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DE LESSEPS' SENTENCE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Smalley's cable to the Tribune from London says: The sentence on De Lesseps and the other Panama criminals is thought severe, and Paris cries out against the cruelty of condemning to imprisonment an old man, who, having in other days done great things for France, had more recently robbed her of a few hundred millions. "The public conscience did not demand this," exclaims one of the journals which shared in the plunder. Perhaps not. It is hard to say what the public conscience did demand, because it or its mouthpieces demanded so many different things at different times. The real truth is better expressed in London. "The sentence of De Lesseps is a sentence on France," says the Times, "and the ignominy poured down on that feeble old man is a degradation for the people who flattered and caressed and glorified him as long as the capital was left to spend."

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that notice of the sentence of Ferdinand de Lesseps was given to him at La Chesnaye on Saturday. M. Monchicourt, the judicial liquidator, says the same correspondent, has sent a circular to the Panama stockholders to the effect that the law will not allow him to satisfy their claims, as it is applicable only to smaller concerns. He advises them to agitate for a reform of the laws bearing upon such cases as that of the Panama Company.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 14.—(Special)—The Manitoba curling bonspiel opened this morning with seventy-one rinks in attendance. The day was occupied in the play for the first draw of the grand challenge. To-morrow the Walkerville competition begins.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows opened to-day at Morden.

THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The English delegates to the Brussels Monetary Conference have issued a report on the work of the conference to-day. They state that they have not found any definite and practicable scheme on which they were able to agree, but valuable information was obtained on the subject, to discuss which the conference had been called together. The recorded views of the various countries, as stated by their representatives at Brussels, indicated the limits in which a remedy must be sought for the evils attending the present monetary situation.

FROM SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—(Special)—This afternoon Lawyer White closed his argument for the dismissal of Mrs. Yesler, after having talked a day and a half. At 2:30 John Fairfield, on the part of the prosecution, commenced to answer. At 5 o'clock an adjournment was taken.

The shingle manufacturers and dealers' association of the Northwest meet here to-morrow.

A shark weighing 722 pounds was caught in the bay this morning.

The picturesque shore scenery is still falling on the tracks of the railway between here and Everett. The result is that the lines are blocked most of the time.

MORE ABOUT PANAMA.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The trial of Lequay Prevost, on the charge of fraud and corruption in connection with the Panama Canal Company's Lottery bill operations, is in progress in the Court of Assizes. The evidence shows that Prevost was completely in the power of Arton, who compelled him to sign and discount bills in order to save himself from financial ruin.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 11.—The Dyer resolution making the rhododendron the State flower and calling Washington the Evergreen State, having been called up, Dyer thought sentiment was a good thing and the ladies were full of it, their choice being rhododendron. The resolution was adopted, 26 yeas and 4 nays.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

The Special Assize for Trial of the Kidnapping Prisoners—Indian Murder Case.

Good Report From the Cattle Ranges—The Proposed School Act Amendments.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 13.—Preparations are being made for a grand Chinese New Year's demonstration on Dupont street.

Mr. A. Robertson, of Westham Island, died yesterday. Jas. Cane also died yesday at the hospital, of pneumonia.

Mr. M. Mason has been appointed post master of Cortez Island.

The funeral of Mrs. Francis, Hare street, took place yesterday.

Mr. S. E. Gregory, late of the Immigration department, Ottawa, is in the city visiting his son, Mr. E. H. L. Gregory.

The Mainland Cattle Company have received word from their ranches that very few deaths have occurred among the cattle. Nothing has been heard from the other ranches.

E. F. Healey delivered an excellent lecture to the members of the Y.M.I. Saturday, on the South Sea Islands.

The St. George's and St. Andrew's societies are to have a tug of war at the Imperial opera house on the 17th inst. Dr. Bell-Irving is captain of the St. Andrew's team.

The Garrick Club performed in the Opera House on Saturday night. For amateurs the company did very well, and seemed to please the fair audience. The programme consisted of two one-act plays, the first, "Barbarous," the other "Ruth's Romance." The instrumental quartette by Messrs. Maynard, Plunkett, Tilley and Doucet, banjo, guitar, and 1st and 2nd mandolin, was an agreeable surprise to those present, and very much enjoyed. Mr. Tilley, who led the orchestra, showed marked musical ability. Mr. Rounsefell recited the old-time Dundreary sketch, "Sam's Letter," very well; he is far too good for an amateur, and hardly good enough for a professional. His performance last night very materially aided the company.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 13.—The Morayshire and Blair Athol are long overdue. The Morayshire is 115 days out from Java, but there is no anxiety here; she took 126 days on her preceding trip. The Blair Athol is consigned to the B. C. Sugar Refinery. No word has been received that she has left Java.

J. S. Ellis, editor of "Secular Thought," Toronto, delivered an address to the Free Thinkers' Society on Sunday.

A delegation of Aldermen went to Victoria on Sunday, to aid the passage of the charter amendments.

The ship Hindostan arrived in port this morning to load lumber for Valparaiso.

The school board is advertising for three additional teachers in the West End school. The school board will co-operate with the Victoria trustees in urging the Government to endorse the proposed amendments in the School Act.

Another man on the point of starvation in a shack on Granville street has been arrested as a vagrant. He will be taken care of by the city.

Percy A. Fischel and Miss Zipporah Monteith were married yesterday. They will spend their honeymoon in Victoria.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 14.—John Brenton has been appointed in ex-Inspector Huntley's place at a salary of $85 per month.

American Consul Pierce told your reporter that he had received a private telegram from the United States Government re the future action of that body with respect to the consular seal system; but could not divulge its contents. He expected official word on Wednesday. In an interview had with a prominent American here who is in touch with the powers at Washington, it was asserted that the letter of the law would be carried out most strictly at this port.

E. B. Morgan, manager of the B. C. Electric Co., was married to Miss Fanny Tite this morning.

Cattle killed and frozen in Calgary have proved more marketable than those killed since the storm.

Alexander Reed, the eighteen-year old sneak-thief, pleaded guilty to stealing a sewing machine and a goose. He came here from Winnipeg and lived with a woman who followed him from there. He was sentenced to six months.

One of the largest shingle firms on the Canadian Pacific coast having refused to enter the proposed shingle combine, the scheme has been dropped.

The street railroad will only accept silver at 20 per cent. discount.

Last night Chang Hing was caught stealing chickens and arrested. He had in his possession a large number of skeleton keys, and is supposed to be one of an organized gang of Chinese sneak thieves.

W. R. Hull reports only a small loss of cattle in the vicinity of Calgary.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 11.—Produce merchants are still shipping hay daily to the interior, and orders for more arrive by every mail. The snow is fast disappearing before the warm wind and rain, and it is quite apparent that sleighing is doomed. A few more days of the present weather will see the last of it.

The Knights of Pythias have decided to postpone the dedication of their new hall until June next, when the Grand Lodge holds its annual meeting here. On that occasion the Uniform Ranks will be present from all the lodges in the Province and prizes will be given for the best drilled company.

Snowballing Chinese has been all the rage here since the thaw set in. Last night a Celestial named Ah Sing resented the indignity and, drawing a knife, stabbed one of his tormentors in the arm. He was arrested and will be tried on Monday.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 13.—(Special)—The report was circulated here that 17 Harrison River Indians were drowned while crossing the ice last Thursday. Enquiry by wire contradicts the report. The Indians went through while crossing to Chilliwack, but all managed to get out again and returned to Harrison River.

A deputation goes to Victoria this week to ask the Government for assistance in bridging the Fraser opposite the city.

Three thousand tons of ice have been saved here in the last ten days.

A representative of the Baker Bros. Co., Limited, Liverpool, is here trying to make arrangements for the shipment of fresh frozen salmon to England.

Coal boring operations at Port Moody were resumed to-day.

The schools re-opened to-day after the cold snap.

Lee Sing, who stabbed a man who snowballed him, was let off with a $10 fine today.

I. B. Fisher goes to San Francisco to-morrow to seek medical assistance for his eyes, the sight of which is seriously threatened.

A train-load of coal arrived to-day, and all danger of famine is over.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 14.—The river is open as far as Ewen's cannery, and steamers would have no trouble in coming right up to the city as the ice is very rotten.

The survey for the Mud Bay canal to connect the Fraser with Mud bay, will be commenced as soon as the snow leaves the ground.

Presbyterian and Methodist union revival services are in progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarkson yesterday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Many friends called on them during the day and thirty-five of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren spent the evening with the old couple, who have resided for over thirty years here. The occasion was taken advantage of by their friends to present Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson with an address. John S. Clute, J. C. Brown, M.P.P., and C. G. Major are son-in-laws of the old couple.

The City Council has decided on nine hours' labor as a day's work, with a half holiday on Saturday.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 11.—On Monday evening the Amateur Dramatic Club, of New Westminster, will perform in Mahrer's opera house. The piece, "A Dead Shot," and the three act comedy, "Weak Woman," will be presented.

The colliery returns for 1892 show a decrease in the total output as compared with 1891. The output for 1892 was 826,336 tons; for 1891, 1,029,097 tons, a difference of over 200,000 tons. The number of hands employed in the collieries was: White men and boys, 2,309; Chinese, 483; Japs, 70; total, 2,862.

Output of coal for 1892	826,335
On hand 1st January, 1892	33,243
Total (tons)	859,579

The export for 1892 was 640,579 tons; home consumption was 196,224 tons, 5 cwt.; leaving on hand January 1, 1893, 22,775 tons 15 cwt. The output of fire-clay was 2,963 tons 3 cwt., of this 2,463 tons 3 cwt. was shipped to the Victoria potteries, the remaining 500 tons being on hand January 1, 1893.

The Nanaimo Association of Spiritualists hold a special meeting Sunday afternoon.

Mr. S. M. Robins is progressing favorably; his left arm, which was fractured above the elbow, was set by Dr. E. A. Praeger.

A Chinaman employed on Protection Island shaft was killed this morning. He got on the cage at the pit head to descend to the bottom of the shaft. Directly the cage started the Chinaman became scared, and attempting to get off slipped and fell between the cage and the frame work to the lower platform, where he was crushed to death by the descending cage.

Wee Wat, a klootchman, was found drowned on the beach at the Nanaimo reserve this morning. The deceased and her husband, with a white man and his wife, were drinking together last night, the liquor being, it is said, supplied by a white man. All became intoxicated. The body was discovered this morning by a miner going to work. The police were notified and the drowned woman's companions were arrested and remanded till Monday. An inquest was held this evening by Coroner Planta. The jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning. Louis Good, one of the witnesses, testified to having seen the woman and her husband Jacob, about 11 o'clock last night, in their canoe, leaving the reserve for Gabriola Island. He served Wee Wat then with a summons to appear at the Assizes next Thursday. Jacob was then paddling and his wife steering. The woman was drunk. Jacob claimed that he knew nothing of the circumstances of his wife's death, and did not remember anything that occurred between early that evening and this morning. Chief Stewart will prefer a charge of manslaughter against Nelson, who supplied the liquor. The matter will be laid over till the Crown prosecutor arrives here for the Assizes.

Sailed: Strs. Costa Rica, San Francisco; Hounslow, Japan.

NANAIMO, Feb. 13.—The city schools partially re-opened to-day.

J. H. McMillan and W. Worden, heretofore carrying on a grocery business on Victoria Crescent, have dissolved partnership. J. H. McMillan continues the business.

Work on the extension of the electric light system commenced to-day. The recent cold spell has delayed operations, but now the proposed improvements will be carried out as speedily as possible. The incandescent light system will be extended all through town.

Mr. Justice Crease will preside at the Special Assize to be held here on Thursday next. It is generally expected that the Attorney General will conduct the prosecution in person. James Codey, one of the prisoners awaiting trial for the Bawnmore kidnapping affair, is still at the hospital; he is in a very critical condition and it is not probable that he will be able to appear in court. He will undergo an operation this week. Louis Underwood, awaiting trial for the murder of an Indian at Cowichan, has completely recovered from his self-inflicted wound in the stomach. Minwee-Wat, the klootchman who was drowned on Saturday, was one of the Crown witnesses in this case.

Judge Harrison has issued an order allowing a counsel fee to be taxed in all county cases over $100, not hitherto allowed by the taxing officer.

It is proposed to establish an orphanage in the city. A meeting of those interested will be held on Thursday, when a definite scheme will be arranged and measures taken for the raising of funds.

Work on the Protection Island wharf recommenced to-day. It is new nearing completion, and very shortly the first vessel to be loaded with the Island coal will be alongside.

The ss. Montserrat has sailed for San Francisco.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer Romulus arrived from San Francisco, to load 4,000 tons of N. V. C. Co.'s coal.

The proprietor of the Witness Hotel this afternoon paid a $25 fine for an offence against the Sunday Closing act.

D. W. Gordon, M.P., this morning had a relapse. This evening he was slightly easier, but it is thought he is still in a very precarious condition. It is not likely that he will take his seat in the House this session.

Arrived, steamer Joan, San Francisco.

NANAIMO, Feb. 14.—The Royal City amateurs played to a slim house last evening. This was to be regretted as they gave a really excellent performance and deserved better patronage. Those who were present evinced their appreciation by continued hearty applause. Mrs. Moresby, Miss Walker and Mrs. Wolfenden, the ladies of the company, were particularly good, and Mr. B. Hill showed that he was possessed of no little serio-comic ability.

Last week the saloons petitioned for a reduction in their licenses; this week the temperance party is out with a counter petition. The temperance folk are likely to win, having the support of the great majority on this question. It is generally admitted that the saloon licenses are low enough and if fewer were issued and the rate increased many consider it would be beneficial to all concerned, including the saloon men.

There are now sixteen vessels, sail and steam, in Nanaimo harbor or Departure Bay, loading or waiting to load; of these, nine will load cargoes of New Vancouver Company's coal; six will be filled up with the Wellington product, and one vessel loads at the East Wellington wharf.

The deserters from the bark Forest Queen were examined this afternoon by Superintendent Hussey. They still maintain that they left the vessel of their own accord and refuse in any way to implicate the Union.

D. W. Gordon, M.P., remains in the same condition. There is no improvement and hopes of his recovery are very illight.

The bark Detroit arrived this morning from San Francisco.

CLINTON.

CLINTON, Feb. 7.—In the County court held before Hon. C. F. Cornwall to-day, an Indian called "Crooked-mouth Jack" was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labor for stealing hay from the Kelly ranch, one of the Western Canadian Ranching Co.'s properties.

ALBERNI.

ALBERNI, Feb. 7.—During the past week the cold snap continued with the temperature away below zero. The roads are blocked with the snow, so that the mail stage did not arrive until Sunday evening.

It is reported that the canal is frozen over down by Chinese creek. The Somas river remains open, as well as Sproat lake. Should this weather continue much longer stock will suffer. The snow still falls heavily, but the temperature is much higher than last week.

Mr. James Redford has opened his new butcher shop.

Mr. H. Guillod, Indian agent, has not yet returned from the coast. He is collecting Indian curios for the World's Fair.

G. A. Huff, J.P., is expected by next boat.

UNION.

UNION, Feb. 9.—Mr. B. Mellado, who has been ill for some time, is now so far recovered as to be able to go around again. It will be remembered that Mr. Mellado lately lost three children through diphtheria. With a view to helping him in his heavy affliction, a subscription list was sent around amongst the workmen at the mines and sawmill, the collectors being Messrs. John Thompson and Alex. Grant. Only one refusal was met with, and the handsome sum of $134.50 was realized and duly handed to Mr. Mellado, who desires through the medium of the COLONIST to thank his many friends for this timely mark of their esteem.

During the week the cold has been intense and snow has fallen to a depth of 45 inches. The large Gurney heater in S. Leiser's store has frozen, and the radiators, seven in number, have burst, also several pipes, thereby rendering the apparatus entirely useless. Mr. Collis, the manager of the store, expects quite a flood as soon as a thaw sets in.

The large snow plow belonging to the colliery company has been kept busy during the week clearing the track between Union and the wharf, and has succeeded in keeping the road open.

Owing to the heavy snowfall the work of grading the streets on the new townsite has been suspended, but will be actively pushed forward as soon as the weather permits. Lots are being readily sold and building operations will be begun at an early date.

Miss Nellie Piket returned on the Joan after a pleasant visit to Denman Island.

Mr. W. A. Gilchrist, ex-master of Union schools, is still very low, and little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Union Lodge No. 45, I.O.G.T., was treated to a social tea and entertainment by the Local Division Sons of Temperance on Monday evening. The members turned out en masse and had a very enjoyable time with songs, duets, recitations, readings, etc.

DUNCAN'S.

DUNCAN'S, Feb. 8.—The following table from the meteorological record kept by Observer W. H. Lomas at Duncan's, shows the extent of the recent snowstorm and fluctuations of temperature up to last night:

1893.	THERMOMETER. Maximum.	Minimum.	SNOWFALL IN INCHES. A. M.	P. M.
Jan. 29	30	9	1.5	—
Jan. 30	15	15	4.0	14.0
Jan. 31	14	—13	6.0	—
Feb. 1	20	— 5	9.0	—
Feb. 2	15	— 8	—	3.0
Feb. 3	25	— 7	14.0	2.0
Feb. 4	31	15	—	3.0
Feb. 5	27	20	4.0	—
Feb. 6	35	12	10.0	—
Feb. 7	—	27	6.0	—
Totals			54.5	21.00

According to an old Indian inhabitant of Cowichan, a much heavier fall of snow occurred about fifty years ago, followed by a rapid thaw. The whole of the delta known as the Flats was then deeply covered with water, and the Indian residents took refuge on the side of Mount Tzon-hai-lim. It is to be hoped that history may not repeat itself in this respect.

Feb. 9.—A thaw, accompanied by rain, set in this morning. The mercury during the night, however, showed eight degrees of frost.

The Mississippi Nightingales did not appear at the Agricultural hall as advertised, but the members of the Pleasant Evening society and their friends, some fifty in number, enjoyed an informal dance to the music of Messrs. J. R. Porter and D. Cameron until well past midnight.

Feb. 10.—Mr. Grimmison, late station agent at Koksilah, has been transferred to Duncan's station, vice Mr. H. T. Porter, who has been promoted to the charge of the freight department at Victoria.

Constable J. Maitland-Dougall went down to Victoria on this morning's train.

C. H. Dickie, of the Alderlea hotel, is visiting in New Westminster.

The district public schools will re-open on Monday next.

The weather is at a standstill; slightly inclining to thaw. No snow or rain fell up to 4 p.m. Sky overcast.

DUNCAN'S, Feb. 11.—10 a. m.—Foggy with light rain.

PLUMPER'S PASS.

PLUMPER PASS, Feb. 13.—The account which came down from Nanaimo last week, of the inhumanity of a gamekeeper on Prevost Island, in refusing to give aid and shelter to two shipwrecked men, and the privations and exposures they experienced on that account, led your correspondent to investigate the matter, and with a view of ascertaining the true facts of the case he visited Mr. Richardson, the gamekeeper, on Sunday last, at his home on Prevost Island. The island is a game preserve owned by Victoria gentlemen. About nine o'clock on the morning of the incident, Mr. Richardson says he saw two men approaching the house. Their loitering manner and seemingly deep conversation, together with the roughness of their appearance, excited his suspicion and, getting his rifle, he placed it behind the door. Upon nearing the house Mr. Richardson met them, when one of them asked whether there were any sheep or cattle on the Island. Upon his replying in the negative, the bigger of the men cautioned him, saying "You are in danger, I come from the Superintendent of Police at Nanaimo with orders to arrest you, and whatever you say now will be used as evidence against you at the trial. They then advanced towards the door, but the gamekeeper seizing his rifle, levelled it at their heads, telling them if they took another step forward he would likewise "arrest" them. They then admitted that their sloop had gone ashore and that they wanted food. Owing to the abrupt manner in which they had introduced themselves, they were not allowed to enter the house, but still under cover of the rifle, Mrs. Richardson handed them some provisions and they were pointed out a house, occupied by a Chinaman, the only other individual living on the island, and told they might find shelter there. They then left, using abusive and offensive language. It was ascertained afterwards that they made for the Chinaman's place, where they stayed for a short time and then departed, after relieving the Celestial of a few articles. Nothing more was seen of them and their report of how they made for Chemainus and came back after four days and were then refused admittance is utterly without foundation. Mr. Richardson is not, as a rule, wanting either in courtesy or hospitality, but when occasion requires it he is not unlikely to show his aversion to a little "game of bluff." Evidently the men mistook their vocation as well as their man, and failing in this they sought a little notoriety through the medium of the press.

Various small accidents have occurred from the effects of the thaw. The collapse of an outbuilding, the property of Mr. T. Collinson, resulted from an over-weight of snow lying on it. Whilst clearing the roof Harry Clapham missed his footing and fell a distance of 25 feet head foremost into a big snowdrift. His feet were the only visible signs of his existence there, and though unhurt he was drawn out with no little difficulty.

Galiano may boast of prime beef, which was shipped from that place to Victoria last week.

Steamer Alert, with a new boiler and machinery for the Tumbo Island coal shaft, is expected to arrive to-day (Monday). Work on the recent wreck is being proceeded with.

Governor Moresby, of New Westminster, was doing business at Mayne Island on Friday and Saturday last.

A valedictory dinner was given on Wednesday evening last to Mr. James Robson, who will shortly be leaving this place.

LADNER'S LANDING.

LADNER'S LANDING, Feb. 6.—Quite a gloom has been cast over this place by the announcement of the death of W. Arthur, eldest son of Mr. Wm. Arthur, which took place on Sunday morning last. Although recently recovered from a serious illness, he was still in the doctor's hands, but contracted rheumatic fever, added to which inflammation set in, which brought him to his untimely end. His cheerful face will be missed by the large circle of friends who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. All unite in sympathy with the parents in their bereavement. The funeral takes place Tuesday, the 7th inst., at New Westminster.

Canoe Pass cannery, formerly known as Drysdale's cannery, has collapsed and is "brought low," being just a heap of ruins. The cause is at present unknown, but is believed to have been some defect in the foundation. The cannery was built in 1889. The sudden collapse is reported also of two barns belonging to Messrs. W. Woodward and F. Parmiter. Much anxiety is caused for the safety of other buildings, the owners of which are busying themselves getting the snow away, shoring up where necessary.

The weather still continues cold, the snow exceeding two feet on the flat, and still falling, making sleighing somewhat difficult on unbeaten tracks, yet they "get there."

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

TO THE EDITOR:—In your article upon "Capital and Labor" in your issue of the 12th inst., if the word "Capital" be replaced by "Labor" and *vice versa*, your argument would apply with equal force. This proves conclusively that friendship should exist between these all-important factors in production. It is to be regretted that numerous strikes, great bitterness of feeling, and keen suspicion between the two parties should rise up as evidence of a state of war, when there should be peace.

One of your remarks, if taken by itself, is calculated to be misleading; but it is unintentionally so, as you qualify it immediately afterwards. I allude to the expression, "The Capital runs all the risk, and whether the enterprise pays or does not pay, Labor is benefited." Hardly so, as between man and man. Suppose A, a capitalist, puts half his capital into a business and employs B, a laborer, to work it, and pays as wages just sufficient to keep B and his family in the bare necessaries of life. If the business fails, A has still half his capital left to live upon, but B and his family must starve if he cannot get work elsewhere. In such case the risk of starvation is of far more importance than the risk of the loss of half the capital. If A puts all his capital in the business and it fails, then A and B are in equal plight.

Labor argues thus: The capital acquired through the instrumentality of a day's labor is surplus capital and is the product of labor, pure and simple. That is to say, after deducting the amount of labor which is necessary to produce the bare necessaries of life for the laborer plus the wear and tear of the capital used—to produce the *status quo* in fact—the product of the balance of the day's labor all goes to the capitalist, although it is produced by the laborer. Labor is of opinion that there should be a division of this surplus capital upon an equitable basis. Were it so there would be fewer millionaires and fewer starving workingmen in the world.

The surplus capital thus created is again employed by the capitalist and through the instrumentality of labor it produces more surplus capital in like manner and the employer becomes rich, while the employee still remains with the bare necessaries of life, and the laborer—poor, simple man—thinks this is hardly fair.

Suppose all the labor in the world was to be suddenly stopped, then mankind would undoubtedly starve; but annihilate all existing capital and labor would renew it; therefore capital is evidently the product of labor, pure and simple, and labor asks to have a fair share of it.

NAUGHTY LABOR.

DEEP PROSPECTING.

Mr. Charles Ramos Gives Some Interesting Facts Regarding the Famous Camps of Cariboo.

Some Unique Prospecting on Slough Creek Which Will Bring Substantial Returns.

Not only the mining men, but the public generally are interested in any new departure calculated to facilitate the work of wresting gold from the coffers of that old miser Nature, who hides away with jealous zeal her hoarded wealth. The Cariboo basin has long been known as one of the richest gold regions of British Columbia, if not of the world, and in an interview yesterday with Mr. Chas. Ramos many points of interest were learned regarding the results of the season's work in that section.

"The property," said Mr. Ramos, "in which I am personally interested is the Slough Creek Mining company's claims. Slough creek is one of the principal streams in the Cariboo basin, and our property is located on that creek, at the junction of Nelson creek. The property extends along the bed of Slough creek one-half mile in width and three miles in length.

"Any old-time Cariboo man will have heard of the famous Williams creek, which made so many men's fortunes in the early days, and the value of our property is assured from the fact that it lies only six miles distant and along the same valley of gold-bearing drift, which, in the slow process of the centuries, has crumbled away from the rich quartz lodes above to find a resting place in the old channel. On one side is Island mountain and on the other is Burns mountain, each of which is rich in gold-bearing quartz.

"In fact there is no better manner in which to demonstrate the unfailing richness of the country than the official figures, which show that for some thirty years past the gold yield of this region has averaged $600 per year for every man engaged in mining during that length of time.

"Among the claims now being worked in the vicinity of Slough creek is the Island Mountain Quartz Mining company's property at the head of the creek. Here, a ten stamp mill has been operated successfully for some time past. A number of hydraulic claims are yielding handsome returns along the creek, and on every hand is the evidence of vast wealth, which only awaits the wave of that magic wand the miner's drill to pour its stores into the coffers of the world.

"One difficulty with the section in which we are located, has been the cost of systematic prospecting. As long as the shallow and easily worked claims continued to yield their thousands of ounces daily, there was no thought of what might be hidden away in the deeper ground. The gradual working out of such claims has led to more and more attention being paid to claims where the bed rock lies at a depth which was beyond the reach of those old-timers, who lacked the experience to open deep claims, or what was more often the case, lacked sufficient capital to operate and keep clear from water this class of property.

"To give some idea of this cost, we may take the Van Winkle mine, where some $40,000 was expended in locating the channel. But when the channel was reached three consecutive weekly clean-ups averaged about $14,000 each. The Cunningham, California, and Tontine claims each required the expenditure of nearly $100,000 before the returns began to come in, but each of them yielded in dividends five times the amount expended upon them.

"With bed rock from 50 to 250 feet below the surface, expensive pumping machinery is required to keep out the water, or long and often difficult drains must be constructed for the same purpose. This renders prospecting in deep ground very expensive, and consequently its uncertainty has deterred many from attempting it.

"It was with a view of rendering such prospecting at once certain and inexpensive that the Slough Creek Mining Company have introduced into Cariboo what is locally an entirely new departure. This is in the shape of a hydraulic jetting process machine, similar to those used in boring for coal and oil in Pennsylvania, and which have since been very successfully used in the placer claims of the Cœur d'Alene. This machine is capable of sinking fifty feet per day through all kinds of ground, gravel or boulders. By watching the drillings as they run off an accurate idea can be obtained of the character of the ground being passed through, and any gold which the different strata may contain can be determined.

"It does not need any experience as a miner to be able to appreciate the vast difference in the cost of such a method of prospecting as compared with the old process of sinking a shaft.

"We took one of these machines up to the claims last spring, arriving on the creek in June. Determined to make a thorough test of the ground a series of borings were commenced from a bench and extended out toward the present channel of the creek. The first of these borings located bedrock at a depth of 41 feet. One hundred feet further on a second sinking showed 43 feet. Not finding sufficient increase in depth, the next hole was sunk 200 feet further on and got 45 feet in depth. The next sounding, 250 feet from the first, let our drill sink to 245 feet before bedrock was reached. This was a sufficient demonstration that we had begun on the bench or rim of the channel and had then dropped down to the bed.

"Mr. W. H. Fife, the president of the company, paid a visit to the property and after inspection of the borings thought the prospects sufficiently good to order the sinking of a working shaft. At a depth of 32 feet the usual surface water became so troublesome that it was thought best to arrange for its drainage. As a fine firm blanket of clay covers the pay dirt at the bottom of the channel, it was concluded that the best method would be by means of a drain. The ground was laid out and 900 feet of an open cut run, which has been securely timbered. Drifting was then begun and about 100 feet have been run; about 900 feet more will be required to complete the drain after which the sinking of the shaft will be resumed. The completion of this drain, will be a great addition to the value of the property, fully justifying the outlay. During the season past our pay roll has been from $750 to $1,000 per month, and $12,000 has been expended. But for this money more work has been done than ever before in the same length of time in Cariboo. In six months four shafts, which usually would have taken years to finish, have been put down and the exact character of the ground determined at a very small cost.

"When the company was first formed the shares were issued in series, the first of which was disposed of for 25 cents per share. The second series of shares are now in strong demand at 50 cents per share and present indications point to a further raise to 75 cents per share in the near future. I am over here at present to place some of the stock in Victoria, where already a considerable amount has been taken up.

"I am in hopes that the people of this vicinity will realize the desirability of keeping this property as far as possible on this side, for Victoria should be the headquarters for British Columbia mining operations. At the same time they will have to be lively, for already American capital is coming in and securing the choice locations.

"There is now under consideration an offer to take over the remaining stock in the treasury and sink the shaft down to bed rock. I will return to Tacoma on Saturday, and we will then go up to take a look at the ground. As there is sufficient stock remaining to complete the development work, I think it would be better for the company to carry on the work and let whatever profits may accrue go to the shareholders, but it remains to be seen what will be done.

"The country generally in and around Coariboo is looking well, and with the influx of capital to work up the deeper claims it is not saying too much to predict something like a return to the old times, when Williams creek, Lightning creek and Antler creek were producing thousands of ounces of gold weekly. Those who should know are very sanguine regarding the outcome of the season just ahead, and preparations are being made for very extensive work on all sides."

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—The schooner Sailor Boy got off, this morning, with a non-union crew from Seattle. The schooner lay at her pier all night with her crew on board. Two attempts were made to get the latter off. A delegation visited the watchman in the early part of the evening and attempted to get on board. He warned them not to put hand or foot on the rail under danger of having it blown off. The would-be kidnappers cursed him roundly and invited him to come down on the wharf. The invitation was declined and the delegation retired. The watchman then slacked the schooner away from the wharf. He put the non-union men below and, closing the hatch, put a boat on top of it. The precautions was well taken as subsequent events proved. At an early hour this morning the would-be kidnappers went back in increased numbers with the evident intention of laying the watchman out and taking the crew bodily. The watchman loomed up out of the darkness and told the intruders to keep away and kept an eye on the vessel's mooring meanwhile. The fort was held until daylight, when a tug took hold of the Sailor Boy and towed her out to sea.

FROM TORONTO.

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—(Special)—John J. McDonald, a leading contractor, is dead, aged 57. He was connected with some of the biggest contracting works in the Dominion, including the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific Railways. He was also builder of the Temiscouata railway. He was buried at Ottawa.

Right Rev. A. W. Sillitoe, Anglican Bishop of New Westminster, B.C., is in the city. Yesterday he preached to a large congregation in St. Thomas church.

Ned Hanlan says, in reply to the challenge of Peterson, that he will row the Californian for $1,000 a side, give or take expenses, or row at Salt Lake City, each man paying his own expenses.

ESCAPED THE LAZARETTO.

The quarterly supplies for the Chinese leper station at Darcey island were taken out yesterday, and Dr. Geo. Duncan, city medical health officer, paid a visit of inspection, accompanied by Mr. Bailey, the sanitary officer, Ald. Munn and others interested. The party went on the tug Alert, leaving the wharf at noon and returning at 5:30 p.m. The six lepers have lead the usual uneventful life, and through the interpreter who went out with the Doctor they told him that nothing of importance had occurred since the last visit. The disease is making marked progress with its victims, but all are yet able to take an active part in the work of the colony, including the management of the poultry yard and piggery, and the gathering of the fuel, of which the Chinamen have a supply, cut up and ready for the stove, that would make their countrymen in Victoria envious. They seemingly suffered no hardships from the recent cold spell.

Yesterday's visit was paid a month earlier than due, the intention having been to take out the leper discovered here a few days ago. This man, however, was taken suddenly and violently ill yesterday morning, and was in such a condition that Dr. Duncan did not think it advisable to attempt to remove him. He had every appearance of having taken poison, but how he came by it is a mystery, as a friendly Chinaman had watched him since his detention by the authorities. It is possible that he preferred death to the isolation of the lazaretto, or collapsed from fright at the prospect of imaginary horrors there. He died early in the day. The poor fellow is said to have wealthy relatives in Seattle who were anxious to be allowed to take charge of him, and now will probably attend to his obsequies.

Steamer Umatilla.

A San Francisco dispatch announces the arrival of the Umatilla yesterday.

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