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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The "Flow Sheet" of the Slocan Star mill that accompanies this month's MINING RECORD will probably prove of much interest to mining men, especially those having to do with ore concentration.

The contributor of the interesting description of the West Fork of Kettle river we publish this month desires to acknowledge his indebtedness to the kind courtesy of Messrs. J. C. Dale, Hugh Wood and Clement Vacher for much of the information given.

Press despatches state that the British Columbia Copper Co. intends increasing its authorized capital from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000, and that "the J. J. Hill interests have an option on 40 per cent of the stock of the company." No official information is available at present to confirm or deny these statements, but it is known that the company's general manager last week received a telegram to immediately proceed to New York, and that he at once left Greenwood for that city, where is situated the company's head office.

There is a suggestiveness about the following from Spokane, Washington, that our coast cities might do well to take a note of: "Spokane is fast taking rank as a mining machinery centre. Three years ago the iron industry here was almost nil. Now there are 275 skilled men employed in the foundries and machine shops here. An extensive trade is being built up with southern British Columbia. The Union Iron Works has built five complete smelting furnaces, besides doing a great deal of repair work. It is employing about 125 men, mostly on mine and smelter supplies."

The Nelson *Tribune* lately made this statement: "The only large mine operating in the Similkameen is the highest grade copper mine in British Columbia, and one of the highest grade on the continent. Average values range from \$80 to \$100 a ton." We think the *Tribune* mistaken. The Nickel Plate, near Hedley, is the only mine in the Similkameen that has yet produced ore in quantity, and of this the provincial mineralogist noted, in "Progress of Mining," (Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for 1904) that last year it "mined and treated about 10,000 tons of ore, yielding values of from \$12 to \$15 a ton, chiefly in gold."