

ALL SORTS OF NEWS

Changes Made in the Officers of Lake Steamers.

TIPOS TO FORM A UNION.

The Columbia Telephone Company are Having Poles Scattered Along the Proposed Line of Construction—The Boundary Mail Troubles and Other Notes.

Terrance Ryan, a Montreal man, was killed in Cranbrook recently by some Italians. It is supposed that they mistook Ryan for another man, against whom they had a grudge, and the shooting followed. So far the murderer has not been located.

W. Markham enjoys the distinction of being the first theatrical man to bring a company into the Boundary Creek country, says the Boundary Creek Times. He and his support played "Ole Oleson, Jr." to a full house in Kendall's hall recently.

Messrs. Burns & Jordan, the railway contractors, who had a portion of the work of building the Robson-Penticton branch of the C. P. R., have entered a portion of their outfit at the customs for export to the United States.

Foley Bros. & Larsen have secured the Northern cut-off to the east of Wenatchee, Washington, and Burns & Jordan will sub under them on the work.

On Easter Sunday, April 2nd, the new Roman Catholic church in Fernie was opened.

A change has been made in the officiating of the Canadian Pacific steamers at Nelson. Captain Fraser, who was master of the steamer Nelson, has been made master of the Kokanee. Captain Tyson, the former master of the Kokanee, becomes master of the Ymir, and Captain Charles is set on the Ymir, who was master of the Ymir, goes on the Kokanee as mate.

Thomas Brown, sergeant and instructor in the Nelson company of the Kootenay Rifles, was presented a "Savannah Rifle" on the eve of his departure for Spokane.

The printers employed on the two Nelson daily newspapers have decided to organize a branch of the International Typographical Union.

The Kootenay Lake sawmill started up after several months of idleness last week. Victoria has an organist named "Native" who is a native of British Columbia. In a few years Nelson will follow suit, but the name will not be exactly the same. The word "daughters" will be substituted for the word "sons".

The Nelson baseball team has asked the Sandon team to play a match game at New Denver on the 24th of May.

After the 18th of April there will be no Sunday shaves in Sandon. The barbers have formed a union.

The city council, board of trade and citizens of Grand Forks, are taking active measures to oppose the incorporation of the town of Grand Forks, on the ground that such an act would be prejudicial to the interests of the former place.

Word has at length been received regarding the uniform for the Kootenay Rifles. It is to consist of a dark green tunic with brown belts. Officers are advised that they can order their uniforms at once.

The Ashcroft Water Electric Company have been authorized to purchase at \$1 per acre, 4,000 acres of land near Ashcroft which the company proposes to irrigate.

On Sunday a deer was seen in boats near New Denver. Several men in boats near New Denver, on the ground that the deer was turned and made direct for their boat. They reached out, caught the deer by the ears, and carried her ashore, where she died from exhaustion, notwithstanding their efforts to revive her. The deer had evidently been chased by dogs and had taken to the water. The Kootenay Rifles are now in operation by the middle of May or the 1st of June.

Some time ago the Greenwood commercial association petitioned the customs department, urging the appointment of a customs officer to the town of Greenwood. During the visit of Mr. Haas to the east he met Mr. McMichael, the chief of the department. Mr. McMichael suggested that the board of trade take up the matter again, and secure a petition signed by the business men of the city. He felt confident the request would be granted.

The Greenwood has attained sufficient prominence to possess a bar association of its own. The legal gentlemen of the town organized the Boundary Creek bar association, with I. H. Hallett as president, and A. M. Whiteside as secretary. A committee was appointed to urge upon the government the necessity of having a supreme court registry in Greenwood, and of a sitting of a supreme court judge there this year, owing to the number of important cases pending. Another committee was appointed to work with the other bar associations throughout the province, with a view to simplifying and modernizing the county court rules.

Editor Ross in his weekly column in Greenwood, and his outspoken criticisms upon municipal politics are evidently not very much relished by certain members of the council. Dire threats of vengeance have been hurled against him; and that he is fully alive to the dangerous position he occupies may be gathered from the following paragraph, which appeared in the last issue of his breezy journal.

"Wanted—body guard for the editor of the Boundary Creek Times. Must not be fastidious about his opponents."—Mining Review.

Captain Miller of the steamer Northern Star, plying between Fort Steele and Jennings, Mont., was in Kaslo recently. The captain is talking of building a hull for the steamer, which was wrecked last year in the rapids of the upper river. When completed it is understood the boat will ply on Howser lake and the Upper Duncan.

Together with other towns in the province, Midway feels the effect of the present system of mail distribution, as far as mail coming from the coast is concerned. This is owing to stage and other arrangements. To remedy or partially remedy the inconvenience it would be necessary to dispatch mail coming from Vancouver to other mainland coast towns, and which is destined for points south and east of Penticton as far as Midway, and the C. P. R. and Penticton route, while for towns east of Midway mail should be routed via Brooklyn, and come from Victoria. We believe the most expeditious way to send it would be via the United States to Marcus for such places as Cascade City, Grand Forks, Columbia, Niagara and Greenwood, and for Midway, Rock Creek and Camp McKinney by Penticton—Midway Advance.

THE FREE MILLING BELT

Iron Mask's Ledger Is Over Five Feet in Width.

Steam Drills on the Mountain Lion Are Doing Excellent Work—High Assays From the Gold Ledge.

Republic, April 1.—[Special.]—The Iron Mask ledge, on the Mark Tapley claim, has been run 40 feet, attaining a depth of 50 feet. The ledge has been crossed for 5 feet, but the foot-wall has not yet been reached. The assays are \$12. The ore is the blue and white quartz of the Republic district, which always promises values where depth is attained.

The new strike shows that the Iron Mask passes through the Tapley here heretofore has been a mooted question. Work will be pushed with vigor now that the big ledge is proven to run through the Tapley ground. Cross-sections on the surface are in progress on the Aspinwall claim, to determine the best point to sink a shaft. Surface work has been in progress for two months, and it is claimed that this property has the Delta ledge.

As depth is attained the Flag Hill is making a better showing. A 10-inch streak in the ledge is yielding assays over \$100 to the ton, and the paystreak is gradually growing wider.

There are a number of idle men here, and will be until the snow goes and mines begin development.

The tunnel on the Morning Glory is in about 165 feet, and an upraise is being driven for a depth of over 75 feet having been attained.

Work is to be recommenced April 1st on the Reindeer No. 2 claim. A crosscut tunnel will be run, the upraise is being driven on the Mable, and at a depth of 100 feet the ore assays \$16. At a depth of 50 feet a drift will be run connecting the two shafts.

A company has been organized to do development work on the Myrtle claim, in Torado creek.

The steam drills on the Mountain Lion are making 10 feet daily in the tunnel, and 5 feet in the drift. The south drift is now in over 40 feet, and the tunnel has been driven over 50 feet.

Some good looking ore is being taken from the Macanda claim, in Summit district, about 15 miles west of Republic. The ore body has been cut by a tunnel 140 feet in length, and the values are said to be satisfactory.

Ten inches of ore has been encountered in the El Caliph shaft of high grade. The ore is free milling and assays 40 cents per lb. The tunnel is in about 200 feet, with possibly 90 feet to tap the ledge.

The shaft on the Gold Ledge is down over 52 feet. An average assay of 50 cents per lb. has been obtained. From an open cut 50 feet south of the shaft an average gives \$165.

The shaft on the Golden Chariot is down 37 feet, and there has been a considerable change for the better. A tunnel has been driven 100 feet on this property, and the ore is said to have assayed \$99 where the lead has been crossed.

What is believed to be the Dara lead has been uncovered by open cuts for 600 feet on the Liberty. Assays run from \$2 to \$8.40.

The crosscut tunnel on the Merimac is in over 100 feet, and the formation is the same as that encountered in the Mountain Lion on the east side of their ledge, for which the Merimac people are driving. A shaft is now being sunk on the Galen Lally.

The tunnel on the Morning Glory is in over 100 feet, and an upraise is being driven for air, a depth of 75 feet having been attained.

The shaft on the Monday No. 13 is now over 100 feet, carrying a large amount of sulphates.

Parties are leaving the city for work on the south half.

NORTH PUBLIC BELT

Patrick Clark Will Push Development Work There.

A Shaft Is to Be Sunk in the Republic to a Depth of One Thousand Feet.

Republic, April 2.—[Special.]—The north San Poil vein has arrived at the surface, and is being worked. The shaft is progressing rapidly, and the ledge carries the same good quality of ore.

The Troubadour shaft is down 80 feet. The ledge has been crossed, and Superintendent Crummer intends to crosscut to fully determine the ore values.

The San Juan shaft is down 50 feet, with a three-foot vein good looking ore. In a short time the two tunnels of the San Poil will be connected, and drifting will probably be resumed.

The shaft of the Iron Monitor tunnel is improving daily and looks encouraging.

The shaft of the Lucky Consolidated is down 12 feet on the vein. A blacksmith shop and other necessary buildings are being erected, and the shaft will at once be sunk to a depth of 50 feet, and drifts run upon the vein. In the bottom of the shaft samples of the vein are being selected, and the shaft will be run high. Indications point to a different character of ore than is usually found in this camp, and the ore is getting copper stained. Another parallel vein to the one above referred to, was uncovered a few days ago. This vein has been marked by a heavy lead, and has been persistently sought for on the fractions to the northward, without success.

A cut on the Lucky ground uncovered this vein, which is 18 inches wide and averages \$13 in vein. The vein evidently is a contact between a sandstone and a conglomerate.

The Caliph tunnel is in 267 feet. The shaft is down 50 feet, carrying a vein one foot wide, which assays from \$200 to \$300.

Supt. Slavens is in from the Copper Crown group, five miles east of Republic. The shaft is down 22 feet, sinking on the ledge, which, between walls, is three feet, with 14 inches of sulphide, are that assays \$14.63 in gold and four ounces in silver. The shaft will be continued, and the vein is widening.

On Quartz mountain, four miles from on the Bevis Crozier claim, are now in 160 feet. They are going to tap the ledge in 20 feet. It is a gold camp.

THE CHARTER ENDORSED

Rossland Liberal Association in Favor of the Corbin Charter.

Strong Resolution Passed at the Meeting Last Night—It Will Be Transmitted to the Government.

At a meeting of the Rossland Liberal Association held last evening, with A. C. Sinclair, M. D., president in the chair, the question of the granting of a charter by the Dominion government to the C. P. Corbin to build his projected Little River Valley railway in the Boundary country was taken up, and the following resolution was unanimously passed: Moved by P. McLaughlin and seconded by J. H. Robinson, that:

Whereas railway competition is absolutely essential to the speedy development of the Boundary Creek country, West Kootenay district; and whereas public sentiment in the district is unanimously in favor of railway competition; and whereas resolutions have been passed by representatives of the district in favor of competitive railways; and whereas an application is being made to the Dominion parliament by D. C. Corbin for a charter for the construction of a railway, traversing a portion of the Boundary Creek country, which will be called the Kettle River Valley railway; and whereas the granting of such charter and the construction of the railway would be of the utmost benefit to the development of Southern British Columbia and would insure the establishment of the smelting and mining industry under the most favorable conditions; and whereas, under the terms of the charter applied for, permission to construct said railway is only asked for, and no money subsidy or land grant or other bonus is requested; and whereas, resolved, that in the opinion of the Liberal association of Rossland in open meeting assembled, it is not only desirable but absolutely essential to the development and up-building of the country that this railway should be constructed, subject to the government control of rates, and that the people are fairly and justly entitled to obtain the railway competition sought for; and whereas, it is the duty of the Liberal association of Rossland to secure the accomplishment of this possible the Dominion parliament should grant the charter applied for by the said D. C. Corbin, thereupon the Liberal association of Rossland, by rendering an aid in the accomplishment of this possible the Dominion government and to every member of the house of commons who represent constituencies in this province.

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SALMO CONSOLIDATED CO.

Reports Submitted to the Meeting of Shareholders.

They Show that the Properties Owned by the Company are in a Most Promising Condition.

The report of Charles Parker, M. E., on the properties owned by the Salmo Consolidated Gold Mining & Development Company, of which he has made an inspection, has been prepared for submission to the stockholders, and transmitted to James Chambers, the manager of the company. The report of Mr. Parker is as follows:

Rossland, B. C., March 20th, 1899. Salmo Consolidated G. M. & Development Company, Rossland, B. C.: Gentlemen—Herein please find the following report of my inspection of the works on the Blue Jack claim:

The group, consisting of the Blue Jack, Yellow Jack, White Cloud and Jackson Bull was entirely snowed over, so that the examination other than the first mentioned was impossible.

The elevation of the shaft-house, 5,750 feet above sea level, situated on the southern side of an easy sloping mountain, affords a view of the country, and the creek from that of Hidden creek on the north.

The surrounding geological conditions of the district, granite and porphyry, indicates that up to be in the mineralized zone of the Salmo river country, which contains many encouraging features exposed to the prospector and miner, and the examination of the section to be of solid mineral wealth.

I find the development to be on a fissure vein of quartz gangue, lying beneath porphyry on the foot and quartzitic calcareous material, and the hanging wall of feldspar and calcite and being backed by diorite and granite.

Vein on the surface five feet to seven feet in width, chiefly composed of quartz. Composition of gangue, quartz and some feldspar containing iron pyrites, galena and pyrrhotite. Quartz is clearly free in many places, in large areas.

On the foot is a decomposed quartz streak from three to seven inches in width, which winds throughout the solid quartz and appears to contain the best gold values. At one place this has widened out to 16 inches and the hanging wall of the shaft, running back of hanging wall, and will probably appear on the surface.

Course of Vein N. 5 degrees 30 feet (magnetic). Vein has been sunk on for 49 feet in quartz, where, owing to the hanging wall lying flat about this point, was continued for 49 feet 6 inches further, to prove the presence of the vein. The hanging wall is all quartz. Total depth from collar of shaft to bottom, 110 feet 6 inches, or 120 feet 6 inches from the surface of the outcrop.

At 76 feet 6 inches from the shaft collar, a mass of quartz, quartzite and diorite, showing mineralization of pyrrhotite with some chalcopyrite, giving an impression of the existence of a very wide ledge, practically a contact, and which probably backed by granite, (as has been discovered at the foot of the shaft), further strengthened the reason for sinking to the depth gained, the granite being the true hanging wall of the quartz.

Having seen a number of wide ledges in the district, I am inclined to the belief that the future work in the shaft will be more to the point by keeping to the foot wall.

From the contour of the mountain, we mine can be advantageously opened up by tunnel work, beginning either in the hanging wall or to the foot of the shaft, or in one lower down, preferably by the former, there then being no natural drain to run over the tunnel. This would give some 450 feet of natural back.

Cross cutting to discover the best point for such work, will be an easy matter, as I am informed the vein is traceable throughout the Blue Jack claim, on and beyond the sleep creek.

Vein would suggest the ore be driven on at 30 feet from the collar of the shaft for a few feet to the north, into the mountain, to obtain information as to its strength, and also to the south.

The shaft house is a commodious one, containing a Montgomery horse winn, stable and smithy.

An excellent power house is close by. A 40-horse and small pump house are situated one-third of a mile further down the trail.

A water right on Sheep creek has been secured, which is of great consideration, as it is impossible to water concentration. A combination plant of rolls and stamps will best work this ore.

An aerial tram of about one mile, costing \$15,000, will avoid the necessity of a road, although by changing the pack trail on the worst grades, the nucleus of a good wagon road is at hand.

The situation is a good one for mining. The suggested work will drain the works for many years and avoid the necessity for a hoisting plant, besides bringing the ore nearer to the mill site.

The above advantages, if carried out, will be of great benefit to the company. The shaft, which is 7 feet of mineralized quartz, make the enterprise an inexpensive one, on which I would not hesitate to recommend capital being judiciously expended.

CHARLES PARKER, M. E., Canadian Mining Inst.; mem. Inst. Min. and Met.

In submitting Mr. Parker's report to the directors and shareholders Mr. Chambers draws attention to the following points:

To the Directors and Shareholders of the Salmo Consolidated Gold Mining & Development Company, limited: Gentlemen—in submitting to you my third annual report, it gives me great pleasure to inform you, that we were here in such good shape as at the present time. We have sunk to a depth of 125 feet from the surface, and have also crosscut to the hanging wall, a distance of 42 feet, which brings the total number of feet sunk and driven to date to 167. This, gentlemen, does not include the work done in No. 1 shaft, as including such work would bring the total number of feet sunk to a great deal of time was unavoidably lost while waiting for the hoist, this is a very satisfactory amount of development work done. We did our utmost to hurry the arrival of the hoist, so as to have it on the ground when the foundation was laid, and it was impossible to do more than was done, and in this way we unfortunately lost some two months work. However, I may say that we were far from idle during the time, having cut out over 15 feet of rock at the shaft, in order to facilitate the erection of the shaft house, which is a building 26x28 feet.

We have also a blacksmith shop attached to our shaft house, a permanent building, and will accommodate a much larger hoist than we will need for a long time to come. Gentlemen, we are now in a position to run drifts each way fast, and as far as