/2; Weeks, Kennedy & Co. to Bauer & Parker, after call.

Wednesday, May 10.—1,000 St. Elmo, 6 1/4; Reddin-Jackson Co. to Weeks, Kennedy & Co., after call.

Listed Stocks.		Bid. Ask.	
Alberta.....	10	Mayflower.....	11
Big Chief.....	10	Monte Cristo.....	18 1/2
Big Three.....	2 1/2	Moro Star.....	5 1/2
Butte.....	10	N. Belle.....	10
California.....	7	Novelty.....	3
Colonia.....	25	O. K.....	26
Commander.....	17	Phoenix.....	8
Deer Park.....	18	Poorman.....	6 1/2
Dardanelles.....	22	Red Point.....	2 1/2
Delaware.....	5	Red Top.....	10
Even Star.....	9	R. D. R. Dhu.....	10
Golden Drip.....	10	Red Eagle.....	7 1/2
Great Western.....	12	St. Elmo.....	7 1/2
Hattie Brown.....	7	Silver Bell.....	6
Imperial.....	12 1/2	Union.....	10 1/2
L. & L.....	6	Virginia.....	21
Liberty.....	55	W. Le Roi.....	21
Jumbo.....	55	White Star.....	1 1/2
Le Roi.....	25	Yale.....	1 1/2
Lily May.....	20	Y. B. A. N.....	10
		Yan Group.....	10

Unlisted Stocks.		Bid. Ask.	
Buffalo.....	2 1/2	Iron Ore.....	15
Beaver.....	5	Massey Frac.....	12 1/2
Cracker Jack.....	7	O. K. & Ivan.....	10
Cop. Giant.....	10	Peara.....	10
Dia. Dust.....	2	Silver Bear.....	9 1/2
Dundee.....	14	Stemwinder.....	10
Heather Bell.....	10	Lon. C. G. F.....	10

Listed Stocks.		O. K.	
Alamo.....	Golden Drip.....	O. K.	
Alberta.....	Golden Queen.....	Palo Alto.....	
Argentine.....	Great Western.....	Poorman.....	
Big Chief.....	Grey Eagle.....	Rambler.....	
Big Three.....	Hall Mines.....	Reco.....	
Bluebird.....	Hattie Brown.....	Red Eagle.....	
Buce.....	High Ore.....	R. D. R. Dhu.....	
Butte.....	Idaho.....	Red Top.....	
California.....	Imperial.....	Rhodrick Dhu.....	
C. & C.....	Independent.....	Rochester.....	
Cambridge.....	Iron Horse.....	Rossland H. A. K.....	
Camp Bird.....	Iron Mask.....	Rossland R. A. M.....	
Cariboo.....	J. L. L.....	St. Elmo.....	
Celtic Queen.....	Josie.....	St. Paul.....	
Centre Star.....	Juliet.....	Silver Star.....	
Colonia.....	Knights Templar.....	Slocan Star.....	
Commander.....	Kootenay-Lon.....	Southern Cross.....	
Connel.....	Le Roi.....	Sushine.....	
Crown Point.....	Le Star.....	Sylvania.....	
Cumberland.....	Lily May.....	Union.....	
Dardanelles.....	Mabel.....	Vancouver G. P.....	
Delaware.....	Mary May.....	War Eagle.....	
Dillon.....	Mayflower.....	Washington.....	
Deer Park.....	Monarch.....	West Le Roi.....	
Eastern Star.....	Monte Cristo.....	White Bear.....	
Elise.....	Morning Star.....	Wonderful.....	
Enterprise.....	Nest Egg.....	Yale.....	
Eric.....	Nest Egg.....	Young Brit Am.....	
Evening Star.....	Noble Five.....		
Freshman.....	Northern Belle.....		
Georgia.....	Novelty.....		
Gertrude.....			
Giant.....			

Unlisted Stocks.		O. K.	
Athabasca.....	Hinkley & B. C. H.....	Oro Plata.....	
Beaver.....	Hunter Bell.....	Ottawa & Ivan.....	
Butte.....	International.....	Peara.....	
Cracker Jack.....	Iron Ore.....	Pickup.....	
Cop. Giant.....	Iron Queen.....	Sau Joquin.....	
Diamond Dust.....	Iron Mask.....	St. Elmo.....	
Dundee.....	Josie Mac.....	Silver Bear.....	
Empress.....	Kohinoor.....	Stemwinder.....	
Little Jim.....	Little Jim.....	Tobacco.....	
Good Hope.....	Massey.....	Vulcan.....	
Grand Prize.....	Mugwump.....	Yan & Trail Ck.....	
Mill Top.....	Montezuma.....	White Bird.....	
	Norway.....	Yankee Boy.....	

Development Companies.
Brit. Can. Gold Fields..... Cromwell
Canadian Gold Fields..... London Can. Gold Flds
Canada Mutual..... North American Mining

Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, \$100,000; War Eagle, \$50,000; Cariboo, \$100,000; Slocan Star, \$50,000; Idaho, \$75,000; Reco, \$150,000; Rambler, \$100,000; Cumberland, \$100,000; Goldenough, \$100,000; Alamo and Noble Five have also paid dividends.

Spokane Closing Quotations.
The closing quotations on the exchange today were as follows: Butte, 2 1/2 bid, 3 1/2 asked; Boston, 5 1/2 asked; Deer Park, 22 asked; Evening Star, 13 asked; Great Western, 20 1/2 asked; Jo Le Mac, 15 1/2 asked; 52 asked; High Ore, 5 1/2 asked; Noble Five, 35 asked; Novelty, 4 asked; Poorman, 8 asked; Resurrection, 4 1/2 bid, 6 asked; St. Elmo, 8 asked; Wells, Le Roi, 20 asked; White Bear, 17 asked; Jeff Davis, 25 asked; Cariboo, 5 1/2 asked; Delia, 20 asked; Ivanhoe, 17 asked; Wonderful, 7 1/2 asked; Silverline, 10 asked; Celtic Queen, 7 asked; Primrose, 15 asked.

Unlisted stocks were quoted as follows: Butte, 2 1/2 asked; Grand Prize, 5 1/2 asked; Helen, 4 bid, 4 asked; Home, 10 asked; St. Joe, 4 1/2 asked; Spokane Belle, 1 asked; Little Darling, 5 1/2 asked; Little Giant, 6 1/2 bid, 7 asked; Lillie, 4 asked; Palo Alto, 8 asked; Palouse Bluebird, 4 asked; Vulcan, 1 bid, 1 1/2 asked; Mugwump, 9 asked; Knight Templar, 5 asked; Sunset, 7 1/2 asked; Scotia, 4 bid, 5 asked.

The following sales were reported: 100 Little Giant, 6 1/2. After the call 250 Resurrection was sold at 5c.

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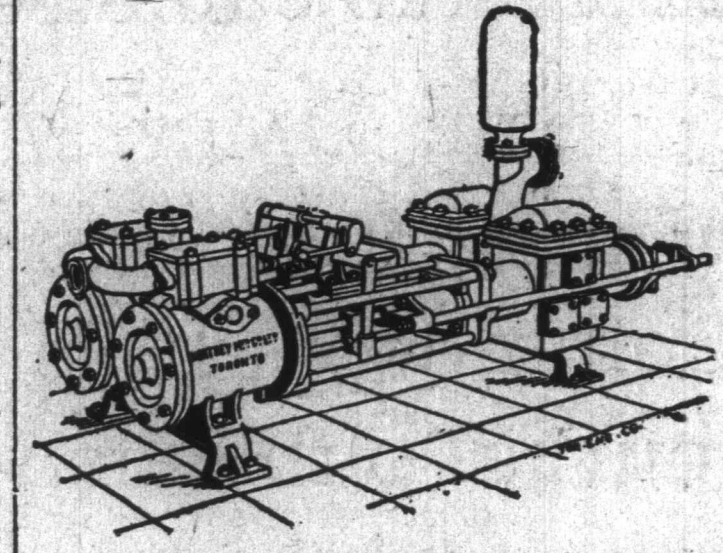
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THE MORNING STAR

Double Compartment Shaft Is Now Down 108 Feet.

SUNK IN AN IMMENSE VEIN

Neither Foot Nor Hanging Wall in Sight and No Crosscutting Done Yet—Machinery Plant and Buildings Excellent.

George Haldorn, president of the Morning Star company, arrived from Butte Tuesday evening and went out with George Pfunder, superintendent of the mine, to see the new machinery plant. The Morning Star mine is situated about one mile north of the Centre Star at the northeast base of Red Mountain. Mr. Haldorn found one of the most substantial and best arranged plants, of the smaller class, in the camp.

The buildings consist of a shaft house and blacksmith shop. The shaft house is intended also to be large enough for a compressor when one is put in. At present a steam drill is to be used. The entire arrangement of the shaft house is excellent. Among other good features is a room where the men can change their clothes when they come from the shaft. The gallow frame is very strong and is constructed so it is entirely independent of the building. The shaft is of double compartment size, has a well protected man-way and is timbered in a thoroughly neat and business like manner.

The shaft is now down 108 feet and is being sunk in the midst of a wide ledge. Neither wall is in sight. The showing in the bottom is excellent, though no well defined ore body has yet been found. Some beautiful dark quartz is now being taken out and much of this carries iron and copper pyrites. The indications are that an ore body is near by.

It is not yet decided whether a cross cut will be run now or at the 150 foot level. This cross cut will determine the character of the ledge. The surface showing on the Morning Star is very strong in places, and is good reason to believe a large body of ore will be found. Assays of the ledge matter now being taken out show very good values in gold. Mr. Pfunder will put a force of men to work stopping the ledge next week.

TRADES BYLAW ADOPTED

All Retail Traders to Pay a Uniform License of \$5.

School Board Reports in Favor of Buying Five Lots in Block 21 for a School Site.

The council held a special meeting last evening for the purpose of adopting the trade's license bylaw. This was about the only business transacted. Before the bylaw was finally passed it was amended on motion of Alderman Wallace, seconded by Alderman Fraser, to provide that all retail dealers pay a uniform license of \$5 for each six months. This repeals the section adopted Tuesday, whereby druggists, stationers, grocers, hardware and boot and shoe dealers were exempted from paying a license.

It was moved and carried that city employees be paid Saturday, May 15. An adjournment was then taken until Tuesday evening, when it is expected that the council will meet at the new quarters, 117 Columbia avenue.

School House Site.
After the meeting, Mr. C. O. Lalonde, chairman of the school board, called with a report on the matter of the school house site. The report recommends that lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 21, shall be at once purchased by the city so that the much needed school house

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\$250 buys a lot on Kootenay Avenue.
Claims in the Slocan and Trail Creek District.

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A Correction.
Alderman Wallace says he was put in rather a false position by our report of the council meeting Tuesday evening. His remarks on the license bylaw were in reality intended to be in the nature of a general objection to traders' licenses and not a plea to specially exempt a few merchants. His objection was to the system of trades licenses on principle.

CANDIDATES FOR CIVIC JOBS.

Scramble for Places Under the New Administration in Spokane.
Spokane, Wash., May 12.—[Special.]—While the information is not official, still it can be stated as being almost a foregone conclusion that Chief of Police Hawthorne's official head will be the first to fall into the official waste basket upon the new administration taking office on Friday next. That such a belief exists is evidenced by the large number of candidates who are striving for the appointment to the head of the police department.

Those actively seeking appointment are Joel E. Warren, the well-known detective, Peter Mertz and M. J. Harbord, both ex chiefs of the police department, and W. H. McKernan, a present member of the police force. Charles Barlow, one of the oldest members of the department, while not in one sense a candidate, still has a large number of influential friends who are pressing his name before the mayor-elect for the position.

Rumors of a kind were rife on the streets today concerning the appointment of the chief of police. It was given out as a straight tip that Mayor-elect Olmstead had practically decided upon the appointment of Peter Mertz for the position. This rumor caused considerable stir among a number of well known citizens, who at once set about organizing a strong delegation to go before the mayor-elect and enter their protest against the appointment of Mr. Mertz.

Another rumor had it that as the result of a conference last night it lay between Joel Warren and Policeman McKernan, with the chances in favor of the former. Mr. Barlow's friends, despite these rumors, are relying on the declaration made by the mayor-elect that he proposes to make his appointments from the ranks, and they are not discouraged in the outlook.

Dr. Olmstead was seen by your correspondent today and asked if he had made up his mind as to the appointment of chief of police. "No, I have not," he replied, "nor will I until I have taken office. As I have said before I am just waiting for the claims advanced in behalf of the various candidates, and advising

with citizens in the sole effort to choose the best man for the place."

"Will you make your appointment to the office of chief of police from the ranks?" "I will, provided such an appointment does not create such a discussion as to impair the service. If the appointment is not made from the ranks it will be the fault of the department itself."

While the mayor-elect denied that he had reached any conclusion as to who was to be the successor of Commissioner Wiscombe, it is pretty generally conceded that Frank P. Weymouth will be the man.

The term of Frank L. Boyd as city clerk expires with the outgoing council. He has practically no opposition for reappointment, and the indications are that the first act of the new council will be to elect him as clerk for the coming year.

Mrs. Rose Denny, the present official stenographer of the city is a candidate for reelection. She has a formidable rival for the position in Miss Kate A. Kellher.

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