

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

The steamer Capilano has arrived in port from the northern halibut banks with a cargo of 132,000 pounds of fish. This is not only a record cargo, but the boat also made a world's record for a day's fishing, catching no less than 110,000 pounds of halibut in one day. The fish is consigned to the New England Fish Company, of Boston, Mass.

Advises received from the superintendent of the Two Friends, in the Slocan, state that the vein is increasing in width and rich spots of galena are coming in with carbonates. The ore now being stopped, which will comprise six carloads, will give an average of 500 ounces of silver the ton. This is a decided increase in values over former shipments.

While going home about 11:30 o'clock on Christmas night, Mr. J. Sheriff, of the C. P. R., was shot at by a highwayman and narrowly escaped serious injury. Mr. Sheriff was walking along Seymour street when he heard a voice from behind say "Hands up." Mr. Sheriff walked on, and had taken three or four paces, when he heard the crack of a revolver, and a bullet whizzed past his face. This was getting rather warm, so Mr. Sheriff turned and met the highwayman, who advanced with pointed revolver. By a quick movement Mr. Sheriff knocked his hand aside and struck him in the face, knocking him down. The man was, however, very quick, and jumped up and took to his heels. On Wednesday evening last, while George Bethune was going home from the C. P. R. wharf, shortly after 6 o'clock, he was met by a man who modestly demanded 50 cents. Upon Mr. Bethune's refusing to give him the money, the man said with an oath that he would make him do it. Last Monday night a man named Hanson was held up on Westminster avenue, at the corner of Princess street. Fifteen dollars and a watch were taken from him. It is also reported that a man named Dan Tait was held up on Water street on Friday morning at 4 o'clock. Sometime between three and four o'clock, the husband of a woman named Mrs. James, who was with her husband, cried out, and the robbers probably fearing that they would be caught, beat a hasty retreat.

NEW DENVER.
The Ledge.

The Genesee, a claim on Four Mile, has been bonded for \$20,000 to the Wellington Company.

The bond on the Exchange and Victoria will be transferred from Brenner's syndicate to R. C. Campbell-Johnstone. The Enterprise ships four carloads of ore this week. Ten tons a day are being brought to the lake, and 33 men are working in the mine.

W. J. Richmond has given a 30 day option on his interest in the bond on the Ocean group to M. G. McLeod, consideration to be \$8,000.

Peter Linquist has disposed of a half of his interests in the Marilla Fraction, Missing Link, Young Bear, Bright Light, and Maggie claims, situated on Spring creek slope to Messrs. Back & McClellan for \$1,000.

The Jenny Lind, on Four Mile, has been purchased by Mr. Brenner, of the Wakefield, for \$4,500 cash. Four men are to be employed and he expects shortly to get out sufficient ore to pay for the property.

On the Silver Nugget, situated at the head of Eight Mile creek, there are six men working day and night. They have run a cross cut tunnel in 60 feet and have drifted in on the ledge for over 50 feet. The paystreak is from 5 to 15 inches wide, all high grade ore.

A one-quarter interest in the Crusader, Boulder, and Hidden Treasure has been sold to W. H. Helyar, of Brandon, Man. The purchase price is \$6,250, of which \$1,250 was paid in cash, balance on the 5th of July next.

The tunnel on the Phoenix, on the north fork of Carpenter creek, is now in 80 feet. In the last ten feet the paystreak has increased from 6 to 13 inches of almost clean ore. The indications are that it will grow wider as the ore chute is approached.

The Caraduff Mining & Development Company is the name of a new company being organized by residents of Caraduff, N.W.T., to develop properties on Lemon creek. M. A. N. Shaw, who was here last month, is one of the leading promoters. While here Mr. Shaw secured several properties which it is the intention of the directors to develop early in the spring. The head office of the company is to be in Slocan City.

Holding its own through all the fluctuations of the silver market and maintaining its place as second to none among the great silver mines of the Slocan, is the Noble five. Discovered in '81 when Slocan was known but locally, this proposition has paid richly the industry of its owners. Although the bulk of the work done has been in the course of development, still some 2,000 tons of ore have been sent to the smelter, which netted the company \$130,000. The first shipment of ore which was sent out by way of Kaslo cost \$95 per ton for transportation and treatment, so that some idea of the value of the ore can be gathered when, with all these disadvantages, the property still gave good returns. During the past summer, with a force of only six men, \$9,700 worth of ore was taken out in six weeks' time.

BURGONEYWAY.

At the recent supplementary High School examination held in Victoria, Alexander Wilson, a pupil of BURGONEYWAY school, obtained an entrance certificate. This is the sixth pupil who has successfully passed the public examination from this school district within the last five years.

The half-yearly meeting of the Loyal Island Union Lodge, for the election of officers, was held in the new public hall, Vesuvius Bay, on Saturday. Following is the result of the ballot: Noble Grand, B. Lee; Vice Grand, J. Malcolm; Secretary, J. Akerman; Treasurer, J. Night-

ingale; Trustees, A. W. Cooke, W. Robertson, E. Lee; Auditors, A. W. Cooke, G. E. Akerman, W. Stephens. After the installation of officers by Bro. A. W. Cooke, P. M., the lodge proceeded with ordinary business. Bro. W. Robertson was elected a representative at grand lodge to meet in May next.

KASLO.

Rossland Miner.

An interesting case is being investigated by the police magistrate. A Hepler, said to be most respectably connected in the east, is under arrest charged with obtaining money under false pretences. The information is laid by J. W. Cockle, of the Kaslo Hotel, and charges that he uttered and had cashed a check on the Bank of Montreal at Nelson, never having had an account at that institution. In order to obtain the evidence of the bank officials, the investigation was on Tuesday postponed for a week.

The new engine and passenger coach for the Kaslo & Slocan railway have arrived. The engine is one of the latest used on a narrow gauge road and will weigh with its tender sixty-five tons. It was manufactured at the Baldwin works in 1890. The new coach is neatly upholstered in scarlet plush and is seated throughout.

A subscription list is being circulated in the city to raise the necessary funds to retain a solicitor to bring an action in

claim was located there was comparatively no water with which to test the ground, but by using economically what little water there was they were enabled to make about \$20 a day per man. The manager, Mr. Wendle, being satisfied that he had a claim, started about making preparations to start a hydraulic plant. The company has made several miles of ditch and also laid 500 feet of flume to convey the water to the diggings. The bridge is so constructed as to give them 100 feet pressure. This company is composed of miners located here and they deserve great credit for the manner in which they have conducted their operations. Last summer they were offered somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000 for the ground, which they refused.

ASHcroft.

B. C. Mining Journal.

Mr. Salisbury, president of the Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, says that his company will begin in the early spring and build a line through from Ashcroft to Clinton, 150-Mile House, Soda Creek, Quesnelle, Stanley and Barkerville with a branch line to Quesnelle Forks.

We are in receipt of a line from one of the owners of the Maud hydraulic mine, saying, "The Maud is sold, \$5000 down on signature of paper and \$80,000 cash within six months." We trust there will be no further delay in the

claim have exposed some splendid gold bearing ledges. In one claim, which Mr. Lees was examining and through which the road had been cut a ledge about seven feet wide was exposed and the rock is rich in free gold. A great deal of assessment work will have to be done on Cayoosh creek early in the spring. Some mill and building sites are liable to be at a premium, as the mountains on both sides of the creek are very steep. According to Mr. Lees it is expected that the Blackwater country, which is at present tributary to Lillooet, will have something to show for itself in the spring. The ore bodies so far as found have been very large, and the ore carries gold, silver, and copper. Several prospecting parties are preparing to go to Blackwater and are in hopes of doing some development work during the winter, and there is little doubt but that their labors will be amply rewarded. Bridge river is likely to show some astonishing results in quartz claims by next year and it is sure to receive its quota of daring prospectors after the winter is past.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner.

F. Lewis Clarke and Charles Sweeney, of the Red Mountain mine, arrived from Spokane yesterday morning. They went in Flat Rock from the village store and made a thorough inspection of the mine and the new compressor plant. They

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The Miner is able to state that a movement is on foot for the building of a smelting plant very near Rossland and that the site most in favor is a flat piece of ground on the Maid of Erin claim on the South Branch of Trail Creek and a little above the junction between it and the north fork. The B. E. Lee, Maid of Erin, Gopher, Homestake, Hill Top, Palo Alto, Blue Bird, Alf, Mayflower, Red Eagle, Nest Egg, Sunset No. 2, Phoenix, Hattie Brown, Carlew, Lily May, Josie Mac, Hattie and Zilior, all under active development, would be within a mile of the smelter so located. The Miner is not permitted to divulge the name of the man at the head of this movement, but it can be said that he is one of the most successful smelter men in the country—that he has made many tests of Trail Creek ore and that he promises to treat these ores if the proposed smelter is built at a cost not to exceed \$750 per ton.

THE STEREOTYPED STORY.

Of a Man Making a Fortune in British Columbia Returning Home.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 28.—Eleven years ago John Crim went to his home in Flat Rock from the village store and made a thorough inspection of the mine and the new compressor plant. They

FATAL RESULTS.

Explosion of Fire Damp in the Maule Company's Mine at Princeton, Indiana.

Men Were Engaged in Repairing Damages Done by a Recent Explosion.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 28.—A terrific explosion of fire damp occurred in the mine of the Maule Coal company, this city at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and as a result nine or more men were instantly killed and four were injured. One of the four men taken out alive is dangerously injured. Besides the dead bodies recovered so far, five or six others, names unknown, are dead in the mine. The dead are:

Robert Maule, married, treasurer of the Maule Coal Company.
James Riley, married.
John Riley, married.
John Ernest, married.
Theodore Fabre, married.
Robert Ponylite and James Ponylite, brothers.
James Krug, single.
John Holmes, married.

The four men rescued are: Will Grim, slightly bruised; William Booker, colored, bruised and cut; Frank Druyen, badly burned and may not recover; John Davis, colored, slightly injured; Dave Nolan, James Turner, John Colgate, colored man, name unknown.

It was at first thought that twelve men had been killed in the mine, but Nolan, Turner, Colgate and a colored man were taken out alive just before midnight. It is now thought that the death list will be reduced to eight or nine.

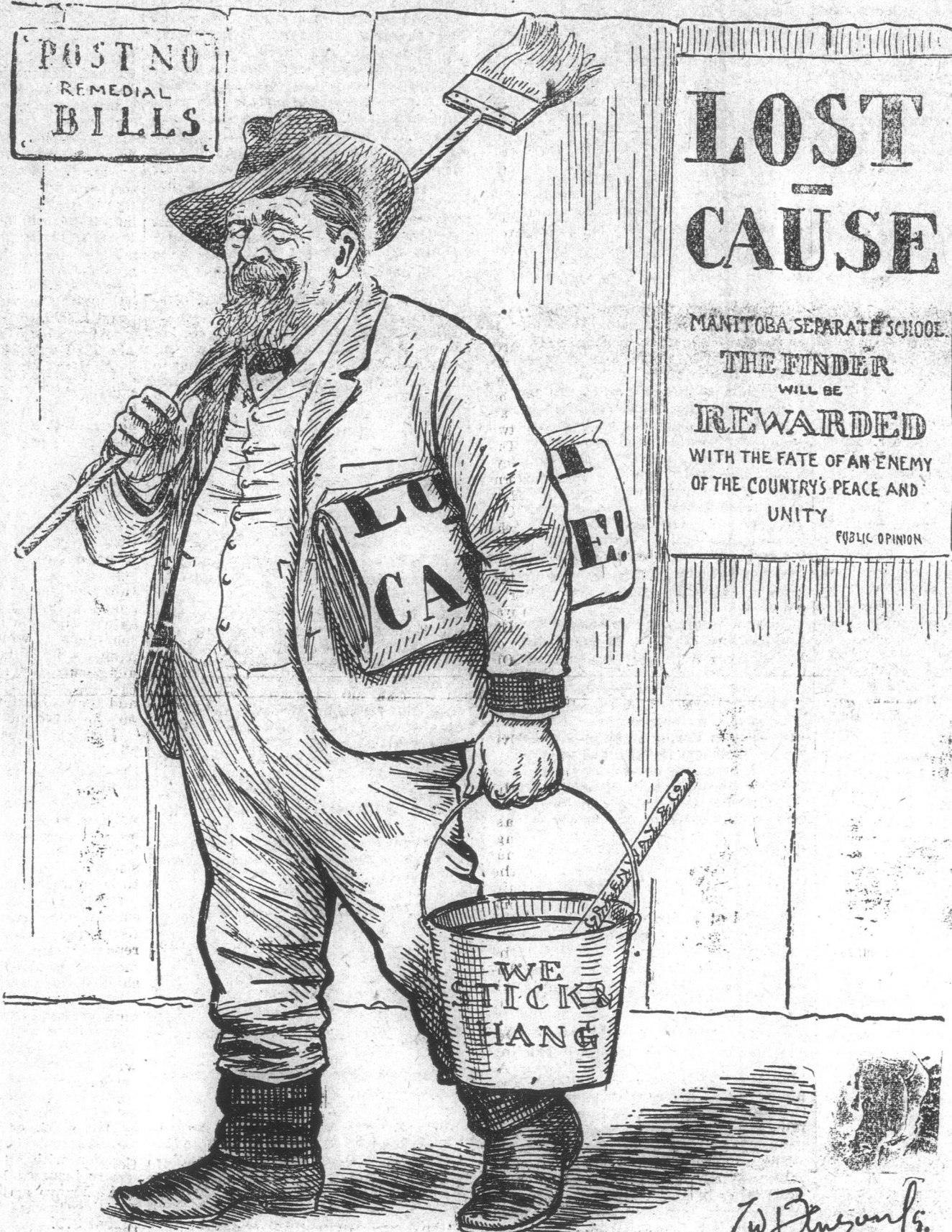
The men were at work making repairs of damages resulting from a similar explosion last Sunday. Besides the regular miners and blacksmiths others were assisting in the work, while Robt. Maule, son of President John Maule, and treasurer and mine superintendent of the company, was superintending the work. The mine has been in operation a short time and the air shaft was not quite completed, and the gas which collects in portions of the mine was ignited by an open lamp.

One week ago Friday Princeton was jubilant over the striking of a seven foot coal vein by the Maule company. But now many homes are the scenes of great sorrow, made so by the awful explosion of gas in the mine. When the mine began work the finest machinery was put in, and it was the intention of the owners to make it the finest in the state. The air shaft was not started until after the mine had been prepared to operate. Work has progressed slowly and there is still about 90 feet to excavate before it is completed. Gas has frequently accumulated in pockets and several men have been burned by small explosions. About two months ago a serious explosion occurred, in which one man was killed and Frank Turbine, who was injured in Saturday's explosion, was injured. The state mine inspector investigated, and the work went on with a small force. It was well known that gas accumulated and that there was no way to dispel it. The miners went to their daily work without thinking of the danger they were constantly in. Last Sunday a jet of gas was fired by a blast, and it burned all night. In the morning the descent of the cages forced gas to this jet, and a terrific explosion occurred, but fortunately there was no one in the mine.

Saturday about twenty men were engaged in repairing the damage done by the explosion, when the fire damp again let go with terrific force, this time with deadly effect. The escape of a part of the men from instant death seems almost a miracle, when it is considered that the huge cages were blown from the shaft bottom to the top of the shaft house, over 500 feet above, by the force of the explosion. These cages were wrecked so that they were useless, and an iron bucket was improvised for a rescuing party as soon as possible after the accident. The first persons brought up after the accident were Turbine, Grim and the colored men Davis and Booker. The first was badly burned and was carried to an ambulance. Grim and Davis were apparently uninjured. Booker was cut and burned, his jaw broken and one eye was torn from its socket.

Then the rescuing party began to bring up the dead. The scenes around the mine were most pathetic. Weeping piteously in anguish were wives whom the crowd vainly tried to comfort. Mothers, daughters, sons and other relatives of the men in the mine, with blanched faces, stood wringing their hands, and with great difficulty some men were kept from going down the shaft. Slowly the work of bringing up the bodies to the surface proceeded. It was believed that the men still in the mine were all dead, and those above only waited for their dead.

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GREENWAY, BILL POSTER.

(Educational bills a specialty.)

the name of some person hereafter to be agreed upon, in order to test the validity of the tax levies of 1894 and 1895. Singularly enough, the subscription list is headed by Mr. George T. Kane, who was mayor during 1893 and mainly responsible for the assessment and tax levy by-law.

BARKERVILLE.
B. C. Mining Journal.

A company has been formed to prospect the Canyon Ravine on Canadian Creek.

Jack Wintrip is running a tunnel on Stout's Gulch on the Newton claim. He has struck a good prospect. The ground he is in now is paying about one-half an ounce per day per man.

Work on the Williams Creek drain is being pushed ahead by Foreman Woodcock. He predicts 200 feet for December. At that rate they will soon strike the bedrock, having only about 600 feet to go.

On Willow river the company has sunk a bedrock shaft 200 feet deep and is driving a tunnel through bedrock. It is expected they will have to drive 500 feet to reach the channel, of which 150 feet is completed.

The Discovery claim, up Valley creek, which was located last spring by J. Wendle and others, is situated about one and a half miles from town and has been in operation ever since the company secured the ground. When the

negotiations of this valuable property. It has been sold once before this season but the deal was afterwards declared off. It is expected, however, this time that it will go through. It is considered one of the best properties in the Cariboo.

The Cinnabar mine, at Savonas is in splendid shape at present. A tunnel in now 150 feet in in ore grading 1 to 5 per cent quicksilver. A new working tunnel is now started lower down. Rich streaks of ore are found all through the low grade. Twenty-three men are employed and Manager Veatch expects to have the new furnace in operation by March. Comfortable buildings have been erected and all together the outlook for the only cinnabar mine under the British flag is in a very satisfactory condition.

Mr. D. Todd Lees, of Vancouver, representative of the Western World, passed through Ashcroft on Saturday from Lillooet, where he has been examining some mining properties for a Vancouver syndicate. Mr. Lees was very greatly impressed with the Cayoosh creek section. During his short stay in Lillooet several new finds were made and a number of claims recorded. At Wady-vale gulch, about four miles up Cayoosh creek, where some rich float was found early in the year, several very promising claims have just been recorded. The rock gang is still busy blasting out some of the rocky bluffs on the Golden Cache road, and in several

were so well pleased they gave instructions for the immediate shipment of the ore now on the dump and the continuance of shipments from this time on, made to the Tacoma smelter.

The War Eagle is making a great record now as a shipper. She loaded 14 cars of the Columbia & Western road Tuesday and loaded 41 cars of the same road from Friday of last week up to Wednesday of this week. All of this ore goes to the Trail smelter and some of it is producing very rich matte. The highest grade matte in both copper and gold ever made at Trail has been produced in the last few weeks. This arises from the fact that both the ore from the Le Roi and the War Eagle obtained from the lower levels is much better than that found in the upper workings.

Work has been started on the long tunnel to be run through the Gopher and the Homestake to make a connection with the working shaft of the Homestake. This follows close upon the purchase of the Homestake property by D. M. Linnard and associates. The new tunnel will run 800 feet on the Gopher and 400 feet on the Homestake. It will connect with the working shaft of the Homestake at a depth of 300 feet from the surface. The shaft is now down 90 feet and will be immediately put down 210 feet further. This is one of the longest tunnels ever run in the camp and shows that the people who have charge of the Gopher and

ies for Christmas, but not having the money, the merchant refused, and the little ones would have to do without any presents. His wife told him not to grieve, saying that she had a few trinkets laid away for the children, and that they could get along until the sawmill started up. About midnight the husband arose, kissed the wife as she slept, as he did the children, wrote a note asking his wife not to worry about him and to await his return home.

Nothing was ever heard of him by his wife or friends until last night, when a well-dressed man walked into the store at Flat Rock. It was John Crim. He asked the direction to Mary Crim's residence. A boy 12 years of age stepped forward with the remark that he would show him to his mother's house. Crim recognized his child and clasped him to his breast and almost carried him to the house.

Crim had been in British Columbia for ten years engaged in mining and had amassed a fortune. The reunion of the family was a happy one.

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