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FROM OTHER CAMPS

Renewed Activity in South East Kootenay.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN SLOCAN

Notes of Mines all Over the Kootenays—News From Moyie, Kimberley, Fish Creek, Ferguson, Ainsworth, Slocan, Phoenix and Grand Forks.

Although there is a general quietude in mining circles in the Lardeau still quite a quantity of ore is being shipped. Most of the mines are either closed down from the snow in the valleys or are merely developing the properties with a view to large shipments with the advent of the promised railroad. In Southeast Kootenay the shipments are larger than for the last week or two and there is every prospect of a speedy recovery. In the Boundary several large plants are going in and the Miner-Graves syndicate is in particular shipping largely. In the Slocan the situation is more serious as the mine owners in several cases, notably the Sunset and others, have practically closed down their properties, just employing a few men for development purposes only, claiming that under the present smelter combine nothing can be done unless the government shows itself willing to lend a helping hand. The crisis is gradually becoming acute and unless something is done there is little doubt that many of the Slocan mines will be obliged to suspend operations.

THE LARDEAU.

The Nettie L, Silver Cup, Golden Gate and Others.

Alex. Bigger, who with A. W. Edge and H. McPherson are at work on the St. Elmo, on Great Northern hill, just back of Ferguson, was in town on Saturday. Mr. Bigger says they are still drifting and encountering some galena here and there, but the indications are growing better all the time.

The report for the past year noted that the Orlando claim, adjoining the Roseberry, had been acquired within that period by the company, making the total estate held by them to consist of 13 claims and 155 acres of land. On the No. 2 level 675 feet of tunnel had now been driven given a depth of 300 feet. 311,605 shares remain in the treasury. The total expenditure for the year was $4,227.40, making the amount expended by the company up to February 15th, 1901, $29,892.61.

Mr. V. Armstrong last week visited the Silver Cup, where a contract is in hand. He is arranging to resume active development work on this valuable property and from ten to fifteen men will be put on within a few days. The foreman, Mr. McNeill, is expected back from the east today and will again have charge of the work. Two hundred tons of Silver Cup ore is now out ready for shipment to the smelter and is expected to give a net return of $100 a ton.

Mr. A. F. Rosenberger of Nelson last week examined the work on the Imperial and Eva, Mr. Gracey being unable to leave owing to illness. Mr. Rosenberger expresses himself highly pleased with the results of the development being done, at this promising property and showed us a sample of quartz studded with gold, which he had taken from the face. Fifteen men are at present employed at the mine. Mr. S. S. Fowler, the well-known mining engineer, has joined the directorate of this company and will be a tower of strength to the board.

Mr. Lauthers will commence work on the Golden Gate group up the north fork This group is located on Pass creek and consists of five claims, the Golden Gate No. 1 and No. 2, Iron Sparr, Lookout Mountain No. 1 and No. 2. Last season Mr. Lauthers drove a 70-foot crosscut tunnel, tapping the ledge at the 50-foot point. Here some galena and copper ore was encountered, but the ore on the other properties on the same lead elsewhere was found on the hanging wall, and it will likely be the same in the case of the Golden Gate.

An Eagle representative took a run up to the Nettie L on Sunday last and found all hard at work as usual. There is over 600 sacks of high grade ore in the ore house of the mine; in face the output exceeds the capacity of the present rawhide force. In all three levels, driven from the southeast winze, the body of ore is increasing in width, and in the lowest one some exceedingly rich grey copper ore has been found. Some thirty men are now working in the mine. There is over 300 tons of ore at deep water landing awaiting transportation to the Trail smelter, and if Craig & Hillman can get the present output down this month, another 300 tons will be added to this amount. As the arm is likely to be broken up at any time now, regular shipments may be expected soon. Manager Pool will return to Ferguson to supervise the construction of their offices here next month. An extensive programme of development is being arranged for the coming summer, and it is more than likely that machinery will be installed.

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAAY.

News From Moyie and Kimberley—The Shipments.

R. O. Jennings is working the Dean and is exceedingly well pleased with the showing.

Good reports come from the Stanley upon which a tunnel is now being driven.

The ledge now being worked on the Approach claim, is improving as headway is made in drifting.

The Old Abe group on Bull river was jumped last Tuesday night week at 12 o'clock. It is a company proposition and is considered to be worth good money.

Jimmy Guy has struck a lead on the hills about a mile west of Cranbrook that gives good promises of something substantial. He has sent samples to Tom for an assay.

The Mount Sicker & British Columbia Development company have shut down for a month on account of the melting snow, which has caused the workings to fill with water, giving them more water than they can handle. The showing was good when work stopped.

The North Star mine has been shipping regularly the past week, on an average of 60 tons per day. On Sunday the tramway stopped working on account of repairs to the cable, but everything is now going ahead in excellent shape as usual.

Supt. Olson of the Carbonate King mine, states that the property is looking better than it has done any time heretofore. The tunnel is now in 120 feet. There is no question but that there is a large body of rich ore in the Carbonate King.

The St. Eugene mine is now running night and day and has its full number of men at work, except on the hill, and more will be employed as soon as the quarantine is over. It is the intention of the company this summer to build several miles more of flume so that another shutdown for the want of water will be avoided.

Directly across the lake from the town of Moyie is situated the Aurora mine, owned by Tom Rader and T. D. Johnson. On the surface the vein of galena ore can be traced from two hundred and fifty to three hundred feet and in places it is three feet in width. About two hundred feet lower down the mountain they have run in a tunnel for three hundred feet and crosscut the vein for twenty feet. Besides the splendid surface showing they have in the tunnel three or four feet of high grade ore. A small number of men are employed and every day the claim looks better.

The Sullivan has been shipping a few odd loads. On account of the poor condition of the wagon road from the mine to Kimberley, it is impossible to expect anything else. A tunnel has been driven in a considerable distance on this property a year or so ago, starting in the proximity of the bunk house, the intention being to drive for a distance of 300 feet in order to tap the ore body at depth and to facilitate drainage, etc., and taking out ore. The tunnel was abandoned for the time being, but is shortly to be recontinued. As soon as the road is in good condition larger shipments than ever are expected to be made from this mine.

THE SLOCAN.

The Shipments for the Week are Low—Some Development Work.

The Rambler-Cariboo increased its force last week by 15 men.

A new tunnel is being started on the Four Mile claim up the creek.

The Warner-Miller syndicate have thrown up the bond on the Neepawa.

Some rosy reports are coming down from the Phoenix, near Slocan City.

Ore shipments from McGuigan for the month of February amounted to 185 tons.

The Whitewater has 1,000 tons of concentrates piled along the K. & S. track awaiting shipment.

The Miners' Union of Slocan City has purchased the Gillis building and will remodel it into an hospital.

The showing of ore in the intermediate tunnel on the Reco averages six inches in thickness for over 200 feet.

Shipments from the Payne have been cut down to less than half what they were up to the time of the smelter difficulty.

The Reco-Goodenough last week shipped 27 tons of ore, and 16 horses are engaged hauling another shipment down the hill.

The development work being done on the Old Maid claim, near town, is showing up that property to be a valuable one.

A deal has just been put through on Ten Mile, the Boxer group being bonded through L. A. Thurston of Slocan for $40,000.

Development work is being pushed at the Emily Edith mine and three of the tunnels are being driven ahead as fast as possible.

Seventy men are employed at the Slocan Star. This proven property is now taking out some of the richest ore yet encountered.

While the Bosun is practically closed down, so far as shipments are concerned, six men are employed pushing work in the big tunnel.

The entanglement of the Chapleau affairs promises to be soon straightened out and the property reopened. This will be a fortunate ending to the matter.

Another carload of ore was sent out last week by the Hewett. When the road is in better condition the shipments from this property will be greatly increased.

The Hartney has over a foot of clean ore in the breast of one of the tunnels. The fifth carload since January 1st was shipped last week, making in all about 120 tons.

Ore is being rawhided down from the Reco to Sandon; the showing in the mine being better than ever before although the grade is not as good as the usual run of Reco ore, which is phenomenally high.

A familiar name will appear again within a few days on our list of shipping mines, a one hundred ton shipment of Alpha ore being now got ready. This ore has been lying in the Alpha ore bins for some years and will now be sent out as soon as it can be sorted and resacked.—Silvertonian.

Since January 1st to March 9th, 1901, the shipments, according to the Ledge, have been as follows:

	Week.	Tons.
Payne	62	1234
Last Chance	77	442
Ruth	31	264
Slocan Star	20	180
Bosun		160
Hewett	20	470
American Boy	60	299
Ivanhoe	47	408
Trade Dollar		84
Sovereign		108
Wonderful		4
Arlington	60	720
Two Friends		40
Enterprise		120
Hartney	20	100
Black Prince		60
Goodenough		70
Miller Creek		20
Reco		38
Sunset	21	42
Sunset (Can. Gold Fields)	53	53
Silver King	14	14
Red Fox		21
Antoine		16
Queen Bess		367
Monitor		265
Corinth		64
Bondholder	3	23
Ranmbler	20	298
Surprise		20
Kaslo Group		10
Chapleau		15
Speculator		10
Total tons	509	6039

THE BOUNDARY.

Notes From Many Mines—The Dominion Copper Company.

The new winze in the Winnipeg is now down over 50 feet.

J. N. Gillis has completed his 100-foot contract on the Rawhide.

Only a small force is at work on the Pathfinder, but it will shortly be increased.

It is probable that the Pathfinder will ship to the Boundary Falls smelter at no distant date.

A two-foot lead of very rich ore has been uncovered on the Rambler, a claim lying east of the Sallie.

The O. K. owners, in Summit, have let a contract for 100 feet of drifting at the bottom of the 100-foot shaft.

The Dominion Copper company is asking for tenders, to be in today, for sinking 50 feet on the Idaho claim.

Some diamond drill prospecting will be done by the Dominion Copper company, the necessary machinery having been ordered.

This week the Marguerite in Deadwood camp, sent out the first car of ore. It went to the Standard smelter, at Boundary Falls.

The shipping weight of ore sent out by the Miner-Graves syndicate from Phoenix for the week ending March 13th was 4,490

The Stemwinder hoist, boiler and pump are being transferred to the workings on the Idaho, where the new gallows frame has already been erected.

Up to yesterday the ore shipments for the week from the B. C. mine were 645 tons; for the year to date the total is 6,965 tons—all to the Trail smelter.

A 30-day option for a bond on the Mountain View, Summit camp, was given last week. The figure named is not given out, but is said to be a good one.

DOINGS AT PHOENIX.

Board of Trade Endorses Plan to Send a Deputation to Ottawa.

Phoenix, B. C., March 15.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the city council Wednesday night it was decided to call for applications for the position of city engineer.

As soon as the snow flies the city will spend $10,000 on street grading and some $20,000 will be spent on providing a good water supply.

Last night a meeting of the Phoenix board of trade was held to meet Mr. W. W. Beaton, the representative of the Kaslo board of trade, who told those present the object of the Kaslo board of trade in sending him to confer with all the boards in Southern British Columbia, namely, the sending of a monster delegation to Ottawa to induce the government to give a bonus to aid in the establishment of a lead refinery in Canada.

After some discussion as to the advisability of widening the scope of the delegation the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Resolved, that the Phoenix board of trade decide to send as many delegates as possible to Ottawa to cooperate with other delegates being sent from other boards of trade in Southern British Columbia to present to the government matters of vital importance to the country at large, and that this board heartily endorses the proposition of the Kaslo board of trade."

The meeting was an exceedingly enthusiastic one.

Visitors in town the last few days were W. P. Tierney of Nelson, who was inspecting the Phoenix agency for Lethbridge Galt coal, handled by McArthur & Monk; Sam Hall, superintendent of the Iron Mask, Rossland, accompanied by J. T. Gates, traveling representative of the Giant Powder Company, and Mr. Dickenson, the new local representative, went through the mines Wednesday.

The Athelstan commenced shipments to the Pyritic smelter at Boundary Falls, sending out two cars.

There are 450 miners working within a quarter of an hour's walk of the postoffice.

R. B. Boucher, M. D., W. L. Germaine and O. B. Smith leave for Halcyon Hot Springs today, to be gone about ten days.

Northrup Fowler, who has been connected with the Miner-Graves syndicate here, leaves tomorrow for New York to take charge of the head office of the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, Limited.

MORRISON MINE SPUR.

Its Construction and Facilities Absorbing Topics.

Greenwood, B.C., March 16.—(Special.) It is reported that W. P. Tierney, of Nelson, has secured the contract for the construction of the proposed spur from Deadwood camp branch of the Columbia & Western to the Morrison mine. Work commences early next week. The Canadian Pacific will build the road, under certain conditions as to tonnage, actual payment for same being made by the Morrison Mines, limited, and the Standard Pyritic Smelting company. The spur will be a mile and a quarter long, and will take about six weeks to complete. Regarding the Morrison, Andrew Laidlaw, manager of the Pyritic Smelting company, who has been largely instrumental in securing transportation facilities for the mine, stated tonight that his company had entered into a contract wit the Morrison Mines, limited, to mine and extract all the ore above the present tunnel level, at a depth of 235 feet, to be treated by the pyritic smelter. His company has engaged the services of Joe Trainer, former superintendent of the Le Roi mine, who will have charge of this work. Concurrently, the Morrison company continues development of the mine at depth, and the sinking of a winze is in progress from the tunnel level. The winze is down 45 feet in solid copper-gold ore, and Trainer states that the mine, from present appearances, is in a position, when the stopes are opened, to send down to the smelter fully 3,000 tons per month. Trainer starts work this week erecting ore bins and making preparations for opening the stopes pending the completion of the spur.

The Standard pyritic spelter has also obtained a working option of the control of the stock of the Athelstan Gold & Copper Mining company. Former Superintendent Oxley has been re-employed by the smelter company and is continuing the development of the Athelstan. Shipments were resumed yesterday. Five four-horse teams are engaged in hauling while sleighing lasts. About sixty tons daily will be shipped from the Winnipeg spur. Shipments of Boundary mines to the pyritic smelter during the past week were: Little Bertha, two cars; Surprise, Nelson, Wash., one car; Marguerite, one; Riverside, one.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

School Act and Municipalities—Small Pox Regulations.

At the meeting of the city council last evening at the city hall at 8 o'clock all the aldermen were present and in the absence of Mayor Lalonde at the coast on municipal business, the chair was taken by Alderman Hamilton.

After the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting a letter was read from Mr. Curtis asking that the city should wire him as to its views on the amendments to the School Act. The effect of one of the amendments was to relieve the city of all responsibility in the question of erecting new public buildings for schools, such matters being in future left to the direct veto of the electorate. Alderman Clute said that on his leaving Victoria a meeting had been arranged of several mayors, who were together in Victoria for the purpose of discussing this school question. Among these gentlemen was Mayor Lalonde and as he would probably return that night it would be better to defer the discussion of the matter until his arrival as he would be freshly posted as to the bearings of the proposed amendments. This was agreed to.

The reports of the various committee were adopted, they being merely routine, without discussion.

The amendment to the water by-law was read for the first time, giving power to the council to increase the rates of discount allowed for prompt payment.

The chairman of the Health and Relief committee gave notice of a general meeting of the Board of Health of the city to convene this afternoon at 3 o'clock for considering the best means of preventing the spread of small pox in the city introduced from outside points. There were several cases under treatment and several cases were necessary.

NEW SMELTER TO BE BUILT.

Greenwood Man Says One Will Be Erected on Boundary Creek.

Duncan Ross, formerly a member of the Times staff, but now of Greenwood, is in the city registered at the Driard, says the Victoria Times. He is here as one of the representatives of the Associated Boards of Trade of Southern British Columbia, whose object is to lay before the government the resolutions passed by the association at the meeting held in Greenwood in the beginning of March. Mr. Ross is greatly impressed with the growth and improvement of Victoria in recent years. He presides over the destinies of the Greenwood Times, and is in a position to accurately gauge the present condition of affairs in the great interior. Speaking to a Times representative today Mr. Ross said:

"Greenwood is rapidly recovering from the business depression of last year. During railway construction the city grew very rapidly, and when the road was completed it was a year ahead of the development of the mines surrounding it. With the British Columbia Copper company's copper smelter treating 350 tons a day and the Standard Pyritic smelter ready to blow in, the mining industry has reached a stage where it will support a large city, and consequently Greenwood is now forging ahead.

"In addition to the two smelters mentioned, the Dominion Copper company, under the management of James Breen, the well known smelter man, has decided to erect a smelter. The site has not yet been selected, but it will probably be on Boundary creek.

"The great desideratum in exploiting the mineral wealth of Boundary is cheap transportation. The ore bodies are large, and generally of low grade, so that with freight and treatment charges many properties that would give employment to thousands of men would remain undeveloped. It is for this reason that the people of the interior are in favor of an open door railway policy. They want all the railway they can get, and believe that no opposition should be made to those who, through the legislature, asked for permission to build railways in this province."

ONONDAGA STAMP MILL.

It Will Commence Operations in About Six Weeks.

Mr. Thomas James, the manager for the Onondaga mines, is at the Allan. He reports that good progress is being made with the installation of the ten-stamp mill. The mill structure is about up and the mortar foundations are in place, but it will be about six weeks before the stamps commence dropping. The six claims owned by the company are being developed by a series of tunnels and drifts. There is about 700 feet of drifting, the lowest tunnel tapping the vein at a depth of 210 feet. The vein is about three feet wide, and the ore is of an excellent grade. Considerable ore has been taken out and is on the dumps awaiting the finishing of the mill. And so it will be seen that there will be plenty of material for the stamps to work on after they begin to drop.

THE WAR EAGLE MINE

Some Inquiries From a Subscriber in Toronto.

CONDITION OF THE WORKINGS

Information Witheld by the Annual Report—Likelihood of Enhanced Shipments in the Near Future—The Lower Levels and the Poorman Oreshoot.

The following letter has been received from a subscriber in Toronto:

Editor Miner: There are many readers of the Miner amongst the stockholders of the Centre Star and War Eagle mines in Toronto who would like to have some information as to the extent and value of the ore bodies lately opened in the latter mine. A telegram from Rossland in reference to this appeared in the Mail and Empire of the 4th instant in this way: "It is pretty generally known, despite the reticence of the management, that the ore bodies discovered on the eighth level show that the values of the War Eagle ore have been recovered, together with an even larger area of ore than previously obtained from that mine."

This may be the lode in the eighth level referred to in a general way in the Miner of about the 15th February.

In the issue of the Miner referred to appears this statement: "Thus at depth the ore bodies found on the surface have been more than doubled in size. The mine has been shipping from the ore obtained on the eighth level, and it is found to be of a fair average value, equal to anything in the mine. Contiguous to the War Eagle is the Poorman, with a payshoot of ore which is supplying half of the amount shipped from Le Roi No. 2 and which runs in value up to $50 a ton. * * * This payshoot is only partly situated within the Poorman and a great portion of it is existent upon the War Eagle, but up to the present has been untouched."

This is a most important and encouraging announcement, as if this payshoot contains 20,000 tons of $30 ore, it would go far to paying off the War Eagle's large indebtedness, and as no reference is made to this in Mr. Kirby's report it is to be hoped the Miner will be able to furnish particulars as to the situation and extent of this ore body.

We get in the Miner full accounts of the extent of the ore bodies, etc., in the Le Roi, whil information of a like nature in regard to Centre Star and War Eagle is somewhat meagre. Cannot this be remedied?"

The complaint as to the meagre nature of the report as to the extent and position of the ore bodies upon the War Eagle and Centre Star mines is well founded, but that the Miner does not publish more information as to these ore bodies is due to causes entirely outside of its control. The directorate of the War Eagle has come to the conclusion that although the shares of the company have been sold largely and boomed widely all over the Dominion the public is not interested in the state of the mine, and that a meagre annual report is sufficient information to content those interested in it. Hence the local management has directly refused to give out information officially as to the progress of the mine. While there are so many men employed upon it, and while certain information has to be lodged with the provincial government authorities each quarter, it is impossible to altogether hide the real work upon the properties. Still the information gathered in this manner has not the authenticity belonging to that given by some responsible person connected with the mine. There is a determined effort to altogether conceal the true operations. Not only is information officially withheld, but any employe furnishing any data is threatened with dismissal. While the facts are therefore known in a general way, the Miner naturally hesitates to publish news which cannot be authenticated.

The telegram published in the Mail and Empire was evidently sent by some reader of the Miner, as the identical words will be found in the Miner's mining column.

On the publication of the annual report of the War Eagle for 1900 it was stated that the production of 50,000 tons per annum was the real output of the mine. The seventh level had proved barren. Till late in the summer stoping was in active progress upon the fifth and sixth levels. This ore stoped down was left lying in the levels and is now being shipped. On the seventh level both the north and south vein were drifted upon and payshoot was found to have gone out. This was also the case with an intermediate ledge found between the other two. On the north vein a payshoot was found upon the west drift and was raised upon, the ore being temporarily stowed away in the empty stopes on the second and third levels. The shaft was then driven down below these levels, and on reaching the eighth level, 1,000 feet from the surface, a parallel drift was run from the shaft, the usual manner of developing the mine, the shaft going down between the north and south veins, nearer to the former. This parallel drift is only short, being about 60 feet in length. Here was found another body of ore which gave values equal to any ever found in the mine. The management, on being applied to on the matter, refused to contradict or affirm the strike. It was nevertheless made, and ore has since been shipped from this point. On gaining the north vein a drift was run west, and on going below the raise spoken of on the seventh level the payshoot was found in place and a raise started on the ore. The other veins to the southward were found in place, but it is stated that the values are low, but not too low for working if the smelter charge be reduced. The level has been thoroughly opened up and is better at all points than the level above. On the attainment of the eighth level a parallel drift was run and the ore body discovered above again located. The shaft has since been continued down to the tenth level but the workings are not as yet opened. It will be seen that the ore bodies are better than on the seventh level and that this was known to the management on the publication of the recent report. As the discoveries have not proved to be permanent by the opening of the level below, which has yet to be accomplished, it is likely that the authorities did not feel ttmselves justified in giving rise to hopes which may prove to be illusory.

With regard to this matter, it is well to notice that on the adjacent properties of the Iron Mask and Nickel Plate, to the north and south of the mine, the result of the deep workings has been to show that there are more ore bodies at depth than there are showing on the surface. Also that these ore bodies are more solid and cleaner. The experience of its neighbors will, in all human probability, be found to be repeated on the War Eagle, and without taking into consideration the Poorman ore shoot there will be found to exist a vast ore body quite sufficient to wipe out the load of debt incurred in various ways and to materially increase the annual shipments, estimated on data now proved to be inconclusive. The recent preparations on the gravity tramway show that larger shipments are contemplated.

With regard to the Poorman shoot, this is situated in the southwest angle of the War Eagle and is being worked from the Josie mine. The latter, together with the No. 1, the Poorman, Annie and other contigous properties, form the Le Roi No. 2. The Poorman ore shoot has been developed on several levels on the Josie, and a crosscut is run from the 900-foot level of the Le Roi to this vein. This would give a depth of 1,000 feet from the outcrop. Wherever opened the shoot has been found to be of good value. The November shipments from this source averaged nearly $30. This ore shoot is continuous right up to the War Eagle ground. How far it extends in that direction is not known. On the Le Roi No. 2 side the pay shoot runs west for about 120 feet. Its width is various and is over 30 feet wide, in some places narrowing from that to 16 feet.

To develop this shoot from the War Eagle shaft would be somewhat expensive, as a long crosscut would have to be run from the workings on the south vein Any estimate of the tonnage or the value is out of the question just as long as the shoot remains undeveloped. To assume that there are 20,000 tons is to assume that the pay shoot is 14 to 15 feet wide within the War Eagle, that it extends within the limits for at least 15 feet, and that it is continuous for a depth of 1,000 feet. This is, however, a not improbable assumption. It is likely that if future exploration discovers this shoot to be of sufficient value it will be worked, more especially as a system of upraises from level to level, connected in their turn with the main War Eagle workings, would give an almost perfect system of ventilation for the mine. Thirty dollars is again a higher value than should be placed upon the ore. The rest of the mine is giving about $12 to $18, and there is much ore which is pay ore that goes not much better than $9.

Why this matter has not been alluded to in the reports is something the management alone know. As a hazard, it might be ventured that no mine cares to exploit the value of the ore when there is no desire to sell the stock. On the contrary, conservative statements raise no false hopes, and if the mine proves better than anticipated the investor has no cause for complaint and is the more likely to be satisfied with the management.

"ADE SASSIETY."

Last Night's Social at the Baptist Church—The Pastor Fined.

The old-fashioned social last night at the Baptist church, given by the Ladies' Aid society, scored a great success. The price of admission was ten cents and the largest potato that could be found around. The potato was imperative. The cost of supper was 15 cents and the way in which the piles of bread and butter and the ham went was a sure sign of the hard times. There was an elaborate system of fines and as the pastor turned up with a geranium leaf and a pussy willow in his button hole he was promptly fined 5 cents for his extravagance. Most of the ladies came in calico dresses and dress suits were barred. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent. Miss Jean Olding sang about a nigger baby and Miss Luke talked about a brave fireman and Elizabeth's broom. Mr. Fred Coffyn gave strong advice about never falling in love, and when recalled sang suggestively about fishing. As a finale he gave the highly amused audienced an operatic ditty which was strictly up to date. Rossland had never heard it before.

Ashore on Denman Island.

Victoria, March 16.—The steamer Willamette, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, went ashore last night on Denman island during a fog, and is still fast. The captain refused assistance from tugs which went to the rescue. He expects to get off at high tide in the morning. The Willamette had 1,000 tons of coal from Union and was proceeding to Ladysmith to complete her cargo.

Mobbed in Japan.

Victoria, B.C., March 18.—The steamship Kinshiu Maru arrived today after a fast passage from Yokohama and the Orient. She brought news of a brutal assault on Maj. H. B. Mulford, of the 39th infantry, and his wife, at Kioto, while returning from Manila. A mob of 100 attacked the Mulfords while embarking on a train. Their clothing was torn and both were roughly used, despite the Major's strenuous resistance. He was in uniform.