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FROM OTHER CAMPS

New Hoist at Mother Lode Runs Smoothly.

DEVELOPMENT IN THE LARDEAU

Notes of Interest From Kamloops, Slocan, Southeast Kootenay and Boundary—Miner-Graves Syndicate to Begin Work on the Rockland Group.

While the action of the American smelters in cutting down the price of lead had the effect of temporarily giving a setback to the silver-lead sections, still there is considerable activity in the Slocan, Lardeau and East Kootenay. The gold-copper sections are more active than ever, and this more than compensates for this. The delegation sent from the Kootenays and Yale to petition the government to pay a bounty on lead manufactured in Canada was accorded a cordial reception and a patient hearing by the Federal ministry, and there is but little doubt that the bounty will be granted. This will stimulate the production of silver-lead ores and a new industry will be added to those already established in Canada. Appended are the reports from several camps.

THE BOUNDARY.

Tonnage Shipped by the Mines During the Month of April.

Contractor Gillis is still sinking on the Rawhide, adjoining the Snowshoe, and is now down about 40 feet.

The straightening of the main shaft in the Brooklyn, recently completed, greatly facilitates the working of the property.

A shaft is to be sunk on the Snowshoe to meet the raise from the railway tunnel, where most of the work on the mine is now being done.

About 80 men are now on the pay roll of the Dominion Copper company, which will be considerably increased when the new machinery is received and installed.

The shaft on the Blue Bell, Summit camp, has reached the 100-foot level, and more crosscutting is being done. The ore showing on the property continues to be very good.

On the R. Bell, Summit camp, the main shaft is now down a distance of 275 feet. Crosscutting is now in progress to strike the ledge, at a distance of about 125 or 150 feet.

During the week ending Wednesday, the 10th, the Miner-Graves syndicate shipped 147 cars of ore from its properties in this camp, the shipping weight of which amounted to 4,410 tons.

Wednesday, the 10th, was payday in camp, and over $40,000 was distributed for wages alone, as follows: Miner-Graves syndicate, $27,000; Dominion Copper company, $10,000; Snowshoe, $3,500.

Thus far, since resuming shipments recently, the Athelstan has sent out 21 cars of ore to the Standard smelter at Boundary Falls, or a little less than 500 tons. No more ore will be sent out for the present.

In a distance of 146 feet in the 203-foot tunnel on the John Bull group, near Gladstone, crosscutting of the ore body is progressing satisfactorily. The John Bull Mines company owns two claims, in which local and Rossland capital is interested.

S. F. Parrish, manager of the B. C. mine, Summit camp, returned here Monday from a trip to Spokane. It has been decided to employ diamond drills in exploiting the ore bodies of the B. C. Stone and Knight of Spokane secured the contract for the work, and have their outfit up at the B. C.

Ola Lofstad, who has a working bond on the Early History, in South Deadwood camp, is prosecuting development. The tunnel is in about 275 feet and a winze is being sunk from the first crosscut. E. C. Brown of this city and Dr. S. C. Richards of Grand Forks own the property.

C. W. Vedder returned the other day from a visit to Summit camp. He reports the finding of an excellent body of ore by the crosscut tunnel on the Blue Bell. A drift has been started following the footwall. This claim, with the J. S., was bonded late last fall by John Dorsey for $40,000. The bond was taken over by the Lake Shore and B. C. Copper Mining and Development company, a Chicago undertaking. Since then development has been actively pushed in the prospecting of the Blue Bell. A recent sample shipment of 540 pounds of ore to the Granby smelter gave returns of $26.47, principally in copper.

P. P. Sharpe, C. W. Vedder, E. Kerfoot, H. M. Keefer, K. C. B. Firth, H. N. Hendrickson and M. Lenher, shareholders in the Rock Creek Consolidated Placer Mining company, visited Rock Creek Monday for the purpose of inspecting the work on the company's placer holdings. From one of the party it is learned that it will be some three weeks before "booming" will take place owing to the backward season, there being considerable ice below the first dam. The finishing touches are being put on the dam so that when the ice goes out everything will be in readiness to commence operations. Several members of the party while on the ground tested the gravel by panning and obtained good "prospects."

Some record-breaking shaft work is being done on the Sunset in Deadwood camp. In 25 days the shaft was sunk a distance of 110 feet by 12 men who have the contract. It is now down to the 300-foot level and a station is being cut out. A further contract for another 100 feet of sinking has been let. The shaft is a double compartment, each compartment being 4 1-2x5 feet in the clear. Harry Johns, manager for the Montreal and Boston Copper company, owning the Sunset and Crown Silver, reports that after the last contract is completed it is more than likely that the shaft will be continued to the 500-foot level. A trial shipment of ore from the Crown Silver mine will shortly be sent to one of the local smelters for testing purposes.

The B. C. is keeping up its ore shipments to Trail. A new arrangement has been entered into with the Trail smelter under which the mine will increase its tonnage and make its shipments to Trail proportionately large. Preparations are well forward for doing some prospecting in the mine with a diamond drill. The appliances for this are at the mine and the men to work them have arrived.

Dave Evans, who last spring was in charge of the Hartford, in Wellington camp, and who lately succeeded John M. Scrafford as superintendent of the Blue Bell, in Summit camp, has run into a fine body of ore in a drift at the 100-foot level. A crosscut was run from the shaft to the ledge, which was followed along the footwall until this strike was made. The whole face of the drift is reported to be now in solid ore of good quality.

Work has been resumed on the Nonesuch and Republic claims in Smith's camp, the property of the Republic Gold Mines of Greenwood. W. T. Smith, the promoter of the company, is looking after development. Ore is being taken out from the tunnel on the Nonesuch and from the drift at the 100-foot level on the Republic. Mr. Smith hopes to get out a car a week for the local smelter.

It looks from present indications as though Midway was to have a smelter this summer, at least that is the word that comes from Spokane, whether it is stated on what is believed to be good authority that location of the smelter to be built by James Breen to handle ore from the properties of the Dominion Copper company has been decided upon at Midway. According to report Mr. Breen is to leave Spokane shortly for Chicago, where he will order the machinery for the plant. It is contended that by locating this plant at Midway he will get right into the centre of an extensive and rich mining country and draw ore from the American as well as the Canadian side of the line.

The Waterloo five stamp mill operated in connection with the mine started up a week ago yesterday and is running well. A mill man said to have large experiencehas arrived from Spokane to take charge of the mill and it is expected that a steady run will be made under his superintendence. The mine force was taken out of the lower drift for two or three days to clear the ditch to provide water for the operation of the mill. It is understood that it is running well enough to allow the force to return to work underground and the drift is to be continued at once. In the meantime the mill is pounding on ore that has sampled higher than ever taken out in the old days of the mill's operations and the result of the first run is watched for with lively interest. It is stated at the office of the company that the call for voluntary assessments, to provide funds for extensive improvements, the assessments to be repaid out of the profits of operation, have been highly satisfactory, money coming in in a way that already assures nearly the full amount asked for.

The new hoist at the Mother Lode mine is now running smoothly, and the ore sorting plant is also providing decidedly successful. The belt for separately conveying the fine ore to the ore bins is being put in place and will be in running order next week. Its operation will relieve the picking belt of about half the quantityof ore now going over the latter and will consequently facilitate ore sorting work. Most of the ore hoisting lately has been taken from the stopes on the 200 foot level, but those on the 300 are being gradually cleared of rock previously broken down and as more room is made for men to work, the output from the lower levl ncreases. Ore is also being mined at the surface, the quarry yielding about 100 tons daily, out of mine and quarry together now being nearly 400 tons a day which quantity, however, is not sufficient to allow of the smelter being gained on to appreciable extent. A quarry is also to be open up on the company's Primrose claim, adjoining the Mother Lode, near where a big showing of ore was exposed when the railway line was being graded, and a switch is being put in here for convenience in loading cars. Shipments from the mine to the smelter at Greenwood have latterly averaged 360 tons a day. An increase to at least 400 tons will shortly be made. Tenders for deepening the main shaft, now down 320 feet have been invited and this work will be put in hand toward the end of the current month. It is intended to sink to the 500-foot level, but when the 400-foot is reached a crosscut will probably be run at that depth before continuing down to the 500.

The tonnage of ore shipped by Boundary district mines during April to 11th instant, inclusive, so far as has been ascertained from the mines, is approximately as under:

Mine	Tons.
Old Ironsides and Knob Hill	6,870
B. C.	2,000
Mother Lode	4,110
Total	13,980

Shipments during 1900 and for three months of the current year, ended March 31, were as follows:

	1900	1901
Old Ironsides and Knob Hill	64,535	54,618
B. C.	19,494	9,852
Mother Lode	3,564	9,540
City of Paris	2,000	.....
Golden Crown	1,800	.....
Winnipeg	1,200	.....
Athelstan	1,200	.....
Carmi	....	1,000
Sundry shipments	1,800	1,000
Total	97,595	75,910
Grand total to date		186,483

THE SLOCAN.

Many Properties Starting Operations with the Opening of Spring.

Twenty tons were added to the Bosun shipments this week.

John Turner is again driving ahead the long tunnel on the Lone Star group.

A report sent out from Sandon this week announces a big strike on the Reco.

Work is being done on the Silver Tip group, near the mouth of Twelve Mile creek.

Only 120 tons were sent out by the Sandon mines last week. No shipments were made from the Payne.

The syndicate who have lately acquired the Fisher Maiden group, have announced that they will commence work on that property about the first of May.

The Bosun mine is again employing a force of over 20 men and steady shipments will again be made to the smelter of high grade galena ore from this property.

Shipments of ore from the Lake for some weeks will be confined to one or two properties, the majority of the mines being now shut off on account of the spring break up of the roads. The Bosun will probably keep up its regular shipments and the Emily Edith may send out a car or two.

Shipments by the Minnesota Silver company this week were only 41 tons. The mill was tied up for two days in the early part of the week on account of a shortage of water. During the mild weather of the last few days the flow of water has increased and the mill is now running day and night.

Five men are at work on the Wonderful and the preliminary work of clearing out the tunnels and re-timbering is about completed. Next week the force will be doubled. Since work was commenced on the property, Wonderful stock has been in considerable demand. It is understood that W. W. Warner and a syndicate of Spokane men are buying in the stock.

The American Boy company has made a contract with the Hall Mines smelter for the output of the mine. The property is looking better than ever and the output is steadily increasing. For some reason the stock is declining in Spokane and is now down around six cents. At the price American Boy is the best buy in the Slocan, and is probably the only regular shipper in the Kootenay selling below 10 cents.

A. A. Webb and G. A. Jackson left on Tuesday for Blairmore, where they have secured a contract from the F. Gebou company for their coking. This company will be supplying the C. P. R. with a thousand tons of coal a day within a few weeks and will have several hundred tons of screenings each week for coking, which will be done by the open air process. Mr. Webb is an experienced coke man, having had charge of an open-air plant in New Mexico. With Mr. Jackson he will employ a force of men on the contract.

An unconfirmed report was in circulation this week to the effect that the Ruth would be re-opened immediately. So far the report has not been authenticated. H. B. Alexander is still in England and is not expected in the Slocan before May. George Alexander is now in Ontario with the delegatin. The most probable prediction is that the Ruth will not be opened until the early part of May.

The Star mill is working full time. Steam power is still used as there is not yet sufficient water to run the mill. Shipments have not yet commenced. The payroll is the same as last week, about 120 men being employed.

The Byron N. White company paid out $8,000 on the 10th. The Star payroll next month will be much larger than this, as many of the men who are in the company's employ did not start work until the 1st, and consequently do not come in on this pay day. The Star is the best mine in the district for the local trade.

A large and representative gather of the shareholders of the Globe Mining company, limited, was held on Tuesday, 9th inst. The most important business before the meeting was the election of the directors, passing the bylaws, and the approval of the preliminary negotiations of the trustees and officers in financing the affairs of the Leviathan Gold Mining and Milling company, limited, and organizing the Globe company. The meeting elected Messrs. J. H. Gray, A. McCallum, J. Spiers, A. E. Esch and O. A. Sutherland, as directors for the ensuing year, and adjourned to meet Saturday, June 1st.

During the week the management of the Hewett mine has been obliged to lay off part of the crew at that property owing to all of the available storage room being piled up with ore. The state of the road and lack of a tramway make it impossible to bring the ore down for shipment to the smelter. All work has therefore been suspended for the time being above the No. 3 tunnel and 17 men sent down the hill. About 12 men will still be employed in doing development work in the lower workings and the force will be added to again just as soon as it is possible to move and market the ore. This is the first time in the history of this camp that a mine has become so blocked with ore as to be obliged to lay off men for lack of room to store the ore being taken out.

The first of May was the date set by the Miner-Graves syndicate last fall upon which to recommence operations upon their mammoth Rockland ledge on Red mountain. The lateness of the present season may delay their commencement somewhat, together with the fact that the Red mountain wagon road is yet unbuilt, but it will not be long before the practical testing of the gold-copper ledges of Eight Mile creek will be begun. Mining men in this district are greatly interested in the work to be done by the Miner-Graves people, as that syndicate has a reputation for going at their undertakings in a thorough business manner and of making a success of whatever they attempt to do. If they succeed as they expect in their Slocan mining, it will mean much for Red mountain, for although many claims are staked there and much prospecting and development work has been done by the claim holders, none have been in a position to develop their properties at any depth. Upon the success or failure of the Rockland group depends the outcome of many mining ventures between Silverton and Eight Mile.

The ore recently struck in the drift from the No. 3 tunnel of the Last Chance is holding on in the Noble Five ground and the showing in the face is better now than ever. The ground is very soft and requires careful timbering, consequently progress is slow. At present only one shift can be worked breaking ground. The grade and quality of the ore is away up and the body so far exposed indicates that a new reserve has been opened that will put the Noble Five on the dividend list again and keep it there. A meeting of the shareholders of the company is called to take place in Victoria on May 15th. A mortgage on the property for money advanced by James Dunsmuir for development expired in February last, but it is understood that the mortgagee will waive his right to foreclose and will allow the property to pay for itself out, thereby affording the stockholders an opportunity to realize on their investments of two years ago, when Noble Five stock went skyward and sold as high as 60 cents. This magnanimous policy on Dunsmuir's part has had the effect of giving the stock a boost and it is advancing rapidly. Added to this, it is understood that Dunsmuir is buying in any loose bunches of stock that appear on the market, and Noble Five is around the 10-cent mark now, with prices still advancing. A month go the stock was a drug on the market and tranfers were made at half a cent a share.

Shipments of ore from Slocan Lake for the year 1899 totaled 3,078 tons. Shipments in 1900 totaled 4,930 tons.

The shipments of ore from Slocan Lake points, up to and including the present week, from January 1st, 1901:

	Tons.
From New Denver—	
Hartney	120
From Bosun Landing—	
Bosun	200
From Silverton—	
Hewett	526
Emily Edith	20
From Enterprise Landing—	
Enterprise	120
From Slocan City—	
Arlington	1435
Two Friends	40
Black Prince	100
Bondholder	50
Chapleau	15
Specolator	20
Phoenix	20
Total	2566

THE LARDEAU.

Development of the Nettie L—Work on Properties to Be Resumed.

Now that the snow is going rapidly and the roads are breaking up, ore shipments will practically cease for the season, or perhaps until such times as the railroad reaches the foot of the lake, when it will be a haul to Trout Lake Landing instead of Thompson's Landing, a saving in distance of 12 miles.

The working force at the Nettie L. mine will soon be cut down to a development force, probably 20 men; but if the company decide to commence shipping under the new conditions soon to exist, the force may be increased to over a hundred men, as that many can easily be worked after a few months' development. A new fan and waterwheel, with plenty of air pipe, is now on the road and will be installed in the lower workings as soon as possible. There is 200 feet more to drive, making 900 feet in all, on the base tunnel; then a raise of 275 feet to reach the bottom of the 70-foot shaft, sunk from the drift in the upper (east) workings, will have to be made. Once this is done there is simply no limit to what may be expected. They will have plenty of good air, a dry place to work in, and if the present indications hold out with the increased depth, over 100 feet, there will be enough ore in sight to keep over a hundred men stoping and sacking ore for an indefinite period. The company, too, have under consideration the advisability of installing machinery in the mine and putting up a concentrator in Ferguson, with an aerial tramway running to the mine, all feasible in every particular. There are hundreds of tons of $50 ore lying in the waste dump right now, all of which could be treated at a big profit with a concentrator. And as the Great Western Mines company may work in conjunction with the Double Eagle company in the matter of a concentrator, we may soon see ores being concentrated right in town, for here is where there is limitless water power. Mnager Pool's interests are here, the company's offices are here, and of course the rest of it will be here in due time. Foreman Crilly expects to continue sacking ore, with the full force, until rawhiding becomes impossible between the ore house here and the mine.

The Old Gold, Primrose, Guinea Gold, Rob Roy, Black Warrior, Mountain Lion, Canadian-Lardeau, Metropolitan, Sunset, White Warrior, Golden Gate, Silver Cup, Triune, Empire, Brow, Wonderful, and dozens of other properties will all put on working forces as soon as the snow goes off sufficiently. All these properties buy their supplies in Ferguson.

EAST KOOTENAY.

Prospecting Commenced at Fort Steele. Doherty Group Bonded.

The snow is rapidly disappearing from the surrounding mountains in the vicinity of Fort Steele, and the prospecting season has fairly opened. Some forty new locations have already been made and recorded during the month of March. It is probable that the headwaters of Wild Horse creek nd its tributaries will receive most attention from prospectors this season.

K. L. Burnet, P. L. S., for the past ten days has been engaged in surveying the Old Abe group of claims, preparatory to obtaining a crown grant of the claims. The group consists of five claims, Old Abe, Black Prince, Nancy Hanks, Blue Jay and Farragut Fraction, and are situated on Bull river about 16 miles south of Fort Steele. An examination has been made of the property. The pay streak proper is nearly four feet. The ore is copper. Development consists of two tunnels. No. 1 is in 180 feet. No. 2 tunnel is in 246 feet. There is about 200 tons of shipping ore on the dump, besides a large amount of concentrating ore.

An Eastern syndicate have taken a bond on the Doherty group of claims, which are situated on the west bank of Wild Horse creek, overlooking the old placer ground which was worked in the early sixties. The group comprises four full claims, the principal one being the Doherty, on which a large amount of development has been done. An incline tunnel is down 165 feet, with a crosscut of ten feet, all in solid ore; other work has been done on the group, which would bring the total development to about 250 feet of tunnelling. The ore is a free milling gold quartz, and there is without doubt a vast body, carrying values from $10 to $20 per ton, the values improving as depth is obtained.

AROUND REVELSTOKE.

Placer Claims That Yield Very Good Returns.

E. A. Bradley will take in supplies this week by boat to Smith Creek, says the Kootenay Mail of April 12. Before leaving the camp he put on six men to continue the sinking of the shaft, which is now down 90 feet and will be continued 20 feet further. The proposition is drifting one, and Mr. Bradley considers there is no deep diggings prospect in the province to bet this, which is the property of the Duquesne Mining Co., of Pittsburg, a company which Mr. Bradley successfully promoted when in the east. He expects to employ 25 to 30 men this season.

Mr. Bradley saw ground on F. McCarty's property on that creek last season which yielded gold to the value of $25 a yard, a yield that would be a credit to the palmy days of Cariboo.

H. Howard, who has ben placer mining on Smith Creek since 1894, says the prospects of that creek are undoubtedly good. The gold is coarse and in some cases is found with the quartz attached to it, sshowing that it has not traveled very far. There is every prospect of valuable gold bearing quartz being located in that section during the coming season.

F. McCarty intends resuming work on the Revelstoke and Carlisle placer claims which he holds on Smith creek Big Bend, as soon as posible. The prospects of this property are considered good, as whenever the rim rock would hold it, showing that it has not traveled very taken out in eight hours from the ground occupied by one set of timbers. A good deal of development work has been done on the property, a shaft having been sunk 100 feet, and 250 feet of drifting run and well timbered.

KAMLOOPS.

Work on the Iron Mask Developing Ore Shoots.

The Iron Mask continues working and is steadily showing up a large ore body with chutes of high grade ore. Another payment of $11,000 was made last month by the B. C. Exploration Syndicate on this property. There now remains only one more payment to be made. This syndicate has also purchased a splendid smelter site on Kamloops Lake about three miles north of the mine and about four miles west of Kamloops. Work continues on the Python tunnel, but no new developments are expected.

At the Copper King, Cherry Creek, there are about four car loads of ore ready for shipment, and shipping will commence early in the month. During the winter the management has directed its energies chiefly to development work, and some good ore is now being met at the 110-foot level.

—The scows for the Jamieson Creek dredge are completed, in readiness for launching, and the erection of the machinery will be commenced shortly. No properties except those workng through the winter, have been operated as yet Meanwhile the snow has left the valley, and the roads are getting into good condtion, so that we may expect an increased activity in mining matters in the immediate future.—Victoria Mining Record.

MR. DESMOND HAS RESIGNED.

He Has Accepted an Important Position With Another Company.

Mr. R. Desmond, who has been superintendent for the Rossland Great Western and for the Kootenay Mines for the past year, yesterday resigned his position. Rumor has it that he has accepted an important position with another mining company in this section. Mr. Desmond has demonstrated by his work in this camp that he is a miner of more than ordinary ability, as he has uncovered some valuable and extensive ore shoots in the mines in which he has been superintendent for the past year. The Rossland Great Western has been deepened from the 500 to the 800-foot level and has a very extensive showing of ore. In the Kootenay Mines the depth has been increased from the 900 to the 1,200-foot level from the apex of the vein. Here, too, some very large ore shoots have been uncovered.

Gladstone Mining News.

While in Gladstone a day or two since Mr. H. W. C. Jackson learned that the John Bull Mining company had sold $5,000 worth of treasury shares and that operations on their properties is to be resumed in a short time. The claims of the company are located two miles from Gladstone and only a short distance from the Rossland Bonanza. The John Bull claims are situated on the McCrae creek slope of the mountain and hence are in the Grand Forks mining division. It is reported that there is a splendid showing of gold-copper on the property.

Two miles from the John Bull claims there is a large group which is owned by a Rossland company in which the Paulson brothers are large holders. At present some work is under way on this property, but the force is to be trebled in two weeks.

Constable Devitt of Trail was here yesterday on a business visit.

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OBJECTIONS RAISED TO RENTING OFFICES ON POSTOFFICE SITE.

The Dominion Authorities to Be Appealed To—Bills Ordered Paid and Other Matters.

At the meeting of the city council, held last evening, the matter of Mr. Thomas Bradbury renting a portion of a building on the site of the Federal court house and postoffice which was founded on a complaint of Mr. John Dean, was brought up by Alderman Hamilton, who contended that an injustice was being done the property owners for the reason that the Dominion paid no taxes on the lots, and was competing with citizens who do pay taxes, and because it was manifestly unfair, as the people owning lots in that vicinity who had contributed $4,500 toward the purchase price of the site.

City Attorney Abbott read a legal opinion on the matter at issue, in which he stated that as far as the renting of the premises to tenants was concerned there was nothing illegal about it, and that no law could be found to stop the contractor from doing this. The only recourse lay in appealing to the Dominion authorities. As to whether or not the keeping of a portion of the building standing on a lot where another part was torn down, he could not see that it was a violation of the fire limits bylaw. The taking down of a portion of a wooden structure, which stood on the ground, really lessened the danger from fire, and hence the action of the contractor in the present instance was in keeping with the spirit of the bylaw, the essence of which was to decrease the danger from fire. Then, too, a contractor, where he is engaged in removing buildings from a lot in order that he may erect others, in this instance, of a non-inflammable character, is entitled to certain consideration as to time, and must be given a certain latitude in this respect. It may not be always convenient to remove all of a building at one time, and it seemed to Mr. Abbott that the contractor was entitled to suit his convenience as to this. His conclusion had been that there had been no violation of the fire bylaw in the case under consideration.

Mr. Hamilton moved the adoption of a resolution to the effect that the action of Contractor Bradbury in renting a frame building on the site of the Federal building in competition with the rate payers was reprehensible in view of the fact that the Dominion pays no taxes on the lots which compose the site, and of the further fact that the citizens who are competed against, in this particular instance, contributed $4,500 towards the purchase price of the site of said Federal building, and directed the city clerk to communicate to the Federal government a statement of the case.

Mr. Hamilton, in speaking in favor of the resolution, said that the lots owned by the Dominion were exempt from city taxation because they were dedicated to public and not to private use, and hence to rent them was in violation of the rights of those who paid taxes. Mr. Hamilton's motion was adopted, and the Dominion authorities will be communicated with and a statement of the facts in the case laid before them.

The bylaw providing for the early closing of certain stores was read for the first time.

Mr. Abbott reported that he had received a communication from the department of lands and works at Victoria to the effect that the city's claim to the waters of Sheep creek had been upheld, and that the city's right to use as much of the water of that creek as it needs are paramount.

A resolution introduced by Alderman Holt, providing that certain lots delinquent for city taxes be sold, was adopted.

A communication was read from Thomas Bradbury stating that the riprap wall in the rear of the postoffice lots encroached considerably on that property, and requesting that it be removed, was read and referred to the board of works.

A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Wright, manager of the B. C. Messenger company, stating that the boys from the telephone companies at other places were carrying messages. He thought it advisable to have an ordinance adopted preventing messenger boys from entering disorderly houses. He also said he was willing to pay a license of $40 or $50 a year, provided it would give protection to the messenger business. Referred to the city solicitor.

The report of the board of works recommending the payment of bills amounting to $127.55, and authorizing Paulson Brothers to make a trap door in the sidewalk in front of their store, was adopted.

The fire, water and light committee recommended the payment of bills totaling $657. Adopted.

The finance committe reported in favor of paying bills which aggregated $130.95. Adopted.

The report of the city engineer on the extension of the water system was presented. As it is an important measure it was laid over, to be considered at a special meeting. Adjourned.

Wide West to be Operated.

A contract has been let for 400 feet of work on the Wide West claim which is situate on Fish Creek in the Lardeau district. The contract was let by the Wide West Mining company of this city to Mr. Harry Langman. The latter will begin work on the contract as soon as the trail is open. The contract is for a long tunnel with which to tap the vein. The company has ample funds, and is prepared to spend them in order to make a mine.

Miss May Bemis of Sandon is in the city on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lawry, and will remain here for several weeks.