

QUEEN CITY GOSSIP

Prospectors Beginning to Hustle in the Ainsworth District.

STRIKES AND TRANSFERS

Long Sought For Ledge Found Opposite Ainsworth—High Grade Ore in the Surprise and Sunset—Notes of City and District.

KASLO, April 22.—[Special.]—Although the snow on the mountain sides has scarcely begun to diminish, and the hills are yet far from being bared to view, the activity of the prospector in the Ainsworth mining division appears in the number of claims recorded in the office of the mining recorder in this city. No less than 36 of these records have been made during the week ending the 21st instant, even though two legal holidays have intervened on which the office was closed. These locations are in every part of the mining division from the head to the foot of Kootenay lake, on both sides, and on various branches of the south fork of Kaslo river.

Big Find Opposite Ainsworth. For several years boulders of high grade ore have been found from time to time on the east side of Kootenay lake, almost opposite the town of Ainsworth, but all efforts to locate the ledge proved futile. It is now understood that a prospector succeeded in finding it towards the close of last week. It is said to show six feet between the walls, which are well defined. Average specimens of the ore taken from the property assayed 245 ounces in silver. The result has been that a large number has visited the locality from Ainsworth and extensions have already been staked. Some of the claims have been recorded and others will doubtless soon appear upon the books, as over 50 people were reported to have gone to the vicinity on Saturday and Sunday last.

The various owners of interests in the First Chance, Hillside, Gall and R. E. Adams mineral claims, situated in the vicinity of Whitewater station, on the Kaslo & Slocan railway, have transferred their holdings to the Hillside Silver Mining Company. These owners are they appear upon the deed of transfer are C. Behrman, Ed. Dumey, F. M. Fortin, W. Pfeifer, E. C. Ward, F. R. Townsend, T. M. Cameron, and P. G. Nash. Development work upon the properties is being prosecuted under Ed. Dumey as for man.

W. R. Ramsdell, of Kalispell, Montana, has transferred to E. T. Bayles as trustee for the White Grouse Mining Company, the Belle and Anaconda Fraction mineral claims, situated in White Grouse mountain.

Repudiate Clarridge's Bond.

Some time since it was noted in this correspondence that Tom Clarridge had acquired by a cleverly worded document an almost unconditional option upon the Almeda and Sir Charles mineral claims, lying in the Jackson basin. It has since been reported that this option was assigned to a third party, but there is no official record of the assignment. Now, however, the owners of the claims, George Smith, D. L. Smith and P. G. Byrne, record a document asserting that the document was obtained from them by Clarridge without consideration, and does not represent the real agreement between the parties, and that neither the terms of the recorded document nor formed wholly or in part. They assert, therefore, that all rights of Clarridge and his assigns are at an end. How far the claims of Clarridge and his assigns may be affected by this later record will doubtless be a question for the courts to decide.

Surprise and Sunset.

Encouraging news, if such were needed, is constantly being received concerning many of the Slocan properties. The latest is that in the lowest tunnel of the Surprise, 300 feet down on the dip of the lead, an ore body had been struck which assayed 244 ounces of silver to the ton and 74 per cent lead. Manager Smith will have this property in hand by Friday morning, to which he will leave on Friday morning, to enjoy his annual holiday, wisely taken while roads and trails are well high impassable. Another property from which most encouraging reports have recently been received is the Sunset, an eastern extension of the Wellington. This claim is owned by R. E. Lemon of Nelson and the Messrs. Egbert of Minneapolis. W. H. Egbert came down from the mine on Tuesday and left some remarkably fine specimens of the mine's product at the Kaslo. There is upon the property a shaft 65 feet in depth and a tunnel of 240 feet. They are now opening up a 15-foot ledge, of which about four feet carry galena and grey copper, and 11 feet are of lime spar carrying grey copper. Specimens from the galena show an assay of 125 ounces of silver, and in the spar the grey copper gave a return of 2,500 ounces in silver to the ton. These samples were taken from the bottom of the shaft. There would seem to be a fortune in sight for the lucky owners, and W. H. Egbert was naturally pleased when he left for home Wednesday evening.

Local Brevities.

George White, a bruiser of some local notoriety, got drunk on Monday night, and undertook to terrorize the town. He was lodged in the cooler by an unaided policeman, despite his loudly repeated boasting of the inability of the force to take him. On Wednesday Police Magistrate Chipman imposed a fine of \$20, which was paid after an appeal to outside friends. The jag was therefore costly, apart from the crest-fallen appearance begotten of the night's incarceration. The sunken steamer Ainsworth has been raised sufficiently to be towed from her exposed position into Kaslo bay, where she will be hauled out and put in good condition. A chapter of Royal Arch Masonry will shortly be organized in Kaslo, probably within the ensuing month. The requisition was signed by a dozen companions, and a dispensation in accordance therewith has been granted by the grand chapter of Canada. The necessary paraphernalia has been ordered, and is daily

expected to arrive. The chapter will be organized by Henry H. Watson, assisted by William Downie and perhaps others. The new chapter will be officially known as Kootenay chapter, and will probably meet on the second Tuesday in each month. It will begin work under most favorable auspices, as a considerable number of applicants for companionship are promised.

Some active young men of the city propose to organize a tennis club. A preliminary meeting was held the other evening at which the proposal was endorsed and a committee appointed to consider the most feasible kind of court to be adopted. Ground has been secured for the purpose, and the energy of the young men who have the affair in hand is sufficient for its success.

Potatoes and Lumber Scarce.

For several days the city has been suffering from a potato famine. Not a pound of the esculent tuber was on sale in any of the provision stores. The provident hotel keepers who had a stock on hand were happy, while the less far seeing restaurant keepers were in despair. A steamer on the Kootenay would have prevented the difficulty, but none has been running. Relief will, however, be speedily afforded.

The bus hitherward would seem to have commenced as the Kokanee on Tuesday evening had 78 passengers on board. Every hotel and lodging house in the city was filled to its utmost capacity, and many were compelled to rest as best they could, unroomed.

Several booms of logs have recently been towed down the Kootenay river, and now Kaslo bay is well filled with a quantity sufficient to keep the Kootenay Lake saw mill steadily at work for some time, while the output is consumed as fast as produced, and an additional quantity is brought in almost every day. Tuesday's mail from Rossland must have come by way of Robson, as the train on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard failed to connect with the steamer at Five Mile point. The copies of THE MINER coming by mail were duly received, but the express parcel was missing.

Real Estate Active.

The plans for the new building which the government has provided to be used by the collector at this point, will be prepared at the department of lands and works in Victoria. It is expected to be a substantial structure and of good appearance. The present office will be removed to the rear of the lot on which it stands to make room for the new building.

A movement is on foot to raise funds to grade and fence the grounds for the new school house by subscription and otherwise so that the entire appropriation may be available for the building itself.

The movement in real estate still continues active and many lots are changing hands, not so much apparently for speculative purposes as for building. Some Victoria builders have secured a site on Front street and will erect a building for warehouse purposes. It is also said that they are looking for a desirable location for a series of tenement houses, neat and convenient, but not expensive.

MINING DEALS IN SLOCAN

Chapleau Bonded For \$30,000 by Hall Exploration Company. Deal On For the Young Bear Group at the Same Figure—Galena Farm's Big Strike Confirmed.

NEW DENVER, April 21.—[Special.]—In spite of the fact that this has been the quietest week in mining circles for many months past, owing, no doubt, to the dangerous condition of the mountain trails and the impossibility of an inspection of properties, yet a few deals of considerable magnitude have been pushed off, and many others are well under way. The Chapleau, a property situated on the divide between Lemon and Springer creeks, adjoining the Banner, was transferred to the Hall Exploration syndicate, the purchase price being \$30,000. A deal is on for the Young Bear group, on Ten Mile creek, the price offered being \$30,000. C. F. Neilson, a Rossland mining expert, was here the early part of the week to report on the Producer and adjoining claims on the Galena Farm for G. A. Yerex, who is here today closing the deal on these properties, by which he gets them for \$6,000, half down.

The late strike in the Currie shaft is proving to be all that was reported of it. It is said some of the finest ore is being taken out that has ever been shown in the Slocan. An open cut on the neglected, adjoining the property of R. C. Campbell-Johnston on the lake shore close to town, has uncovered a stringer of quartz, assaying high in silver with a good showing of gold and copper.

Strike On Ten Mile. A big strike is reported on the Iron Horse on Ten Mile creek. The Enterprise ledge was reached by a 235-foot cross cut, the vein being the same as the Enterprise in every particular.

Work on the Two Friends has suspended, owing to the bad trail leading to it and the impossibility of getting supplies in.

A. G. Ferguson has thrown up the bond on the Dalhousie. A tunnel has been run on the property for a distance of 400 feet.

Now that lumber is arriving again regularly, work on the buildings under construction is being hard pushed, and in a few weeks New Denver will have three new business blocks that would be a credit to any city in West Kootenay.

May 24 is the date set for the new C. P. R. boat Slocan to make her initial trip on the lake. The building of wharves, warehouses, etc., at the various lake points goes slowly forward. Billy Smith, a pioneer of the Slocan, died at the hospital here Sunday night, of an abscess of the brain. He was buried Monday afternoon, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. Monday morning another death occurred, that of J. A. Stewart, late arrival in the Slocan from Seattle, where he was engaged in the commission business.

Coming North On Business. SPOKANE Wash., April 23.—[Special.]—P. E. Battin, manager of the Portland Mining & Development company, is in the city en route to the north in the interest of the company he represents.

LEAPED TO HIS DEATH.

A Young Man Plunges Into the Niagara River. NIAGARA FALLS, April 23.—Another mystery has been added to the long list that attaches to the Niagara river. At 11:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon a young man, apparently about 22 years old, jumped from the upper suspension bridge into the boiling waters of the river. Up to 6 o'clock this evening no trace of the body had been found.

All that is known of the suicide is what is told by David Nickerson, one of the pioneer hackmen. He says that at noon, while he was driving across the bridge between the main shore and Bath Island, he was stopped by a young man and employed to drive him across the suspension bridge to Canada. The young fellow was of medium size and build, and had on a dark coat and vest and light trousers, and a light brown derby hat. He was fair of face and had a sandy-colored mustache and sandy hair.

The young stranger entered the carriage and was driven across the reservation over Riverway to the suspension bridge. At the toll-house Nickerson stopped and the collector came out for the toll money. The young man fumbled in his pockets and found 19 cents. Then Nickerson said he had left his money in the hotel. Nickerson paid the toll and resumed the journey. The young fellow sat in the carriage in an abstracted mood until half way across the bridge. Then he jumped out of the carriage upon the railing of the bridge and saying, "Good-by, old man!" he leaped off.

That was the beginning and end of the tragedy. No one saw the body strike the water. The hat the young man wore was all the identification mark left by him. It blew off his head on the bridge and is now in the hands of the police. The hat had a Boston trademark in it. A visit about the hotels did not result in finding any clue to the young man's identity.

The bridge at the point from which the jump was made is 190 feet above the water.

Since the bridge was built in 1869 four men have committed suicide from it, one of them being Dr. Stone of New York. This makes the tenth suicide in and about the reservation during the last five years.

David Nickerson, the hackman who drove the man to his death, is over 70 years old. He said this afternoon that an evil spirit seems to pursue him. The other day he drove two women about the reservation for an hour. After they left his carriage he found a pocket-book belonging to one of them. It contained \$2,300 in money. He returned it to the woman and she gave him \$2, and said she was glad to have proof that Niagara Falls hackmen were honest. On top of this comes the suicide of the unknown man today, and Nickerson, being superstitious, fears bad luck has come to him.

It is thought that the man who jumped from the bridge is a Batavia bartender, who was in town yesterday under the influence of liquor. No one knew his name, but one man thinks it was McCaffery.

WINNIPEG NEWS NOTES.

Wheat and the Tariff—Big Crop Expected—Manitoba Elections. WINNIPEG, Man., April 23.—In discussing the tariff changes, the local agriculturists are of the opinion that the reduction of the duty on flour will put an end to the payment of fancy prices for wheat. They think Manitoba farmers will be losers as a consequence.

To meet the demands of increased traffic the C. P. R. is putting on an extra train between Winnipeg and Fort William. Section is now general in many districts of Manitoba. This has been a season of unusual moisture, and much moisture is always productive of good crops. There are indications of a very large increase in acreage.

Hon. Mr. Sifton left for the west this morning, and from now until the election on Tuesday, he will be engaged working his constituency in the interests of Mr. Rutherford. The Winnipeg election contest seems to be altogether one-sided in favor of the Conservative candidate having practically no opposition.

The police commissioners have decided to equip the city detectives with bicycles. CITIZENS' TICKET RATIFIED. Nominations Unanimously Adopted at a Mass Meeting. SPOKANE, Wash., April 23.—[Special.]—The committee of four citizens meeting to discuss their report to the mass convention of citizens, in Music hall tonight, presenting for ratification the ticket as previously reported in THE MINER. The report was unanimously adopted by the convention, amid the wildest cheering. The only platform upon which the ticket will go before the people is the following, adopted by the convention:

"Resolved, That this meeting indorse the nominees without regard to politics or religion, and only pledge them to an honest endeavor to give us a clean, vigorous and economical administration for the best interests of all the people of Spokane, and we have placed the various candidates in nomination, believing that they will in spirit carry out these principles."

A DISASTROUS EXPERIMENT.

Huber's Raft Scheme Almost Causes Loss of Life at Spokane. SPOKANE, Wash., April 23.—[Special.]—City Engineer Huber's plan to float a raft over the big dam at the water works and anchor it in the current on the apron of the dam and then sink it with rocks, proved a failure yesterday and narrowly evaded doing much damage. As the raft was easily torn from the heavy cables used to sink it and was tearing down the river, fortunately doing no harm. The experiment cost the city considerable money and nearly resulted in the loss of the lives of five workmen. The river continues to rise, but not as rapidly as it did. It is now within a foot of the high water mark of three years ago, when the eastern part of the city was flooded.

LITIGATION OVER AN ESTATE.

Action at Spokane Against E. C. Houghton by A. M. Cannon's Widow. SPOKANE, Wash., April 23.—[Special.]—Before Judge Richardson today the widow of the late A. M. Cannon applied for an order to show cause why E. C. Houghton, executor for her husband's estate, should not pay her the money ordered paid to her by the court. The deceased left an estate valued between \$50,000 and \$50,000. Debts against the estate now amount to \$75,000. A month time ago Mr. Houghton was ordered to pay the widow \$4,500 and \$200 monthly. This he refuses to do as he has only \$6,000 on hand and there are debts to be paid. The case is still being argued.

Northport News Notes.

NORTHPORT, Wash., April 23.—[Special.]—Rossland was well represented in Northport on Tuesday by a number of attorneys and others going to Nelson to attend court. William F. Hughes, Northport's postmaster, is arranging to put his own property on the market. Buildings are being erected in all parts of town and people are occupying them as fast as they are completed. The ferry-men who have lived in little cottages near the river are moving up on the bench. The water is crowding in from the north. Justice of the Peace Dawson yesterday inflicted fines of \$70 and \$50 on two men named Ross and Lyons.

Millionaire Colgate Dead.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Samuel Colgate, multi-millionaire and head of the great soap and perfume house of Samuel Colgate & Co., died today.

Mannamead Gold Mining Co., Limited. North Fork of Salmon. Alexander R. McLennan, President. Christopher McDonell, Vice-President. F. Stapleton Hobbs, Secretary. J. E. Crane, Treasurer. Treasury Stock 7c. per Share. Field, Hobbs & Co. Members of British Columbia Stock Exchange. Rossland, B. C. Brokers.

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KELLIE AN Former Says the Earned His MADE A BIT Debate Adjourned Truth—An Ams Surface Rights—Oppose Exclusion [From our Special VICTORIA, April 23.—Fort Sheppard rail for a second reading lent attack on it, say had no right to grant outside of the province Subsidy act, by giving blocks instead of a said Corbin had no provisions of the Land had, by making timber on their claim son & Fort Shepp (General Eberts ad and maps will be how the land has been Kellie will move sert a clause giving all timber on claim purposes, and force sell surface rights per acre to miners. Mineral Act Business is going legislature, not much in talk. The Grand and Greenwood City were reported by the mittee yesterday proved, and Kellie drew his Wide Fire The second reading and Mineral Act Ar ried. Baker, while amendments gener act, said that some of land should not sion, in regard to entry on private la that security should at once instead of classes put in propi mining claims; this, saying the gov consent. Hume spoke very provision exempting Braden, however, o as there were two Canadian there sho getting a tax out of Land Grant on On the report of bill, an amendmen in, making the lan ways for townsite Another amendment the effect that if H bonus for building tition to Boundary subject to the givins of the Columbia & miles between Pent Creek. The bill th a third time, and a Bill amendment b committee. TWO MORE P Peculiar Provis Grant in Aid of VICTORIA, April presented two ver bills tonight. One the commencement diture of 200,000 by railway, to hold it 1st, 1896, to June 2 grants and to the way by leasing to exceeding 10,240 a mile built, to be d years of the pass payment to the wo of one-half per ce of all previous me a year on each transfer of a cla feet of lumber, an wood. Free mine on the lands to m such claims to bel tenants in comm reserves also a ro on coal. CATHOLIC QUE Monsignor Merr Foreshadow MONTREAL, Q World's correspon ple who appear to talking about de Merry Del Val's re First—The gov and Manitoba sh come here to sett Second—Protes his mission to Ca Third—The bis and are not inter tions where relig Fourth—is it a loe after and to religious educat Fifth—The so-c Manitoba school able to the Cate Sixth—The de mends the spi clergy to abstain to men or to pu in the pulpit. THE BO Francis' Repor tion—Good OTTAWA, Ont., response.—J report has been ward Farrar, at the mittee on inte United States, o legs." Mr. Pa from the official government an companies who It starts with commerce and United States