

Friday, Victoria, July 6, 1894.

THEATRE: SIDNEY DENIAL.

The premier and Captain Robertson had a slight controversy at Sidney in regard to the discussion in the house wherein the late Premier Robson and Mr. Booth told Mr. Davis he was making statements that were not true. Mr. Davis seems to have entered his usual sweeping denial and therefore to have again taken liberties with the truth. The debate alluded to occurred in the house on April 15, 1891, and had for its subject the Sunday closing bill, which Mr. Robson introduced. Following is a portion of the report which appeared in the Times a few days afterwards:

Hon. Mr. Robson—I can't understand why the attorney-general sets himself in opposition to legislation of this kind, such as is in force in Australia and the other provinces.

Hon. Mr. Davis—The Sunday law has been abolished in many states of the union.

Hon. Mr. Robson—It is very easy to make rambling, raving statements, but exaggerations such as these are outrageous. There may be occasionally places where the law is not carried out. There are places where all the crimes on the calendar are committed, but that is no reason why crime should not be legislated against. To say in the house, unqualifiedly, that the attorney-general is wrong, that all the hotels violate the law is saying what he does not know, or willfully saying what is untrue. I do not say whether he knows or not, but he cannot know from his own observation. When he says that they are abolishing the Sunday law in the states of the union, it is not true. There is not a state that is abolishing it. It is true that there are seven states which have no Sunday law, but there is no going back at all. I am astonished and ashamed that a member of the house—a member of the government particularly—should have made such unfounded and unjustifiable statements.

Mr. Martin—I appreciate the motives of the house; but one ought to do as he would be done by. It is going back a hundred years—indeed, farther back than that, to the days of Queen Elizabeth—both to legislate as the premier wants his members to do. Let a man do as he likes on Sunday. I say let him go to church and be religious if he chooses, and let him not be made fun of for so doing. Let him go shooting if he likes. I don't believe in interfering with the liberty of the subject. I am just as religious a man as any in this house, yet I and the member for Kootenay have been held up in the churches and declared to have no rights to seats in this house. I know of a clergyman in Victoria who is always preaching abstinence, yet I know that the brewers have been held up in the churches and declared to have no rights to seats in this house. I know of a clergyman in Victoria who is always preaching abstinence, yet I know that the brewers have been held up in the churches and declared to have no rights to seats in this house. I know of a clergyman in Victoria who is always preaching abstinence, yet I know that the brewers have been held up in the churches and declared to have no rights to seats in this house.

Mr. Booth—I agree with the member of the government. What the attorney-general has said is not true. There may be some small denials which are kept like freemasons' conclaves, where liquor is sold on Sundays; but a rule of the law in Ontario is carried out.

Hon. Mr. Davis—I do not like to obtrude my own views upon the house, but in answer to the gentleman who has just spoken I will repeat that what I said is the truth. Moreover, he can ask anyone who goes to Ottawa if what I said is not true. As for the premier, if he chooses to brand me as a liar, if he thinks conduct such as this is really, all very well, I have been saying and grieving that he should have made so wanton an attack on a colleague. If he will inquire he will find that I have not exaggerated at all in speaking as I have done. I know what it was in Ontario and at Ottawa when I was there.

Hon. Mr. Robson—I don't deny that it is possible to find disreputable houses; but I affirm that what the attorney-general has said is one of the grossest calumnies on those people. I know my honorable friend can find such places as he describes, and go into them if he likes, but they are few and far between. It is a gross slander on the other provinces to say what he has said, and it is impossible that it should be so under the system which exists.

Hon. Mr. Davis—But it does not.

Hon. Mr. Robson—It does not.

No extended comment need be added. Any person who can read will see clearly for himself that Mr. Robson accused Mr. Davis of saying what was not true, and that Mr. Booth agreed with Mr. Robson. The premier did nothing to lessen his reputation for untruthfulness which he made that denial at Sidney.

THE ELECTRIC SITE.

The ratepayers may well feel disgusted by last evening's discussion in council of the electric light station site; the facts disclosed do not give much assurance that the public interests are faithfully conserved by the aldermen collectively. Already the people know that their representatives have decided to purchase a site for \$12,300, which will require another \$6000 or so to prepare for the building. They may not be aware that Mr. Nuttall, the owner of the property, gets only \$8000 of the purchase money, the remaining \$4300 going into other pockets.

It seems to us that it is rather a liberal commission for the city to provide. Other facts were developed last evening which may well call for examination by the citizens. The two lots on Rock Bay owned by Mr. Spohr were first offered by an agent for \$3000, then the price was put up to \$5000. The owner then in a letter addressed to the mayor and council stated that his price was \$3000, which included the agent's commission, and this latter Aid. Wilson was actually carrying in his pocket when the choice of the council was made. Aid. Wilson now offers the excuse that he did not perceive the letter was addressed to the council, but he cannot say that he was ignorant of its contents or deny that he therefore failed in his duty when he did not impart it to the council before the choice was made. We may here pause to remark that Mayor Teague took a strange course when he ordered Mr. Spohr's two letters to be withheld from the press. Those letters are the property of the public, and not of Mayor Teague, who seems to have in this instance taken a little too much on himself.

Before leaving the subject of the site we may be permitted to refer once more to the strange idea that the council was confined to a choice between the two sites, namely, those belonging to Mr. Nuttall and to Mr. Spohr. Aid. Wilson, Aid. Munn and other aldermen have publicly and privately declared that they favored the location of the works on property already owned by the city. In that case we fail to see why any property offered for purchase should have been considered first. Manifestly, if the city itself owned a suitable site it should have been utilized; then the machinations of the real estate agents would have been foiled and a transaction that bears all the appearance of a gross job would have been avoided. It seems to us that if all the aldermen had had an eye single to the city's interest this business would have been gone about differently and with radically different results.

THAT CHINESE SCHEME.

A good many people seem to have been unaware of the existence of the letter written in 1892 by the solicitors of the Canada Western Railway company to the attorney-general, which Dr. Milne read at Wednesday evening's meeting. Probably all but a few had forgotten, if they had ever been aware of the fact, that the promoters proposed an opening of the flood gates so that Chinese might pour into the province to do the work of the road. What the great majority of the people of Victoria will think of the proposal we need not ask; nor is there any doubt as to what they will say of the "gall" required to make such a proposition. Mr. Rithet and his colleagues in the company can hardly have supposed that this Chinese importation would prove agreeable to the people, whatever members of the government might think of it. As the letter appears to have been so little known to the public, we take the liberty of reproducing it once more:

Victoria, B. C., 19th Aug., 1892.

To the Hon. Attorney-General, James Bay City.

Re Canadian Western Central Railway Company.

Sir,—We have the honor to draw your attention to two matters which are of considerable interest to us in view of our present negotiations.

It is, as you are perhaps aware, our intention to build the island portion of the road exclusively by means of white labor; but upon the mainland, in view of the financial aid which is being given to the road, we fear its construction cannot be successfully undertaken EXCEPT UPON CONDITION OF PERFORMING THE WORK TO A LARGE EXTENT BY CHINESE LABOR.

Under the present Dominion regulations upon the subject, the number of Chinamen which can be imported into the country is limited. It is our intention, as soon as our arrangements are completed, to begin the work and push it through with all possible speed; and in that connection we should, MR. CHINESE LABOR IS EMPLOYED, PLACE UPON THE GROUND AS LARGE A FORCE OF WORKMEN UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO IMPORT THEM IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS WITHIN THE TIME WHICH WILL ACCORD WITH OUR OTHER PLANS.

It appears to us that an arrangement might be effected by the Dominion government by means of which the employment of Chinese labor might be permitted for a limited time. THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO BRING UPON THE SPOT WITHIN A SHORT TIME ALL THE CHINESE WHICH WE WISH TO EMPLOY, AND THEN THE NOW EXISTING STATE OF THE LAW, IF THOUGHT ADVISABLE, COULD BE REVERTED TO.

We are willing, in that event, to enter into a contract with the government to keep all these workmen under our own control during the whole period of the construction of the road, and afterwards to arrange for their return to their native land. WE APPREHEND THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY IN OUR PART IN CARRYING OUT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. These men will be employed upon the main land section only, and FROM THE CHARACTER OF THE COUNTRY THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT THAT ANY NUMBER OF THEM WILL SUCCEED IN EVADING THE REGULATIONS WHICH WE WILL MAKE FOR KEEPING THEM IN HAND.

We have, etc., (Signed) BODWELL & IRVING, Solicitors for the Canada Western Central Railway Company.

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How to Get a "Sunlight" Picture. Send 25 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers (wrappers bearing the words "Why does a Woman Look so Young?") to the Sunlight Soap Co., Limited, 43 Scott Street, Toronto, Ont., and you will receive by mail a beautiful and artistic photograph and well worth framing. This is an easy way to decorate your home and to keep the best in the picture and will only cost you a postage to send in wrappers if you leave the card open. Write your address carefully.

Would-be settler—How is the death rate about here? Old citizen—Waal, it's pretty cheap just now since the town doctors got to cutting' prices.

THE CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Buchanan's Mission—How Polling Places were Fixed.

The Nelson Tribune says that Mr. F. Hume and his friends "know that Mr. Buchanan is a Christian gentleman, whose only motive for entering politics is to better the condition of his fellow-citizens, and reform that wicked politician, Theodore Davis."

Nelson Tribune: It is surprising that the government officials at Victoria should have so accurate an understanding as to the centers of population in the north riding of West Kootenay and so inaccurate an understanding as regards the populous centers of the south riding. The north riding is supposed to be sure for Mr. Keith, and every vote has a polling place located as conveniently as can be. The south riding is not sure for Mr. Buchanan, but to make it sure the polling places, as originally designated, were fixed at places which were convenient for all the "gentlemen" who support the government candidate, however inconvenient it would be for the "laboring classes," who to a man are supporting the opposition before the election. It is a fair play, and this effort to disfranchise a large proportion of the electorate will not help the government party candidate in the south riding.

Nanaimo, June 30.—A mass meeting of miners in the employ of the New Vancouver Coal Company assembled on the Green yesterday for the purpose of discussing the reduction question.

T. Dawson, chairman, in opening the meeting requested those present to confine themselves to each question brought up, so that the business before them might be quickly dispatched.

The executive committee presented a report from the company showing that it would be impossible to work all their mines at full wages at the present time, and that the company was dealing with other minor matters affecting the company in various ways.

R. Smith explained that every conceivable argument that the committee could think of had been presented to Mr. Robins, but that he had refused to be satisfied. It could be seen that the company had prepared a lengthy report, and as he was not in possession of facts to contradict them he could not state whether it was correct or not, as he would leave the question to the meeting.

T. Keith could only endorse what remarks were made by Mr. Smith. The reports from San Francisco in relation to the state of the market were conflicting, and therefore could not be relied upon.

G. Wilson said the Northfield men had always worked under a low scale of wages, and unless they wished to continue so they would have to fight hard in order to gain more equal rights. He did not believe in the company getting all the good things while others went without. He wanted to know whether they were going to have equal rights or not; if not it was better for the company to shut down the mines than to continue to work them.

The meeting was then adjourned until Monday morning.

Rev. A. D. Chandler, ex-pastor of A. M. E. church at Chatham, is under arrest, charged with the seduction of the 14-year-old daughter of Nathan Murday, a respected colored resident.

Joseph H. Pomerville, bookkeeper for the Sun Life Insurance company, Montreal, who stole \$1600 from his employers recently, was taken back from Chicago and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

The funeral of Archbishop Tache at St. Boniface was largely attended. Bishop LaRoche, of Three Rivers, preached the sermon. There was no procession, the interment taking place in the vault below the church.

The Donaldson line steamship Amaranth, with about 300 cattle on board, on leaving the dock at Montreal for Glasgow, ran aground on Isle Borde, opposite the city, below St. Helen's island. Serious damage was done.

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A TRAVELLER'S EXPERIENCE.

THE LIFE OF A COMMERCIAL MAN NOT ALL SUNSHINE.

Constant Travel and Roughing It on the Atlantic Coast—The Most Robust—The Experience of a Halifax Merchant While on the Road.

Acadian Recorder, Halifax, N. S.

Mr. Percy J. A. Lear, junior partner of the firm of Blackadar & Lear, general brokers, 60 Bedford Row, Halifax, N. S., comes from a family of commercial travellers. His father, James Lear, was on the road in Lower Canada with dry goods for 23 years, and few men were more widely known and esteemed, and the general Percy himself has just returned from the ranks of the drummer, after a varied experience as knight of the grip, which extended over 17 years and embraced almost every town and village in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He is an extremely popular young man, a leading member of the Oddfellows' fraternity, an officer in the 68th regiment of militia, and a rising merchant.

"How comes it that you are so fat and ruddy after a term of hustling railroad life and varied diet, Mr. Lear?" questioned the reporter.

"Well," was the answer, "it is a long story, but one well worth telling. I weigh 180 pounds to-day, and am in better health than I ever before enjoyed in my life. Two years ago I got down to 155 pounds. Constant travelling, roughing it on trains and in country hotels broke me all up and left me with a nasty case of kidney complaint, and indigestion. My head was all wrong; my stomach bad; I was suffering continual pains and dizziness, and my urine was extremely thick and gravelly. I began to get scared. I consulted several physicians in Montreal, Winnipeg and other cities, but their treatment did not give me a particle of relief. One day I bought a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I made up my mind to give them a good trial. They seemed to help me, and I bought a second, third and fourth box, and they cured me. My stomach was all right, the dizziness left my head; no more lassitude, and all traces of my kidney disease disappeared. I was a new man, and gained flesh and restored shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for all diseases arising from an impoverished condition of the blood, or from an impairment of the nervous system, such as neuritis, depression of spirits, anæmia, chlorosis or green sickness, general muscular weakness, dizziness, loss of memory, locomotor ataxia, paralysis, sciatica, rheumatism, St. Vitus' dance, kidney and liver troubles, the after-effects of grippe, and all diseases depending upon a vitiated condition of the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to the female system, building anew the blood and restoring the glow of health to pale and sorrow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses. Sold by all dealers or sent by mail, postpaid, in a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y. Beware of imitations and substitutes alleged to be 'just as good.'"

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spring prospectors going out were recruited by the gold commissioner to watch Thursday morning about four miles up the creek he observed signs of former chopping, and proceeded to investigate. He found first snowshoes set against a tree and then an axe and a trying party. Looking further he saw a tent fly, partially fallen and almost covered with snow, and then after a little probing with his axe he saw the bodies covered with their blankets as they had apparently fallen down. The hand and shoulder of one were exposed, but the other was entirely covered. He left the bodies as they were and hurried in to report. The inquest is held the exact cause of death cannot be told, and even then it may be difficult. There were no signs of any slide in the vicinity. It is probable they were either frozen to death as they lay or that they were smothered by the deep snow coming in on both sides. (Nelson Tribune.)

John Grant, ex-mayor of Victoria, and member of the last legislative assembly, arrived at Nelson on Thursday. Mr. Grant was once a leader of the opposition party; now he is an adherent of the coming election. His visit to West Kootenay may result in the spending of a few of Mr. Davis's spare dollars, but it will not appreciably increase Mr. Buchanan's vote.

C. W. Hark, of Balfour, returned from a visit to the Comox valley last week. J. E. Ross has decided to open an office at either Nelson or New Denver, and devote his time to developing mining properties in which he is interested. He arrived at Nelson from Spokane on Thursday.

Green Bros. in Kaslo are erecting a handsome store building at the corner of A avenue and Third street. J. Fred Hume left Nelson for the Skeena district on Thursday. He will return in time to be nominated as the winning candidate in the coming election, notwithstanding the arrival in Nelson of Mr. Davis's "sack" heater.

KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.

Dangers of Breathing Through Anything but the Proper Channel.

Great numbers of people go through life with their mouths open day and night. They take into the delicate organs of the mouth and the lungs the dust of the street, which is filled with the germs of disease, and they breathe into the lungs without the protection intended by nature the noxious elements in the atmosphere, and lay the seeds of pulmonary disease and of many other beginnings of imperfect health. A prominent physician in Boston, acting as a third specialist, remarked that the world were nothing to do if people could only be taught to keep their mouths shut. If you notice people on the street, you will find that a large proportion of them keep their mouths habitually open, and that they breathe through the mouth instead of the nostrils, never having been taught that this is the special function and use of the nose. In many cases the nostrils have become so impaired by disease that they are practically filled up, so that it is impossible to breathe through them, and then it is only after a great deal of effort that they are made to resume their natural function. The importance of breathing through the nose is very great in the case of public speakers and readers. When they take in air through the mouth, are usually afflicted with dryness of the throat, which speedily develops into some form of bronchial disease. This is the origin of the clergyman's sore throat. People living in the country, and never using the use of the nostrils, easily form the habit of ignoring their nose. It is said that people who sleep with their mouths open are usually snorers. (The habit of discharging the nose is one that is overcome with difficulty, but unless it is formed people living in cities expose themselves needlessly to all sorts of diseases that attack and enfeeble the lungs.—Boston Herald.)

His mother—You shouldn't throw away a piece of buttered bread in that wasteful way, Willie; you may see the day you would be glad to have it.

Her son—Huh! It wouldn't keep.

KEOTENAY NEWS.

Kaslo's People Are Alive—The Political Situation.

Kaslo Times.

A meeting was held in Hotel Sloane on Thursday evening to consider the critical situation of the city caused by the late storm and the destruction of existing property caused by the derivation of the river from its usual channel, and to devise means whereby further destruction may be averted. Messrs. Buchanan, Green, McMillan, McAdam and Goodwin, with such of the council as chose to go, were appointed a committee to examine the situation and report to a meeting to be held the following day. On Wednesday the committee with Mayor Kane and Aldermen Green and Kane examined the proposed levee, and concluded that what it might be possible to divert the river temporarily, the benefit derived might not compensate for damage to other property and the possible litigation which might arise. The committee therefore could not recommend any action at present, but that steps should be taken when the water lowered to confine the river to a proper channel.

At a meeting of the Kaslo council T. J. Bondley was elected city clerk in the place of A. R. Sherwood, resigned.

G. B. Nagle, well known in West Kootenay and elsewhere through British Columbia, seriously injured one of his legs while prospecting last autumn. It has grown worse since, and he will now be compelled to submit to amputation.

Kaslo river is still pouring a large body of water into the lake, and in spite of the several streams into which the current is separated after it passes Fourth street, much damage is being done. The main current, which bends to the north near Third street, has already carried away a considerable amount of land, and with it two or more buildings.

John Cabler had a gruesome experience on Bear creek on Thursday morning last. It will be remembered that some time in December last Charles Brown and John Dolan left Sproule's for the purpose of locating a claim somewhere near the head of Bear creek. They took with them provisions enough to last five days, and when this time passed they had not yet located a claim, and passed and they did not return anxiety was aroused, and an effort made to find them. But deep snow and continuous storms prevented any successful search being made at that time. This

spring prospectors going out were recruited by the gold commissioner to watch Thursday morning about four miles up the creek he observed signs of former chopping, and proceeded to investigate. He found first snowshoes set against a tree and then an axe and a trying party. Looking further he saw a tent fly, partially fallen and almost covered with snow, and then after a little probing with his axe he saw the bodies covered with their blankets as they had apparently fallen down. The hand and shoulder of one were exposed, but the other was entirely covered. He left the bodies as they were and hurried in to report. The inquest is held the exact cause of death cannot be told, and even then it may be difficult. There were no signs of any slide in the vicinity. It is probable they were either frozen to death as they lay or that they were smothered by the deep snow coming in on both sides. (Nelson Tribune.)

John Grant, ex-mayor of Victoria, and member of the last legislative assembly, arrived at Nelson on Thursday. Mr. Grant was once a leader of the opposition party; now he is an adherent of the coming election. His visit to West Kootenay may result in the spending of a few of Mr. Davis's spare dollars, but it will not appreciably increase Mr. Buchanan's vote.

C. W. Hark, of Balfour, returned from a visit to the Comox valley last week. J. E. Ross has decided to open an office at either Nelson or New Denver, and devote his time to developing mining properties in which he is interested. He arrived at Nelson from Spokane on Thursday.

Green Bros. in Kaslo are erecting a handsome store building at the corner of A avenue and Third street. J. Fred Hume left Nelson for the Skeena district on Thursday. He will return in time to be nominated as the winning candidate in the coming election, notwithstanding the arrival in Nelson of Mr. Davis's "sack" heater.

KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.

Dangers of Breathing Through Anything but the Proper Channel.