

OVER THE HOT SANDS REDUCED THE RATES JOSEPH VOYLE AGAIN TO SWELL THE BONUS C. P. R.'S. ODD MOVE

ROSSLAND MEN ATTENDED MEETING OF MYSTIC SHRINERS AT SPOKANE.

CROSSING OASIS AMID LOWING OF CAMELS AND GURGLING OF ZEM-ZEM.

Mayor Clute left Wednesday for Spokane, accompanied by several members of El Khatib Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and a couple of novices, who will cross the hot sands at the oasis of Spokane. The party included G. A. Mitchell, Andrew G. Larsen, Keith Lackey and Daniel Bruhn.

The manifesto assembling the meeting of the Shrine was as follows: "It has been decreed in the wisdom of the councils of the newly elected divan for the year 1902 that we hold a ceremonial session on the date above written for the purpose of replenishing our exchequer and, incidentally, to make it tropical for a few novices who have been clamoring at our outer gate for admission, lo! these many moons. Nobles, get ready for the grand processions, oriental mysteries, brilliant illuminations and glorious chants—in thirty sections. It will be better than a Thousand Nights or Ten Nights in a Bar Room."

The Spokesman-Review publishes the appended sketch of the Order of the Mystic Shrine from the pen of "one who knows."

"The History of the Shriners, prepared by 'one who knows,' is given in the following terse expose:

"The Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine was organized in London, England, and has existed in various forms prior to that date as well as subsequent. Its perpetuity has been a marvel to those who never think, and a phenomenon to others less endowed. The best men of the country have been identified with the various features of the institution, and many have been so branded with the ceremonies that they have not dared to tell their wives. The institution has prevailed despite the protests of candidates who have slid into the order with ropes not made of sand and have never asked for any change, but were satisfied with what they got; for the Shrine has always been liberal with the ceremonies of initiation, and willing to give more if there was a desire manifested for the same.

"The order is now strong and powerful, and is a potent factor in extracting conceit and dignity from men of calibres. Cerebral fermentations are antagonistic to its particular therapy, and all cases of trying to run things are treated with lavage which cures the malady in short order.

"This sketch is not intended for those who can't read, but for those who desire a knowledge of the history, growth, customs and whereof of our noble order."

Following the initiatory ceremonies at the Masonic hall last night was a banquet at which the flow of wit and zem-zem was lavish.

IN FULL SWING NOW

ROSSLAND CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED AND DATE OF MEETINGS FIXED.

The Rossland Conservative Association is now an accomplished fact. At a well attended meeting of Conservatives in the Board of Trade rooms Wednesday the organization under way for several weeks past was completed, and the new association promises to be a live factor in the local political arena.

Among those present at the meeting were Messrs. A. C. Galt, J. L. G. Abbott, W. L. Orde, A. S. Goodve, Hon. T. Mayne Daly, W. J. Neilson, F. W. Guernsey, J. B. Johnson, W. Seed, E. Griffith, Jos. Rogers, John Dean, J. B. Billings, G. Bowman, Judge Townsend, Frank Startari and others.

The first important business dispatched at the session was the election of officers, resulting as follows:

A. S. Goodve, president.
John Dean, first vice-president.
F. W. Guernsey, second vice-president.
Hon. T. Mayne Daly, honorary treasurer.

W. Wyllie Johnston, secretary.

It was decided that meetings should be held bi-monthly, and that at the next session of the association on the 14th inst. the question of party lines in provincial politics with a special application to the expected campaign should be taken up and disposed of. The remaining portion of the time was devoted to an informal discussion on the party lines subject.

Special reference was made to the apparent interest manifested in the formation of the association by the young Conservatives of the city and a happy augury of future activity and usefulness was deduced from this feature.

HANDS BLOWN OFF.

QUEBEC, May 3.—Jos. Guillaume, a farmer of Jonqueres, Lake St. John, had both hands blown off yesterday while sitting a cork in a bottle with powder. A spark from his pipe was the cause.

The French delegation to Washington at the unveiling of the monument to Rochambeau will be invited to attend the Jubilee of Laval University next month.

SPOKANE FALLS & NORTHERN ROAD PLACES ROSSLAND ON EQUALITY WITH NELSON.

HERETOFORE NELSON HAD SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER LOCAL RATES OUT OF SPOKANE.

The Spokane Falls & Northern railroad has made an important concession to the merchants of Rossland, Wednesday a communication was received by Secretary Jackson of the board of trade advising him that as a result of the board's representations in the matter this city had been placed on the same basis as Nelson with respect to the local freight rate from Spokane. The communication was signed by H. A. Jackson, general passenger and freight agent of the road.

Readers of the Miner will remember that some months ago the question of local rates out of Spokane to Rossland and Nelson was brought to the attention of the board of trade by business men, who pointed out that the road's tariff favored Nelson as against Rossland from \$5 per cent to 50 per cent. The board took the matter up with the Spokane Falls & Northern people and the result of their action was the concession indicated in Mr. Jackson's letter received here yesterday.

The effect of the reduction in rates out of Spokane will be considered in the aggregate only trifling when applied to the cost per pound of the various articles on which the rates are reduced, so that the consumer is not likely to benefit substantially. It will have this important effect, however, that Rossland merchants will now be enabled to job various lines into the Boundary and other districts on an equality with the Nelson wholesalers, something they have not been able to do heretofore.

In this move for more favorable railroad rates is regarded with equanimity by the members of the board of trade.

BENEFITS ROSSLAND.

What Completion of Crow's Nest Southern Road Probably Means.

Recent reports from the construction work on the line of the Crow's Nest Southern road are to the effect that the track-laying is completed to a point something more than 12 miles north of the international boundary line, while the grade is practically completed to the junction of the road with the Canadian Pacific. A number of trestles require to be constructed on the Canadian side of the road and some 50 miles of track laid, but with the facilities available this work will be put through rapidly and a comparatively short time will see the road operating into the heart of the Crow's Nest road.

Opinion is divided as to the effect which the advent of this feeder of the Great Northern into the Canadian coal fields will have, there being grave danger in the opinions of many that the line will be utilized to haul coke and coal out of the country which should be kept here to supply the Canadian smelters and other industries consuming fuel on a large scale. The coal company's answer to this was that it would enlarge its facilities to produce ample supplies of both materials. The exact condition of affairs in this regard should be evolved within a short time after the new road is completed.

In the interim it seems likely that the completion of the Crow's Nest Southern road will be decidedly beneficial to Rossland in an indirect way. This will be by lowering the cost of coke to the Northport smelter, thereby decreasing the cost of treating Le Roi ores and probably stimulating the production of ores which do not, under existing circumstances, pay an adequate return while copper is at such a low price. The statement has been made in one or other of the official reports published that the smelter is paying \$2.50 per ton for coke, while the Granby and Greenwood smelters, equally distant from the point of production, are supplied with coke at \$6 per ton. It has been estimated that the difference between \$6 and \$2.50 would make a saving of 75 cents per ton on the treatment of Le Roi ores, and this would represent profit over and above the profit now earned. The additional profit thus obtained might, and probably would, induce the Le Roi mine to resume shipments from its low grade ore bodies, and this would entail the re-engagement of the men recently laid off.

Looking at the matter from a purely local standpoint it would seem that Rossland had much to expect on the completion of the road now under construction.

MEETING AT KASLO.

Strong Resolution Passed on the Lead Question.

(Special to the Miner.)

KASLO, B. C., May 3.—A large public meeting was held here on the lead question. A resolution was passed to petition the government for legislation immediately.

DR. LEYDS AT THE HAGUE.

THE HAGUE, May 3.—Dr. Leyds, the Boer representative in Europe, arrived here this evening and proceeded for Utrecht for a conference with Mr. Kruger.

STRONG WIND STORM.

OELWIN, La., May 3.—A strong wind blew here this evening but did no damage. At Fairbanks, a station near Oelwin, telegraph poles and wires are down. In a storm at midnight last night 100 head of cattle in the vicinity of Oelwin were killed by lightning.

ROSSLAND PIONEER'S EXPERIENCES AFTER ESCAPING FROM INSANE ASYLUM.

ACTED IN MANNER THAT CONVINCED PEOPLE HE WAS PERFECTLY INSANE.

All old Rosslanders know the particulars of the case of Joe Voyle, who was committed to the Westminster asylum last fall after manifesting such indications of an unbalanced mind as left no doubt that he was a fit subject for confinement in an asylum for the insane. A coast paper published the appended reference to Voyle which will be read with interest locally:

"About six weeks ago there arrived at Ruskin a destitute man who had no job. He was told he could have one if he could find a boarding place, which was not thought probable. However, a kindly disposed young married couple took him in and he got the job. He soon showed himself a good workman, and won the good will of his employer and all his fellow workmen.

"A few days since he got his first check for wages, with which he paid his board bill, and purchased some clothes and had money left. The foreman of the mill spoke highly of him. The woman he boarded with said he was a nice man about the house, being helpful and kind. He seemed to have no craze at all, though he told stories about having been wronged out of mining interests at Rossland. He worked industriously every day and spoke but little. He was improving in appearance daily, and the people of Ruskin had begun to look upon him as a regular inhabitant.

"But all this was rudely put a stop to on Thursday morning by the arrival of a constable, armed with a warrant from the asylum at New Westminster, for the arrest of one Joseph Voyle, who escaped from the asylum on the 8th day of last February. The constable demanded that the culprit be sent down to him. This was done, and all the men about the place said it was a shame to take a good man like that to the asylum. One said another Charles Reade is wanted if that is the kind of men they still detain in insane asylums.

"The constable did his duty, and read the warrant. Voyle himself, who had been busy at carpenter work, put on his glasses, and asked to see the warrant. When he had finished reading it aloud he threw off his apron, and said, 'I suppose I shall have to go. If I am not crazy now they will soon make me so down there; that is what they are coming at. I wish some honest lawyer would take hold of this case. He then went off quietly with the constable, and they took the train to New Westminster.

RESIGNED POSITIONS

FRANK WALKER PULLS OUT OF POLICE AND LICENSE BOARDS.

LEAVING ROSSLAND FOR SPOKANE TO ENTER BUSINESS THERE.

There are vacancies today on the Rossland boards of police and license commissioners.

Saturday afternoon Francis J. Walker wrote out his resignations from both boards and posted the communications to Mayor Clute, who is ex-officio chairman of the commissions. There is no doubt as to his resignation being complied with for the reason that Mr. Walker is leaving the city and will not be in a position to perform the duties of the offices in future. It is the intention of the Reddin-Jackson Company to open a branch of their business in Spokane, and Mr. Walker is the member of the firm selected to operate the new concern. He leaves to-day for his new home, and will probably not be in Rossland again, even on a flying visit, for three or four months. This, of course, prevents his filling the commissionships to which he was appointed at the first of the year, hence the resignations filed yesterday.

Mr. Walker has made Rossland his home since 1894, and has many fast friends in the Golden City who regret to note his departure.

BOTH SEVERELY PUNISHED.

Eight and a Half Rounds of Terrific Fighting.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 3.—After eight and a half rounds of terrific fighting Marvin Hart of Louisville knocked out Kid Carter of Brooklyn before the Southern Association. The bout was a slugging match up to the sixth round, but the pace had been so swift that during the last four rounds both men were staggering around the ring, hardly able to stand and neither seemed able to land an effective blow. It was merely a contest of endurance and the knockout blow, a left to the jaw, when Hart himself seemed most ready to fall. Both men were severely punished.

ARBOR DAY CEREMONIES.

OTTAWA, May 3.—Lord Minto, governor general, yesterday attended the Arbor Day ceremonies at the Normal School, planting a "Coronation" oak.

LEAVES FOR ENGLAND.

J. H. Jenkins, who has been long connected with the Le Roi mine as chief boss, left Saturday for England. His stay in England will be but a brief one, as he intends to leave almost immediately for South Africa to accept a position in one of the Rand mines. Quite a number of personal friends were at the station this morning to see him off.

BOARD OF TRADE RECOMMENDS FEDERAL CABINET TO INCREASE LEAD BONUS.

RESOLUTION PASSED ASKING INCREASE FROM \$5 TO \$10 PER TON.

The Rossland Board of Trade came out strongly on the question of silver-lead bonuses as a method of stimulating this important industry in the Kootenays.

The meeting called for last evening at the Board of Trade rooms was intended to include citizens generally, but the attendance was practically confined to members of the organization, the unpleasant weather doubtless preventing a larger turnout of the general public.

The consensus of opinion among the board members present at the session is reported in the appended resolution passed after transmission to the Federal Cabinet:

"Whereas, The present import duties on lead and manufactured lead products are much below the parity of customs duties levied on similar classes of goods coming into Canada;

"Resolved, That the citizens of Rossland strongly urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of increasing the duties on pig lead, white lead, red lead and other manufactures of lead, thereby furnishing the Canadian producer of pig lead with an additional market in his own country; and,

"Whereas, There is not being produced at the present time, owing to the low price of lead in ore, sufficient bullion to enable a refinery to earn the amount of the Dominion bounty; therefore, be it further

"Resolved, That the government be requested to increase the present bounty to \$10 per ton for the first year, \$8 the second year, \$6 the third year, \$4 the fourth year and \$2 the fifth year, providing that the total bounty paid in any one year shall not exceed \$100,000."

The foregoing was arrived at without a lengthy discussion. It was without a dissenting voice that the resolution was adopted. The meeting was intended to extend protection to the Canadian silver-lead industry sufficient to place the industry on a footing with other home industries. Mr. Goodve presented a variety of most interesting statistics in the course of his remarks and evidenced a solid grasp of the extremely intricate subject with which he dealt.

J. A. MacDonald, who is a director of the London-Railleur Consolidated Mines, and therefore a producer of silver-lead ores, enlivened the discussion with a series of queries which tended to establish that the doubling of the subsidy at this juncture when there was not within the Dominion a lead manufacturer of such provision in the tariff as would induce a lead manufacturer to establish the necessary refining plant, would merely have the effect of placing in the pocket of the refiner a present of \$10 per ton on his production. In the actual producer would be benefited thereby. This precipitated another phase of the question on which the discussion was of interest.

The meeting would probably have recommended the government to increase the protective tariff on lead products had it not been for the assurance widely disseminated through the press of Canada that the administration positively refused to consider the question of tariff alterations until the return of the premier from the conference of coronation gathering. In the face of this it was concluded that the industry was to secure an increase in the bounty as suggested in the resolution finally adopted.

IN FORCE.—The reduced rates on merchandise handled out of Spokane to Rossland over the Spokane Falls & Northern are now in force, and business men are enjoying the advantage thereof.

ABANDONED.—The action of the Turf Club in relinquishing the idea of holding a race meeting at Sunnyside park on the 24th inst. has led to the abandonment of the proposition to hold a celebration locally on the holiday. The baseball attractions will apparently furnish the only amusements which Rossland will have on that day.

NO DESERTER.—C. J. Hatch, the volunteer who was sworn in as a member of the Rossland quota of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and failed to depart with the balance of the contingent, has forwarded the following explanation of the circumstance to The Miner: "I take this opportunity of stating that being at work and failing to receive notice of the departure of the party, I was not aware that the contingent had received instructions to leave on Monday. I feel exceedingly sorry that the mistake has been made, and desire to express my willingness to go to the front at any time at the call of my country."

LEFT ROSSLAND.—Numerous friends will learn that it is the intention of Harry V. Greene to sever his connection with the Golden City. Mr. Greene has tendered his resignation as paymaster at the War Eagle and Centre Star mines for the purpose of accepting the important post of traveling representative of the big distilling firm of Hiram Walker & Sons. He will be in charge of considerable territory in the east, and will therefore be a visitor to Rossland in the course of his business. Mr. Greene came to this city in 1898, and in the course of his residence here won the friendship of many citizens, in which the employees of the mines with which he is connected are prominent. These will miss the miner in wishing the ex-paymaster continued success in his new field.

WILL NOT GIVE KOOTENAYS CONNECTION WITH IMPERIAL LIMITED.

MEANS THAT CANADIAN ROAD WILL LOSE THROUGH BUSINESS OF DISTRICT.

The fact is now pretty thoroughly established in railroad circles that when the Canadian Pacific resumes its Imperial Limited service from coast to coast, no provision will be made to give the Kootenay country connection with the fast through trains.

The statement will be received with surprise in this district, although Rosslanders will not be seriously inconvenienced for the reason that they will be enabled to use the American lines via the Spokane Falls & Northern. In Nelson some objection may be raised, although Nelsonites could make the trip to Spokane and still reach eastern points ahead of the Canadian Pacific local trains, which they will be compelled to take if the Imperial Limited service connection is abandoned.

In past years since the Imperial Fly-ers were placed on the main line, the Canadian Pacific always took particular pains to cater for the through passenger traffic, originating in the Kootenay district and terminating in the Pacific coast. The change of front this year is inexplicable save on the ground that the through business from the coast points is sufficient to tax the accommodation of the Flyers. Even on this basis it is difficult to understand why the big corporation should take a step that apparently should take the abandonment of this territory to the American roads so far as through passenger business is concerned, for this is practically what the move means. Of the passenger trade originating in Rossland and district in the Boundary, by far the largest proportion is through business, and this class of travelers will never be agreeable to patronizing a local train with the spectacle of a limited flyer whirling past at various way stations. The American roads will, of course, rejoice to note the decision to which the Canadian Pacific has come, for they will have the practical assurance of all the through business that is not compelled to go over the Canadian road. From the sentimental standpoint the move is unfortunate, for there is undoubtedly a strong feeling among many persons that a Canadian road should be patronized, other things being equal. The latest move of the Canadian Pacific entirely alters matters, and sentiment will have but little weight when weighed in the balance with time saved in a transcontinental trip.

AL'S. DINNER PAIL FORMED IMPORTANT FACTOR IN RUFE FOR EVADING CREDITORS AT DEPOT.

HOW A WELL KNOWN ROSSLAND MAN MANAGED TO LEAVE CITY UNSUSPECTED.

A good story is going the rounds as to the incidents attending the exit from the camp of Al. Lonsdale, late shift boss at the Le Roi mine. Lonsdale was one of the bosses whose services were not required after the force in the mine was reduced. He was a first-class man in every respect, and the company had arranged to utilize his services in another capacity, when an acquaintance offered to divide a stake on the understanding that both would try their fortunes in Mexico. Lonsdale accepted the offer and made his arrangements to depart.

During the four or five years that Lonsdale lived in Rossland he earned the highest wages in the camp, spent his salary liberally and loaned money to friends. When he came to leave he found himself with a number of "dead horses" to settle for and could not raise the funds to liquidate. Under these circumstances he resolved to adopt a ruse de guerre that worked out neatly. Shortly before the Spokane Falls & Northern train pulled out at noon, Lonsdale hove in sight with his dinner bucket in hand and equipped for work. His pal was aboard the train with the luggage for both, but Lonsdale made the play good by calling to the conductor in a voice that reached every one near by that he desired to get off at the Black Bear. When the train left Lonsdale was on the steps of one of the coaches with the dinner bucket apparently ready to jump when the mine was reached. If any of his creditors were in the neighborhood they were satisfied that he was not leaving town. The creditors would certainly have been surprised had they been at the Black Bear plant when the train passed, for instead of alighting, Lonsdale pitched his bucket as far as a strong arm could throw it and went into the car to join his friend.

Without discussing the merits of the ruse, it may be stated that Al. Lonsdale left many friends in Rossland, all of whom will join in wishing him success under the folds of the Mexican flag.

NEWFOUNDLAND. Active Fishing Operations on the Grand Banks.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 3.—Practically all the French fishermen operating on the Grand Banks and the Newfoundland Treaty coast have arrived here. The Newfoundland revenue cruiser Firma is now patrolling the bait region. British and French war ships are expected to reach the coast next week to assume the regular fishery patrol.

A TERRIFIC STORM.

It Took on Tornado Proportions at Some Points.

OMAHA, Neb., May 3.—Reports received here indicate that a most serious storm of lightning, wind and rain, reaching from Waterloo to Oelwin, Iowa, struck that section at 5 o'clock this evening. The extent of the damage is not yet known but it is learned that it will be most serious in the vicinity of Dewar, 10 miles east of Waterloo. At that point all telegraph and telephone wires were blown down. The extent of the damage is not known but it is feared that the storm took on tornado proportions at some points.

SOON TO SAIL.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 3.—The transport Cestrian, which sails from Halifax on the 8th inst., will have 3rd regiment and two squadrons of the Regiment under Major O'Farrell. The Winifredian will sail on the 14th inst. and will have the 6th regiment and the headquarters and two squadrons of 4th regiment. The Corinthian which sails on the 20th will have the fifth regiment aboard.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual stockholders' meeting of The Lucky Boy Mining & Development Company, Limited, of Rossland, B. C., will be held at the company's office at the store of O. M. Fox & Co., in Rossland, on May 26th, at 2 p. m.

S. L. MYERS, President.

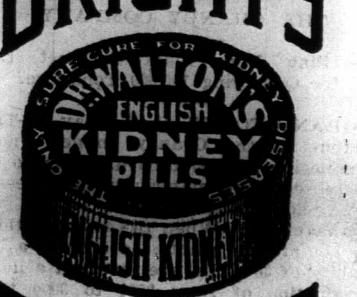
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