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PLUMPER'S PASSES.

From Our Own Correspondent. Galiano, Mar. 2.—On Thursday, Feb. 27th, the wedding took place of Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bennett, and Peter Garrick, at Sunnyside, the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thos. Scouler, assisted by four bridesmaids, and attended by four bridesmaids, Miss Harris, of Ladner's, Miss Mack and Miss Annie and Miss George, nieces of the groom. The bridegroom was supported by his brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Bennett Jr. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and handsome presents. After the wedding breakfast dancing was in order and Miss Harris and Mr. George Domain delighted the guests with some songs, in their usual excellent style. At daylight the entire gathering accompanied the happy couple to the wharf, where they embarked upon the Princess Louise for New Westminster. Mr. Thomas Bennett and Mrs. Garrick have taken up their residence in New Westminster.

ENGLISHMAN'S RIVER.

From our own correspondent. Englishman's River, Feb. 27.—On Saturday, Feb. 22nd, a meeting was held in the school house to see what was to be done about clearing the school lot. Mr. James Craig was voted to the chair. Trustee Geatchen said that the Board of Education in Victoria, and the reply had been that the settlers must do it themselves. Trustee Morison added that Mr. Pope had said, although there was no trail had been made this year, there might be able money this year. Mr. H. Lee proposed that the settlers clear the school lot. Trustee Geatchen seconded the motion. Mr. Craig moved that on a day to be named the lot be cleared and in the event of the lot being cleared by the settlers, the inspector should guarantee maps for the school walls. Mr. Craig was in favor of a subscription, and having the work done by contract. Mr. Harry Lee's motion was carried, and Tuesday decided upon. If the settlers were to work on Friday, Mr. Pollar, after a few words of encouragement, and suggested that the settlers should take advantage of the bonus given by the government, and see what could be done about getting a move in the right direction, and Mr. Pollar, Mr. Morison and Mr. J. Craig were forthwith appointed on a committee to look after the interests of the district.

It is reported that Mr. Walter Heiler is to run as an independent supporter of the government in the forthcoming Dominion election.

GOLDEN GOLDEN ERA.

We understand that Mr. C. McKay has disposed of his half interest in his copper property on the Spillchemachene. Mr. Harry Symonds, C. C. of Calgary, who has been some two weeks ago, after obtaining a considerable amount of money for England to try and place them on the market. Mr. McNeil is continuing work on the Hidden Treasure mine on Spillchemachene and is now devoting his attention to the mining of shipping ore rather than of developing the property. Mr. B. Able, of Windermere, was in town last week procuring supplies for the carrying out of some work on the Swanson claim near Windermere. It is a copper property containing carbonates and oxides of copper.

The amendment to the assessment act—made enforceable—is very much calculated to do some work on the development of our mineral wealth. But it is to be hoped that by the influence of West and East Kootenay combined, the provincial legislature will be brought to reconsider the measure, for if they do not, the effect will indeed be disastrous to us here, where mining is in its infancy.

TROUT LAKE. Kootenay Mail.

The Trout Lake country has joined the Shocan and Trail Creek as an ore producing district to be heard from in the future. From this time forward, Mr. Bradshaw completed the trail from the Silvanus Cup last week and now ten horses are busy raveling from the mine to town. This ore is high grade, producing gold, silver and copper. In a short time we expect to see over 100 tons of ore piled up at Thomson's waiting for the steamer. Hugh Matherson's mine is reported to be showing up quite well. He has over sixty tons of high grade ore on the dump at present. The Abbott is working a large force of men and, from all reports, is likely to develop one of the best mines in Kootenay. They are running a tunnel to the lead at a considerable depth below the surface.

ROSSLAND. Rossland Miner.

The Miner has it on undisputed authority that all differences between D. C. and P. Aug. Heinze touching the right of way for the Trail tramway have been amicably adjusted. The No. 2 tunnel of the War Eagle is now well into the big ore chute found in the No. 1 tunnel 125 feet above. A large stope area will soon be opened up, but owing to the condition of the shaft no ore can be shipped. It is announced that a 50-foot contract is to be let on the Homestake. The additional work will be in the continuation of the No. 2 shaft which will drift from the No. 1 shaft in solid ore which looks well. Charlie Bates is in from the Bear Creek camp on the east side of the assessment work on the LeBlanc No. 1. It is now about ten feet under ground and has some fine specimens of copper. The reports the whole face of the tunnel is the same kind of ore. A contract was let for two weeks ago for the extension of the St. Elmo tunnel ten feet and soon after the men began to work they found from two to three feet of good ore in the face. The Highland people have got their

shaft down 30 feet and are cross-cutting. The ledge is very wide and more or less ore has been encountered at every point. One ore chute 7 feet wide has been penetrated. Sample assays from which were very satisfactory. General C. S. Warren, of Butte, was here part of the week. He has purchased the California, a claim lying west of the West Le Roi and Josie ground and bonded the Spotted Tail group in the South belt. The strike made in the Jumbo tunnel last week has developed into one of the largest and most important ever made in the camp. Up to Thursday afternoon the men had worked through 11 feet of solid, clean sulphide ore and were not yet in sight of the hanging wall. It runs fairly well in gold and carries some copper. One assay made in Spokane showed \$159 in gold, but careful sample tests made here from day to day as the ore body has been penetrated give an average value in gold of about \$16. The value improves as the hanging wall is approached as is generally the case in this camp.

NEW DENVER. The Ledger.

Mr. Potter is in the Sloan buying ore for the Pueblo smelter. Ore sacks are from \$1 to \$2 a hundred cheaper than they were last year. Ten inches of fine ore were struck in the No. 3 tunnel in the Reco, on Monday. The Howard Fraction and Exchange will both ship ore again in the spring. One of Germany's largest smelting works are thinking of locating a smelter in Kootenay. Twenty-five dollars a ton is what it costs to freight and treatment on Sloan ore. It was \$23 until recently, but the smelter men had to raise the price in order to keep even, at least that is what they say. The Cordelia, a claim on the north fork of Carpenter Creek, shipped last fall 6,709 lbs. of ore to the smelter at Pilot Bay. The returns were 203 oz. in silver and 19 per cent. lead, and \$2.28 in gold. The shipment netted after all charges were paid, \$365.70. Active work will commence on the property in the spring. The Goodenough holds the record for the richest shipment of ore from the Sloan. The Reco returned a production of \$224 in the ton with silver at 59 cents. The Reco will try to beat this record and last week shipped 40 tons to the smelter, which, it is claimed by J. M. Harris, will net a profit considerably over \$20,000. A mass meeting of the free miners of Sloan district was held at Messrs. Bourne's store to discuss the amendment to the assessment act on Monday evening. The following resolutions were passed: "That this meeting, while recognizing that a tax on the output of the mines, is a most equitable form of taxation, considers that the amendment to the assessment act in its present form would be very hard on prospectors without capital, and would retard the opening up of claims."

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AINSWORTH. The Nelson Miner.

One hundred and fifty feet of tunnels and drifts are being run on the Black Diamond by the Luther Bros. About 600 tons of Skyline ore are on the beach awaiting shipment, and the mine is putting out about 15 tons a day. From the Little Phil shipments are being made. It is rumored that the mine will erect a concentrator during the coming summer. The Luther Bros. have also a contract on the Highland. The ledge on this property is keeping up its reputation. In addition to a large body of concentrating ore there is about 4 feet of clean ore. There is more activity in this camp than there has been for some time. The Highland, Skyline, No. 1, Diamond, Tenderfoot, Glenary, Old Timer, United Union, Maggie, Ann, May, Lady of the Lake, Terminus, King Solomon, Omaha and Mount Vernon, Little Phil and Black Diamond are all hard at work, or preparing to work. On the Terminus, the tunnel, which is some 145 feet, is expected to reach the vein at any moment. The quantity of water has increased very much during the last few days and carbonates are making their appearance, both being sure signs of the proximity of the ledge.

NELSON. Nelson Miner.

We are able to state on good authority that the Kootenay Mining & Smelting Co., of Pilot Bay, is about to erect works for refining its own bullion. Following close on the announcement of the second payment on the Princess comes the news of the bonding of the adjoining claim, the Star, owned by Mr. James Mowat. Mr. D. W. Currier has bonded the property for Eastern capitalists in the sum of \$15,000. J. E. Boss was in town yesterday. He says that the English syndicate which has taken over a bond on the Tenderfoot and other claims at Ainsworth has cabled to effect that the bond will not be taken up if the assessment bill passes. C. E. Race, who has a bond for the purchase of the Heba group of claims is in town. The group consists of three claims adjoining the Whitewater basin, and is in the immediate vicinity of the Whitewater, Wellington and Eureka mines. The Tribune drily remarks that Mr. Marpole called at the office on Saturday last. That is all it said. It might be added for the benefit of strangers who may "call on" the distinguished editor of that journal that a doctor resides on the same floor, and there is a drug store below where lint and bandages can be procured.

Nelson Tribune.

A 30 foot lot on West Baker street was sold this week for \$1,600. Believing that the prosperity of the

city will be injuriously affected by the passage of the proposed amendments to the assessment act, the Kaslo municipal council will present a strong memorial to the legislative assembly, protesting against its passage in its present form. Mine owners, miners and merchants, in fact all residents in the city or district of all classes and conditions, are united in opposition to the bill. Everything and everybody around the smelter at Nelson is awaiting the filling of the ore bins. The tramway began working on Thursday and brought down 75 tons. It worked all Friday and Friday night, and was working today. While it did not work as it should have before the recent stoppage, "it will be made work," so says Superintendent Parsons. The ore and coke bins at the smelter have been roofed, and electric lights will be placed in all the buildings within ten days. According to the customs returns, 3,209 tons of ore of the value of \$235,577 and bullion and matte of the value of \$65,226, were exported from the mines of southern Kootenay during the month of February. In addition, 1,063 tons of ore of the approximate value of \$106,200 were exported from Slopan district through the port of Revelstoke, and which will appear in the customs returns as exports from the port of Westminster. Thus of the \$409,000 worth of ore exported from Kootenay during February, Kootenay gets credited with less than 75 per cent. of it. Schell and Harding are negotiating for the sale of a mineral property, the Gibson on the south fork of a side creek, to some Spokane operators. The claim has been examined by representatives of the purchasers and their answer is now being awaited. The terms are said to be favorable to both parties, but have not been announced.

W. E. Mand, of Kaslo, brought down two carloads of Sloan ore to the Hall Mines smelter on Thursday. One carload was from the Bluebird and the other was from the Washington. No work is being done on the Bluebird, but at the Washington enough men are at work to get the mine in shape for a constant output as soon as the concentrating can be started up. There are 800 to 700 tons of concentrating ore on the dump and about 14,000 tons more in sight in the mine.

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KAMLOOPS. Inland Sentinel.

The west bound train on Monday night at 11 o'clock did not arrive until about the same hour this morning, having been detained by winds and cold weather on the prairie. The thermometer ranged among the forties below in the northwest and at Donkey it was 24 below, the coldest of the winter. A. Bauman and J. Erickson have for a week or more been working on the Compton mineral claim, located by Bauman and A. G. McDonald on Peterson creek. As they have followed down the ore matter it has widened from 14 inches to two feet, and the rock has a better appearance. The claim is already bonded by the purchasers to a depth of \$200,000 of work during the summer. The newly elected range overseers had a meeting on Monday afternoon at the old court house, when the board was organized, and J. T. Edwards was elected chairman, and Jas. McIlroy secretary. The sheep question was the chief one discussed, and it was finally decided that an average of 500 sheep should be allowed for each bona fide land owner upon the range. This is considered fairly satisfactory by those interested in sheep.

At the meeting of the council of the board of trade a memorandum was submitted by J. H. Falconer in reference to the proposed vegetable cannery. The company has been incorporated with up set capital stock of \$15,000, but this eventually might require to be enlarged to \$50,000. The assistance asked was the guarantee of the city of 10 per cent. interest on the capital stock for five years, on a bonus of \$5,000 of 5 per cent. 25 year debentures, which the company would accept and dispose of. After discussion a letter was filed and the matter appointed to collect information and report to a meeting to be held next Monday evening.

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J. J. Malone of the Tremont house, Nelson, was in Rossland for a couple of days this week. He has lately acquired some interest in the Cariboo creek district of this section. He states that Neil Demars, B. C. and Frank Warren have a group of claims on Mineral creek which promise to turn out exceedingly well. The mines are about ten miles from the Columbia river, Mineral creek being a tributary of Cariboo creek which joins the Columbia river in "The Narrows" between the Upper and Lower Arrow lakes.

FROM MONTREAL. Montreal, March 3.—By the bursting of a water main last night a large portion of Blevy street was flooded. A great deal of damage resulted. It is expected that the British Empire exhibition will be postponed until 1897. Hon. J. A. Chaplain will go to Atlantic City for a week. The old rumor about his re-entering the government is revived. Hon. Henry Starnes, legislative councillor for Quebec, is dying of paralysis. Captain Roy, of the Richelieu and Saguenay steamer Montreal, died here yesterday.

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The Ontario Legislature Carry a Resolution Deprecating Dominion Interference

In Manitoba's School Affairs—Sir Oliver Mowat's Views on the Question.

Toronto, March 5.—In the legislature yesterday, Mr. Crawford, Conservative member for West Toronto, moved a resolution condemning the interference by the Dominion government in the Manitoba school matter. He said his purpose was to get from the house a straightforward non-partisan expression of disapprobation with which the house viewed the remedial legislation. Sir Oliver Mowat's remarks he said that the majority of the people of Ontario were against separate schools, but notwithstanding this, they had observed the provisions of the constitution on that subject. The majority of the people of Ontario were similarly disliked separate schools, but it would be a great misfortune if a remedy for the alleged grievances should be collected information and report to a meeting to be held next Monday evening.

ROSSLAND. Rossland Miner.

Between licenses and recording fees the miner already pays many taxes than any other individual in the province. The St. Elmo tunnel now shows three feet of rose quartz. This is something quite new in the camp and would appear to be of the highest quality. The owners do not expect this character of ore to be permanent. The chute of solid sulphide ore which was encountered two weeks ago only lasted for a distance of 10 to 12 feet. The Homestake Gold Mining company, Ltd. has let a contract to sink their No. 2 shaft 50 feet. The Nickel Plate has a larger showing of ore than ever. The grade is still over \$100 per ton. Phil Gann, one of the largest stockholders of the Nest Egg Mining Co., Ltd. is in town. He took the first bond on the Nest Egg early last summer, and still pins his faith to the mine. His bond on the Nest Egg is in the sum of \$20,000.

THE JOSIE MINE HAS STRUCK IT RICH.

The No. 1 tunnel is now into the big ore chute from which they made nearly all their shipments on the surface, and who face of the drift is ore. It is only one wall, the hanging in sight. This ore averages over \$40 per ton in gold, so the Josie can now be put down as a possible competitor with the Le Roi and War Eagle mines for first rank in the camp.

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