

## KASLO NEWS NOTES

Contract Let for Extension of Mc-Guigan Creek Wagon Road.

## THE PAYNE'S ORE OUTPUT

Anaconda Smelter Said to Have Made the Most Favorable Bid—Washington Begins Shipping Concentrates This Week—Mining Notes.

KASLO, June 1.—[Special].—The continuation or extension of the McGuigan creek wagon-road has been awarded to Foss & McDowell, who expect to begin work today. The contractors' outfit has been forwarded from New Denver, where it has been stored since the completion of the Enterprise road. Mr. McDowell was in the city yesterday purchasing supplies. The road will be carried to the Best and Rambler-Cariboo, and probably also to the Dardanelles. The contractors expect to have it finished during the month.

It is said that the season's output of the Payne mine will be awarded to some one of the smelters which have bid for it at Anaconda, Mont. The wagon road is expected to be completed during the present week, when shipments will at once begin, as a considerable quantity of ore has accumulated during the compulsory cessation of shipments.

## Mining Notes.

Ralph Gillette has sold an undivided one-quarter interest in the mineral claim Kaslo, situated at the head of the South Fork of Kaslo creek to T. Layton Jones and J. T. Tipping.

The Washington mine will this week begin shipping concentrates from the mill, which has been run steadily since it started up, with an abundance of water.

J. T. O'Toole records an agreement dated Rossland, April 20, by which he receives a bill of sale of undivided one-quarter interest in the mineral claim E. D. Baker and one-sixth interest in the Congress, both in Jackson basin, as collateral security for an indebtedness of W. E. Ellis. Upon payment at maturity the bill of sale is to become void.

C. L. Lytle and D. Barrett, of the one part, and C. G. Labere, of the other, record a prospecting agreement, to remain in force for five months. Work is to cover a portion of the East Kootenay district.

J. C. Eaton, C. G. Dixon and R. J. Hurd record a prospecting agreement with Charles Kennedy, by which he is to receive a quarter interest in all located claims and a certain monthly salary. These are the second parties to record an agreement of this nature in accordance with the recent amendments of the Mineral act, passed at the last session of the legislature.

Charles R. Hardy has assigned to John P. Redding an undivided one-half interest in each of the mineral claims, Oxford and Eureka. The first is located at the head waters of the north-east fork of Grey creek, about one mile and a half south-west of the Gordon, and the other is on Blue-Grouse mountain at the head waters of Canon, and the north-east fork of Hooker creek, adjoining the Leadville mineral claim.

John P. Redding has sold to Henry Eummlen, of Okanagan Mission, an undivided seven-eighths interest in the mineral claim Kootenay Star, about four miles from Kootenay river and about two miles east of the east side of Kootenay lake. Monsignor Eummlen is the titular bishop who is just now representing the Roman Catholic bishop of New Westminster in a pastoral visit to the Kootenays.

## Linnard's New Hotel Begun.

Work has been commenced, after a week's annoying delay, upon the new hotel which D. M. Linnard is erect on Front street. Mr. Witham will push the work with all possible speed, and endeavor to make up for lost time. When asked if he would occupy his new premises by the first of August, Dan Shaw offered to wager a high priced suit of clothes that he would be ready to serve dinner to regular guests by the fourth of July.

Work was resumed on the streets here yesterday that Henry Croft would build on the lot adjoining those purchased by D. M. Linnard for his new hotel. It would be finished for stores and offices.

## Personals and Briefs.

Major Jarvis, of the Northwest Mounted Police force, was amongst the guests registered at the Kaslo during the past week. The major is interested in mining properties in the Slokan country, and will take a look at them during his present visit.

L. H. Dall, a leading jeweler of Calgary, has been looking over the business situation in Kaslo, with a view of establishing himself in this city. He has an extensive stock where he is at present located.

The Roman Catholic congregation of Kaslo has requested Monsignor Eummlen to assign an English priest to the charge of the church and people in this city, and have guaranteed a liberal support to such an one, should he be sent.

The bishop said it was somewhat difficult to arrange matters as they wished, but promised to give their wishes the fullest consideration.

John A. Whittier has purchased the handsome residence of W. E. Mann on B. avenue. The premises embrace two lots and are in a desirable location. Mr. Mann will make his home in Spokane.

The Monday afternoon trip of the steamer Kokanee to the townships of Lard and Argenta, at the head of Kootenay lake is becoming quite popular for excursionists. Yesterday afternoon quite a large number availed themselves of the opportunity for a sail up the lake.

R. W. Bryan, superintendent of the Kaslo and Slokan railway, returned on Sunday after a visit to his family in Southern California. He returns much improved by his brief relief from the cares of business.

W. A. Chesley, an ex-alderman and prominent politician of St. John, N. B., is making a tour of the Kootenays, with a view to the selection of a suitable location for the establishment of a foundry and machine shop.

## END OF M'YNN CASE.

Midway's Mining Recorder Finally Acquitted—Testimony of Witnesses. Boundary Creek Times: W. G. Mc-Mynn, provincial constable and mining recorder at Midway, has been acquitted of the charge of wounding Reginald J. Hood. The case was tried before Judge Spinks at Midway on Wednesday. Mr. J. A. Aikman appeared for the crown and Mr. J. P. McLeod for the defence. Owing to other cases having occupied the time of the judge, it was 8:30 p. m. before the Mc-Mynn case began. The first witness called for the prosecution was R. J. Hood, and his evidence was similar to that given at the preliminary hearing and at the investigation conducted by Mr. Lambie, S. M. In answer to Mr. McLeod, Mr. Hood stated that he had no reason to think that Mr. Mc-Mynn had any hard feelings against himself. Walter Lewis and James Fisher also gave evidence similar to that on the two former occasions.

Dr. Jakes testified that he had been treating Mc-Mynn for nearly a week previous to the shooting. He had been suffering from a severe attack of la grippe. Mr. McLeod elicited the important information that Dr. Jakes, knowing Mc-Mynn and having treated him, was professionally of the opinion that he was temporarily mentally deranged at the time of the shooting. Constable Deans also gave evidence for the prosecution.

For the defence Miss McKenzie, Mr. Elkins and Mr. James Brown in their evidence stated that they all had noticed Mr. Mc-Mynn previous to the shooting and that he looked very ill. Mr. McLeod made a strong plea for acquittal. He quoted authorities to show that malice must be proved, and there was no evidence to that effect. He dwelt particularly on Dr. Jakes' evidence. He hoped the counsel for the crown would attempt to throw no stigma on Mr. Mc-Mynn, who bore such an excellent reputation.

After Mr. Aikman had summed up the evidence for the prosecution, Judge Spinks reviewed the evidence and acquitted Mr. Mc-Mynn. The learned judge also referred to the medical evidence and stated that had it been different his decision would also have probably been different. But the evidence was so conclusive that he could do nothing but acquit Mr. Mc-Mynn.

## ALL OVER BOUNDARY.

Work Resumed on the Mother Lode—Jury and Expert Testimony. Boundary Creek Times: Word has been received that Mr. W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, has left Victoria for Yale district and hopes to be in Boundary within the next two weeks.

Mr. Keifer, manager of the Boundary Mines company, started eight men to work on the Mother Lode on Thursday. The work of developing the property will be vigorously prosecuted during the summer. Several men are also at work on the No. 7 mine, owned by the same company.

A highly satisfactory strike has been made on the Anaconda claim, situated in Deadwood camp and owned by E. A. Beilenburg. A fine body of high grade copper ore has been uncovered at the south end of the property. Two assays of this ore have been made, one giving 16 3-10 per cent. in copper and the other 10 9-10 per cent. in silver. From this it will be seen that the highest assay in copper alone is worth nearly \$40 to the ton.

A lawsuit which evoked considerable interest was that of Jernyn vs. Jernyn, tried at Midway. On the 18th April Mr. Jernyn entered into an agreement with George A. Guess for the purchase of a mineral claim named Susie, in Fairview camp; \$200 was paid for an option until May 5th, provided that the claim on the property drawn by Mr. Guess was corroborated by Mr. Haas. In the event of the report not being found as represented, the \$200 was to be returned.

The case was tried before Judge Spinks and a jury of five, namely, Messrs. Rickards (foreman), McNis, McKelrick, Mead and F. Corryell. The case lasted over seven hours, several witnesses having been called on both sides. The decisive point in the case was as follows: Was the claim a fissure vein, or was it a quartz vein? The plaintiff held that the quartz was not contained in a fissure vein, but in a deposit. The judge charged strongly in favor of the plaintiff and said the expert evidence went to show that the claim was not a fissure vein. The jury returned a verdict of four to one in favor of the defendants. Mr. Hallett and Mr. Black were counsel for the plaintiff, and Mr. Leamy and Mr. McLeod for the defendants.

## YALE MINING NOTES.

Boundary Creek Times: The Smugler company of Fairview having leased the Strathgry stamp mill, ground several hundred tons of Brown Bear ore which was in the mill bins, and are now at work on the ore from their own mine. Messrs. Dier, Davidson & Russell's steam stamp mill is being hauled from Penticton to Fairview, where it will be placed in position as quickly as possible. The mill has a capacity of 60 tons daily. The rush to the district surrounding the West Fork of Kettle river still continues. Prospectors are going there every day and many claims have been located during the past week.

John B. Snider and partners have completed the assessment work on the White Horse, in Copper camp. Mr. Snider will spend the summer prospecting in the Similkameen district.

Scott McKee brought down this week a remarkable specimen of ore of almost solid copper from a claim upon which the assessment is being done in Copper camp. The specimen were merely float, but there is abundant evidence that a fine body of ore exists on the property.

## A STRANGE SPECTACLE.

Two Youths in a Hypnotic Sleep Draw Big Crowds.

VICTORIA, June 1.—[Special].—Lionel Wolff's hypnotic exhibition in the window of a Government street store, this afternoon, was stopped by order of the mayor. He had put two youths to sleep in the window, intending to wake them at his evening entertainment, and the sidewalk was soon blocked with people anxious to obtain a look at the subjects.

The mayor was appealed to to stop the exhibition on account of alleged cruelty, but could not see his way clear to interfere. Then it was represented that the performance was a nuisance, as it blocked the sidewalk, and the hypnotist was ordered to awake his subjects, which he did.

## TWO SITES WANTED

City Requires Fire Hall and Reservoir of Its Own.

## BOTH WILL BE LOOKED UP

Three Lots on Second Avenue and Washington Street Offered for \$6,000—New Bylaws Introduced—Complaints about Cemetery.

The city council held its regular weekly meeting Tuesday at the city council chambers, his worship Mayor Scott presiding. The clerk read a telegram notifying the council of the appointment of the Hon. T. Mayne Daly as license commissioner; also a communication from Dr. Bowes, as health officer, reporting the many complaints from residents near Laurel Hill cemetery of obnoxious odors, due to the fact that Undertaken White had not buried some of the bodies deep enough, and requesting action taken. The sanitary condition of several places on St. Paul street and Second avenue was also referred to Inspector Barr.

A petition from the Ladies' Aid society requesting the aid of the city council to the extent of \$27.40, to defray the expenses of a sick man who lives on the corner of Washington and Second, was referred to the finance committee with power to act.

A communication was received from Typographical Union No. 335, of Rossland, requesting that all city printing be done in the city and bear the union label. It was moved by Alderman McPherson, that their request be granted and carried out.

H. Ginsburg wrote complaining of the high license charged pedlars, and requesting that he be allowed to take out a license, to run for six months from date of issue, and overruling the bylaw that it should become null and void after July 15, when, according to the bylaw, he would have to renew his license.

The report of the board of works, dealing with the work now being done on Washington and other streets, was adopted.

## Street and Sidewalk Bylaw.

Alderman Raymer then introduced his street and sidewalk bylaw, which was read a first time. The features of the bylaw are the keeping of the sidewalks clear; while buildings are in course of erection that only one-fourth of the street may be occupied by building material after permission is granted, and the same, and that the city shall require an indemnity bond in case of damage. This bylaw prohibits any verandas, and regulates the height of signs, no sign to be lower than ten feet from the sidewalk. It also deals with fast driving over bridges, prohibiting gates from opening on the sidewalk, and prohibits the faster driving of horses in public thoroughfares than eight miles an hour. Street lounging will have to cease. No ashes, papers or refuse can be thrown into the street, and all vehicles shall pass to the left.

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the pipe line and the council concluded to build a reservoir if a suitable place could be obtained, provided the water-works company had no objection to letting the city turn its water into their reservoir in case of fire. Quite a worthy debate was held, but it was finally settled that the council look personally over the ground today and choose a site.

The long talked of \$704.35 note, which falls due on Wednesday, for the cost of incorporation, was passed by the finance committee and will be taken up. The \$30,000 loan by law will also be introduced at the next meeting. The plans and specifications for the sewerage of the city will be ready and submitted to the board by the city engineer at the same time. The council then adjourned till Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

## STRIKE ON QUARTZ CREEK.

Four Feet of Ore on the St. Paul Group—Mining Notes.

Quartz Creek Miner: Grading the streets of Ymir City has now fairly commenced. An outfit of 18 men was sent in by the railway company yesterday, and will be employed in the first instance on the grading of Second avenue. The railway siding also, only half of which is ready for use at present, will be finished in the course of a few days. Lumber is coming in pretty rapidly now and buildings are going up in all directions. The price of lots is still going up, and yesterday \$50 a month for a year's lease was offered for each of two lots near the depot.

A rich strike has been made on the St. Paul group, near here. A rich body of ore, in a four-foot ledge, was struck at a depth of only four feet below the surface.

A contract has been let to S. C. Davis, of Rossland, for a tunnel of 400 feet, with about 40 feet of cross-cutting on the Rio Grande, a claim on Porcupine creek. A force of five men is now at work upon it. The mine is owned by a Rossland company, and it is expected the first shipment will be made early in August next.

The Nelson Star and Gypsie claims, situated between Stool and Bear creeks, have been bonded for \$2,000 to Mr. J. Wilson. This property is very promising, although no actual work has been done yet.

The Navajo claim situated near the railway line between Porcupine and Quartz creeks also has a very promising outlook. The tunnel is now in 14 feet, and the owners have had a promise from the railway company to the effect that a spur will be put in as soon as sufficient ore is ready on the dump for shipment.

E. G. Patterson, mayor of Bismarck, N. D., and W. H. Sanderson, also of Bismarck, who intend erecting a large brewery here, are also contemplating the erection of a large hotel, which will make the fourth first-class hotel either proceeding or in contemplation in Ymir City.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Wants More Hotels Licensed. Rossland, May 30, 1897.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I would suggest that it is a very shortsighted policy which puts a limit upon the number of liquor licenses to be issued in this city. If a man comes here and wishes to go into that kind of business he will certainly have to invest some money and also may have a family, thus adding to the wealth and population of the town. He will also give a certain amount of employment. Besides the city needs all the money she can get for street improvements, etc. It seems to me it will have the effect of driving money from our gates.

## Liability of Directors.

TORONTO, May 20, 1897.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: Would you please inform me what position the directors of a mining company are placed in regarding liabilities of said company, according to British Columbia laws.

## Investor.

[Generally speaking their personal liability is no greater than that of any ordinary shareholder. They are held responsible, under the new Companies' act, for the truth of all statements in official reports or prospectuses.—Ed.]

## The Deer Park.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 1.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: In a recent editorial you refer to the Deer Park wreckers and complain that some of the officers of the company were guilty of dereliction of duty in the management of the mine. Such a charge has no foundation in fact. The Deer Park company was formed a year ago to develop and mine the claim of the same name. The company placed the price of the stock at ten cents a share, and I am aware of the fact that the principal owners paid 10 cents a share on treasury stock at the very time that the public would not pay 4 cents a share for the stock. That state of things continued for six months, till the low grade ore was broken through and rich ore was mined. Then it became known that the Deer Park would be one of the great mines of British Columbia, and the company had little difficulty in selling all the treasury stock they raised the price of its treasury stock to 25 cents. An English firm offered \$500,000 for the mine on a bond, but the management could not sell without the consent of a majority of the stockholders, and that could not be obtained.

Meanwhile the Spokane and Rossland stock exchanges were born in an evil hour. And for good or ill the one effective result of both exchanges has been to hammer down the price of stocks, to mill mines like the Deer Park, the Monte Cristo, the St. Elmo, and others are no longer able to sell their treasury stock except at ruinous prices. The condition of affairs was discussed by the directors, and it was agreed by the directorate that the mine should be shut down until satisfactory terms were arranged for the balance of the treasury stock.

The management is so well convinced of the fabulous value of the Deer Park that the directors have agreed to purchase the stock themselves, unless satisfactory negotiations, now pending, are satisfactorily concluded. There need be no worry about the Deer Park. That the directors care of itself, and as for the management, they have so worked and developed the claim that it now bears all the earmarks of a great mine.

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ernment showed their appreciation by buying the stock at the figures at which it stood three months ago. The price of the stock is absolutely no criterion of the value of the Deer Park, and the miners should know that. But when all stocks are depressed, and money is scarce, it would be folly to prosecute work on the Deer Park till the treasury be replenished. Perhaps when a few more mines have shut down from the same cause as the Deer Park, and several others, the brokers of Spokane and Rossland will then know that they have killed the goose that laid the golden egg.

[We do not agree with Mr. O'Farrell at all. It is true that the opening of the two exchanges in Spokane and Rossland had much to do with the hammering down of the price of stocks, but many of the stocks needed hammering down, and they were not the only agencies at work. Take the case of the Deer Park, for instance. That mine was purchased by the present company for \$5,000 and some stock in a company to be capitalized at 1,000,000 shares of \$1 each. Mr. O'Farrell says the directors decided to place the price of treasury stock at 10 cents. What of it? Was that the whole duty of the directors to the public? Having become possessed of 500,000 shares of Deer Park stock, which cost them a cent a share, they offered to the public a portion of the 200,000 or 250,000 shares in the treasury at 10 cents a share, or ten times what their cost cost them. What happened next? The very gentlemen, or at least some of them, who voted that the price at which Deer Park stock should be offered to the public was to be 10 cents, offered large stocks of their own holdings at from two to five cents. We do not know how many thousands of shares were sold by the promoters at these figures (not one cent of which went into the development of the property) but they amounted to many thousands. It was the presence of thousands of these shares on the market, which never should have been on the market, which prevented the company from disposing of its treasury stock when it was first offered for 10 cents, and it was the presence of these same shares and other promoters' shares, sold to the public at still higher figures, which prevented the company selling its stock at 25 cents.

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