

ITS GROWING TIME

NUMEROUS INDICATIONS OF INCREASED ACTIVITY IN SILICOAN DISTRICT.

SOME DETAILS AS TO PRESENT OPERATIONS AMONG MINES.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The effect of the bounty on lead produced in Canada is becoming steadily more noticeable throughout the Silicoan. The country is rapidly opening up, and whereas the district was in a semi-paralyzed condition a few months since, reports are now to hand from various sources pointing to the increasing activity that promises to be characteristic of the district as soon as the full benefit of the bounty can be utilized.

From a well known Silicoan mining man, The Miner has the following notes on present conditions: The Jackson mine, which has not been operated for the past three or four years, has resumed work. It is employing fifteen to twenty men and is milling sixty tons of ore daily. The Antelope, an adjoining property, belonging to the same company, is stopping in a two foot lead of clean ore and has in contemplation a deep level tunnel to open up the vein at a depth of some 1000 feet. The approximate cost of this work is \$20,000, and the exceedingly high grade ore justifies the outlay. The Silicoan Star has struck a new shoot of ore on the Silversmith lead. The shoot is four feet in width, two feet of which is clean and averaging 170 ounces of silver per ton in carload lots. The property is working forty men and will increase its crew steadily. The same company has opened up a property that has lain dormant for the past ten years—the Noodyan on Cody creek. Bruce White is in charge of the work, and a report is current that a strong shoot of high grade ore has already been encountered. Everyone is familiar with the fact that in recent days W. W. Warner, a pioneer miner of the Silicoan, has picked up a two foot lead of 110 ounce ore on the well known Miller creek property.

At the Idaho an aerial tramway is contemplated to connect the lower adit with the loading station on the Canadian Pacific at Alamo. The present surface tramway is regarded as having outlived its usefulness, and the proposed new tram line will very substantially facilitate the extensive shipping operations which continued development for the past two years has placed the Idaho in shape to inaugurate. The American Boy is working fifteen men and shipping regularly. On Sunday last two cars were shipped, the Noble Five tramway being utilized to get the product to the railroad. The company is in excellent shape, having cash in the bank, ore in sight and ore in transit.

The Payne under the management of Alfred C. Gende, E. M., is entitled to the distinction of being Silicoan's premier mine. Its crew numbers ninety, and 300 tons of concentrates are being shipped monthly to the Trail smelter. The completion of the zinc saving plant has been unfortunately delayed through loss of the separator, which went to the bottom of the Missouri river in the recent floods. Six months may be required to replace the missing machinery, and the inauguration of zinc separating in the Silicoan is deferred by exactly this period, a fact which is deeply to be regretted.

The Rambler-Cariboo employs about 90 men, and makes shipments averaging 500 tons of concentrates monthly. The mill is running night and day, and it is estimated that a product running about \$75 per ton is being sent to the smelter. A new tunnel is being run to tap the vein at a considerably lower depth, and a flume nearly two miles in length is being constructed to furnish water for the operation of a proposed new compressor plant, which will do away with the expensive teaming of fuel from the railroad to the mine.

MUCH ALARM FELT

ROSSLAND DOCTORS GO TO AT-TEND GEORGE H. BAYNE.

HIS CONDITION IS CRITICAL AND THE WORST IS NOW FEARED.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The friends of George H. Bayne, whose experiences under the claws of a silver-tip bear last week have brought him to death's door, are greatly agitated over his condition. Last evening Doctors Campbell and Kenning left for Ferguson to consult on Mr. Bayne's case. Their report will be awaited with great anxiety by friends here and elsewhere.

The interest manifested in Mr. Bayne's case is remarkable. Expressions of sympathy are heard on all sides. Late Tuesday night a telegraphic message was received from Ferguson to the effect that septic meningitis was feared. This is taken as indicating that the preliminary symptoms of blood poisoning in the vicinity of the brain have set in. Should this aspect of the case develop the patient's condition will be extremely precarious. The latest telegram from Ferguson reads as follows: "Bayne very low. No worse. Consultation tomorrow if condition not improved. Brother will be here Friday. Medical attendance good. (Signed) "W. DONALD."

Andrew Bayne of Halifax, a brother of the injured man, arrived in Revelstoke last night, and will reach his brother's bedside today. Eastern friends and relatives have telegraphed

NEWS OF THE COAST

A track watchman named Harry Gilstead was walking along the track about two miles west of North Bend when he was struck by a freight train and instantly killed. The remains were taken to North Bend. The deceased, who was a member of the I. O. O. F., had no relatives in this province as far as is known.

VICTORIA TO COME

VANCOUVER LACROSSE CLUB FAILS, AND VIC'S COME INSTEAD.

CHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT THE QUALITY OF SUMMER CARNIVAL LACROSSE.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The crack Victoria lacrosse club will meet Nelson here during the summer carnival instead of the Vancovers, as was originally arranged. Yesterday the Vancouver men wired that owing to a rearrangement of some schedule, apparently affecting games to be played at the coast, although this was not stated in the message, their team could not fill the engagement here during the celebration.

This put the celebration committee in a quandary, which was speedily and satisfactorily dissipated. Soon after a telegram of remonstrance had been sent to Vancouver a letter came to hand from Victoria, that solved the problem satisfactorily. Victoria offered to come here for the celebration dates if the committee would put up the expenses of the team, which were estimated at \$75, a substantial reduction from the expenditure necessary to bring in Vancouver. Victoria has a fast lacrosse team, almost, if not quite, as strong as Vancouver, and the committee was intensely relieved to receive their sportsmanlike offer, after the failure to arrange with New Westminster and Vancouver's unexpected disappointment. A telegraphic message was immediately sent closing with Victoria, and further details will be arranged by letter. It is probable that the team's expenses will be somewhat greater than their estimate when all the items are considered, but \$600 will certainly foot the bill. In any event the lacrosse players from the capital only ask their legitimate expenses, which is regarded as an evidence of good sportsmanship.

IN THE JUNO MINE

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR THE OWNERS OF THIS NELSON PROPERTY.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR MEANS OF ACCESS TO THE VENUS TRAMWAY.

NELSON, Aug. 5.—Negotiations are under way between the Juno and Venus mining companies to run an up-rail from the No. 2 tunnel on the latter to the main tunnel on the Juno. This will give the latter property access to the tramway terminal, so that their ore can be handled for about a dollar a ton from the mine to the Athabasca mill.

Both properties are showing up very well, and a successful season's operations are assured. On the Juno a shaft has been sunk for three hundred feet on the main lead, which is four feet wide at the surface, and one hundred feet down the shaft a drift has been run for one hundred feet and is in solid ore all the way. At the surface the lead has been tested by open cuts for two hundred feet. At the one hundred foot level the lead is even wider than at the surface, and the foot and hanging walls are clearly defined.

The rich paystreak which was struck on this property a fortnight ago was encountered one hundred feet east of the main shaft, and has since been traced through the lead as far as it has been opened. The whole lead is of free milling rock, which can be taken out as it has to be sacked and packed out, so that if the deal alluded to is made some big dividends are in sight for the owners of the mine, as all the tunnels and shafts of the property are in ore.

SECURED GOOD TEACHERS.

Excellent Additions to Public School Staff.

The public schools of Rossland reopen at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Pupils are particularly requested to be present the first two days.

In filling the vacancies on the staff the school board has made every effort to procure the best teachers possible, and they have succeeded admirably. The room formerly taught by Miss Blair will be taken by Miss Lyons, who has taught for five years at Vernon. She has had Normal training, and is considered to be one of the best teachers of intermediate work in the province. The primary class in the Central school will be taken by Miss Milligan, another Normal graduate, who has taught successfully for the past seven years in the graded school at Cumberland. During Mr. Elley's absence at the Normal school, his place will be filled by Mr. Barron, late principal of Ladysmith graded school, who holds an academic certificate.

When Miss VanSickle leaves at the end of September to take a university course her room will be taught by Miss Donovan, B. A., who is at present attending Normal school. She holds an academic certificate, and has had six years' experience as a teacher. These, added to the thoroughly efficient teachers now employed, will compose a staff that should make Rossland schools second to none in the province.

NEWS OF THE COAST

By a vote of 22 to 14, the Cumberland miners rejected the colliery company's proposals to return to work, and the strike will be continued.

F. McB. Young was chosen as Liberal candidate for Comox district. On the first vote Mr. Young led, D. Millard came second and several votes were given to H. Lucas. On the second vote Mr. Young obtained a majority of four, and the nomination was then made unanimous.

Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., having declared that if ununanimously supported by the party, he would accept the provincial Liberal leadership and seek a seat in the legislature, Victoria Liberals of the Martin faction have promptly declared against any such unanimity. Mr. Smith will presumably remain in "statu quo" and decline to forsake Ottawa.

An unfortunate German sailor named Reivers lay in agony for hours waiting for a surgeon at the Dominion marine hospital in Victoria. He had a badly broken leg, and it was not until morning on Thursday was well advanced that the necessary attention was paid. A side state of affairs for an institution under the charge of a Dominion authority, which levies the heaviest toll well possible on British Columbia, and in return renders too usually quite inadequate public service.

News of a strike of a body of ore carrying a large percentage of zinc blende was brought to Vancouver by H. C. Magee, timber cruiser, who, with his party, made the find last week. The location of the ledge is on Price's channel, about 80 miles up the coast, close to the water. Samples of the ore taken from the surface gave returns of 25 per cent of zinc, while samples taken from one foot from the surface gave as high as 35 per cent. J. O'Sullivan, who made the assays, stated that the find was a valuable one.

The unfortunate man Caldwell, killed by dynamite off Macaulay Point, leaves two young children. He had himself only shortly before come out of the hospital and was still far from well when his death occurred. There was no sufficiently direct evidence to make it certain that he was intended to dynamite the fish, and there were some things that suggested the possibility of suicide. But the jury, after much consideration, thought that the death was accidental, and thus returned a verdict accordingly. The coroner half suggested an open verdict, there being such elements of doubt in the case as to the circumstances attending the unfortunate man's death.

Scarcity of orders and overstocking of markets prompted the shingle manufacturers at the coast to the conclusion that the local mills must be shut down for at least a month. The shingle-mill men met and thoroughly discussed the situation. They finally decided to close the mills on August 15. They will remain closed for a month and perhaps longer. About one thousand workmen will be affected. If the shutdown is not prolonged beyond thirty days the men in many instances will not feel the ill-effects of enforced idleness, but if the mills remain closed for a longer period the consequences cannot be beneficial. In all probability many of the shingle-mill camps will be closed down. As the workmen are principally Japanese in the camps white men are not greatly concerned in that phase of the situation. Between thirty and forty mills will suspend on the date mentioned.

Mr. Maxwell Smith, Dominion government fruit inspector for British Columbia, who returned to Vancouver a short time ago from a tour of the Okanagan valley, makes the announcement that he proposes visiting every fruit producing district in the province at the earliest possible date, with a view to giving full information on the subject of grading, packing and marketing of fruit packages so as to comply with the provisions of the fruit marks act. Mr. Smith will be pleased to hear from any persons desiring information on this subject, so that infraction of the law this year may be reduced to a minimum and the necessity for prosecutions avoided as much as possible. Merchants importing from foreign countries fruit in closed packages that has not been graded as required by the laws, will be allowed to do so themselves before placing it on the market here. The grade marks required are No. 1, or XXX; No. 2, or XX; or No. 3, or X, according to the quality of the fruit. The fruit marks act will be rigidly enforced this year.

PASSED THE BOURNE

GEORGE H. BAYNE PASSED QUIETLY AWAY FRIDAY EVENING.

FLAGS HALF-MASTED HERE IN MEMORIAM—MUCH REGRET FELT.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

George H. Bayne died Friday evening at Ferguson from the effects of his terrible encounter a week previously with an infuriated silver-tip bear. The end came quietly after ten days' suffering, and the sad announcement caused general regret in Rossland generally, and especially to the intimate friends of the deceased gentleman. It is understood that the body will be taken to Halifax for interment by Andrew Bayne, a brother, who was present at the end. Physicians in charge did all that was possible to avert the fatal ending of the accident, but without success.

The operation of trephining was performed on the injured man on Friday morning, but it was apparent that this did not bring about the favorable results

that were hoped for. The Rossland physicians, Doctors Kenning and Campbell, realized the precarious condition of the patient as soon as they arrived in Ferguson and conducted their preliminary examination. A telegram to this effect was immediately sent to his Rossland friends. Next day the grave aspect of the case was even more apparent, and a second telegram was sent here which paved the way in the minds of most citizens for the announcement of Mr. Bayne's demise last night.

The late George H. Bayne was a son of a wealthy Halifax merchant. Two brothers survive, Andrew and Charles. The former left Halifax for Ferguson immediately on the receipt of the news of the accident, and was with his brother for the last two days of his illness. Deceased was well-to-do himself, and his interest in the Homestake mine represents an investment of a very large sum of money. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

A number of flags are half-masted in the city today as a token of respect for the departed.

DOCTORS RETURN.

Doctors Kenning and Campbell have returned from Ferguson. On their arrival there Mr. Bayne was unconscious, although he had been conscious for a week following the accident. Stertorous breathing and other symptoms indicated pressure on the brain, and in consultation Friday morning a "trephine" at the base of the skull was readily located. Trephining was resorted to, and when the bone that had pressed against the brain was removed it was found that a small artery had been broken, causing internal hemorrhage. The operation relieved the patient perceptibly, but his weakness had reached such an advanced stage that the physicians understood from the start that the operation might not avert death. The doctors left at noon Friday, and were not surprised to learn of Mr. Bayne's death before reaching Rossland.

THREE WEEKS MORE

WILL SEE POSTOFFICE BUILDING THROWN OPEN TO PUBLIC.

FINISHING TOUCHES NOW UNDER WAY IN THE INTERIOR.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

September first will see the Rossland postoffice ready for occupation and in active service. The finishing touches to the interior are now under way, and it is regarded as certain that three weeks will suffice amply to complete the work. The painting and varnishing now being completed require time to be properly performed, but good progress is being made by Messrs. Lemoine & Fortin, who have the contract.

A pleasant surprise is in store for Rosslanders when the handsome federal building is opened. The interior fittings of the building are exceptionally attractive and substantial. On entering the main entrance from Columbia avenue a commodious public office reveals itself. Desks are supplied for the use of the public, together with notice boards on which postal regulations will be posted. The partition between the public and private sections of the office is of quartered oak with ground glass panels half way to the ceiling, and heavy wire screens for the balance of the distance. The oak is highly varnished and finished, and presents a handsome appearance. The wickets through which mail will be distributed are heavily corniced in oak, and the same applies to the inquiry and stamp wickets. Round two sides of the partition are private boxes. These are about the same size as those in the present office, but are of an exceptionally neat design, with heavy plate glass fronts. Larger drawers of oak are provided in the lower tier. Of the smaller boxes there are 228, with 83 drawers of larger capacity. Behind the wickets the fittings are substantial and neat.

In the new office every facility is afforded for the conduct of the post-office on a first class basis and a big improvement in this direction is expected.

THE HUMBERT CASE.

MADAME THERESE HAS A POOR OPINION OF THE JUDGE.

PARIS, Aug. 10.—The trial of the Humberts was resumed this morning. Madame Therese Humbert created several scenes when M. Bonnet, the presiding judge, insisted on examining Frederick Humbert, her husband. Madame Therese said, rising: "I demand to be heard. I am strong today and will explain where the millions are." The judge, however, proceeded despite Madame Humbert's constant interruptions. Madame Therese then exclaimed: "Mon-sieur, the president, you are clearly showing by your manner that you are against us. You should dismiss your feelings and try to appear impartial." The judge ordered Madame Humbert to desist, but she again shouted: "You are continually showing your prejudice." Frederick Humbert maintained that the operations of the insurance concern were conducted in good faith, and claimed that public prejudice roused against the Humbert family brought about the failure of the concern. He denied that the residence of the Humberts was connected by secret telephones. Madame Therese here also exclaimed: "Lies, more lies." Frederick Humbert said he devoted most of his time to art and poetry, leaving the entire financial operations to his wife.

RETURNING TO WORK.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 10.—It is estimated that 10,000 operatives in the textile trade reported for duty today at the various mills, and a similar number, it is said, will resume work tomorrow. This is the first serious break in the textile workers' strike, which has been in progress since June last.

BOUGHT A BONANZA

PURCHASER OF LUCKY JACK PROPERTY IN ROSSLAND TODAY.

W. B. POOL BOUGHT THE PROPERTY FOR \$200,000—WELL PLEASED.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The first big turn-over on Poplar creek was the sale of a three-fourths interest in the Lucky Jack claim for \$200,000, and William B. Pool, who put up the money, is in Rossland today. Mr. Pool is well known locally, and the story of his successive strikes in the Ferguson and Camborne camps is familiar to all. With lots of experience as a prospector and miner, he handled several properties that turned out big winners, and he is now ranked as one of the wealthiest mining men in the Kootenays.

He thinks he has made the biggest turn of his life by paying \$200,000 for the majority interest in the Lucky Jack. Mr. Pool was in the Lardeau when the Poplar creek excitement broke out. He was one of the first outsiders to get into the scene of the bonanza strikes, and he promptly sized up the Lucky Jack as the biggest thing in sight. Thereupon, to quote his own words, he camped on the ground until he had put through a deal for the acquisition of the property. The fourth interest which he failed to secure is owned by a veteran prospector, named Ed Morgan, and Morgan wouldn't part with his interest in the Lucky Jack for all the coin in the realm. He absolutely refuses to consider the question of selling.

"We have a million dollars in sight on the Lucky Jack," says Mr. Pool, and although he would probably qualify his statement on cross-examination, he certainly thinks his two hundred thousand is invested where it will earn big returns. "What are you going to do with the property?" was asked of him last night. "Why, put in a stamp mill and turn out the gold," was his succinct reply. Mr. Pool brought out a big sack of magnificent samples, and these will be on exhibition to his friends at the Palace hotel today.

THE WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Robert Hunter was the hostess at a large progressive "500" party on Friday night. Miss K. Boulbee and Mr. Davis carried off the first prizes and Miss Smith and Mr. Rose the "booby." The guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mackintosh, Mr. and Mrs. Duthie, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Barker, and the Misses Harris, Bennett, Boulbee, Falding, Honey and Smith, and Messrs. Dewdney, Phillips, Cosgro, Oliver, McKelvie, Tuttle and Ruff.

Mrs. Hinton left on Friday for her home in New Westminster.

T. G. Blackstock left for Toronto on Saturday.

Mr. and Miss Fraser left for Halcyon on Friday night.

G. Cruickshank left for Vancouver on Tuesday morning.

F. W. Rolt returned on Saturday, from England.

Mrs. Bennett leaves on Tuesday morning for a visit to Grand Forks.

Miss Kath Kehoe, of Spokane, is visiting with Miss Humphreys.

The Young Men's Institute in connection with the Sacred Heart parish were the guests at a pleasant function on Wednesday evening at the residence of E. C. Lockwood, east Columbia avenue. The occasion was a reception in honor of the choir of the church and the members of the Sodality of the Children of Mary. Light refreshments were served, social exercises were indulged in, and the party spent a delightful evening. Among those in attendance were the following: Rev. Father Caldwell, S. J.; Messames Preston, O'Brien, Costello, Honey and Quirk; Misses Lillie and Kath Dyer, Shanahan, Honey, Cosgriff, Nicholson, O'Hearn, Preston, Stassi, Clisbalm, Ohren, Richards, Donahue, Adams, Madore and Morrison; Messrs. F. Levesauer, W. Levesauer, Barnaby, Preston, McMahon, McMillan, Costello, Donahue, Penny, Walsh, Strass, McDonell and Wright.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIAL.

The following is the program for the dance given by the Chancel Guild of St. George's next Tuesday night:

- 1. Waltz—"Sweethearts Again" Mackie
- 2. Two-step—"Varsity Girl" Ashton
- 3. Lancers—Ermaline Jacobowski
- 4. French Minuet—Costello
- 5. Waltz—"Dream of the Ball" Krell
- 6. Two-step—"Charlatan" Sousa
- 7. Scottische—"Old Homestead" Zimmerman
- 8. Waltz—"Molly on the Trolley" Maywood
- 9. Three-step—"One Heart One Soul" Strass
- 10. Two-step—"Cake Walk Patrol" Krell
- 11. Waltz—"Skaters" Waldenfel
- 12. Two-step—"King Carnival" Rosey
- 13. Rye Waltz—Holzmann
- 14. Two-step—"Humky Dory" Holzmann
- 15. Waltz Quadrille—"Gasperone" Milleoeker
- 16. Polka—"Love Letter" Ziehrst
- 17. Waltz—"Zenda Waltzes" Witmark
- 18. Two-step—"King Cotton" Strass
- 19. Waltz—"Blue Danube" Strass
- 20. Virginia Reel—"Sir Roger de Coverley"

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