

KOOTENAY MINING NEWS.

President Van Horne to Size Up the Situation in the Slocan District.

Pilot Bay Smelter Running Full Blast—Four Roasters Now Fired Up.

NELSON.

The recent warm weather with mild rains has caused the creeks to rise. At Forty-Nine Creek everything is now about ready to begin.

At Silver King Mr. Davys by use of the power drill has proved the existence of the ore bodies at a depth considerably below the present workings.

Mr. Frederick Stone of Chicago, who has had great experience in managing drills, has been employed by the company to take charge of all their machinery of this class.

At a private meeting of property holders on Monday last, a petition to the government was prepared, praying that some of the government lots in the Nelson townsite should be given towards a subsidy to ensure the establishment of the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson.

Mr. Hewitt Bostock arrived from Revelstoke on Wednesday, having travelled in via Nakusp, New Denver, Three Forks and Kaslo. At all these places he received influential promises of support.

The first train of the season left on the C. & K. railway yesterday afternoon. The steamship Lytton on the Columbia river was to try to get up to meet her.

At the No. 1 mine, in Ainsworth district, the concentrator is turning out four tons of concentrates a day, the supply of water being insufficient. Twenty-five tons were shipped to the Pilot Bay smelter this week, and the shipments of carbonate ore will average about five tons a day.

Men have been laid off at both the Aiamo and Slocan Star mines, in Slocan district, owing to the breaking up of the sleigh roads. Ore cannot be got to the railroad, and it is useless to mine it until it can be shipped.

It is rumored that President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific railway is shortly to take a look at the Slocan country, in order to size up the situation.

Charles Warren Tells a Tragic and Thrilling Story. Charles E. Warren has arrived back from the Yucatan peninsula and tells a tragic story of a thrilling experience.

There is considerable rivalry between the night and day gangs at the Pilot Bay smelter as to which can draw off the most bullion on a shift. So far, the night shift carries the broom, they having drawn off 437 bars in 12 hours.

Jack Maginty, who was in at Nelson from Hall Creek on Thursday, reports thirteen white men and twenty Chinese at work on the creek. They are making from 75 cents to \$5 a day. The snow is about two feet deep.

From September 13th, 1894, to March 10th, this year, 4611 tons of ore have been shipped from the Slocan district over the Nakusp & Slocan railway. The ore was valued at \$473,000.

The fourth roaster has been fired up at the Pilot Bay smelter. As each roaster uses ten cords of wood a day, and ten cords more are used to generate steam, it will be seen that the wood bill alone is a pretty considerable item at the smelter.

Pilot Bay, a six-foot strata of good clay having been discovered there.

RUINOUS RATES. C.P.R. and John Andrew Mara Fleecing the Farmers.

The farmers in southern Yale complain they are unable to market their farm produce because of the high freight rates of the railways and steamboats.

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BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

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Report of the Committee Received and Adopted—Are Still in Session.

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CLAIMS OF THE SEALERS.

Some Questions to be Asked in the House of Commons on Tuesday Next.

President Cleveland Makes Some Suggestions Regarding a Conference.

London, April 6.—The government will be asked on Tuesday next in the house whether it will refuse the joint conference proposed by the United States to deal with the seal fisheries question in the north Pacific, unless the conference is constructed on the lines suggested by the Paris tribunal to deal with the whole question.

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The circumstances of the professor's abrupt departure are quite romantic, and it is said that he has a record extending as far north as British Columbia. He came here about the end of last October, giving his name as Robert Mackenzie Munro, and was kindly received by the boys of St. Andrew's society here.

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LETTERS FROM

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THE SUICIDE PLACE. Farm on Which Three men Have Committed Suicide.

Lockport, N. Y., April 6.—The farm of Rufus Powell on a lonely road near Schererville has been named "The Suicide Place." In 1875, Wm. Nelles, who owned the farm, cut his throat. Ten years later his son Thomas was found hanging from a tree near where his father died.

MURDERED BY A MANIAC. A Rancher Torn to Pieces by a Mad Man.

Sloux City, April 6.—C. E. Converse, a wealthy rancher living near Jefferson, a small town in this vicinity, met a horrible death last night at the hands of a maniac, who imagined himself to be a vampire and attacking his victim, literally devoured him alive.

A BUCKET OF... Sergeant Hayward... Light and Had a... Sergeant Hayward, who was in at Nelson from Hall Creek on Thursday, reports thirteen white men and twenty Chinese at work on the creek.