

IS SHOT IN THE HEAD

An Awful Accident Happens to J. W. Follert of Trail.

IT MAY RESULT FATALLY

The Weapon Was Accidentally Discharged While He Was Stepping Ashore From a Skiff—He Fell Into the River But Was Rescued.

TRAIL, Sept. 20.—[Special.]—By the accidental discharge of a rifle, J. W. Follert, a well known business man of this place, was seriously and perhaps fatally shot yesterday, and then escaped drowning by the action of his partner, who rescued him from the Columbia river. From the time of the accident yesterday afternoon until this evening, the unfortunate man has not regained consciousness.

J. W. Follert and Morris Levine, have for nearly a year past, conducted the most extensive fruit and produce business in Trail. They started up the river in a skiff Sunday morning at about 11:30, accompanied by Follert's wife. It was arranged to have a day's outing with rod and gun, and when a few miles up the river, it was decided to go ashore for lunch. Follert took with him a 38-55 Winchester rifle, and although he has always been accustomed to the handling of firearms, the lack of precaution in this instance will perhaps result in death, although just how the accident occurred, neither of the two witnesses are able to tell.

Story as Told by Mr. Levine. The story, as told by Mr. Levine, is that they pulled ashore, up the river a few miles, with the intention of spreading the cloth for lunch. Mrs. Follert stepped out first, and was handed a few articles, including the lunch basket. Mr. Follert then stepped from the boat onto a large boulder, carrying the gun. Levine had got back to the shore, carrying the oars, when he suddenly heard a report and the next minute saw his business partner topple over backward into the swiftly flowing river. For just a moment the wounded man struggled and grasped until Levine jumped in and rescued him ashore. He was then unconscious and has not yet regained his senses. Levine bathed the wound and then lifted the wounded partner into the skiff. He rowed down the river, and when reaching the wood camp about three north of Trail, he hailed two woodmen, who came to his assistance and helped him to row his apparently dying burden to Trail.

Course of the Bullet. At the boat-landing Follert was placed on a stretcher and carried to the hospital, where the wound was dressed. The bullet entered the left side of the face, just in front of the ear, causing a wound four inches long, and badly fracturing the skull. The wound indicated that the bullet made its exit after traveling below the skullcap.

But little is known of the whereabouts of the injured man's people. His father is dead, and the home of his mother can be learned, although it is supposed to be in the vicinity of Troy, N. Y. His brother was last heard of at Springfield, Mass. Follert is 38 years old, and has been married for seven years.

James Worth is confined to his house with typhoid fever.

Charles Fearl has gone to the reservation to work his property there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Thompson returned from Nelson Sunday.

The steamer Kootenay, owing to a heavy fog, did not reach Trail until nearly 6 o'clock last night.

There is a chance for the better in the condition of Customs Collector W. F. Keay, who has been in a critical condition for the past few days.

CLAIM JUMPING. Two Sharpers Succeeded in Blackmailing the Owners of a Prospect.

GREENWOOD, Sept. 18.—[Special.]—Gold Commissioner O. A. R. Lambly came in from Osoyoos last week to make inquiries concerning a matter that partook very much of the nature of claim-jumping. The Great Hopes and Plutonia mineral claims in Deadwood camp, were last year purchased by Peter Larsen, of Helena, E. L. Greenough, of Missoula and I. F. Wren of Spokane, for the sum of \$12,000. The Great Hopes had already been successfully worked for gold, but the Plutonia adjoining has not yet been proved to be of very great value. The owners employed a miner named Fox to do the assessment work for 1896 on the latter claim. He did it, but neglected before leaving Boundary creek on a trip to Kootenay to record it, thinking there would be time to do this after his return. Finding that the assessment work had not been done some residents arranged for survey, but the surveyor was unable to complete this work before the claim ran out. A local druggist named W. S. Fletcher, formerly of Hot Springs, Wash., where he was burnt out, and who afterwards worked in the Slovan for awhile, before coming to Boundary creek, and Lody Vaughan, a pseudo cowboy from the Okanogan country, who who it is stated, had with Fletcher been watching the records in order to take advantage of the neglect of others, staked the claim at midnight, that being the time it ran out, and recorded it in their joint names. Upon Fox's return a few days later he offered Fletcher and Vaughan \$50 to withdraw their claim, he being willing to pay that amount rather than that his employers should lose the claim through his inactivity. Several residents, who had virtually jumped the claim, but they were seemingly bent upon blackmailing the unfortunate miner who had fallen into their power. First they demanded \$500, then \$250, and finally, after Mr. Lambly had seen them, consented to transfer the claim for \$75. Fox claims that one way and another he is nearly \$200 out through his slip, but he takes his medicine like a man. Fletcher and Vaughan have, by their questionable action, aroused much indignation among bona fide prospectors and others, who regret the introduction of such sharp practices into this district, which has hitherto been generally free from anything approaching claim-jumping.

PLENTY MINE BUYERS.

Nelson is Overrun With Purchasers Looking for Properties.

NELSON, Sept. 19.—[Special.]—During the past month there has been considerable complaint, particularly among the brokers, that there were but few buyers in town, and in consequence mining transactions were slow. Within the past few days there has been a decided change for the better, and the city seems to be overrun with people looking for desirable mining properties. The people who seem to be in the field now are not seeking to tie up properties by bond or option, but desire to go ahead with development work and prove the prospects. Properties in all directions are being examined, and owners are not unreasonable in their demands. Several important transactions are on the tapis for Forty-nine Creek properties. The principals in these transactions do not wish to become known at the present, but their good faith is evidenced by the fact that they propose going ahead with work and completing the bond before the snow flies. The outlook is that the year 1898 will see more development in the Nelson district than during all previous years put together. Assessment work on between 1,000 and 1,500 claims during the past season has given remarkable results and effectively overturned the old theory that only one prospect in a thousand makes a mined property. There has hardly been a failure in the district and nearly all development work has proven that the prospects generally only require money for the proper development of them.

Good Work at the Smelter.

The Hall Mines smelter, under the direction of Robert Hedley, is making a greater record than ever before in the history of the plant. The new blast furnace is known only as a 200-ton daily capacity furnace, but during the past week has greatly exceeded that, and one week has smelted 272 tons of ore. Since Mr. Hedley has been in charge everything has worked smoothly and he has succeeded in getting more work out of the furnace than the same old, Paul Johnson. The ore which is coming down from the Silver King mine is of a very fine quality, and the production of matte is correspondingly large. The only trouble encountered during the week has been in the granulation of slag, but this has not been sufficient to properly take care of this. As shown by the results this inconvenience the work of the furnace. A large amount of blister copper has been produced and started for its destination at Swansea, Wales. Both the roasting and calcining furnaces have been kept busy and producing a very high grade of copper. Work upon the railroad to the reverberatory furnaces is progressing satisfactorily, and the spur is completed will greatly facilitate the shipping of copper and the unloading of the supplies. The road is expected to be completed by the first of the month. Considerable trestle work has been necessary in the construction of the road.

FOORMAN DEAL.

A Nine Ounce Nugget Taken Out of Forty-Nine Creek.

Hector McRae arrived from Nelson yesterday and reports an important deal in connection with the Foorman mine. It will be remembered that Mr. McRae and J. Fred Ritchie bought the property several months ago. Last Friday an arrangement was made by which Davenport and Ewart disposed of their interests in the mine to the Wulffsohn-Needham syndicate. The transaction involved a very considerable sum. The Foorman mine was worked on an extensive scale with a little delay as possible. The main tunnel, now in 485 feet, will be extended to a total distance of 1,000 feet. Another tunnel is to be started on the White claim, one of the Foorman group, and will be run for a considerable distance on the vein.

Mr. McRae also brings word of a very successful cleanup by the Nelson Hydraulic company, operating on the Forty-nine Creek. The season's operations is \$14,000 in gold dust. One solid nugget, weighing nine ounces, and valued at \$170, was taken out. This is by far the most successful sluicing ever done on the creek.

GREENWOOD NEWS NOTES.

GREENWOOD, Sept. 18.—[Special.]—There is quite a spurt in building in Greenwood at the present time. J. Hamill is adding to his business block a three-story hotel, to have 30 bedrooms with access to 10 more rooms in the building already erected should an extension be found necessary. Another store is being erected, and additions are being made to other business premises, while several more commodious buildings for residence purposes are also being built.

The new building for court room and lockup is about completed, and Provincial Constable A. H. Lamder will shortly take possession.

NEWS OF OTTAWA.

It is Now Well Understood That Ottawa is about Will Retire.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 22.—Laurier laid the cornerstone stone of St. Luke's hospital here today. While it is perfectly well understood that Mowat is going out of the cabinet it can scarcely be for some time yet, but the change will be before the session. William Wainwright, assistant general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, is here on business with the government, and in speaking of Mr. Tarte's scheme for the connection from the international boundary to Parry sound, offers the use of the Grand Trunk from Coteau through to Montreal on the run to St. Hyacinthe. This will, he says, save 70 miles, and Wainwright cannot see why it should not be so arranged rather than by going around by a circuitous route to Lacolle.

The Diana, which went to test Hudson's Bay and straits as regards the period during which it is open to navigation, will be back to St. Johns, New Brunswick, this week, and will again proceed north after landing the party.

The Baxter Indictments Hold.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The greater part of the afternoon session of the federal court was taken up with an argument by Attorney Woodward of Plattsburgh, New York, to set aside an indictment against James Baxter of Montreal, claiming that it is fatally defective in that it was founded upon illegal testimony. Baxter is charged with smuggling \$1,900 worth of diamonds into Plattsburgh. Judge Cox refused to set aside the indictment.

A REPORT TO PERUSE

Result of Harry Hughes' Research in the Lardreau Country.

AMONG HIGH GLACIERS

He Found Croppings Through the Ice a Large True Fissure Vein—The Assays Were Disappointing and an Assessment Will Have to be Levied.

The following report made by Hector McRae, secretary-treasurer, to the directors of the Australian-Canadian-Tellurium Mining, Smelting and Developing company, limited, speaks in eloquent terms for itself: GENTLEMEN: This company was formed for the purpose of bonding, developing and purchasing valuable mineral claims on Ganier creek, tributary to Duncan river, in the Lardreau district, West Kootenay, B. C.

The authorized capital \$75, divided into three shares of the par value of \$25 each. Of this amount the sum of \$30 was realized on the date of incorporation, and the following pay day the balance, or \$45, was promptly paid in. W. H. Corbould, M. E., was elected president by acclamation. Alex. Dick, M. E., was elected vice president and consulting engineer unanimously, with discretionary power of appointing an assistant, if necessary. The remaining stockholder, Hector McRae, of the W. C. T. U., and the Salvation Army, was elected secretary-treasurer by a majority of one vote, which vote was all his own.

Harry Hughes was selected prospector in chief of the company, with carte blanche instructions to locate, purchase, or give up choice mineral claims on Ganier creek, provided price of same would not exceed in the aggregate the amount of paid up capital. The fearless explorer started on Sunday, Sept. 5, 1897, and reached the field of operation on Wednesday, the 8th inst.

A delay of one day was caused by his being stranded—on a bar—on the Columbia river. This bar was composed of sand. An Offer of \$50 Refused. Upon his arrival he made a careful examination of the Ladd brothers' group of five claims, and immediately proceeded to open negotiations for the purchase of the same. A firm but friendly offer was made by our representative of \$50, spot cash, but as the owners demanded \$199,950 more than this sum, the deal fell through.

He has stated that had he had the \$200,000 with him at the time, he would not have felt justified in purchasing the property at such a figure, and gives the following reasons for his decision: Firstly—These claims are located 19,500 feet above the level of the townsite of Ferguson City, which latter place is, roughly speaking, about 7,200 feet above sea level. Secondly—These claims are bounded on the north, east, south and west by active glaciers, and are only suitable for cold storage purposes or summer resorts, and even for these purposes considerable money would have to be spent in developing a trade, as vegetables, meats and other perishable goods would have to be packed overland, on account of the excessive freight rates now exacted by the C. P. R.

Thirdly—The vein matter at the bottom of the deepest workings, a shaft (seven feet) will not, in Mr. Hughes' opinion, give an average assay of \$12,800 to the ton, and the ore, though called a telluride, does not carry being a free telluride, but a plumbic, gasolite composition, such as is found in Nelson, Quartz Creek, Rossland and Water Cross Mining districts, bearing no semblance whatever to Cripple Creek or Klondike rock.

After failing to secure these claims at his own figure, Mr. Hughes, accompanied by a guide, made an ascent of the mountain to the mother lode of the northern glacier.

He has located, after many hardships and hair-breadth escapes, three square, life-sized claims, upon which he had found cropping through the ice, a large, deep, defined, true fissure quartz vein, from 15 to 25 feet in width, and God only knows how deep.

Average samples of this vein were taken, great care being observed that no trace of copper, no trace of silver, no trace of gold, and the same submitted to Mr. McKillop, the well known assayer of Nelson, B. C. The following were the results of the analysis: Sample No. 1: Gold, no trace; copper, no trace; silver, no trace. Sample No. 2: Gold, no trace; copper, no trace; silver, no trace. Charge, \$7.50.

Mr. Hughes and the treasurer concluded that it would not be advisable to make any extension this fall. Timber for mining purposes would not be available here, as the timber line is five miles away, in a vertical direction. Seeing the drawback to profitable mining on Ganier creek is the shortness of the season, that is, the summer season, which lasts but four days (as far back as tradition goes), viz., from July 1 to July 4.

The Financial Report. Of the funds handed to Mr. Hughes, \$75, there remained for a short time, on his return to Nelson, the sum of \$1.65. This was almost immediately invested in purchasing stimulants for the resuscitation of Mr. Hughes, who was in a deplorably nervous, parched and weak condition from the hardships of his trip.

From the foregoing report, it is submitted that in order to maintain the fair name of the company, an immediate assessment of \$2.50 per share be levied for the purpose of liquidating the bill for assaying. Respectfully submitted, Hector McRae, Secretary-Treasurer. NELSON, Sept. 21, 1897.

Gold Coming From Europe.

New York, Sept. 22.—One million dollars was shipped to the National City bank today from London, and \$500,000 from Berlin. Both shipments are made to the National City bank by its European agents, the Deutsche bank of Berlin and London. This is the first shipment of gold to be imported this fall.

Wild Horse Gold Mining Company, (LIMITED LIABILITY).

ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA. CAPITAL STOCK - - - - - 2,000,000 SHARES. PAR VALUE \$1.00, FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE. TREASURY STOCK - - - - - 700,000 SHARES.

OFFICERS: R. A. DICKSON, ESQ., J. S. CLUTE, ESQ., JOSEPH B. DABNEY, ESQ., J. L. PARKER, Esq., Mining Engineer.

PRESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT SECRETARY-TREASURER GENERAL MANAGER

The properties comprise seven gold and silver bearing claims, viz: the Molly F., Big 2, Nebraska Girl, M. E. F., Red Lion, Whale and Commonwealth, situated on Wild Horse, Porcupine, Bear and Quartz creeks, which empty into the Salmon river, distant on an air line about 30 miles from Rossland, in the West Kootenay District, British Columbia, and within a radius of four miles of Ymir station on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Rail Road.

These properties are not isolated, but in the immediate vicinity of and surrounded by such properties of known value as the Dundee, Black Cock, Tamarac and Tennessee.

A considerable amount of work has been done on each of the properties belonging to this company and without exception every one shows up remarkably well. On the Nebraska Girl a splendid ore body has been found and a tunnel is now being driven in on the lead where a depth of 350 feet will be attained. The ore is of good grade and the indications are very promising.

These properties were passed upon by Mr. J. L. Parker, the mining engineer who passed upon the Dundee property and under whose superintendence it has shown up so well that the stock has advanced from 10 to 50 cents per share, and we may add that he also passed upon the Keystone, the shares of which have doubled in value within a short time.

Mr. J. L. Parker has accepted the position of General Manager of the Wild Horse Gold Mining company, and all its work will be carried on under his direction.

This is essentially and strictly a working company, and we have every reason to believe that, by careful and judicious management and expenditure of money in opening up the property, gratifying results will be achieved, and the property made a dividend payer within a reasonable length of time.

All of the promoters' shares have, by agreement, been pooled indefinitely and consequently cannot come into competition with the treasury shares until the mine is on a paying basis, and none will be sold except treasury stock for development purposes and the putting in of machinery.

The Wild Horse Gold Mining company has 700,000 shares of Treasury Stock. It is our aim, and we believe we can make the work of the company a grand success. The work of opening up and developing the property is going steadily ahead and will be pushed vigorously.

For the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on the work, the company has decided to offer for sale a limited number of shares. Statements will be sent from time to time to every shareholder giving full information in regard to the condition and progress of the business.

All communications and applications for shares should be addressed to the WILD HORSE GOLD MINING COMPANY, ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Box 753.

RAILWAY IS WANTED

Hundreds of Rich Copper Claims in Boundary Country.

RICH AND WIDE VEINS

It is Desired to Become One of the Great Copper Producing Sections of the Continent—Gold and Silver the By Products.

"There are hundreds of valuable properties in the Boundary country," said H. Maguire, who has for the past two years been in the Boundary region, acquiring interests in the mines there, "and all that we want is a railway to make it one of the most important mining districts in British Columbia. It is very rich in copper and gold properties, and the entire district will spring into great prominence just as soon as the railroad is built to open up the country. A corps of Columbia & Western surveyors are at work surveying the line, and the construction force will follow, and in the spring, we understand, we will have a railway. That is all the people want, and they will do the rest."

"Have you any interests over there?" Mr. Maguire. "I am interested in nine claims on Hardy mountain. They are the Monte Carlo, Gold Ox, Esther, Black Bear, Little Babe, Gold Chair and Jeff Davis. These mines are all in one group. There are three leads on the property running east and west. Each of the leads has been opened by a shaft of 40, 30, and 30 feet respectively. The ore assays from 11 to 40 per cent copper, or an average of 18 per cent. Then there is from \$2 to \$12 in gold, and from three to four and five per ton. The veins are of siliceous to six feet wide on the group."

"A great strike has been made on the Pathfinder, owned by Thomas Parkinson and William Pfeiffer. On this mine a new lead has been struck 300 feet from the old one. An open cut has been made from three to nine feet deep, uncovering a ledge 33 feet wide between walls. The ore from this great vein is principally of a high grade, carrying a large percentage of copper and from \$20 to \$30 per ton in gold. Then there is the Lilly Kay and Owens, both good properties, that are owned by Lloyd Brothers, that are owned by Lloyd Brothers and myself. The ore from these two mines runs from 10 to 20 per cent copper and from \$5 to \$10 in gold. The ledge on these two claims is from 25 to 100 feet wide. All these properties that I have mentioned so far are in the North Fork district."

"In the Greenwood district, Wellington camp, the Golden Crown mine, in my opinion, is a wonderful property. In fact, I could go on and mention hundreds of properties in that country that

look as though they would, with a certain quantity of development work, become good mines. "From the little that I have told you it will be seen that the district is rich in large, and, I might say, huge copper veins that carry both gold and silver as by products. I feel confident that within a short time after transportation facilities are afforded that the Boundary country will become a copper producing center of the continent, and all we need is a railway to mark the commencement of the prosperity that is to come."

"A large number of crown granted claims have been purchased by eastern syndicates and capitalists, and they are simply waiting the advent of a railway before they begin the active development of their properties," concluded Mr. Maguire.

A FIRST CLASS GAZETTEER.

Henderson's New Directory Completed and Now Being Delivered. The fourth volume of Henderson's British Columbia Gazetteer and Directory, with mining encyclopaedia, published by the Henderson Publishing Company, limited, is now being delivered to subscribers. It is a compact, well bound volume of 885 pages, printed in small, clear type, and divided into six parts. The first section gives a directory of over 18,000 free miners in one alphabetical list, with number of certificate, date and place of issuance from June 1, 1896, to May 31, 1897; the second section gives an alphabetical directory of the mining and development companies in British Columbia, giving their capital, stock, where incorporated and officers, with information regarding their properties; section three is a directory of over 750 gazetteer and directory of over 750 places in British Columbia, arranged in alphabetical order; section four gives the incorporated companies, other than mining, showing capital, stock, date of registration, and head office; the fifth section gives a classified business directory. The work has been carried on in a quiet and systematic manner. Rossland has about 2,000 names on the directory.

The company, who have had 20 years' experience in directory work, claim this to be the most difficult task they have ever had in hand. A large portion of the book was put in type and then carefully revised. Their last directory, in 1891, gave a description of 300 places. This year's publication gives 753 places, entailing a vast amount of work to compile from original manuscripts in such a short time. The corrections have been made to a time. The actual printing having been done in the past three weeks. The company belongs in Victoria, has a complete directory plant, has been able to bring out a book second to none in the Dominion, and one which from a casual inspection appears to be worthy of the support of the business community.

THE CANADIAN WEST.

Our Ore Exhibits at the Michigan State Fair Much Appreciated. Mr. V. McInnes, Dominion government agent at Grand Rapids, Michigan, has received a letter from the superintendent of the Michigan State Fair, which reads as follows:

"I must say that the fine exhibit of minerals from British Columbia, as well as the beautiful grains and grasses of the great Canadian provinces, were an object lesson, an education lesson we may say, to the officers of the fair, as well as to every visitor. Your government is to be congratulated upon this course of bringing before the people of America, the great resources and advantages of the Canadian West. There is not the slightest doubt in our mind, if you continue to pursue this course, that you will receive the 'lion's' share of immigration to your country. Hoping that you will arrange to do with us next year with another exhibit of the Canadian West."

DISEASE CONQUERED.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Gain Another Great Victory.

A Reporter's Searching Investigation Into a Case at Orangeville—The Claims Made on Behalf of This Medicine Fully Borne Out—The Greatest Healing Medicine of the Age.

From the Orangeville Sun. In a cosy little house in Margaret street in this town, lives Mr. John Garrity, his wife and family. They are indeed a happy family, although a few years ago a sadder household would be hard to find. Their happiness was not occasioned by the sudden obtaining of a fortune, but by something much more precious—the restoration to health of a wife and mother when everyone was despondent that she must die. Our reporter heard of Mrs. Garrity's illness and cure, and for the benefit of our readers investigated the case; what he learned is well worth repeating. A few years ago Mr. Garrity kept a well known hotel at Orangeville, and was known far and wide for his kindness and hospitality; his wife, too, was noted for her amiability. However, she was stricken with a peculiar sickness, her health failed rapidly, and from 147 pounds her weight became reduced to 95 pounds. Fainting spells became frequent, and a continual pain in the back of her head almost drove her frantic. Physicians were in attendance, but no hope. Doctors all said there was no hope. Mrs. Garrity saw death staring her in the face, and the thought of leaving her little children caused her much sadness. She was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but thought they could not possibly do her any good when physicians had failed to alleviate her sufferings. Hoping, however, almost against hope, she procured a supply, and was able to relate she had not been taking Pink Pills long when the dreadful symptoms of her illness began to pass away, and today she is the picture of health.

A few months ago Mr. Garrity and family removed to Orangeville, and in conversation with our representative Mrs. Garrity said: "I cannot find words to express my thankfulness for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me. Why, it is almost miraculous. I wish that every one who is suffering as I was will hear of this remedy. We always keep a box of the Pink Pills in the house."

ACQUAINTED OF THE SILVERTON ARREST AT SILVERTON, Sept. 27. James Cameron, editor of the Silvertownian, was arrested yesterday on a charge laid by O. H. Hamilton. He was brought to Granville and remanded Oct. 4. This was the first in Silvertown. The townmaster subsequently removed to Hamilton and the other to assist O. H. Hamilton in quest by constable at Sandton, charged with manslaughter, having attempted to blot the place. The charge was Provincial police, and subsequently removed to Sandton and the public has never learned if the charge made Sandton was sustained.

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Trail Is Now Connected with World by

LARGE THROUGH

The Line Is 21 Miles The Distance Is to 45 Minutes—It Will Bring Ores and Products from Kootenay Lake Point Slovan Mines and Navigation with the Winter as Period the Columbia occasionally Low and Navigable.

TRAIL, Sept. 27.—[Special.]—The spike in the Trail-Rossland line was driven at 10:40 o'clock and the construction train to pass over the rails. The load of coke will be brought from Robson, and a regular passenger train will be inaugurated as soon as the proper arrangements are made. A third rail will be laid down to the dense portion of the town, both standard and narrow gauge, to the Columbia & Western.

The vigorous tooling of night announced that the general offices of the Columbia & Western on the hill and many people were present at the last spike. All of us were a number of people progress of the work, who on at the rate of a mile an hour. The last rail laid is at the narrow gauge tracks and all narrow gauge ties replaced in order to accommodate the rail.

Efforts are now being made to connect the line with Robson, and the new arrangement will be inaugurated as soon as the proper arrangements are made. The distance to Robson is an easy grade and there is a force of men out, snatching away the stones and gravel, and the portation of freight, passing from Kootenay lake point mines of the Slovan creek, and the new arrangement will facilitate the winter traffic to northern points, as during the Columbia river and dangerous to navigation.

J. W. Follert passed last Sunday while on hunting, passed away at day morning, never fully recovered from the effects of the shot. He was 38 years of age and showed the slightest well his wife, but only for a few days. It will be remembered that he was a prominent producer last Sunday morning, and his wife and family were on the river. They rowed four miles, when it was ashore for luncheon. Mr. Follert stepped out of the boat and fell into the river. In some unaccountable way the rifle was discharged, and the bullet entered in from the back, coming out near the top of the head. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at Glassford of the Presbyterian church, and the interment will be in Trail cemetery.

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