

FEBRUARY

Two Dollars a Year.

IT WAS A SURPRISE

Iron Colt Made a Big Discovery Adjoining the Shaft.

LOOKS LIKE CROWN POINT

In Excavating for a Foundation For the Machinery Plant a Large Ore Body Has Been Exposed—Has a Rich Appearance.

There is a great showing just now at the Iron Colt. Some days ago an excavation was started for the new machinery plant to be put in. The rock and debris were cut away for some distance on the north and northwest of the old shaft so that suitable foundations could be secured. This led to the discovery that the whole of the hillside at that point is included in one very wide ledge, very much as is the case with the Kootenay vein in the east side of Columbia hill.

The shaft which has been sunk on the Iron Colt has evidently failed to reveal anything like the true extent of the ore body which must exist here. This ore body lies to the north and west of the shaft, and can easily be tapped by a crosscut from the bottom of the shaft.

It is doubtful if any stronger surface showing has ever been seen in the camp than that now shown at the Iron Colt. The clean ore lies in a wide compact mass very much as it did when the first discovery was made on the Crown Point. It can be shot out in blocks as big as a peck measure and is of fine, close grained texture. It is impossible to see just how wide the ore is, but it will be shown by a few shots which are to be put in at once.

The purpose of W. A. Campbell, president and manager of the company, is to continue sinking the shaft to the 100-foot level and then run a crosscut toward the big ore ledge and thus discover its exact extent. A lot of the ore has been brought down to the office of Mr. Campbell and anybody will be welcomed at the mine who cares to go out there and see the fine ore body now exposed.

ARE MAKING CONNECTIONS.

Red Mountain and Columbia & Western Railways Getting Together. A crew of men are at work extending the track of the Red Mountain across the Golden Chariot to the track of the Columbia & Western railway with the apparent purpose of making a connection between the two roads. This leads color to the report that the Canadian Pacific is arranging to run cars through to Spokane.

It is now definitely settled that the track of the Columbia & Western between Trail and Rossland is to be widened so as to permit the passage of standard gauge cars, and that this is to be done in pursuance of an arrangement with the C. P. R. by which that company can land freight in Rossland without breaking bulk.

It is not at all improbable that the C. P. R. will be delivering freight and passengers in Spokane via Rossland by the 1st of June.

ON CARIBOO CREEK.

Forty-Foot Ledge With Rich Galena in the Hanging Wall. Captain S. H. Webb, foreman of the Winnipeg & Eureka Mining company's property, has just come down from Cariboo creek. He reports that the work is being vigorously pushed forward with day and night shifts. In order to avoid water and showblows he has abandoned No. 3 tunnel for the present and opened up a new one a little lower down and further north.

THE GALENA MINES.

A Paragraph Which Has Gone the Rounds of the London Press. The Galena Mines Limited. Extract from Mr. C. W. Callahan's letter of Dec. 22.

The new ledge running north and south has been exposed by open cuts 800 feet south of the shaft and 200 feet north which demonstrates its existence for at least 1,000 feet. I have no doubt of its existence beyond these limits and expect to prove them up during the winter. The mine manager cables: "Started the machinery on 4th of January, everything working well."

SULLIVAN CREEK MINES.

St. Paul Goldie & Bennis Visited By Experts—A Chilly Experience. John Y. Cole, Henry Phillips, W. R. Rawlston, Frank Guse and Mr. Dawson, who have been absent for several days visiting their mining properties on Sullivan creek, had a chilly experience Tuesday night.

They went to the river to meet the boat, which was expected to take the Nakusp passengers from Rossland to Trail, but as the Nakusp was delayed the party was obliged to camp out without any of the luxuries of civilization, like the lone ranger of the morning. Frank Guse, who went out to examine the work on the St. Pauls, says that the tunnel, which is now 112 feet, will cross the lead in a few more feet at depth of 110 feet. The lead is from 15

to 20 feet wide and assays have been obtained as high as \$107 in antimony, a good percentage in silver and \$12 in gold.

Mr. Dawson, the expert of the White Bear, accompanied John Y. Cole and Mr. Phillips for the purpose of making an examination of the Galena and Bennis properties. They are supposed to be on the same lead as the St. Paul, only a small fraction being between them. The crosscut tunnel on these properties was started a few days ago and it is expected to tap the lead by driving 90 feet further. These properties have a large surface showing.

NORTH FORK OF SALMON.

Armstrong Mine Has High Grade Galena—Treasure Box Also Working.

S. Marshall returned yesterday from the north fork of Salmon river, where he is interested in the Armstrong property with W. Reaney and J. Harrison. The claim is located about two miles southwest of North Fork station, and three quarters of a mile from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. A tunnel is now driven on the property, 40 feet on the vein, but the vein matter is not yet ledged and no walls are in sight. There are three feet of ore in the face of the tunnel.

The ore is quartz, carrying galena and assays of 180 ounces in silver and 42 1/2 per cent. in lead, have been obtained. A surface cut has been made 400 feet up the hill, and shows ore of a similar character. Work will be continued in the tunnel.

Three men are working on the Treasure Box, an adjoining claim. A crosscut tunnel has been driven which will tap the ledge at a depth of 75 feet by March 1. Assays obtained from the surface run over \$108 in gold, silver and copper.

RUTH AND ESTHER.

Two Sophie Mountain Properties that Promise to Be Mines.

The Hon. Robert Neill, ex-senator of Shoshone county, Idaho, is in camp perfecting arrangements for the extensive development of the Ruth and Esther, two claims on the same ledge as the well known Victory and Triumph on Sheep creek. The Ruth is on the direct east extension of the Victory.

Both the Ruth and Esther are on the Victory-Triumph ledge, which can be easily traced for more than 3,000 feet. Mr. Neill did some work on the Ruth last summer, sinking a shaft about 40 feet deep. He obtained fairly good assays on the surface and is confident of finding a large ore body of paying quality.

PORT OF NELSON.

Over \$675,000 Worth of Mine Products Exported in January.

Through the courtesy of George Johnson, collector of the port of Nelson, we are enabled to give the following statistics for that port for the month of January, 1897, and January, 1896:

Table with columns: Description, 1896, 1897. Items include Durable goods, Free goods, Total imports, Duty collected, Other revenues, Total revenue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Crown Point and War Eagle. ROSSLAND, Feb. 3, 1897.

EDITOR MINER: Sir—in your issue of February 3, 1897, you describe the very successful operation of the Golderhand on the Crown Point mine and the new War Eagle Consolidated Mining and Development company, concluding your article with the observation that the following lessons are to be derived from the history of these deals:

- 1. That it pays to buy shares in properties that have a real substantial value.
2. That it pays to be in with men who have financial strength.
3. Prudence and the Miners warn us that it is well to be in with men who have financial strength. The directors of the War Eagle are supposed to be such men, yet by "being in" with them we have lost heavily.

LE ROI SALE LIKELY

Canadian Member of Parliament Believed to Have an Option.

LONDON MEN INTERESTED

The Recent Talk Emanating From Spokane is Mostly Pure Guess Work—There is No Assurance Yet That the Deal Will Be Closed.

It has long been known in Rossland that a prominent member of the Canadian parliament now in London has been negotiating for the purchase of the Le Roi mine. It was understood some time ago that these negotiations had proceeded so far that he had secured an option to purchase the property at a stated figure and expected to close up the sale very shortly.

We think, therefore that most of the talk which comes to us now from Spokane regarding negotiations and offers for the mine, are pure guess work. If the gentleman in question has not an understanding with the owners of the mine long ago he would appear to have begun his business at the wrong end.

SPokane, Wash., Feb. 3.—[Special.]

Owing to the absence of Frank Graves and Colonel Redpath the meeting of Le Roi trustees adjourned until Friday.

Spokane Review.

It is known that the officers, trustees and stockholders of the Le Roi mine are now considering a cash offer for that great property. Frequent conferences are being held at the offices of the company in this city, and telegrams are passing between the owners and the intending purchasers, who are understood to be London interests. Several conferences were held yesterday with Senator-elect Turner, after his return from Olympia. Mr. Turner is general manager of the property.

The officers and trustees decline to give any information for publication, but it is general belief among mining men that the price offered is between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. One report has it that the owners had yesterday used \$2,855 per share, but this lacked confirmation. It is a fact, however, that some of the owners are averse to selling at less than \$10 per share, or \$5,000,000 for the mine.

C. P. R. IN KOOTENAY.

Daily Steamer Will Be Put on the Columbia April 1.

Vancouver News-Advertiser: Mr. H. Abbott, general superintendent of the C. P. R., returned yesterday from his annual visit to Montreal in connection with the expenditure to be made on this division during the current year.

Regarding the service in Kootenay Mr. Abbott stated that the management fully realized the importance of having a direct line of service on April 1, by which time it was expected that the company's new passenger boat would be completed. In addition to this steamer another fast boat will be built for service on the Columbia and Kootenay rivers as possible.

SITUATION IN EAST KOOTENAY.

Crow's Nest Railway Would Boom Things—Mines Ready to Ship. Fort Steele Prospector: The Crow's Nest pass, through which the proposed railway will enter the Kootenay valley, has an elevation of 5,500 feet above sea level. This is about 200 feet higher than the Kicking Horse pass, through which the Canadian Pacific railway now crosses the Rocky mountains. It is reported that the grade of the proposed road through the proposed Crow's Nest pass will only be one per cent. The proposed road will open up the largest mineral country yet discovered, a section of vast, undeveloped mineral wealth, yet in its infancy. East Kootenay has coal, copper, gold and silver mines, which are being developed. This road when completed, will be the means of opening the whole southern portion of east Kootenay. It will run a distance of 150 miles through a section of country rich in mineral, tributary to, and dependent upon this road for future shipment of ore and supplies. There are over 500 mineral claims on the line of, tributary to this proposed road. The North Star can ship 100 tons daily; the St. Eugene 50 to 70

IN LONDON'S MARKET

More Attention Being Paid to British Columbia Mines Every Day.

SOME NEW FLOATATIONS

Sir Charles Tupper's Company Was Severely Slated by the 'Fall Mall Gazette'—Promoter Said to Have a Property Up His Sleeve.

London office of THE MINER, 103 Bishopsgate St., Within, E. C. LONDON, Jan. 18.—[Special Correspondence.] This week has not been very lively and the chief interest has centered in Home Ralls owing to the near approach of the dividend season. Money has been firm but somewhat steady, but Indian stocks have been of course affected by the bad news from Bombay. The stock exchange with commendable promptitude started a fund and raised it to £5,000 in an afternoon. (Bankers are still left alone, but Canadians are closely watched. Foreign stocks are not very lively, but it is expected that a fairly good tone will be maintained on the continental bourses since politics are quieter for the moment and the famous "concert" seems pretty unanimous upon the wretched Turkish question. Argentine bonds are attracting much attention and Brazilians have continued to recover, but Uruguay has been down to nearly 40 on revolution rumors. A rumored and unconfirmed amalgamation between two of our biggest breweries, Bass and Allsopp, has been one of the features of the miscellaneous market. The bank dividends have been up to expectation.

The Mining Market.

Although there has been no material increase in public dealing in mining shares, the tone is very much harder and prices show a greater resistance to attack. This is largely due to the marking down process, which was experienced during the greater part of 1896. It is felt that prices have been reduced to a low level as is warranted by the circumstances, and it is believed by market men, whose opinions are entitled to respect, that quoted values are about as low down as they are likely to be for the present. South Africans, in particular, are pulling themselves together, although rumors that the indemnity for the raid into the Transvaal will be fixed at £2,000,000 have helped to check the more buoyant feeling which characterized the opening days of the new year.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

Spokane Company With Stock of Par Value of 25 Cents. SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 3.—[Special.] The Regina Gold Mining company has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$75,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares at par value of 25 cents.

The Chenango Mining company has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The trustees are Charles D. Dunning, L. B. Cornell, E. M. Olin, E. A. Thomas and A. G. Libbey.

A FOLIOSH POLICY.

A Windsor M. P. on the Immigration Bill of Corlies of Detroit. WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 3.—Wm. McGregor, M. P., referring today to the Corlies immigration bill, said: "We are too near to be apart, and we want only friendly relations, but we can retaliate. The greater part of the wealth of this district is taken to Detroit. The people of Essex county, Windsor, Walkerville and Sandwich purchase more in Detroit than in Windsor, but such customs regulations can be enforced to stop Canadians from purchasing goods in Detroit."

"From Michigan and Maine movement to Canada to work during the lumbering season than there are persons who go from all Canada to the United States. Annually 300,000,000 feet of logs are rafted to the United States. They are mainly taken from the Georgian district to the mills in Michigan and the same gang who works in the mills in summer go into the Canadian woods in winter and cut the logs. Large numbers also go from Maine to New Brunswick. This would all be stopped."

"Then American fish companies control all the fishing interests on Lake Erie. In British Columbia the American miners for a small sum can get a license to mine and are given a tract of land and they can get these privileges on the same conditions as the Canadians, but in the event of retaliation the government would deprive them of the privilege in our mines and fisheries."

A Financial Jacob.

Of course the great point is that Sir Charles Tupper is chairman, and this will atone for a multitude of shortcomings. I see that a Rossland man (Mr. E. H. Pope, M. P.) is on the board. The Financial News praised the enterprise and prophesied a future for it. The Pall Mall Gazette in effect "slated" it, pointed out that it was a financial Jacob, and said wait for the Gold Fields company, which is now expected daily.

A Property Up His Sleeve.

Although the prospectus of this company leads one to suppose that it is formed for the purpose of general exploration and development, there is an impression that the promoter has a property up his sleeve which he will produce at the right moment and towards the development—or purchase?—of which the bulk of any capital that may be subscribed will be diverted.

The Coming Boom.

Everyone is prophesying a British Columbia boom this summer, and among the more recent utterances of note is that of Mr. Walker B. Howze, who, with his unique experience of company advertising, etc., may be well looked upon as an authority on these matters and well qualified to express an opinion. In his monthly circular he says of company advertising in British Columbia: "will diminish the lustre of West Australia and South Africa," but he is evidently of the opinion that this will be but temporary.

New British Columbia Companies.

Among the December list of new joint stock companies I note the British Columbia Purchase syndicate, £5,000 capital in £1 shares; the ill-fated Galena mines, £550,000 in £1 shares; the London & British Columbia Alliance syndicate, £15,100 in £1 shares; the London & British Columbia corporation, £100 in £1 shares and the Revelstoke Mining company £10,000 in £1 and 5 shares.

Statistics of New Companies.

In looking down the mining record for 1896 it is observable that North America has received considerable support, and the increase in the number of companies is doubtless due to the preceding year—which in turn showed a very large advance on that of 1894.

Table with columns: Nominal Capital, 1894-95, 1895-96, 1896-97. Items include new companies, total amount, and specific figures.

Of these 103 companies, 37 were formed for the purpose of developing or acquiring mining properties in British Columbia. These include two hundred and eighty-eight thousand eight hundred pounds capital was absorbed, which, when the capital for Canada and Mexico is taken off, leaves but \$6,000,000 for the States.

The total number of mining companies registered during the past year amounts to 857, with a total nominal capital of \$94,419,194. This gigantic total has only been exceeded by that of 1896, which was \$3,887,241, divided among 761 companies. In the "past" preceding years the total nominal capital averaged \$18,200,000, but this year's increase in mining speculation during the past two years; and the figures of last year are more satisfactory to mining men in general than those of its predecessor, because in that year the capital mainly went in two directions.

British Columbia Corporation.

The British Columbia corporation held a meeting today, at which an interim dividend of two per cent was declared, making four per cent for the year. The report which I enclose is satisfactory, and the general business outlook in the province has greatly improved during the past few months—owing to the rapid development of the Kootenay mines. The depression on the Pacific coast which has been so acute during the winter of two months necessarily reacted unfavorably on a company of this sort, which is concerned largely with real estate.

London Press Comment.

There have been two references to British Columbia mines in the press this week which invite comment. In the Fall Mall Gazette an unbiased observer states that the results of his observations lead him to distrust the Kootenay mines, on account of the more or less pocket character of the ledges. He further complains of the excessive prices asked for mining properties, and sums up by stating his preference for hydraulic mining.

In the Statist of January 9 there is a paragraph which speaks most unfavorably of the American method of forming mining companies and warns the British public to be on its guard. The writer has overlooked the fact that although these companies, such as the Big Three and others, nominally possess \$5,000,000 and others, nominally possess \$3,000,000 and others, this does not mean that a vast sum of money has been drawn from the pockets of ignorant and credulous investors, but that an infinitely smaller sum is being subscribed, at intervals, to develop a property which may eventually repay the speculators. True, that \$1 shares may be bought as low as two cents, but this is during early development work when the pamble is greater. The great number of advertisements in the paper that come under the notice of the Statist is also commented on. Surely it cannot be that these flourishing signs excite envy?

The Fall Mall Gazette.

The Fall Mall Gazette has had a good deal to say about British Columbia lately, and if its information is not always startling, any notice of the province is welcome even if it is a little opinion can but be educated slowly. I think you ought to study this criticism carefully, for coming from a British Columbia it is sure to have some effect upon public opinion in this country.

Lectures on the Province.

You Imperial institute has arranged a series of interesting lectures on "British Columbia Mining," illustrated by line drawings of some of the principal mineral light pictures. This should help to awaken interest in the province. The Canadian Pacific railway with charitable energy is helping to make this series of lectures known among the public, and in every other way possible always trying to call attention to the wonderful mineral resources of the province, north, south, east and west.

JUST A FAIRY

WITCH HAZEL CHESTNUT

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No Matter How Deep a Body of Mineral is Buried If He Walks That Way It is as Good as in Sight—Can Estimate Their Depth.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 30.—[Special.]—If reports coming from Fairview mining district in British Columbia are true, and to doubt them is to disbelieve the word of a number of well-known and responsible mining men, R. S. Warren has discovered a process whereby the precious as well as the base minerals of the earth, no matter how deeply they may be hidden down in its bowels, can be detected and accurately located. The process by which it is done is so simple and the result so miraculous as to cause profound wonder in the camp. Whether Mr. Warren is gifted with some human agency not possessed by his fellow men, by which he appears to be able to do what no other has accomplished, or whether to a witch hazel twig that he uses is due the sole credit for the wonderful achievements credited to him is not stated for the reason that he has not yet seen fit to let anyone into the secret.

He simply discloses the hiding places of the hidden wealth of the earth to prospectors and mining men who call upon him for his services. His mode of accomplishing these wonderful results is to go into the mountains armed solely with a twig of witch hazel forked so that the branch may be grasped in both hands. Walking over the ground with this branch upright in his hands, the moment Mr. Warren passes over a body of mineral, the witch hazel twig will gradually twist itself in Mr. Warren's grasp till it has reached a position pointing directly to the earth. As an instance of Mr. Warren's success in his line, he recently went to the Bullion claim at Fairview, and disclosed that it contained seven distinct ledges, instead of only the two heretofore known. In the same camp Mr. Warren readily traced a blind ledge for the distance of its entire length of two and one half miles. He is able to estimate within a few inches the depth of the blind ledges.

SALE OF THE LE ROI

President Thinks the Company Would Accept \$5,000,000 for the Mine.

Spokesman-Review: Rumors were again afloat yesterday that negotiations are still on for the sale of the Le Roi mine to eastern or English investors. "Is it true that there was a meeting at the office of the mine last night?" was asked of Col. Turner, president of the Le Roi company.

"Two gentlemen were there, if you call that a meeting." "Was their name in connection with others for the Le Roi?" "That I can not say." "The refusal of the company to accept \$4,000,000 for the property still stands, does it not?" "Yes."

"And there is no likelihood of your selling at all?" "Not at that price." "But you would sell if you got your price, would you not?" "Oh, why, of course, if we got our price; but we could not sell for \$4,000,000 nothing less than \$5,000,000." "Would you sell at that price?" "Of course, I cannot say, but I think we would."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wants Information

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 21. EDITOR MINER—Sir: We should like to know how mining operations are getting on at Rossland. Some of the mines have been working for some time, and we don't hear if they have been shipping ore or not—like Iron Colt, Silver Bell, Big Three, Mascot, Snowshoe, Southern Belle and Ibcx. You are no doubt aware how these mines stand. We see other mines have shipping ore ready and are prospering.

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[We cheerfully comply with the above request by giving all the information at our disposal. A contract for a machinery plant has just been made by the Iron Colt company, the plant to consist of boiler, hoist and drills. It will probably take a month to get this plant in place. It is the purpose of the company to continue sinking the shaft now down about 80 feet. When this is down 200 feet a crosscut will be run to tap another vein known to be to the north. The shaft now shows a very large body of low grade ore. The Iron Colt company is in excellent financial condition and has a very promising property.

The Silver Bell people are also putting in a new machinery plant to consist of boiler, pump, hoist and drills. This machinery is now at Spokane, and will be brought up to the mine and put in place immediately. In the meantime the company is busy making necessary improvements, such as the building of wagon roads, platforms, etc. The wagon road from the mine to the Red Mountain line is now about completed. Eight men have been at work steadily on the wagon road. The management of the Silver Bell is very energetic, and appearances indicate the company's money is being carefully and judiciously expended.

The Ibcx is near the Silver Bell and under the same management. A cross-cut tunnel is being run and is now in 55 feet. It is expected to cut the ledge when in 30 feet further. Five men are employed.

The Big Three company is working all their properties—the Mascot, Southern Belle and Snowshoe, and more or less

and on each of them. The ore found on both the Southern Belle and Snowshoe is of shipping grade, though as yet it has not been found in solid mass. The indications, however, are that the veins now being developed will lead to good ore bodies. An abundance of ore has been found in the Mascot, but it is not of high enough grade to be profitably shipped, though it is improving in quality. A higher grade vein has been found which will be developed in the spring.

We think subscriber may feel assured that all the properties he names are being developed as rapidly and effectively as could be expected.—Ed.]

The Coolgardie Company

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 20. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I observe in your issue of January 7, under Boundary mining notes, a reference to the Coolgardie Mining company working the Clifton. Is this the Coolgardie of former swindling fame, and if so, is it an honest attempt on the part of the trustees to make up to the shareholders? or is it a bluff?

Yours truly, A. SHAREHOLDER. [Our information about the affairs of the Coolgardie company is rather limited. From what we have been able to pick up, however, we understand that the directors, on finding that there was no such claim as the Coolgardie, purchased the Clifton and are now developing it. We believe they are making an honest effort to make stock valuable by developing a mine.—Ed.]

MONITA ORE ASSAYS WELL

Surprising Results Obtained From What Was Thought to Be Waste.

Everything Between the Walls Appears to Carry Good Gold Values—West Extension of War Eagle.

Very high assays continue to be obtained from the Monita. It appears that everything taken from the shaft carries gold. Over 100 buckets full of ore, mixed ore and what appeared to be waste, were sampled the other day and the result was an average of \$30. Something which looked like ordinary gangue was assayed and went \$38.

Assays are made constantly of what is now found all over the bottom of the shaft, and the results are quite surprising. The ore which runs so high does not look as though it would go \$3 a ton. Nothing like the Monita has before been found in the camp. There is undoubtedly a very rich pay chute running through the ground. That high-grade ore should have been found is not a matter of surprise when it is remembered that the Monita adjoins the War Eagle on the west, and that the great War Eagle ore chutes pitch in that direction.

HEITFIELD OF IDAHO

W. S. Haskins Says He Will Make a Creditable United States Senator.

W. S. Haskins, the well-known mining manager of this camp, formerly lived in the Cœur d'Alene district of Idaho and he is well acquainted with Mr. Heitfield, the newly elected senator from that state. In speaking of the defeat of Dubois and the election of Heitfield, Mr. Haskins said:

"Heitfield is a farmer, it is true, but he is a very honest and level headed man. He is not yet 40 years old, was a Missouri democrat, and is well thought of by his neighbors. He is not college bred, but has a good common school education and was never an office seeker. He is now serving his second term as state senator of Idaho. He never held any other office.

"While he will not be as brilliant as Fred Dubois he will not be a discreditable representative of his state. It was Senator Shoup that defeated Dubois. They are hostile to each other and Shoup made himself felt in the election."

TO OPEN UP CARIBOO CREEK

Liberal Subscriptions Being Made For the Proposed Wagon Road.

Prof. Woodhouse is having very good success in securing subscriptions to the new wagon road to run from Burton on the Columbia, up Cariboo creek to Blue Grouse canyon. Three companies have subscribed \$250 each. These are the Kamloops Mining and Development company, the Winnipeg-Burket Mining company, and the E. J. Bealey company.

Many prospectors who own claims on the Cariboo creek basin are offering to contribute from eight to 10 days work. A petition has been sent to Captain Fitzstubbis asking for government aid. It is hoped the road can be built in time for spring work.

The Cariboo creek basin is on the west slope of the divide between Slovan lake and the Columbia river, just east of it, across the lake being the great Carpenter creek mines of the Slovan country. The chief value in the Cariboo creek ore is in gold. The prospects of the new camp are very flattering.

OVERSUBSCRIBED IN ONE DAY

New London Company Floated by Tupper and Pope a Great Success.

The big company which Sir Charles Tupper Bart. and Rufus H. Pope, M. P., have organized in London, for the purpose of handling mining properties in British Columbia, is called the New British Columbia Gold Fields. Sir Charles Tupper Bart. is chairman and John Lowndes, deputy chairman. In the directorate are Sir Charles Malcolm Kennedy, T. E. Harman, C. Ashworth, London manager of the Bank of Montreal, Rufus H. Pope, M. P., Geo. P. Brophy, of Ottawa, and E. Briscoe of Toronto. Mr. Pope sets himself down as of Cookshire, Quebec and Rossland, B. C.

The directorate is a good one. The capital of the company is \$1,250,000 and the shares are £1 each. Fifty thousand pounds, or \$250,000 worth of shares were offered to the public, the time for subscriptions being limited to one day. The amount was taken and half as much again applied for. The operations of the company will probably be confined to west and east Kootenay, the Cariboo district and the Boundary country, with British Columbia headquarters at Rossland.

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TO MEET IN KASLO

West Kootenay Mining Association Will Be Permanently Organized.

NOBLE FIVE TO SHIP

Best Will Also Ship This Season—Retallack Has Sold the Early Bird For \$1,500—Work on the St. Keverne—Local News Notes.

KASLO, Feb. 1.—[Special.]—Mine

owners, managers, superintendents and others interested will meet in Kaslo on Friday to form the West Kootenay Mining association. The object is protection to the mining interests and to watch mining legislation. The temporary board hopes to include all interested in mining and hopes to secure the repeal of obnoxious clauses of the mineral act, and also the stampage dues on timber used by miners. Crossall, of the Hall mines is temporary secretary. Mine owners and companies in the Slovan generally approve the association.

The Early Bird mineral claim, owned by John L. Retallack has been sold to English parties through Mr. Rolfe of Nelson, for \$1,500 cash. It is a low grade proposition of great promise and shows a fissure vein four feet wide.

George Hughes reports that the Best will ship ore this month. The mine is crowded and the output goes to Spokane tomorrow.

Sid Norman is here and is returning to Spokane to defend the mining exchange. He let a contract for a 100-foot tunnel on the St. Keverne group and to build an ore house and blacksmith shop. The telephone system was completed today. Seventeen subscribers were on the circuit at the opening.

The steamers Nelson and International are running on the same time table. No change in schedule has yet been made. Much rivalry exists, and the Nelson will probably effect an early change.

The skating carnival tomorrow night promises to be a great attraction, and many fancy costumes will be worn. The Noble Five concentrator and tramway are working satisfactorily. The tank of the concentrator is nearly filled. The management expects to ship concentrates by the last of this week.

MINING NOTES

Captain Hall has resigned the advisory superintendency of the Giant mine. The face of the Southern Belle tunnel looks very promising, there being much black oxide of copper present. The east drift on the Mayflower is looking particularly fine. Shipments will soon be resumed from this mine. The St. Elmo tunnel is now in St. Elmo ground and a crosscut will now be run both north and south to expose the ledge.

Advertisement for Kootenay = London Mining Co., Ltd. Incorporated Under the Laws of British Columbia. CAPITAL STOCK 1,000,000 SHARES Par Value \$1.00 Fully Paid and Non-Assessable. Treasury 350,000 Shares.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. Wm. Bennison, President; W. A. Campbell, Vice-President; M. O. Tibbits, Sec.-Treas.; J. W. Cover, Managing Director; C. O. Lalonde, A. J. McMillan, J. W. Boyd, Hiram Kitley, and J. S. Patterson. Edward Pritchard, F. G. S., Consulting Engineer. Head Office, Rossland, B. C.

Description of the Property.

The company owns the Annie Fraction and the Comet No. 2 mineral claims. The Annie Fraction is situated between the California, San Francisco and Black Bear, the latter of which is the property of the great Le Roi Mining & Smelting company and is the first western extension of the Le Roi mine. The vein of the Le Roi can be traced through the Annie Fraction and men at work on this property have tapped an ore chute at a depth of 40 feet from which assays gave returns of from \$14 to \$20. The Comet No. 2 is a full claim, 1500 feet square, and lies about three miles north of Rossland. It has two strong well-defined ledges running through it. A prospecting shaft now down 10 feet shows nothing but vein matter the whole mass being well diffused with copper and iron pyrites. Assays averaging \$6 to \$8 have been obtained from this showing.

Shares. The entire capital stock of the company excepting treasury shares has been pooled. The company now offers 50,000 shares of treasury stock at the low price of

Twelve and One-Half Cents a Share. The proceeds will be used in purchasing machinery for the Annie Fraction.

For shares, prospectus or other information apply to M. O. TIBBITTS, Secretary-Treasurer. Or J. W. COVER, Managing Director

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including prices like \$1,200.00 and various names like 'The success Gooderham-B...' and 'A HEA'.

\$1,200,000 PROFITS

What the Gooderham-Blackstock Syndicate Effected in Two Deals.

STORY OF OPERATIONS

Crown Point Was Taken at 20 Cents and Sent to 53-War Eagle Originally Offered at 80 is Now Quoted at \$1.25.

The success of the operations of the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate in this camp illustrates how easy it is to make money when the conditions are favorable. There is some times magic in a name. It seems to have been so in this instance although there was the shrewdest kind of business judgment shown all the way through.

The operations began last summer with the purchase of the Crown Point and associated properties. Volney D. Williamson was the principal owner of the Crown Point. He comes in for a good share of the romantic good fortune which has attended every move made in this camp by the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate.

He was working the Crown Point under adverse circumstances. He had some pay ore and was shipping a carload now and then. He did not have the capital necessary for the proper development of the mine and showed a great deal of pluck in hanging on as he did. He got very good returns on the shipments of his ore and he incorporated the Crown Point Mining company with 1,000,000 shares and put 50,000 treasury shares on the market at 15 cents. These were readily taken and the price on the next installment was advanced to 20 cents. The shares were standing at this figure when Williamson sold a controlling interest to the Gooderham-Blackstock people. He cleaned up over \$100,000 on the transaction and had a large block of the stock left.

As soon as the sale was announced the price of Crown Point shares jumped by leaps and bounds till they reached 50 cents, where they remained for some time. This was a gain of 30 cents per share, which meant an aggregate profit of \$300,000 on the whole capital of the company. Williamson made another handsome sum on the advance of the stock he retained, and the Gooderham-Blackstock people made over \$100,000. It was the most successful stock deal which had ever been made in the camp up to that time.

Now comes the second chapter. When the option taken on the War Eagle by London parties failed to be taken up, Clarence J. McCuaig of Montreal happened to be here, and he went down to Spokane, and associating himself with Williamson, obtained an option on the War Eagle, and submitted it to the Gooderham-Blackstock people, proposing to organize the War Eagle Consolidated Gold Mining company, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, and take over the War Eagle, Crown Point group, including six claims, and some silver mines in the Slocan country. The deal, as everybody knows, went through, and McCuaig and Williamson both made big commissions on the sale of the War Eagle.

Previous to the closing of the sale a confidential circular was sent out by the Gooderham brokers, offering the shares in the new company at 80 cents. This was making the price of the War Eagle, Crown Point group and the silver mines included \$1,600,000. All the shares offered at 80 cents were taken quickly. Telegrams from the east were sent here asking if the purchase was a good one at that price, and a favorable answer was returned without exception.

As soon as the deal was closed and the War Eagle and other properties passed into the possession of the new company the shares advanced to par—that is \$1.10, then to \$1.20, and now they stand at \$1.25. This is a jump of 45 cents in less than 20 days. This means a clear gain of \$900,000 in the value of the shares.

Now comes the information that the holders of Crown Point shares are to be allowed 53 cents per share in adjusting the settlement between that company and the new War Eagle Consolidated company. Thus everybody who bought Crown Point on the strength of the Gooderham-Blackstock purchase has made money—some of them a great deal of money. The aggregate profits on the Crown Point deal and the later War Eagle deal amounted to over \$1,000,000.

The lessons to be derived from the history of these deals are two: First, that it pays to buy shares in properties that have a real substantial value; second, that it pays to be in with men who have financial strength.

A HEARTY WELCOME

Spokane Turned Out En Masse to Greet the Senator-Elect.

PARADE AND RECEPTION

J. J. Browne Delivered An Address to Which Judge Turner Responded—Colonel Winston in His Element—Miss Virginia Was the Mascot.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 2.—[Special.]—Senator-elect Judge Turner returned to Spokane this morning and was given a hearty welcome. The train pulled into the Northern Pacific depot from the west promptly at 9 o'clock. Hundreds of citizens stood upon the platform in the snow or crowded into the depot. When the train came to a stop the band struck up a lively tune of welcome. Three hearty cheers were given as the tall

form of Judge Turner stepped upon the car platform, but there was no speech making. When the judge stepped down his hand was cordially shaken by the members of the committee of reception and others.

Proceeding through the crowd, almost every member of which was anxious to grasp his hand, he was conducted to the carriage. This was draped with bunting. White horses with nudding plumes were ready to pull the distinguished citizen, and when he entered the carriage three cheers were given again.

Colonel Winston had more trouble getting to the carriage than the senator. Many people wanted to greet him, he smiled and shook hands on all sides. Finally, however, he was pulled away from the group about him and given a seat beside Mr. Turner. State Senator W. H. Plummer and State Senator Frank Baum of Okanogan were then seated in the carriage.

The procession started down the street under the direction of General Curry, headed by the band. A dozen carriages followed and quite a number of citizens marched on foot in the procession. Others preferred the walks to the middle of the muddy streets. Many people stood upon the sidewalks of Riverside as the triumphal procession passed. At the Synons block the band and the marchers withdrew from the procession.

The carriages proceeded up Howard street to Judge Turner's home. In the second carriage rode Mrs. Turner, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Graves, Mrs. Stout and Miss Virginia Winston. It is said the latter lady won the reputation of being one of the best politicians among all the workers of the judge at Olympia. When she went to the capital three weeks ago, she said she would not be home until Judge Turner was elected senator. She kept her word.

In another carriage rode the Hon. J. J. Browne, Judge R. B. Blake, General Curry and the Hon. Louis Zeigler. Another carriage contained Mayor Belt, Presidential Elector D. C. Newman, A. P. Wolverton and Judge B. N. Carrier. The friends and members of the reception committee, who accompanied the party to the home of Judge Turner, only remained a few minutes, shaking hands again. They left him to secure the rest needed.

Colonel Winston said: "It was the greatest political fight I was ever in. It was won on its merits."

Reception at the Hotel. It remained for the reception at the Hotel Spokane this evening for the friends and admirers of the senator to show their appreciation of his gallant fight and victory won. The spacious parlors of the hotel were handsomely decorated for the occasion with flags, potted plants and cut flowers, and when the Hon. J. J. Browne arose to make the address of welcome to Spokane's most distinguished citizen every available space was occupied by the immense throng of ladies and gentlemen who had come to pay their respects.

At the close of Mr. Browne's speech, Mr. Turner responded in a brief address in which he said he could hardly express in words his appreciation of the cordial welcome which he was shown nor of the hearty expressions of friendship which the people of Spokane had sent him to extend to him. After speech making was over the senator-elect and Mrs. Turner shook hands with the throng as it passed by in the form of a procession.

The Dundee Mining company has had a good assay from the Parker group in the Salmon river district. The shaft is now down 54 feet and there are three feet of ore in the bottom, which gave an average of \$22 in gold and two ounces in silver.

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Spokane, Washington.

VERY FINE SHOWING

Mayflower Has Three Feet of Ore in the East Drift.

IT IS ALL CLEAN GALENA

Five Tons Taken Out on One Day in Development Work—Shipments Will Now Be Resumed—Clean Ore Averages \$70 Per Ton.

The Mayflower mine is looking better every day. When the crosscut was run from the 100-foot level to cut the vein on the north the clean ore was found to be only about 12 inches wide, although the ledge was four or five feet wide, with heavily mineralized matter all the way through. Mr. Oliver, manager of the Mayflower, determined to drift both ways on the vein. He soon abandoned the west drift, because the showing was not favorable, but the east drift, which followed the ore chute into the hill, has improved from the day it was started.

It has now been run 25 feet and the clean ore is 30 inches wide. It is, therefore, more than twice as wide as at the point where the vein was struck. The width of the ore body is now sufficient to enable the raising of a good deal of ore simply in the course of development. About five tons were taken out Saturday, and shipments will be resumed at once.

The ore is of excellent grade. It shows a good deal of galena, which all ways in this mine carries well in silver. The value of the ore on the 40-foot level above the vein is about the same as that of the ore on the 60-foot level. The ore carrying galena can be expected to yield about 100 ounces in silver and \$10 to \$12 in gold. This makes the total value of the ore not far from \$70 per ton.

Mr. Oliver is so well pleased that he will go back to the shaft and resume sinking. He will probably go down to the 125-foot level, when a station will be made and another crosscut run out to tap the vein. There is not a young mine in the camp with better prospects than the Mayflower.

MINING NEWS FROM VANCOUVER.

Exchange Group in the Slocan Bought. The Orphan Boy.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 2.—Word has been received that R. C. Campbell Johnston, a mining engineer of this city, has purchased the Exchange group in the Slocan, consisting of four claims, for \$31,000.

J. W. Haskins, manager of the Orphan Boy mine in the Big Bend, writes that he has just concluded the purchase of a mill in San Francisco. He has had three tests made of ore in San Francisco, the average return from 60 pounds being \$29.30. From 17 ounces, \$2.60 in free gold were obtained, and from 18 ounces, \$3.20.

On the claim development work is progressing satisfactorily, the tunnel being driven at the rate of a foot a day. It is expected that the mill will be erected on the claim by June 1, so that the prospects of this property look very favorable.

Cromwell Mining and Development Co.,

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CAPITAL STOCK 1,200,000 SHARES.

Treasury Stock 500,000 Shares. Par Value \$1.00. Fully Paid and Non-Assessable.

Officers

Albert Stein, President; H. E. Cover, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Man.; J. A. Scaman, Secretary-Treasurer; W. H. Fife and W. J. Green, Trustees.

Description of Property.

The company owns the Trail Hunter and Cromwell mineral claims. The Trail Hunter is situated in the South Belt about 1 1/2 miles from Rossland and about 3/4 of a mile from the railroad on the Red Eagle. A strong iron-capped vein crosses the property and in the bottom of an 18-foot shaft there is a fine showing of ore. A wagon road has already been built to the property and development work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Assays \$20 per ton. The Cromwell is a full claim located on the North Fork of the Salmon River and joins the Lizzie B. and Porto Rico, two claims which were recently sold for \$63,000 and \$45,000 respectively. Assays have been obtained from the surface of the Cromwell running as high as \$140 in gold per ton. It is the intention of the company to push development as rapidly as possible and has placed the unusually large sum of 500,000 shares in the treasury for that purpose.

The company is now offering the first block of stock at the low price of

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Shipments of Ore. From January 1 to January 30 inclusive the shipments of ore from mines at Rossland to smelters were as follows:

ORE SHIPMENTS FOR JANUARY. The ore shipments for the first month of the year foot up 4,876 tons. This was distributed among the following mines:

Another Smelter. The miner is possessed of information which leaves little or no doubt that the Northport smelter is to be built and that the work will be commenced by March 1.

FIGURES THAT TELL. Elsewhere will be found in the present issue of THE MINER the report for the month of January of George Johnston, collector of customs for the port of Nelson which includes the south half of West Kootenay district.

FIGURES THAT TELL. This report shows that the shipments of ore from the district for the month, exclusive of the ore which went out by way of Nakusp, amounted in value to \$257,778.

FIGURES THAT TELL. The matte produced at the Nelson and Trail smelters and shipped during the same period amounted in value to \$416,727. The total value of ore and matte amounted to \$674,505.

side of the line under present conditions, or as Mr. Blackstock said, until the Crow's Nest Pass railway is built.

AN IMPORTANT VENTURE.

The announcement that the Trail smelter is to put in a refinery is most significant and important. This means that the Trail smelter is to produce gold ingots, silver bullion, lead bullion and refined copper.

Heretofore the Trail smelter has treated only Rossland ores and has made no product but copper matte. This copper matte contains all the copper and gold in the original ore with a good deal of iron, silica and sulphur not eliminated in the smelting process.

These smelters in British Columbia which have confined themselves to the production of lead bullion, have not been successful, for the reason that lead has to find a market in the United States, and in order to get into that country it has to pay a higher duty than lead or crude ore.

Mr. Heinze of the Trail smelter, had a refinery in contemplation for some time, and he did not determine to build one without very careful consideration. The fact that he has finally determined to add one to his already successful smelting plant indicates that he has great confidence in the future of Trail and the other mining districts which he is surrounded.

We hope the most abundant success will crown his efforts. Being the one to lead the way in the actual production of commercial gold and silver within the Dominion of Canada, his endeavors will be watched with deep interest, for if he succeeds it will mean that other refineries will be built and that Canada will become a more self-contained and self-reliant country.

THE ALIEN LABOUR BILL.

It is reported from Washington that President Cleveland will veto the immigration bill recently passed by the house. This bill is disgraced by the Corlies amendment, which forbids the employment of Canadians on American soil.

If it is adopted by the senate, and should become a law, self respect would compel Canada to adopt retaliatory measures and probably drive all the Americans out of British Columbia. If President Cleveland vetoes this bill he will give another evidence of his superior good sense. But it is a shame that such legislation should ever be so nearly put into effect.

ALIEN LABOUR LAWS.

When the Hon. George Turner takes his seat in the United States senate there should be at least one voice raised in protest of the harassing and insulting alien labor bills aimed at Canadians. He has had a brief experience of Canadian laws, Canadian lands and Canadian people, and he certainly has no right or reason to complain of the way he and his American associates and their American employees have been treated here.

The tendency of recent legislation, especially during the present session of congress, has been distinctly hostile to Canada and her people. There is no spirit in the least corresponding to this feeling to be found either among Canadians or in their statute books.

ANOTHER SMELTER.

The miner is possessed of information which leaves little or no doubt that the Northport smelter is to be built and that the work will be commenced by March 1. We have already quoted the Toronto World to the effect that the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate is interested in the Northport venture.

Let us have done with this alien labor foolishness. There are now as many Canadians in the United States as in Canada and there is a fair prospect of there soon being as many Americans in Canada as there are Canadians in the United States. Legislators should leave this matter to adjust itself.

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at the rate of over \$8,000,000 for the year.

Certificate of the Registration of a Foreign Company.

"Companies Act," Part IV, and amending Acts. "THE OLGA GOLD MINING AND MILLING COMPANY" (Foreign) (Incorporated in the Province of British Columbia).

Registered the 21st day of December, 1896. I hereby certify that I have this day registered the "Olga Gold Mining and Milling Company" (Foreign) under the "Companies Act," Part IV, and amending Acts.

The head office of the said company is situated at the City of Tacoma, State of Washington, U.S.A. The objects for which the company is established are to purchase, acquire, hold, sell, lease, convey, mortgage, bond and otherwise dispose of gold, silver, copper, lead and other mineral lands, and to develop, mine, smelt and otherwise work the same.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

Almost every city in Canada is raising a fund for the relief of the famine-stricken districts of India. Is Rossland to be the only exception? This town is enjoying more prosperity than any other city in Canada and surely it is not the only delinquent in so worthy a cause.

WANETA AND TRAIL CREEK.

Superintendent Brings Up a Good Report—Archer Goes to England. P. W. Peterson came up from the Waneta & Trail Creek company's property last night and reports that it is looking better and more promising than ever.

Certificate of Improvements.

Derby and Nelson No. 2 mineral claims situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: West of adjoining the town of Rossland, east of the Yellow Head pass, north of the Yellow Head pass, and south of the Yellow Head pass.

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Isabella No. 2, White Elephant and Louise mineral claims, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: On Shady creek.

Certificate of Improvements.

The "Yellow Jacket" mineral claim, situated in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: About one mile from the town of Rossland, north of the Yellow Head pass, and south of the Yellow Head pass.

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"Companies Act," Part IV, and amending Acts. "Josie Mack Mining Company" (Foreign). Registered the 24th day of January, 1897.

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KASLO IS FIXING UP

Water Works System Is Now In Successful Operation.

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP

International Navigation Company and Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Working Together—Big Delegation of Railroad Men—The Swedes' Group

KASLO, Jan. 31.—[Special.]—As foreshadowed in this correspondence some weeks since, a traffic arrangement has been entered into between the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway company, and the International Navigation and Trading company, by which the steamers International and Alberta will connect at Five Mile Point with the railway system, instead of the Kokanee and Nelson, which will tomorrow pass into the possession of the Canadian Pacific railway.

Whether or not their presence was due to the contemplated changes, was not given out, but Kaslo had a large delegation of prominent railway men in the city on Friday and Saturday, in which the three northern transportation lines were represented. From the Northern Pacific there were S. L. Moore, general freight agent, St. Paul; S. G. Fulton, assistant general freight agent, Portland, and E. A. Hackett, traveling freight agent, Seattle. The Great Northern was represented by W. H. Hill, assistant general freight agent, and Mr. Jackson, traveling freight agent. From the home field F. W. Peters, division freight agent, represented the C. P. R. There was besides A. B. Jackson, from the Burlington system, and way talk was very much in evidence all day, and merchants had freight rates and quick dispatch talked to them until they were quite ready for a change.

There was some talk on the streets on Saturday of the effect that Frank C. Loring, of the Josie, had purchased the "Swedes group" of mineral claims on the south fork of Kaslo creek, consisting of the Silver Bell, Hub, and a fractional claim. Inquiry at the original source failed, however, to confirm the report, although it seems there have been some negotiations between the parties. These are the same properties which have been two or three times previously reported as sold, but they still remain in the hands of the original owners.

There was more than one offered and refused for these prospects. The showings, with only a small quantity of development, are said to be somewhat remarkable. If Kaslo has been slightly behind during the last two or three years, in the convenience of the modern civilization, the change will not be against the little city any longer. Since the beginning of the year improvements have come in rapid succession. The sales of coal will be fewer in the future, and the usefulness of the water works is about gone. Last night the water which was yesterday scattered the town from the mouths of the hose nozzles. On Friday afternoon Engineer Cummins quietly turned the water at the intake into the wood stove conduit pipe, and before many were aware of it, the reservoir was being rapidly filled.

On Saturday morning the water was let into the distribution system. The hydrants had all been opened, and soon the water was pouring from them. The new hose was brought into use, and first one stream was thrown, then two, and finally four streams from various sized nozzles were being simultaneously thrown with a force that was surprising even to old-time firemen. While four streams were being thrown, the one which was being used in the building in the city, with height to spare. During the whole of the somewhat severe test not a leak was discovered in the distribution pipe, and the two or three slight ones in the conduit pipe were stopped in a very few minutes. The whole system seems to be most successful, and both engineer and city council are correspondingly pleased. It will undoubtedly be of marked advantage to the city in many ways to have the abundant supply of water which will be furnished.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen on Saturday evening last, the officials of last year were confirmed for the ensuing year. As a consequence of the introduction of water, the old fire brigade which was resuscitated, and steps taken to make it as efficient as possible. The city is already supplied with most of the necessary appliances, in the way of hose, hose cart, ladders and other paraphernalia.

BEAUTIFUL CHALCOOPYRITE. Streaks of High Grade Ore in the Cliff's Upper Tunnel. Some very rich ore is now being taken from the face of the No. 2 tunnel in the Cliff. It is a fine grained chalcopyrite and carries over two ounces in gold and about 24 per cent copper, making a total value of about \$65 per ton. The ore is very fine grained and is of most attractive appearance. It does not appear in solid mass, but is in streaks of fine inches in width, some of the streaks being several inches wide. The face of the No. 2 tunnel is now 40 or 50 feet west of the upper shaft, and is approaching the great surface showing on the west end of the claim.

LE ROI'S NEW ORE CHUTE.

An Assay of \$400 Obtained Monday—One of the Highest Known. There seems to be no end to the new ore chute found to the west of the old one in the Le Roi. It maintains its width and is running extraordinarily high in both gold and copper. A sample assay made Monday showed \$388 in gold and 14 per cent copper, equal to a combined value of more than \$400 per ton. This is perhaps the richest ore yet found in the Trail Creek camp outside the free gold mines.

DISCOVERY OF COPPER GLANCE.

It Is Found in the Snowshoe-Southern Belle Tunnel. The Snowshoe-Southern Belle tunnel is looking exceedingly well. A drift of now being run on the streaks of ore which appeared some time ago, and there is more and more the appearance of consolidation of these streaks into one solid body. A great deal of black oxide of copper has come in, and on Tuesday copper glance was found. It is by no means common.

NINETY NEW MEMBERS.

A. O. U. W. to Organize Two New Lodges in Trail and Rossland. The Ancient Order of United Workmen of Rossland has at last succeeded in obtaining the Masonic temple for Tuesday, February 9, where they will organize a lodge with 50 new members. There are over 50 old members of the lodge now in Rossland, and it is expected that they will attend the organization of the new lodge. All visiting Workmen are invited to attend the initiation ceremonies.

SALE OF THE LE ROI.

Colonel Peyton Says the Money is Not Yet In Sight. SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 2.—[Special.]—The regular monthly meeting of the trustees of the Le Roi company was called tonight and immediately adjourned until tomorrow night, owing to the Turner reception. When asked if there was any probability of the mine being sold to an English syndicate, Colonel Peyton said: "They have made several offers for the mine, but as yet there is no money in sight, and until there is there will be nothing done. Nothing but a cash offer will be entertained."

Spokane Belle and Ivy.

E. J. Roberts, chief engineer of the Spokane & Northern railway and allied lines, arrived last Tuesday. He reports that the Spokane Belle and Ivy, two claims on the north fork of the Salmon, being developed by D. C. Corbin, and himself, are looking exceedingly well. A shaft is down 40 feet, and in solid ore. The ore looks much like that in the Robert J. nearby.

A REAL FAMINE DISTRICT

Associated Press Correspondent Finds Fearful Distress in Kaipar. HORTIBLE SIGHTS Among Starving and Diseased Natives—No Provision for the Weak—Crops Must Be Sown. (Copyrighted 1897 by the Associated Press.) KAIAPUR, Feb. 2.—The special correspondent of the Associated Press, who is inquiring into the famine raging in this, the largest district of the central provinces, having a population of 1,500,000, finds the situation very grave. This is the centre of the rice growing industry, which is the only crop grown, and as it has failed, there is a total extinction of food stuff in this locality and real famine exists. About 1,300 villages are affected and 5,000 persons are employed on relief works. The worst part of the district is Dhar-mapara, 30 miles from here, where lamentable conditions prevail. Many people have already lost their lives in their struggle with hunger and others are dying. The staff employed in the work of relieving the sufferers is inadequate, owing to the enormous area. If the work of relief had been properly arranged earlier the mortality would have been less, as the rains are increasing the spread of disease, and it will take three good years to recoup the losses in this district. The poor houses are a fair criterion of the condition of the people. Besides professional beggars they are crowded with laborers, reduced to the last stage of skeletons. Their stomachs are hollow and their skin is hanging in large folds. Others have swollen stomachs, a sign of acute privation. It is found that the cattle and goats or field workers, usually lusty men, are unable to do anything, and the women are in the same condition. One woman who was lately confined has been attacked by rheumatism, caused by exposure, and is paralyzed. Her baby is horrible to look at. Its limbs are about the size of pipe stems and its sunken eyes have a most piteous look. No provision has been made for these cases and the minimum dose of food is only enough to keep body and soul together. It does not suffice to build up the system again. This is where private charities are wanted. It is useless to attempt to send natives to hospitals. They prefer to die with both legs eaten away as a mass of white scabs, and others were nearly as bad. This is the worst district yet seen, and it is in urgent need of funds, but the correspondent hears that the Jubbulpore district is worse. If the Jubbulpore district is worse, the conditions next year will be too awful to contemplate. The government was late in realizing the situation. Earlier measures would have prevented the much of the distress existing. The food supply in this district is scanty and will shortly be exhausted.

IRON MASK STRIKE

Crosscut From the Big Tunnel Has Cut the Ore Chute. THE MINER is now able to announce positively that the Iron Mask vein has been cut at the 210-foot level, and that the grade of the ore is about \$45 per ton, the clean ore body being 15 inches wide. This statement is made on the authority of James Clark, superintendent. It was announced several days ago in THE MINER that a tunnel was to be run south from the long tunnel which was started on the Iron Mask ground at Centre Star gulch last summer, and was intended to go into the War Eagle ground and cut the big ore chute at a depth of 250 feet below the level of No. 2 tunnel. This south tunnel cut the Iron Mask vein Monday. A careful assay of the ore showed \$44. This at once proved the presence of the pay chute and added immensely to the value of the Iron Mask mine.

SOLID ORE 15 INCHES WIDE

Assays Average \$45 Per Ton—The Depth From the Surface is 210 Feet. Shipping Two Car-Loads Per Day—Will Soon Ship Three. A shaft had been sunk from the surface above to the depth of 90 feet, and a good deal of rich ore was taken from the shaft last summer. The vein has now shaft last summer. The grade is very high, the recent smelter returns showing a net profit of \$46 per ton in gold and copper, after paying freight and treatment charges. There is very little ore in the camp which can show such high averages, and if a considerable body of ore of this kind is found in the Iron Mask, which is now very probable, the mine is a very rich one. Superintendent Clark says he is now shipping two carloads of ore a day, and that he will soon be able to make it three carloads. The vein is now in excellent shape, and one more triumph for this camp is permanent.

WOLCOTT IN PARIS.

He Has Met a Number of Distinguished Bi-Metallists and Officials. PARIS, Feb. 2.—Under the auspices of M. Thery, editor of the Economist, and Deputy Director, both prominent bi-metallists, Senator Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado, who is visiting Europe in the interests of bi-metallism, had a short interview with President Faure on Sunday. Since then he has seen M. Loubet, the president of the senate, and M. Magnin, director of the senate, and M. Magnin, Wolcott expects to see M. Meline, the premier, today, and will start for Berlin this evening or tomorrow.

Traffic on the Great Lakes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The secretary of war transmitted to the house a report concerning the commerce passing to and from Lake Superior through the canal during the year 1896. The total freight carried by the United States and Canada was 16,239,061 tons, exceeding all previous records by nearly 1,250,000 tons. There was, however, a reduction of 3,383,565 tons in the freight passing through the United States, and as compared with that for the season of 1895. The Canadian canal has not heretofore participated in the traffic during the entire season of navigation. Estimating the freight at the prices of 1896, it would aggregate a value of \$186,153,523, and increase of \$26,578,299.

PERMISSION WAS GRANTED.

An American Fishing Boat Allowed to Purchase Supplies in Canada. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2.—An American vessel, the Edith McInnes, was wrecked off Yarmouth. The crew was taken aboard the Maggie and Lillie, which applied to the collector of customs for the privilege of purchasing provisions. The minister of marine has granted the telegraphed permission at once, although it was contrary to the provisions of the treaty to do so.

MINING NOTES.

The Silver Bell stock has been popular in Rossland since it was first put on the local market, and Tuesday a block of 50,000 shares was sold to one man at 10 cents a share. A letter from the treasurer of the Idler Mining company states that the treasury stock of the company has been selling well of late and that development work on the mine has been resumed.

PERSONALS.

Sir Charles Ross, Bart., has returned from Scotland to Montreal, and will be here soon. Oliver Durant, manager of the Centre Star mine, is expected to arrive here from a visit to his home in Virginia a week from next Saturday. M. S. Thomson, a prominent young mining man of the camp, has returned from Southern California, where he went to spend the early part of the winter. Isaac Anderson, of Toronto, who has been here for some time making a study of the camp, will start today for eastern Canada, having secured options on a number of properties. Mr. Anderson is fortunate in having arranged with A. Erskine Smith to report on his property. Mr. Smith has had many years' experience in the gold fields of Tasmania, Australia and South Africa, and his store of experience will be of great value to him in British Columbia. He recently came here as the representative of a strong English syndicate.

The Ottawa and Ivanhoe Silver Mines.

LIMITED LIABILITY. This company is the owner of the Ottawa and Ivanhoe mineral claims on Wellington Mountain in the famous Slocan District, and they develop the celebrated Wellington mine, a regular producer of high grade ore, which is in an advanced stage of development. Smelter returns from 433 tons of ore from the Wellington show a net return of \$54,567.85 or \$120.65 per ton. Assays of Wellington ore run from 200 oz. to 3,000 oz. silver per ton.

The development of the Wellington has practically demonstrated the value of the Ivanhoe, and indicates very plainly that its ore veins extend into and run through the Ottawa and Ivanhoe.

The location of the properties is particularly favorable for the transportation of ore, they being about a mile from Wellington siding, on the Kaslo & Slocan Railway and connected therewith by a good wagon road.

A sufficient amount of work has been done on the properties to entitle the company to a crown grant, which has been applied for.

The development consists of a tunnel on the Ivanhoe about 120 feet in length, tapping the Wellington vein at a depth of 40 feet, showing a width of vein between walls of 20 feet, in which were found carbonates, galena and mixed vein matter, assaying 40 oz. in silver and about 30 per cent lead, while at a depth of 183 feet on the same vein in Wellington ground the ore runs about 200 oz. in silver and 30 per cent lead, which is a good indication of what may be expected in the Ivanhoe. In addition to the tunnel there are several open cuts where the claim has been prospected to determine the course of ore bodies.

It is not claimed by this company that they are offering developed and paying mines. If they were it would be impossible to purchase shares at anything like the low price at which the first issue of shares will be placed on sale, but it is claimed that they are excellent prospects in a good locality, which have every indication of developing into first-class and paying mines.

The standing of the men who are at the head of the company is such that investors are assured that all money paid for treasury shares will be honestly and judiciously expended for the development of the property, and some of the promoters' shares will be offered for sale as they are content to take their chances on the result of development.

The Officers of the Company are: SANFORD H. FLEMING, Esq., C. E., of Ottawa, President. J. ERIC RITCHIE, P. L. S. Esq., of Rossland, Vice-President. P. G. NASH, Esq., of Rossland, Secretary and Treasurer.

DIRECTORS.—SANFORD H. FLEMING, Esq., C. E.; GEORGE P. BROPHY, Esq., C. E., of Ottawa; J. FRED RITCHIE, Esq.; J. K. CLARK, Esq.; P. G. Nash, Esq., Rossland. Among the promoters and principal stockholders are Wm. McNally, Esq., Montreal; Harold Kennedy, Esq., Quebec; W. A. Allan, Esq., Ottawa and J. W. McRae, Esq., Ottawa.

The capital stock of the company is 1,000,000 shares, par value \$1.00 each, 400,000 shares set aside for development purposes. The shares are fully paid and non-assessable. The company is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia and the head office is at Rossland, B. C. 50,000 of the treasury shares are now offered at 12 1/2 c. each. No certificates will be issued for less than 200 shares. Send for prospectus.

Agent at Ottawa, HECTOR McRAE.

THE CUBAN SITUATION.

Weyler's Enemy Has Secured His Recall—Tariff Concession to America. LONDON, Feb. 2.—A dispatch to the Times from Madrid says that the Spanish government has listened to the representations of the Marquis de Apeztegui, who has arrived here on behalf of the constitutional party of Cuba, with the approval of his political associates. His conferences with the Spanish ministers are believed to be almost certain to lead to an immediate reform of the most crying abuses underlying the Cuban dictatorship. It is expected that General Ascaso, the Spanish minister of war, will be appointed a minister of the interior, and that he will in reality succeed Captain General Weyler. It is now probable that the future government of the island will be placed in the hands of a mixed commission under the immediate presidency of the viceroy. Spanish officials, it is thought, will be greatly curtailed. The matter of the tariff demands of the American government, it is now understood, is really the chief difficulty in the way. Spanish officials find it difficult to understand why the United States should be favored as desired by the American government, especially if, as the Marquis de Apeztegui affirms, the insurrection can be crushed in two months. Spain, it is asserted, will probably realize that the friendly intervention of the American government may be too dearly purchased and at the sacrifice, not only of important Spanish interests, but the equitable claims of other European nations.

A HARBORING TALE.

Family in Ottawa Literally Starving—Famished Children At Bay Meat. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2.—William D. Booth, driver for H. O. Ellis, grocer on Concession street, witnessed a pathetic scene of hunger and distress in a family on Nargaret street. A side of lamb and some groceries had been ordered to be sent to the home by Miss Allan of 590 Somerset street, who had heard that the family were badly in need of food, and Mr. Booth, upon arriving at the house, handed in the mutton and proceeded to remove from his basket the other groceries. Upon re-entering the house he was amazed to find that two or three of the children had torn the wrappings off the mutton and were ravenously devouring the raw and partially frozen meat. He children eat the uncooked food. He made no effort to restrain them, apparently realizing that the pangs of hunger obey no commands.

IN HONOR OF THE PRINCE.

Bayard's Banquet Falls on the Same Day as the Speaker's Dinner. LONDON, Feb. 2.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, and other prominent members of parliament, have been obliged to decline an invitation to be present at the dinner which the United States ambassador, Mr. Thos. F. Bayard, will give to-day at his private residence in honor of the Prince of Wales. The inability of Mr. Chamberlain and others to be present is due to the fact that they have to attend the speaker's dinner the same day.

MADE A JOINT BID.

Northern Pacific and Great Northern Want Control of the O. B. & N. New York, Feb. 2.—A special dispatch to the Evening Post, from Frankfort-on-the-Main, says: "The Berlin committee of the holders of the Oregon Railway and Navigation 5 per cent bonds have received a joint bid of 45 from the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroad companies, for all the stock of the railway and navigation company represented by them, the purchase to be payable on July 1, with 3 per cent interest. The bid is conditional on its acceptance by holders of at least \$3,000,000. It is understood that the Union Pacific will also become interested later on in the purchase. The committee favors the sale, and has recommended the acceptance of the bondholders.

THREE TIMES IN A WEEK.

C. P. R. Trains in New Brunswick Went Over Embankments. ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 2.—After an investigation the C. P. R. officials have determined that the serious accidents which have occurred to their passenger trains within five days last week were all due to the excessive cold weather, which caused the rails to contract to such an extent that the trains were derailed. The wreck of the west-bound fast express at Dorchester, Tuesday, when the train went down a 30-foot embankment, which went over the local passenger train by that of a local passenger train yesterday. Early Saturday morning the fast express from Montreal went over a 20-foot embankment at Powellton. No one was killed in the two latter mishaps, but the damage to rolling stock was heavy.

A SPECIAL PROVIDENCE.

Passenger Train on the Great Northern Wrecked—Nobody Was Killed. SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 2.—[Special.]—West-bound passenger train No. 3 on the Great Northern, which left here Sunday night, was wrecked at Malaga, a small station a few miles east of Wenatchee, yesterday. Henry Wilson, one of the train crew, was injured internally, while all the passengers were more or less shaken up. A special act of providence must have intervened in that no one was instantly killed.

To Prevent Epidemics.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The senate has commenced the discussion of a bill, the enactment of which into law will make isolation and disinfection throughout France compulsory. This measure has been proposed with a view to stamping out epidemics.

THE OLD FLAG GOLD MINING CO., Ltd.

Incorporated Under the Laws of British Columbia, Companies Act, 1890. Capital Stock 1,500,000 Shares. Par Value \$1.00 each, of which have been set aside as Treasury Stock 500,000 shares. Fully paid and non-assessable. Head Office, Rossland, B. C. Mine, South Slope of Lookout Mountain. Trustees for the first three months are: C. M. Carpenter, President; Robt. Dixon, Treas.; W. E. Crane, Vice-Pres.; W. J. Whiteside, Sect. Directors: C. M. Carpenter, Robt. Dixon, J. E. Crane, J. B. Henderson. Solicitors: Elliott & Whiteside. Bankers: Bank of Montreal. Harry Gager, Mining Engineer.

Report on the Eureka No. 1 Mineral Claim.

LOCATION.—This property consisting of one full claim, fifteen hundred feet long of the Eureka No. 1, Triunvir, Esmeralda, Old Flag and Omicron, situated on the south slope of Lookout mountain, in the celebrated Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Good surface showings have been found on each, assaying from a trace to \$5.00 in silver and surface showings of about 100 lbs. of copper. This property was purchased on the report of Mr. Harry Gager, mining engineer, on the Eureka No. 1. The following is his report in full.

GENERAL REMARKS.—This is in my opinion a most promising prospect, and upon development will prove a very valuable property. The surface showings of many of the principal veins in the district and in the vicinity of Rossland were not as good as this and like them it will require development to demonstrate its value. A wagon road can be made almost to the property at a small cost, and by that the ore could be transported to the smelter at Trail or Northport, Washington, by steamers, or ferried across the Columbia river and loaded on cars at Waratah, B. C., and from there taken to the smelter at Nelson, B. C. or to the states via the Nelson & Fort Sheppard and Spokane Falls & Northern railway. Respectfully submitted. (Signed) HARRY GAGER, Mining Engineer.

Pure Gold Mining Co., Ltd.

Incorporated under the Laws of the British Columbia. Capital Stock 1,000,000 Shares. 400,000 Shares set apart for development purposes. The company owns 3 full claims on CHRISTINA LAKE in the Trail Creek mining district and is vigorously pushing development of these properties, having six men employed. The ledge on the surface is over 40 feet wide and runs through the claims for about 200 feet. The first block of development stock is offered at 5 Cents per Share. Prospectus, by-laws, etc. can be had of all Rossland agents, or A. P. HUNTER, Sec'y, Box 240, Rossland. Or to S. G. READ, (Agent for Ontario) Brantford, Ont.

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Steamer Nakusp Is Having a Hard Time in the Narrows.

SMELTER IMPROVEMENTS

C. P. R. Has Taken Over the Steamboat Company's Business at Trail—New Refinery for the Smelter the Only One in Canada.

TRAIL, Feb. 1.—[Special.]—The business of C. & K. S. N. Co. passed to the control of the C. P. R. today and Geo. S. Beer, formerly auditor for the C. & K. company at Nelson and for five years with the C. P. R., assumed temporary charge of the office at Trail. D. G. Elton, who has been in charge of the office here, will remain until all the business of the old company is disposed of. The permanent agent here will be J. W. Redpath, with the C. P. R. at Melita, Manitoba.

Until notice is received from Superintendent Marpole, no change will be made either in the employees, schedule of boats or traffic rates. The steamer Nakusp missed her Saturday trip and has been ice-bound nearly three days, ploughing through 20 miles of ice. It is expected to get through on schedule time tomorrow.

Plans are ready for a refinery at the smelter heretofore sent to the United States. This means a large increase in the present plant and the employment of perhaps 100 more men. This will be the only refinery in the Dominion.

The new blast furnace has been shipped from Milwaukee, thus giving the plant three furnaces. Two new blowers have arrived from Indiana. They weigh 25,000 pounds each and will replace the two now in use, the largest of which weighs 12,000 pounds.

Major McGinnis, the general manager of the Butte and Trail smelters, has gone to Butte and in a few days D. J. Fitzgerald will be here to assume general charge of the Trail smelter.

The Columbia & Western is building two ice houses, one at Trail and one at Rossland. Lee Davenport has the contract to furnish 500 tons of ice, to be cut on the pond opposite Trail.

Customs Report. The report of the deputy collector of customs at Trail shows the following receipts for January: Value of dutiable goods, \$24,000 00; Value of free goods, \$2,281 00; Total, \$26,281 00.

Inland revenue collections, \$1,459 73. This shows an increase over last month and inland revenues will be greatly increased through the duties on malt for the breweries. Another brewery with a capacity of 20 barrels will be started next week by Wm. Fluhrer and August Stadler.

RESULTED IN A DRAW.

The Wrestling Match Between Blue and Jaffe.

There was an exciting wrestling match in the back room of the Vendome Tuesday night between Louis Blue and Herbert Jaffe of saw mill fame. The contest resulted in a draw and grew out of an argument over the Dunn-UMfried contest, but it was in earnest and was witnessed by a number of Rossland sports. Evan Morgan was second for Blue and Louis Harris for Jaffe. Choice of a referee caused considerable discussion.

Jaffe insisted on Frank UMfried. After a merry chase around town UMfried was found in bed, having just been rubbed down, and his trainer, Marshall, refused to permit him to get up. So it was agreed to leave the decision to the audience.

Jaffe was the first to appear in the improvised arena, stripped to the buff. He entered with a broad grin of confidence. Time was called by Ike Harris. Blue, at the outset, played for his favorite leg hold, while Jaffe acted as if he would be content to use the strangle hold on his opponent. Jaffe made a rush at his man, and Blue dropped, catching both of Jaffe's legs in his arms and raising high up, threw him over his head to the floor.

Jaffe turned and fell face downward. At the same time he reached for his man and secured a hammer lock. But Blue was not to be caught napping. He squirmed out and Jaffe secured a half Nelson. Blue turned a complete somersault and as his feet hit the floor he formed a bridge. Jaffe tried to bear him down by digging his chin into his abdomen, but fate was against him, as he had recently shaved.

The contest was resumed and all the tactics known to wrestlers were used. Time was called by the crowd after it was apparent that the match was a draw.

JAMES BREEN DEAD.

Passed Away Yesterday Morning—Interment Will Take Place at Spokane. James Breen, who was stricken with a severe attack of appendicitis January 1, and since then confined at Doctor Bowes' hospital, died at 8 o'clock Monday morning. He was 19 years and nine months old, and had been robust physically previous to his recent illness. By occupation he was a miner and a member of the Miner's union.

When he was taken to the hospital New Year's night he was in a critical condition, and it was decided that an operation was the only hope of saving his life. The remains, after being prepared for burial, were removed to the Masonic hall last night. The funeral will leave for Spokane at 10 a. m. and the Masonic hall today will take place at Spokane where three brothers and one sister are buried. All the members of the Miner's union and friends of the deceased, are requested to meet at the Masonic hall at 9:30 today.

ROUGH ON DE BARRY.

There is a Canadian in Buffalo He Can Not Send Back.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Immigration Inspector De Barry has a case on hand just now against a Canadian that he fears he cannot pull through successfully. When the new cattle quarantine regulations went into effect a few days ago Rice & Whaley, the big East Buffalo cattle firm, went to Toronto and secured the services of David McDonald, offering him \$3,000 a year to come to Buffalo and look after the importing branch of the firm's business. They took McDonald into the firm as a partner. There is nothing in the law regarding partnerships formed in a foreign country.

THE VOTERS' LIST.

It Now Contains 139 Names—28 More Applications In.

Up to date 139 applications have been placed on the voters' list, but this does not include the total number of applications filed with the recorder. A number of applicants to be placed on the voters' list here cannot be placed there because the applicants have not removed their names from lists in other parts of the country. The total number of those who have been neglectful in this matter is 28.

JAILED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Australia's Phenomenal Murderer Captured on the Swanilda.

He Showed Great Coolness, Denying His Identity, Which is, However, Clearly Established.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Geo. Edward Butler, alias Ashe, the murderer, whose arrival on the ship Swanilda, which was so long expected, is now in the San Francisco jail. The Swanilda was sighted at 5:15 this morning, coming through the heads in tow of the tug Alice. The tug blew six whistles, the signal agreed upon to notify the detectives down the bay that Butler was on board. Suddenly a red light flashed out through the darkness. This was another signal and the officers knew their man was there.

The customs boat, which had been placed at the disposal of the Swanilda, was boarded in haste by six detectives, four newspaper men and four revenue officers, and the little vessel steamed rapidly away to the Swanilda, which was met off Fort Point.

The detectives remained concealed in the cabin while the revenue officers went on board the Swanilda to see if Butler had been put in irons. They reported he was not, and the detectives went on board, where Butler was pointed out, and in a second was handcuffed. He was then identified by Detectives McHattie and Conroy, who came here from Australia for that purpose.

The captured murderer was taken on board the customs steamer, which soon landed him at the wharf. The patrol wagon was in waiting and he was whirled off to prison. Although the arrest was a complete surprise to the suspected man he maintained remarkable coolness and calmly smoked a cigarette as he went ashore. Captain Fraser of the Swanilda, said Butler slipped with him as a seaman under the name of Lee Weller, one of his victims. All went well on the trip across the Pacific and it was not known the murderer was on board until yesterday.

Butler asked Captain Frazier, as the pilot appeared to know him, as he expected letters from Australia. When the pilot came aboard Butler approached him and asked: "Well, is it yes or no?" The pilot did not know what he meant, and he gave no explanation. Captain Frazier was informed by the pilot that it was supposed Butler was on board under the name of Lee Weller, and told of the arrangements for his capture. Captain Frazier agreed to do all in his power to help the police. Nothing was said to Butler and the ship was brought into port.

It was agreed that when the crew lined up for inspection Captain Frazier was to stop in front of Butler. When the police came on board and the men lined up, Butler was the second man in line. Captain Frazier stopped an instant in front of him and in the same instant Sergeant Bonner, of the local police, covered him with a pistol. Butler's hands went up like a flash. Irons were slipped over his wrists and one of the most noted criminals of modern times was a prisoner.

On the voyage from Newcastle Butler worked as an ordinary seaman. In his kit were found garments bearing different marks which corresponded to the initials of some of his victims. Butler is specifically charged with having committed three murders, while several others are attributed to him.

His plan of action in Australia was to advertise for some one to work a mining claim in the bush with him. Of the applicants who answered the advertisement he would choose only such men as had few acquaintances and about whom no special inquiry was likely to be made. Then assuring himself that his new mate was a man of means, Butler would start off with him for the bush, which is the technical name of the wild Australian country lying outside civilization and is a place well fitted to deeds of darkness.

Arrived at the claim, Butler would set his man to work. While the unsuspecting miner toiled eagerly for the gold that was to place him beyond want, a rifle shot would re-echo in the stillness of the bush and the luckless laborer, a gaping, ragged hole in his temple, would plunge forward into the grave he had just dug.

When the Monowai sails for Australia Friday she will not take Butler and the Australian detectives. The prisoner's presence is required before the United States Commissioner Peacock next Monday. Commissioner Peacock makes a technical defence to his extradition, as he says he will do, and he may remain in San Francisco for several weeks.

When he was taken before the commissioner this afternoon he said his name was Lee Weller. After Constable Conroy of the Australian police, had identified him as Butler, the alleged murderer, the prisoner's attorney asked for a continuance for 10 days in order to prepare a defence. Next Monday was set by the commissioner as a compromise date for both sides. Butler maintains his policy of reticence and absolutely refuses to discuss his past.

NEWS FROM SANDON

The Argo Reported to Have Been Bonded For \$25,000.

IT ADJOINS THE TOWNSITE

Has Good Showings of Ore and Is Well Situated For Working—Monitor Shipping 10 Tons Daily—Electric Lights For New Denver.

SANDON, Jan. 31.—[Special.]—The Argo, a claim adjoining the townsite, is reported to be bonded for \$25,000. This is one of the finest looking prospects in the camp and bids fair to make a mine in the near future. It is close to town so that the cost for hauling supplies will be very small, and the ore can be run from the mouth of the tunnel through a surface chute right to the Kaslo & Slocan tracks. The No. 2 tunnel, in 175 feet, has ore in the face. The No. 1 tunnel, in 40 feet, has ore all the way. A winze sunk from No. 1 to No. 2 level, a distance of 50 feet, has ore all the way.

S. Norman says J. A. Finch has bought 50,000 shares of the St. Keverne stock. This is the last of the treasury stock for sale. A contract has been let to drift 100 feet on this property to Wm. Rose.

The Monitor is shipping ten tons of ore daily. Mr. Petty made \$30,000 out of this property last year and the prospects are that he will make more this year.

The American Boy Mining & Milling Co. has been formed to work the American Boy and Black Hawk claims near the Ajax. The trustees are Thomas McGulgan, J. G. McGulgan, H. Callahan, S. Haas and E. Denzel.

A deal is said to be pending for the sale of the Idaho group, with tram and concentrator, to an English company. This property has recently paid four monthly dividends of \$20,000 each. The Keeco is taking out about five tons of ore per day.

James DeLaney has bought the old Kamloops electric light plant and will put it up to illuminate New Denver. It is expected that a water works system will be inaugurated.

S. F. Moore, general freight agent, and S. G. Fulton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, arrived today. They are looking for a share of the Kootenay traffic. A hockey club was organized yesterday. The first game of curling ever played in the Slocan was played here last Wednesday. The spectators were not very enthusiastic admirers of the sport.

Several of New Denver's social leaders came in Saturday to enjoy the skating. Thos. Cherry has organized a miners' union at Silverton. J. F. Ritchie, of Rossland, had his skates on at the Sandon rink.

APPROVES THE ARBITRATORS.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The Times in an editorial this morning expresses its fullest approval of the Venezuelan arbitrators selected on both sides of the Atlantic. "It would have been impossible to select arbitrators more acceptable to the people of Great Britain," says the Times, "than the members of the United States supreme court, whose fame stands high."

AS AN ENGLISH MINER SEES IT

Condition of American Labor Worse Than in Great Britain. LONDON, Jan. 31.—Samuel Woods, secretary of the British Trade Union congress and its parliamentary committee, and who attended as a fraternal delegate the convention of the American Federation of labor at Cincinnati last month, takes a rather gloomy view of the condition and prospects of the mining industry of the United States.

In an article he has written on the results of his observation he says that the condition of the miners, especially in Ohio and Pennsylvania, is very unfortunate, their earnings being far below those of the fellow workers in England. The condition, he says, is due to the cosmopolitan nature of the labor employed.

The miners have not the same protective laws that exist in England, while the inspection of mines is a farce. There is no inspection in the true sense of the word, and the inspectors are much more interested in the employers than in the workmen. The system of inquiring into accidents is very lax and, speaking generally, human life is not half so sacred in America as in England. So far as the labor market is concerned, he concludes that the greatest obstacle to organized labor in America are the gigantic syndicates and trusts that prevail on every hand and in connection with every industry.

FAST HUMAN AID.

Nicholson's Extraordinary Vitality—Died at Nightfall Yesterday. Joseph Nicholson, the miner who was blown up in the explosion at the Red Eagle mine Friday, died just before 7 o'clock Saturday night. His remains were immediately removed by Undertaker White. His funeral will be held at 3 p. m. today.

Nicholson surprised his physicians by his remarkable vitality in clinging to life through the night and Friday. His friends desired that a consultation of surgeons be held and yesterday morning when the old bandages were removed and if Butler, Dr. J. H. Bowes, Doctor Campbell and Dr. Crowley were present. The fractures were carefully inspected and the lacerated scalp drawn over the exposed portions of his skull as far as possible, but still a large space remained bare. The doctors were of the opinion that his death was only a question of a few hours.

The Ottawa Gold Mining Co. Limited Liability. Capital Stock \$250,000. Par Value, \$1.00 Each. Rossland, B. C., January 28, 1897. To THE PUBLIC: The Directors of the Ottawa Gold Mining Company (Limited) wish to draw your attention to the following facts; The capitalization of this Company is, perhaps, the smallest met with in the history of the Rossland mines, being only 250,000 shares of \$1.00 each. The Treasury Stock is \$50,000, and it should be known to possible investors that before one share of this stock has been sold the sum of \$2,000 had been spent upon the property. The Directors have decided to limit the first and present issue of Treasury Stock to 20,000, and this number will be sold at the low price of 25 cents. When they have been sold, it is further decided to raise the price for the balance of the treasury stock to 50 cents. The Directors undertake that no further Treasury Stock will be placed upon the market until the proceeds of the first issue has been expended, or practically so. The Ottawa is not a mere prospect. With the excellent showing resulting from the \$2,000 already spent upon the property, the Ottawa may be said to have passed the period of uncertainty, and work is now being actively pushed night and day by five men. The management of the Company is under the able and careful direction of the Pounder Bros., who may be depended upon to exercise judicious economy in protecting the rights and expenditures of the Company. Remember the small capitalization, and also remember that 5 per cent. dividends upon \$1,000,000 means a 20 per cent. dividend upon a small capitalization of \$250,000. Finally, the Ottawa, from its partial development, excellent location and experienced management, promises to exceed the greatest expectations of its Directors. Order stock from GEORGE A. POUNDER, President, ROSSLAND, B. C. Two cuts, showing plans of the work, were not ready for the first issue of Prospectus, but will appear in second edition.

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BIG THREE IN LUCK
Drift From the Snowshoe—Southern Belle Tunnel In Good Ore.
RUNS 20 PER CENT. COPPER

A Very Rich Showing in the Face-Ledge Appears to Be About 25 Feet Wide and Streaked With Fine Ore—Shipping Ore Accumulating.

It would be hard to find a more interesting situation than that now presented in the drift being run from the Southern Belle-Snowshoe tunnel. An assay of \$31.84 was obtained yesterday from the ore now found in the face of the drift. This is the highest assay yet had from the Southern Belle or Snowshoe, or indeed, from any claim on the part of Red Mountain. A pleasing feature is that this assay showed 20 per cent copper.

The original tunnel was started very near the line between the Southern Belle and Snowshoe, both claims belonging to the Big Three company, and was run in a southwesterly direction for 70 or 80 feet. A tunnel was then driven off more to the northwest on a seam found in the rock.

When in about 40 feet from the main tunnel what appeared to be the footwall of a ledge came in and then a series of ore seams, some of them carrying black oxide of copper, were cut for a distance of 25 feet. This seems to be the width of the ledge. A drift was then started on one of the best looking seams, which came in from the southwest, and has now been run 25 feet. It was in the face of this drift where the ore was found which gave the assay above referred to. The face of the drift is full of streaks of solid and decomposed ore of high copper per centage. It is a very rich showing and shipping ore is now being piled on the dump in considerable quantities.

Hillyard a Dry Town.
SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The people of Hillyard will either have to go dry hereafter or come to Spokane for their liquid refreshments. The county commissioners have just discovered that they have no legal right to grant liquor licenses at Hillyard as that town is within one mile of an incorporated city. The commissioners will revoke the licenses now in existence.

Metal Quotations.
New York, Feb. 3.—Bar silver, 64 3/4; silver certificates, 64 1/2 @ 65 1/2; Mexican dollars, 50 1/2 @ 51 1/2; Copper—Very firm; brokers' price, \$12; exchange price, \$12. Lead—Strong; brokers' price, \$2.30; exchange price, \$3.15 @ \$3.17 1/2. Tin—Steady; straits, \$13.40 @ \$13.50. Spelter—Quiet; domestic, \$4.

SPOKANE MINING EXCHANGE.
Lots of Bids and Offers, but Few Sales Yesterday.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—John Hardin, a member of the Colorado Springs mining exchange, acted as caller on the exchange this morning. There was a large attendance and by far the greatest number of bids and offers recorded at any session since the organization of the exchange.

Butte, 3 asked; Commander, 19 asked; Crown Point, 50 bid; Deer Park, 21 asked; Evening Star, 10 1/2 asked; Great Western, 18 asked; High Ore, 6 asked; Iron Mask, 50 asked; Josie, 51 asked; Josie Mac, 10 1/2 asked; Jumbo, 62 1/2 bid; Le Roi, \$7.00 bid; Lilly May, 19 bid, 19 1/2 asked; Mayflower, 12 1/2 bid, 15 asked; Monita, 19 1/2 asked; Poorman, 7 asked; O. K., 20 asked; Silverine, 7 1/2 asked; St. Elmo, 9 asked; Virginia, 18 asked; War Eagle, \$1.45 bid; West Le Roi, 13 bid; White Bear, 15 asked; Noble Five Con, 58 bid; Rambler Con, 35 1/2 asked; Slocan Star, \$2.60 asked; Wonderful, 10 1/2 asked; Reservation, bid; Delle, 15 asked; Cariboo, 47 asked.

Bids and Offers.
Clough offered Butte at 3 1/2, Rutter at 3 1/4 and another member at 3. Commander, offered yesterday at 18, was listed today at 20 by Clough, and 19 by Rutter. Galusha bid \$4 for 5,000 or 10,000 Crown Point; no offers. Deer Park was listed by Rutter for 21. Rutter offered 10,000 Evening Star at 11, then at 10 1/2. Great Western was offered by Liftchild at 18. Thirteen hundred High Ore were offered by Rutter at 50. Novelty was offered by Barinda at 28, and Silverine by Rex at 8 and 7 1/2. Galusha had 1,000 Virginia at 18. Josie was offered by Rutter at 52, by Rex at 62 1/2 and by Brawner at 51. Josie Mac was offered at 12 1/2, and 500 at 11 1/2, 11 and 10 1/2. Barinda offered 1,000 Lilly May at 20 and 19 1/2, and bid 18 1/2 and 19 for the same stock. Pugsley listed 5,000 Monita at 18 1/2. One thousand Monte Cristo was offered at 15 1/2. Poorman started at 7 1/2 by Rex and was then offered by Rutter at 9. By 1/4 cent falls it reached 7 1/2 and closed by Liftchild at 7. Slater bid 54 for 500 Noble Five, then 55, 56, 57, 57 1/2 and bought from Kennedy for 58. Taylor offered 3,000 Reservation at 7 1/2 and sold to Barinda, who in turn offered 7 for 5,000.

Caladonia was offered at 7, Palo Alto at 10, Little Darling at 3, Deer Park at 20 1/2, Evening Star at 9 1/2, and St. Elmo at 9. Four and a half cents was bid for 5,000 Miller Creek and 7 for Young America. The sales reported were: Three thousand Reservation at 7 1/2, Taylor to Barinda; 500 Noble Five at 58, Kennedy to Slater for Norman & Co.; and 4,000 Butte at 3, Rutter to Galusha.

ROSSLAND MINING MARKET.

Business was just fair in the local stock market yesterday. Colonna picked up half a cent to 26 1/2. Eric lost half a cent and is quoted at 7. Evening Star has dropped back again to 11. Great Western has fallen to 13 1/2 and High Ore has advanced a cent to 6 1/2. O. K. is quoted down to 26 1/2 owing to bear selling in Spokane. Wonderful is stronger at 1 1/2. Two new companies are added to

the list—Independent in this camp and Red Top in Northport district.

Note—No stocks are listed in the following table unless the property on which they are founded has been fully paid for, and the title perfected. Questions corrected daily by the Reddin-Jackson Co. Ltd., mining brokers Rossland, B. C.

Table with columns: Companies, No. of Shares, Par Value, Price. Lists various mining companies and their stock prices.

No stock on the local market. Dividends paid to date are as follows: Le Roi, \$20,000; War Eagle, \$18,000; Cariboo, \$112,000; Slocan Star, \$30,000; Alamo, Idaho, \$100,000; Red and Noble Five have also paid dividends.

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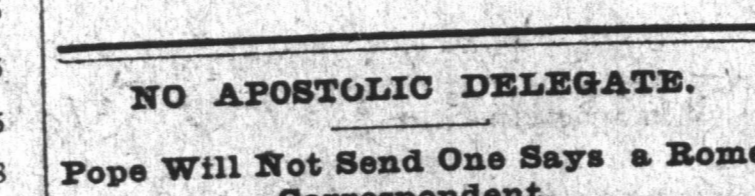
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NO APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

Pope Will Not Send One Says a Rome Correspondent.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail claims to have authority for announcing that the position of the pope in the matter of the Manitoba Catholic schools, and in the political questions in Canada growing out of their future, is not that of an arbitrator or counsellor.

The correspondent adds: "I believe that the Canadian delegation which visited Rome, desired to persuade the head of the Catholic church, and to influence him for the purpose of preventing the Catholic bishops from spoiling the entire compromise by reason of obduracy."

In conclusion the correspondent of the Daily Mail announces that all rumors relative to the establishment of an apostolic delegation in Canada are groundless.

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This is likely to prove one of the bonanzas of British Columbia. There are four claims on the Athabasca, Alberta, Algonquin, and Manitoba. Mr. Albert J. Hill, M. A. M. E. M. Can. Soc. C. E., in his report says in part: "Seven ledges of free milling ore have been opened on the property, varying in thickness from one to eight feet. In every opening I detected free gold."

Ledge No. 1, as shown approximately on the sketch plan, varies in thickness from two to four feet. It is opened by shafts at three points and a twenty-five foot tunnel driven on the lead and is traced on the strike for about 600 feet. Some fifteen to twenty tons of ore are lying on the surface, a certified assay of which gives \$27.43 per ton of which \$20 is gold and \$7.43 is silver value, and which I have examined would evidently give many times that value, and though picked specimens which I have examined would give many times that value, and I think I am well within the limit of probability when I suggest a general average of \$200.00 per ton, while the average of the ledge will be, I believe fully \$500 to the ton."

It will be seen from the foregoing extracts from the report that the company has not been incorporated on a mere "prospect," but that it has a valuable and proven property. It may also be mentioned that other assays obtained from the quartz of the Athabasca, in addition to that referred to above, have given \$26, \$29, \$200, \$46, \$9,800, and \$7,750 to the ton.

The brokers for this company thought so much of the property after making most searching investigations, that they purchased for themselves a large block of the stock.

About \$10,000 in cash is now available for active development work, consequently all the men that can be employed are now working on the property. Estimates for the machinery required are now being invited. 50,000 shares only of the treasury stock are now offered for sale at 25 cents, 10,000 of which will be sold here, and the balance in the east.

The next issue will be 50 cents.

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SHAREHOLDERS PROTECTED.

Not only is the stock of the company fully paid and non-assessable, but by a special provision of the by-laws no debt can be incurred beyond the amount of money actually in the treasury to meet it.

CHARACTER OF THE PROPERTY.

About \$7,000 has already been expended on the mine. It is therefore more than a mere prospect. It was determined not to ask the public to subscribe to the treasury shares until the value of the property was established. This has been done by running a main working tunnel 180 feet, by the making of an upraise from the tunnel to the surface and by the driving of about 50 feet of drifts. In doing this work three distinct veins were encountered varying in width from 12 inches to four feet. The ore found in these veins is a free milling quartz, free gold being seen from time to time. The value runs from \$7 to \$40 in gold—the average being about \$18. Drifts are now being run on these ore bodies and ore taken out for milling.

PLANS OF THE COMPANY.

As soon as sufficient ore is obtained to justify the erection of a mill the company will build a mill of such capacity as shall be warranted by the necessities of the mine, and begin the production of bullion. It is proposed also to run a long tunnel from the creek level below to give a depth under the present working of several hundred feet. It is for the purpose of providing funds for these undertakings that the treasury shares are now offered.

FIRST ISSUE OF SHARES.

The first installment of treasury stock consisting of 50,000 shares is now offered to the public at 15 cents per share. The company believes it is altogether reasonable that the purchasers of these shares will enjoy an early advance owing to the highly promising condition of the mine. It is its most invulnerable rule of this camp that the first issue of treasury shares advances immediately to a higher figure than the original selling price.

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At this date, Dec. 21, the shaft of the Iron Colt continues to be in solid ore. The vein has not yet been crosscut and its width is unknown. A crosscut will be run at the 100-foot level and preparations are now being made to run a tunnel from the side of the mountain below and contracts are now being made for power drills.

THE WEEK IN KASLO

Ore Receipts From Eight Mines Total Up 474 Tons.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

At Governor Dewdney's Suggestion Mayor Green Will Start a Fund-Hockey Club Organized-Foresters' Lodge Instituted.

Kaslo, Jan. 29.—[Special.]—While not quite up to the usual quantity of deliveries at the Kaslo station of the Kaslo & Slocan railway during the past week have been fairly good. The new tramway and concentrator of the Noble Five Consolidated company have now been for more than a week in active operation and it is expected that during the ensuing week the output from these works will be going forward to the smelters which will of course add very materially to the railway traffic. The receipts for the week ending with the 28th inst. are as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Mines, Pounds. Ruth, 34,000; Noble Five, 46,000; Last Chance, 6,000; Wellington, 72,000; Jackson Group, 31,000; Goodenough, 35,800.

This makes in all something over 474 tons. Of this output the ore from the Ruth and Rambler goes to the Fugot Sound Reduction works at Everett, Wash.; the Payne and Last Chance for ward to the ore to Pueblo, Col.; the Reo send to Denver, while the Jackson, Wellington and Goodenough is run through the Kaslo City sampling works and is then shipped to the smelters. A feature of the shipments for the week is the bulk transfer of the ore from the Ruth mine to the sampler, where it is crushed, sampled, assayed and sacked at the rate of \$1.25 per ton, which is small as compared with the ordinary cost of sorting and sacking at the mine.

The Kaslo & Slocan railway has added several box cars to the rolling stock and the new rotary plow is expected to reach Kaslo on Sunday next. Traffic, both freight and passenger, upon the road continues satisfactory.

Mining Notes. The Carnduff Mining and Development company has commenced operations at Slocan City. The company's property consists of 13 fine properties on Springer and Lemon creeks, which it intends to open up in the near future with a considerable force of men. The stock is said to be principally in the hands of residents of Southeast Assiniboia.

The Black Diamond and Little Donald mineral claims, at Ashcroft, will shortly be taken over by a joint stock company, to be called the Black Diamond Mining company, in which some prominent eastern capitalists will be largely interested.

The other day a small quantity of ore taken from the most recently started tunnel of the Whitewater, and not specially selected, was sent to the sampling works for assay, and a return made of 625 ounces in silver to the ton.

The Hon. Edgar Dewdney, lieutenant-governor of the province, and president of the Dardanelles Mining company, was in Kaslo on Thursday last, on a brief visit. He was met at Nelson by W. J. Trethewey, the consulting engineer of the company, and in Kaslo by a number of callers. He left for Spokane on Friday morning, en route for Victoria.

Indian Famine Relief. While in Kaslo the lieutenant-governor advised Mayor Green that the Earl of Aberdeen, at the suggestion of the Imperial government, had consented to act as agent for a Canadian fund for the famine sufferers in India. The governor-general had in turn communicated with the lieutenant-governors requesting them to bring the matter before the people of the various provinces. It is expressed the hope that the people of British Columbia would make a liberal response. The mayor will present the matter to the liberal-minded people of the lake city and will endeavor to be able to report a generous contribution.

Secret Society News. The Independent Order of Foresters has a court recently established in Kaslo. It is officered thus:—Duncan McPhail, court deputy; D. P. Kane, chief ranger; W. B. Strathairn, past chief ranger; O. Strathairn, vice-chief ranger; S. Fawcett, recording secretary; D. J. Young, financial secretary; J. D. Keenan, treasurer; Rev. James Nairn, court chaplain, and Dr. Hartin, court physician. The court was organized by J. E. Annable, deputy of the supreme chief ranger. There were 24 charter members and eight others joined at the second meeting.

The members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, of which there is a considerable number in the city, have it in contemplation to organize a lodge of the order in this city in the near future. There are some who have held high rank elsewhere, and they are not forgetful of past associations.

The Knights of Pythias are also in correspondence with members of that order elsewhere with a view of introducing it here. Some prominent Pythians have taken up a permanent residence in Kaslo, and are anxious to unite once more.

Persons and Brevities. A Heesler, sent up from the police court of Kaslo for trial, upon the charge of having obtained money by false pretenses, in having uttered a worthless check, was tried at Nelson on Wednesday by Judge Forin, without a jury. He was adjudged guilty, and sentenced to three months imprisonment, to date from the time of his first arrest. He will have about three weeks to serve.

John L. Retallack, the financial agent and local representative of the Bank of Montreal agency at Nelson, left on Friday morning for a visit of several months to relatives and friends in England. The recent cold snap was somewhat severely felt on the shores of Kootenay lake, although the official thermometer at no time registered lower than four degrees above zero. Not so very cold after all when compared with what some of our eastern Canadian friends had to endure.

Paul Riedel, of the grocery and bakery firm of Riedel & Kaester, who built Kaslo's only brick building, had his leg broken just above the knee last Thursday afternoon. He was kicked by the horse which he was driving. Dr. Hartin and Rogers set the fractured bones.

A RECORD BREAKER

Local Syndicate Has Bought 64 Lots on Thompson Avenue.

PRICE WAS OVER \$20,000

The Avenue Will be Graded and Sidewalks Built—The Object is to Make it a Business Street—Montreal Syndicate's Success.

Saturday was a red-letter day in the history of the real estate market in Rossland. The Montreal syndicate, through John F. McCrae, sold 64 lots on Thompson avenue to a local syndicate organized by Weeks, Kennedy & Co. The aggregate price was something over \$20,000. It was the largest real estate transaction which has taken place in Rossland since the purchase of 800 lots in the original townsite by James F. Wardner for the Montreal syndicate.

The Montreal syndicate has sold over 120 of the 800 lots it originally purchased and is well pleased. The sum of \$27,000 is now here in the Bank of Montreal for the third payment on the 800 lots and the fourth and last payment will soon be made. It has turned out to be one of the most successful real estate deals ever made on the Pacific coast.

The local syndicate which has purchased the Thompson avenue lots propose to make it a business street and to that end will do the necessary grading, build sidewalks and put up a number of buildings. The new cable street railway line will be utilized for this new venture. It is contended that the business district of the town must be enlarged—that Columbia avenue is already full and that people will eagerly seek some new district where lots are cheaper and rents not so high.

Thompson avenue runs east and west along the bottom of the hill south of Columbia avenue. It passes just north of the electric light plant and is reached by Spokane or St. Paul streets. The agents of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard townsite lots also report many sales for the week. The total sales of their lots now aggregate a little over \$80,000, about one-half of which has been paid in cash. The agents handling these lots say they are very well satisfied with the progress made.

C. P. R. AFFAIRS.

Work on the Crow's Nest Line to Begin Shortly.

Nelson, Jan. 30.—[Special.]—A report is current to the effect that the C. P. R. will commence the active work of construction on the Crow's Nest Pass road on March 30 and that plans with this end in view are now being prepared. It is an open secret that a large party of C. P. R. engineers is now making the location survey of the road around the lake and this would not be done if the company did not contemplate construction. Resident officials who were approached upon the subject are very quiet and neither affirm nor deny the report.

The formal transfer of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation company's holdings to the Canadian Pacific railway will take place on Monday and the probabilities are that a new schedule will go into effect at once. Definite information cannot be secured until after the new owners take control. There will be no changes made in the crews on the boats. Captain Tropp will remain in charge of affairs here.

MINE OWNERS ORGANIZING.

Nelson Paper Says It is to Secure Favorable Legislation.

Nelson, Jan. 30.—[Special.]—The Miner today publishes a story to the effect that there is a well organized movement on foot for the organization of the Mine Owners' Association of British Columbia, and that the matter has been quietly progressing for two months past. The object of the association is to secure united action on the part of mine owners in the interest of legislation favorable to the mining interests of British Columbia. It is said that this will be the principal object of the organization, and that it will have no bearing whatever upon the labor question.

Mine owners in Nelson, Rossland, Kaslo, Sandon, New Denver and other points are said to be taking an active interest in the matter, and hope to be in a position to watch and assist legislation during the next session. The matter has been kept very quiet but for what reason is a matter of conjecture.

INTERVIEW WAS A FAKE.

D. O. Corbin Has Received No Offer For His Railroad.

Spokesman Review: The rich trade of the Kootenay district and the business created for transportation lines, has brought not a few general officers of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern to this section. Their presence indicates nothing beyond a desire to become acquainted with shippers and to learn the exact lay of the land.

Some one spread a report that the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad was to be sold to one of these lines. To substantiate the assertion that there is not a shadow of foundation for the report that the Spokane Falls & Northern is to be sold the following statement is had from D. O. Corbin, president of the Spokane Falls & Northern: "There is no truth in it. I have not said that I had received offers for these properties. I have received no offers and made none. The story is pure and unadulterated fiction."

ORANGES AT THE WAR EAGLE.

William Crummer Appointed Foreman—Jim Clark Resigns.

William Crummer has been appointed foreman of the War Eagle mine by the new management. Mr. Crummer has for some time been foreman of the Crown Point, and was therefore already in the employ of the people who have purchased the War Eagle. He was formerly foreman of the Gem mine in the Ceur d'Alene district of Idaho.

J. B. Hastings, the mining engineer upon whose report the War Eagle was purchased, who is regularly in the employ of the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate, will have general charge of the War Eagle and all other mines included in the new War Eagle Consolidated company.

Jim Clark closed his service yesterday as superintendent of the War Eagle, and will devote himself to his own extensive mining interests. His departure from the War Eagle is greatly regretted by the men working there and by the people of Rossland generally. John Brennan, who has long been foreman under Jim Clark, is yet sick in Spokane. Mr. Hastings has a high opinion of his ability, but chose Mr. Crummer for the position of foreman of the War Eagle, as he was already in the employ of the company.

The steam hoist for the Sunset mine will arrive in a few days, when work in the shaft will be resumed. The vein has been opened up for 75 feet by two drifts from the bottom of the shaft, one 48 feet west and one eight feet east. The vein varies from four to five feet between walls, carrying good ore the entire distance. Twelve men are at present working on the drifts.

KASLO NEWS NOTES

Bank of British North America Opening Was a Surprise.

GOODENOUGH'S RICH ORE.

J. A. Whittier Got a Check for \$14,000 For 42 Tons of It—J. E. Boss of Spokane Has Bonded the Iron Mountain Mine.

KASLO, Jan. 27.—[Special].—The steamer International, on Sunday last, took a number of the brethren of Kaslo Masonic lodge to Nelson to be present at the funeral of their brother C. H. Rashdall, the mining recorder of the Nelson division.

The opening of the branch of the Bank of British North America on Monday last in this city, took most of our citizens by surprise. Mr. H. G. Marquis, lately in charge of the Sandon branch, will take permanent charge of the new institution, which is temporarily established in Kapp's new building at the corner of A avenue and Fifth streets.

The soiree and concert at the Presbyterian church on Monday evening in honor of the anniversary of the immortal Burns, was quite successful. The noticeable feature of the entertainment was the large percentage of ladies in the audience. To an old resident this feature is, perhaps, more marked than to the newcomer.

At the city council meeting on Saturday evening last, City Engineer Cummings gave some statistics with reference to the new city waterworks system. The elevation at the intake is 384 feet, and at the reservoir 290 feet. The pressure at the reservoir in feet head is 94 feet. The pressure at the reservoir in pounds per square inch is 40.8. He also reported that a 6-inch T had been provided at every street crossing within the city limits.

The wood stave pipe for the waterworks has now been put together and the connection made between the intake and the reservoir. This pipe is about 8,500 feet in length and twelve inches in diameter on the outside. Steel rods take the place of hoops and are fastened by a shoe and nut which may be tightened or loosened as occasion may require.

Work upon the section of distributing pipe between Fifth and Sixth streets on A avenue is being prosecuted, and it will be finished this week. This will practically finish the system, when the system will be thoroughly tested.

A Pretty Big Check.

J. A. Whittier of the Goodenough mine cashed the first check at the newly opened branch of the Bank of British North America and it was a whopper, being for very nearly \$14,000. It was drawn by George Alexander, president of the Kootenay Ore company, in payment for 42 tons of Goodenough ore, which had been run through the Kaslo City Sampling works, assayed and purchased by the company. The assay return of the entire shipment was 22.8 ounces in silver and 70 per cent lead to the ton, worth, after deducting all charges for sampling, smelting, freight, and duty, about \$340 per ton.

The Slocan and Spokane Mining and Developing company is the latest organization to operate properties in this district. O. W. Sturges is the manager, and an office has been opened in this city. The property of the company is on a branch of the South Fork of the Kaslo creek, and is in part the mineral claim of Frederick, of which much is expected. The Iron Mountain, a promising mineral claim situated at the head of Schroeder creek has recently changed owners. Thomas E. Allen sold to John Allen. He in return gave a working bond to Robert W. Yull for \$50, a further sum of \$950 on the first of August, 1897, and \$9,000 on the first of January, 1898. Yull then assigned the bond to Joseph E. Boss of Spokane.

Personals and Brevities.

A. D. Jones, a mining broker of Spokane, was in Kaslo on Wednesday and went up Kootenay lake with a view of inspecting some mining properties in that district.

Fred Steele and T. M. Gibson went to Ainsworth on Wednesday morning to begin work on the Black Diamond and Little Donald mineral claims, of which the former recently became the purchaser on behalf of an eastern syndicate.

H. Herschel Cohen and J. A. McDonnell went to New Denver early in the week to look after some mining properties. It is said that Mr. Cohen will establish permanent offices at Sandon and Slocan City.

The steamer Nelson took the place of the Kokanee on the Nelson run on Tuesday evening. Ice was forming so rapidly in the outlet that it was deemed prudent to put the older boat to "buck" it, as she had been especially fitted for that kind of work.

The Slocan Steam Laundry company is the newest Kaslo enterprise which has been announced as about to open up. Machinery has been ordered from the Troy Laundry Manufacturing company of Chicago and buildings will at once be erected.

A NEW COMPLICATION.

London Company Sets up a Claim to the War Eagle.

Toronto World: Yesterday morning the agent in Rossland of Godenough Blackstock-Cox syndicate wired his principals in Toronto that he had just taken formal possession of the War Eagle property, the details of the deal having been arranged at a meeting in Spokane on Wednesday, and the purchase money paid over.

Simultaneously with this settlement came the rather startling announcement that the Toronto men's title to the property would be disputed. On Tuesday the Rossland War Eagle company of London, Eng., wired their solicitor in this city to notify the original owners and the purchasers that they would dispute the sale.

Such notification was forthwith made and the Londoners assert that they will

insist on their right to the mine under an alleged prior contract of purchase. The English company say they held an option on the property, and so sure are they that they have a right to the mine that they have issued a prospectus on the strength of it.

Mr. T. G. Blackstock was seen last evening by The World and laughingly said that he had received the notice referred to, but it was not worrying him. The English company's claim would not affect the syndicate's interests in the least.

CANADA MAY RETALIATE

Ottawa Trades and Labor Council Wants An Alien Labor Law.

Premier Laurier Will Discuss the Matter With Uncle Sam—Nice Prospect For Americans in Kootenay.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 28.—The Trades and Labor men of this city waited on Premier Laurier today and asked the Dominion government to pass an alien labor law. The premier said that a delegation would go to Washington soon to discuss that and other matters with the United States authorities.

The intention of the United States never had been to harass Canada with the alien labor law, although that was the result of it. America's leading statesmen, recognized this and if the matter could not be amicably settled between the two countries, it necessary, a law similar to that of the States would be passed in Canada.

J. W. Patterson, A. R. Macdonald and Alderman McGuire and others represented the labor men.

A NEW MINING MAP.

Made by a Tacoma Man and Including Many New Claims.

By far the largest map yet made of the Trail Creek camp is that made by B. C. Kenway, of Tacoma. A copy of this map has been received by THE MINER and is in all respects a most creditable production. It includes the Look-out mountain group, the Crown Point mountain group and the Lake mountain group, in addition to the claims on and about Red mountain. Mr. Kenway has evidently taken great pains with his work.

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Description of Property. The property consists of two full claims, the Fisher Maiden and Silverton No. 2. These claims are situated on Four Mile creek in the Slocan district, about eight miles from Silverton. A good trail leads from Silverton (on Slocan lake) to the mine. A wagon road covering the same route will be built in the spring. The property is very high grade in silver and the Fisher Maiden is already a shipping mine. There are now 200 tons of ore in transit and on the dump. Assays made by J. M. M. Benedun on Nov. 23 gave: No. 1, 330 oz. silver per ton; No. 2, 205 oz. silver per ton. Assays made recently by Robbins & Long gave: No. 1, 386 oz. silver, 56 per cent lead; No. 2, 428 oz. silver, 1.5 per cent copper. Ore body averages 15 inches in width. Prospectus of company can be seen at their office in the Stussi Block, Rossland. STOCKS. All individual stock is pooled for seven months. Address for further particulars: FRANK WATSON, Rossland, B. C.

VIEWS ON... Toronto People... DEVELOPMENT... They Consider... J. B. McArthur... a MINER... regarding a... importance to... has been east... only returned... "What do th... about the War... ham-Blackstock... "They are de... riety of reason... in the fact th... est financial m... the great mine... proceeding to de... But the purcha... deal to establish... land district... hams are willi... tient and care... their millions i... all right. Ther... in the banks o... investment, and... the War Eagle... men intereste... would have the... men if they ha... ing companies?... "In what we... of the east be... mines or claim... "Largely in... These compani... displaced the... pany in the st... and Montreal... the day of the... pany for floati... passed, unless... as to justify its... or nearly so... ted in Spokane... The demand no... companies who... Toronto or Ma... well-known... men... "Many of s... being formed... most conservati... ana on the boar... are the best g... honest manag... millions of doll... enay this year... They argue in... money you nee... eries. You ha... put our money... of development... terms... "THE MINER... was the critica... and something... needed," was... east. They ar... share towards... or any other ca... "What about... railway and w... to whether... government or... "It will be b... business intere... this even more... people east thi... C. P. R. and fo... be unannounc... bonused the... \$50,000,000 o... the Crow's Nest... the C. P. R. it... another trans... would have to... ments with... Northern Paci... of these prop... Canada can... other transcon... pete with one... would at once... in Canadian... and similar r... ions are impo... would not outli... it made such a... "It must no... that the gover... the C. P. R. is... to prophesy th... the railway; t... pass will be ta... government an... coal and coke... government; w... portation char... surrender into... ment the regu... charges over it... and the North... result, the pre... ly reduced, an... happy... "If the gove... these lines it... thanks of the... The option... Montreal peop... and light pla... Definite word... last week. V... Montreal to c... to organize a... power from th... DID HE... Billy Ross'... Inqui... The wife o... name he was... land, who die... hospital Sund... of inquiry to... two weeks ag... THE MINER... taker Beatty... day he receiv... Rochester, N... "Dear Sir,"... wrote me the... particulars i... Myron Chap... as I wrote M... one. He bel... and his fath...

VIEW OF THE EAST

Toronto People Well Pleased With the War Eagle Sale.

DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES

They Consider Them More Advantageous to Invest In Than Companies Owning Single Mines—Much Capital Coming This Way.

J. B. McArthur was seen Friday by a MINER representative and interviewed regarding a number of questions of great importance to Kootenay. Mr. McArthur has been east for the past six weeks and only returned on Thursday evening.

"What do the people in Toronto say about the War Eagle sale to the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate?"

"They are delighted with it, for a variety of reasons. There is a local pride in the fact that its strongest and shrewdest financial men have purchased one of the great mines of Rossland, and are proceeding to develop it on a large scale. But the purchase has done a very great deal to establish confidence in the Rossland district. They say, if the Gooderham is willing, after months of patient and careful investigation, to put their millions into Kootenay it must be all right. There are millions of dollars in the banks of eastern Canada awaiting investment, and the result of the sale of the War Eagle has been to get wealthy men interested who, a few months ago, would have thought themselves madmen if they had got interested in mining companies."

"In what way are the moneyed men of the east becoming interested in our mines or claims?"

"Largely in development companies. These companies have almost wholly displaced the individual mining company in the stock markets of Toronto and Montreal. It is stated there that the day of the individual mining company for floating its stock in the east has passed, unless the development is such as to justify its being a dividend payer or nearly so. The company incorporated in Spokane has also seen its day. The demand now is for purely Canadian companies whose headquarters are in Toronto or Montreal and officered by well-known, reputable and wealthy men."

"Many of such companies are now being formed there with the best and most conservative business men in Canada on the boards, whose names alone are the best guarantee of careful and honest management. There will be millions of dollars brought into Kootenay this year by these companies. They argue in this way. We have the money you need to develop your properties. You have these. Now we will put our money into them for the purpose of development upon fair and reasonable terms."

"THE MINER'S statement that this was the critical year for Rossland camp and something more than talk was needed, was fully appreciated in the east. They are prepared to do their share towards the development of this or any other camp in British Columbia."

"What about the Crow's Nest Pass railway and what is the eastern view as to whether it should be built by the government or the C. P. R.?"

"It will be built—that is settled. The business interests of the east demand this even more than we do here. The people east think it must be built by the C. P. R. and for reasons which seem to be unanswerable. Canada has already bonused the C. P. R. to the extent of \$50,000,000 or more. In order to make the Crow's Nest Pass a competitor with the C. P. R. it would be obliged to build another transcontinental railway or it would have to make traffic arrangements with the Great Northern or Northern Pacific railway systems. Both of these propositions are impossible. Canada can not afford to build another transcontinental railway to compete with one it has so largely aided. It would at once in England destroy faith in Canadian securities. For patriotic and similar reasons American connections are impossible. The government would not outlive for the present session if it made such a proposition."

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"If the government will succeed along these lines it will well deserve the thanks of the whole people of Canada."

The Deal Is Off.

The option taken some time ago by Montreal people on the Rossland water and light plant will not be taken up. Definite word to that effect was received last week. W. S. Norman, who went to Montreal to close the deal, is now trying to organize a company to bring electric power from the Pend d'Oreille river.

DID HE LEAVE A MESSAGE?

Billy Ross' Deserted Wife Writes to Inquire About His Death.

The wife of "Billy" Ross, by which name he was familiarly known in Rossland, who died suddenly at the Sisters' hospital Sunday morning, wrote a letter of inquiry to Constable Hooson about two weeks ago, as stated at the time in THE MINER. She was referred to Undertaker Beatty for particulars and yesterday he received the following letter dated Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 23:

"Dear Sir: Mr. J. E. Hooson kindly wrote me that you might give me further particulars in regard to the death of Myron Chapman Ross. I am his wife and as I wrote Mr. Hooson his story is a sad one. He belonged to a good old family and his father was once wealthy, but he

lost all through the dishonesty of others. He was spoiled in boyhood. When I married him in 1882 he was a bright, fine fellow and I hoped to influence him for good, but found out my mistake too late. He left me in Denver, Col., alone without means. I had supported him most of our married life and am now taking care of myself and parents. Please thank every one who was kind to him and if not too much trouble will you write me if he left any message when he died. Thanking you for your kindness, Yours respectfully, Ida R. Ross."

THREE NEW COMPANIES.

Mother Lode, Miller Creek and Gold Bug Incorporated in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The Mother Lode Gold Mining company has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The trustees are W. H. Grubb, J. I. Daniels, W. L. Root, C. J. Santee and J. E. Foster.

The Miller Creek Mining company has been incorporated, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The trustees are E. J. Field, C. H. Thompson, H. C. Bell, A. J. Ross, F. A. Davis, J. M. Armstrong and W. O. Jones.

Articles incorporating the Gold Bug Gold Mining company have been filed with the auditor. The capital stock is \$600,000. The trustees are Charles Grant, H. C. Pigott, W. A. French, A. K. Holland and J. Townsend.

TO AN ENGLISH SYNDICATE

Hill Side and Gault Groups in Jackson Basin Sold.

Wm. Pfeifer and His Partners Will Get \$70,000—Cash Payment of \$20,000 Has Been Made.

About a week ago THE MINER mentioned the sale of a group of mines in the Jackson basin by Wm. Pfeifer. He was called away by a telegram that his proposition had been accepted, but the details of the sale was not then available.

Mr. Pfeifer returned yesterday. He says that he and his partners, Chas. Ward, Chas. Birkenham and Frank Fortin, have sold the Hill Side and Gault groups in Jackson basin to an English syndicate for \$70,000, \$20,000 in cash and the remainder to be paid in installments within six months. The property is now being surveyed and as soon as the survey is completed the \$20,000 now in bank will be paid to the original owners.

The properties are developed by a tunnel 110 feet on a vein carrying high grade galena.

THE WAR EAGLE TUNNEL.

Crosscut Being Run to Tap the Vein at the East End Line.

It was the original plan in running what is known as the Iron Mask tunnel into the War Eagle ground to go straight ahead from the point of beginning in Centre Star gulch, the entire length of the tunnel to be about 2,400 feet. The tunnel had reached the point where the upraise was made to the Iron Mask shaft when the property changed hands.

It is now proposed to change the original plan and run the tunnel south to cut the War Eagle vein near the point where it leaves the War Eagle ground to pass into the Centre Star. It is estimated to be about 300 feet from where the tunnel turns to the south.

When the War Eagle vein is reached a drift will then be run on all the way through the claim and a connection made with the winze now being sunk from the level of No. 2 tunnel.

WILLIAMSON GONE TO TORONTO.

To Consult With Gooderham People and Visit London.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Volney D. Williamson left for Toronto today, where he goes to consult with the Gooderham syndicate concerning its interests in Trail Creek and to join the representatives of the syndicate, who expect to leave for London on February 10 on a mission connected with its mining properties.



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THE BLUEBIRD.

Description of Property.

The Bluebird mineral claim covers about fifty acres and is situated on Green Mountain, four miles northwest of Rossland and about a mile from the Gold Star mine. Considerable prospecting and surface work has been done on the property disclosing a wide and strong vein running through it from east to west. At one point a pit has been opened for a depth of four feet and a length of about eight feet. This cut is all in vein matter, showing no walls at either end. Assays from the ore taken out of this cut ran from \$3 to \$7 per ton in gold.

Plan of Development.

The management proposes to start a tunnel on the vein beginning at the crosscut above described. The ground slopes sharply at this point and a depth of 100 feet will be gained in driving the same distance. When the hundred foot station is reached crosscuts will be driven both ways to determine the width of the ore body.

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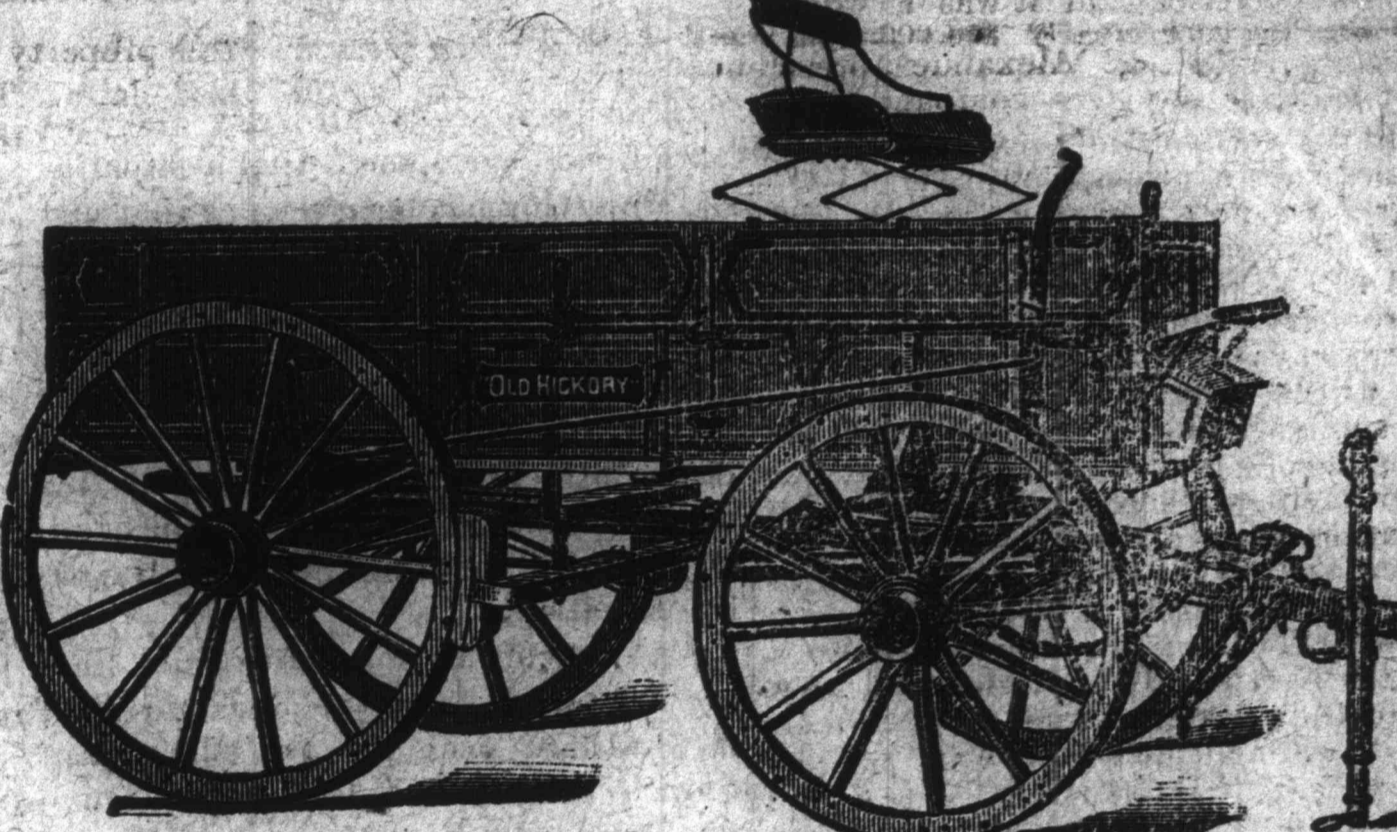
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A POSSIBLE SOLUTION.

We desire to invite special attention to the subjoined extract from an interview with J. B. McArthur concerning the Crow's Nest Pass railroad, published in THE MINER of yesterday:

"The people east think it must be built by the C. P. R. and for reasons which seem to be unanswerable. Canada has already borrowed the C. P. R. to the extent of \$50,000,000 or more. In order to make the Crow's Nest Pass a competitor with the O. P. R. it would be obliged to build another transcontinental railway or it would have to make traffic arrangements with the Great Northern or Northern Pacific railway systems. Both of these propositions are impossible. Canada can not afford to build another transcontinental railway to compete with one it has so largely aided. It would at once in England destroy faith in Canadian securities. For patriotic and similar reasons American connections are impossible. The government would not outlive the present session if it made such a proposition. It must not, however, be assumed that the government is helpless or that the C. P. R. is unreasonable. I venture to prophesy that the C. P. R. will build the railway; that the coal lands in the pass will be taken over by the Dominion government and that the people will get coal and coke at cost charges; that the government will keep control of all transportation charges; that the C. P. R. will surrender into the hands of the government the regulation of its transportation charges over its main line in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and, as a result, the present charges will be greatly reduced, and then everybody will be happy. If the government will proceed along these lines it will well deserve the thanks of the whole people of Canada."

Mr. McArthur has put the case in a very effective manner and his line of reasoning will command the serious attention of all those who follow it closely. It is unquestionably true that the O. P. R. is in a better position to build and operate the new line through the Crow's Nest than any other company now formed or to be formed or than the Dominion government itself for the very simple reason that it controls the connection at both ends. It is also true that Canada has invested a very large sum in the C. P. R. and that if the government were to build a rival line to the south, such as the Crow's Nest Pass road would be, it would be crippling an enterprise it had already fostered.

The MINER is not unaware of the difficulties and embarrassments which would fall upon the government if it should attempt to build and manage the Crow's Nest road. The considerations which we have thought would overbalance such embarrassments are the securing a low rate of transportation between British Columbia mining districts and Eastern Canada and the making available at reasonable prices of the coal of East Kootenay for smelting and mining purposes.

If Mr. McArthur is correct in saying that the coal lands will be taken over by the government and that the government will keep control of all transportation charges, then the situation is very much altered and we are disposed to believe that the best solution of the problem would be to permit and assist the O. P. R. to build the Crow's Nest railway. Guarantees of the kind here suggested ought to be satisfactory to everybody.

There are abundant evidences that the O. P. R. people have fully awakened to the possibilities of southern British Columbia and that they must put themselves in a position to handle the bulk of the tremendous traffic which is now springing up between Eastern Canada

and the Pacific coast province. It is a new era for both the railroad and the entire Dominion, and we would be glad to see this Crow's Nest Pass question adjusted in a manner for the best interests of all the parties concerned.

JUDGE TURNER'S ELECTION.

Judge George Turner was yesterday elected senator of the United States by the joint session of the Washington state legislature at Olympia. The result is not surprising when all the conditions are considered. The straight populists, although in control of the legislature, had no candidate who was able to command the united support of his own party.

While Judge Turner is not a populist and has really very little or no sympathy with the aspirations and purposes of the populist party, his election is none the less a fortunate circumstance for the state of Washington. He is an able lawyer, in the prime of a splendid physical manhood, and will take a foremost position in the senate. He has qualities which will peculiarly fit him for the position to which he has been chosen. Those who have known him well and who have watched his career since he came to the Pacific coast, have always felt that he belonged to the senate, but the fortunes of politics have been against him up to the present. Indeed, Judge Turner has few of the qualities of a politician. He has a cold and reserved nature, and has none of that craftiness which so often lands the mere politician in the seat of a statesman.

Rossland has a special interest in the election of Judge Turner. He is the general manager of the great Le Roi mine and one of its largest shareholders. He has been, therefore, intimately associated with the history of the camp and has many friends here who will be sincerely glad of his good fortune. There is more in it, however, than mere personal satisfaction.

If Judge Turner retains his interest in the Le Roi and his identity with the camp he can in many ways be of service to the mining interests of British Columbia as a member of the highest legislative body of our powerful neighbor to the south. If, for instance, he were in the senate now we are sure he would lend his influence, as no doubt Senator Wilson will, to the defeat of the infamous Corbin amendment to the immigration bill which passed the house a few days ago.

By the election of Judge Turner Spokane is particularly favored. She will now have two representatives in the senate and one in the house. In other words, Spokane has three out of the four members of Congress from the state of Washington.

WHAT WILL MR. CORBIN DO?

It has been seldom, if ever, the case in railroad development that a situation so interesting has been seen as that now presented in southern British Columbia. After three or four years of development it is suddenly discovered that we have a country of infinite possibilities in the matter of railroad traffic. Three great transcontinental systems are contending for the vantage ground with one man, D. C. Corbin, holding the key to the entire situation.

All three of the transcontinental lines are trying to absorb the Spokane Falls & Northern and its two important branch lines, the Nelson & Fort Sheppard and the Red Mountain. Should either one secure the prize a tremendous advantage is at once secured. Especially would this be the case if the Canadian Pacific should be the successful bidder for it already has the Columbia river and the lakes, in addition to its rail connections.

But will President Corbin sell to the Canadian Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern or anybody else? We are inclined to think he will not unless he gets a very big price indeed. In the first place he has a system which is very profitable and which in the very nature of things must become much more profitable. It is a system when completed which will have one central trunk line with three branches. Two of these branches, the Nelson & Fort Sheppard and Red Mountain railways, are already completed. The third branch, the one to go into the Boundary country, will probably be built this year. The third and last branch is to cover a larger territory and one of more varied resources than either of the others.

The conception and execution of such a railway system must, when completed, reflect great honor on its author, and give him a position that might be envied by any other railroad man in America. It may not be the largest system of railway in the country, but it will be perhaps the neatest, most compact, most symmetrical and most profitable per mile of actual road from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The possibilities of a railway system occupying such a position are not to be measured by what is now in sight. We must look forward three, four or five years to gather an idea of its real possibilities.

We are inclined to the belief that the best interests of southern British Columbia would be served by the preservation of both the Corbin and Heinze systems of railway in their separate and individual capacity. They will serve as balancing powers between the three great transcontinental systems which are now contending for the supremacy here.

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Description of Property.

The property consists of three claims situated between Wild Horse and Porcupine Creeks: The Parker, Old Bill and Light Heart. Cabins and a blacksmith shop have been built and development is being actively pushed. A crosscut has been driven from the footwall on the Parker and has cut through four feet of gouge and two feet of the vein. A prospect shaft has also been commenced which can afterwards be used for air and is at present being sunk in the gouge on the footwall.

Assays Obtained.

Sample No. 1, surface, \$2.20 gold; Sample No. 2, depth 9 feet, \$5.60 gold and 2 oz. silver; Sample No. 3, depth 15 feet, \$13.00 gold.

Extract from Report.

J. L. Parker, mining engineer, reports as follows: "As requested by you I have examined The Dundee Gold Mining Company's property near Wild Horse creek and beg to submit the following report: These properties are situated in a rich gold bearing area of Washington's wheat fields to the coast and a short and direct route for transporting flour for transshipment to China on its Empire line of steamers. The C. P. R. has distinctly more to gain by acquiring the Corbin system and more to lose by seeing it pass into other hands than either of its competitors."

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FROM THE C. P. R. STANDPOINT.

The Spokane Falls and Northern railway with its allied lines has long been a thorn in the side of the Canadian Pacific. But for its existence the latter road would have controlled the traffic of all South Kootenay, even from so remote a point as Revelstoke. Should the system become a portion of either the Northern Pacific or Great Northern railways it would be a worse thorn in the Canadian Pacific's flesh than ever. Its capacity for mischief from the C. P. R. standpoint would be enormously increased and a division of traffic would be a certainty for all time to come.

It is evident therefore that at this stage of the game it behooves the C. P. R. to get control of the Corbin road to protect its own interest. But apart from this view of the question the C. P. R. has good reason for desiring to get possession of the Corbin system. Spokane is one of the most important tonnage centres in the Northwest and with the completion of the Crow's Nest rail-

way the C. P. R. would have a direct all-rail line from such points as Boston, New York, Buffalo, Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis to Spokane. It would also obtain an all-rail line from the centre of Washington's wheat fields to the coast and a short and direct route for transporting flour for transshipment to China on its Empire line of steamers.

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A CABLE RAILROAD

Montreal Syndicate Will Construct One on Spokane Street.

TO BOOM THE SOUTH SIDE

Scheme Is Intended to Promote Home-building in the Lower Half of the Townsite—The Cable and Cars Are in Spokane.

The resident managers of the Montreal Land syndicate, owners of the south half of the original townsite of Rossland, have almost completed negotiations for the immediate installation of a first-class cable car system. All the preliminary details of the organization of the company which will put in this plant have been arranged and THE MINER has been assured that the work of active construction of the system will start in the course of the next 30 days.

The road will run from the corner of Spokane street and Princes avenue, the extreme south end of the townsite, up Spokane street to Second avenue on the baseball flat, within one block of the Columbia & Red Mountain railway depot.

For the present, at least, the system will be operated by steam. A first-class plant will be put in at the corner of Thompson avenue and Spokane street, directly opposite the present plant of the Rossland Water and Light company. The cars and cables are easily available as they are in Spokane and can be gotten here whenever needed.

The operation of this road will have a direct effect on the local real estate market and will put an immense amount of fine property in easy reach of the business centre of the city. It is a shrewd move on the part of the Montreal syndicate to induce home seekers to build up the southern portion of the city.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Warning From London.

TEMPLE AVENUE CHAMBERS, LONDON, E. C., January 15, 1897.

EDITOR MINER.—Sir—Having visited British Columbia in 1884 and again in 1888, I take very great interest in every event pertaining to the province of British Columbia, and peruse THE ROSSLAND MINER weekly with as much interest as I do the Times of this city.

It is not too soon to sound an alarm that the owners of mines in British Columbia are doing their properties no good, or rather should say, they are doing their properties much harm in London by permitting some of the mines to be hawked by several persons at the same time, so that investors look with considerable suspicion at this method of doing business.

As a matter of fact a mining property was sent me about three weeks ago, with a plan and description, and a price. I lost no time in placing it before a strong financial syndicate. I was told that I had one month's sole option of purchase. Fancy my surprise, that at the very moment when I was at an office in Lombard street a gentleman entered the room and asked me if I had any knowledge of the mine of which he had particulars in his hand. It was the very same mine that I had in hand, with this difference, that he had more particulars than I had, but the price given him was \$10,000 less than the price sent me from British Columbia.

In another instance—I will not name the mine—but I may state that it touches the War Eagle—four part owners have been busy at work, and apparently, quite independent one of the other, have been sending plans, particulars and reports to a score of city men in London, and the property is the laughing stock on the exchange. It is quite a common morning salute: "Well, have you got any fresh gold mine from B. C.?"

I met two well-known gentlemen of Vancouver and Rossland today near the bank; and I mentioned this to them. They both confirmed me and agreed with me, that it was doing harm to what would otherwise be considered good property. Yours etc., J. ARTHUR EVANS.

The Spokane Exchange.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 29.

EDITOR MINER: Sir—I thank you for your courtesy in publishing in your issue of January 28, my letter explaining the reasons for operating a mining exchange at Spokane. From your comments upon it I observe that you do not disagree with my reasoning or statements. However, two of your comments justify reply, and I trust I will not be considered presumptuous in attempting to do so.

You say our sales are so trifling as to provoke ridicule. Considering that we only opened for business on the 18th inst., and have been from the first subjected to adverse criticism and ridicule from the outside press (most unexpected by the way) and the open hostility of a certain class of mine operators, it is to be wondered at? Notwithstanding the above facts, each day has shown improvement in sales. Bidding is becoming more active. Almost every stock listed has advanced in price asked since the opening. Our lobby, at first almost deserted, is becoming more crowded daily with spectators.

The second comment is rather vague. I will quote your exact words. "But our strongest objection to the exchange quotations is, that Rossland brokers inform us that orders for over 2,000 shares have been repeatedly declined by Spokane brokers at the exchange quotations, because they alleged that amount of stock could not be obtained at the price."

Your informants certainly do not mean to assert that 2,000 shares were offered at the same session their bids were registered, without quoting the stock, for if they made that charge I deny it as absolutely false.

If (I will presume) but 500 shares of stock was offered and he or they would not take it except the seller would agree to part with 1,500 additional shares at the same price, then I think he or they stand self convicted as rank bluffers.

If, however, he or they simply ordered 2,000 shares on the strength of a wired quotation, unaccompanied by a qualifying statement of the number of shares

offered, and he or they expected necessarily to get the whole order filled, then they show dense ignorance as to ordinary exchange quotations, and especially ours, whose rules will be sent upon application.

Section 2, article 4, reads: "All offers to buy or sell stock when no specific number of shares is named shall be considered to be one hundred when the price of the stock is over five cents, and one thousand shares when the price is five cents or below."

To show how unjust it is to infer that our association will permit trifling bids or offers I quote section 5, same article: "No fictitious sales or trifling bids or offers shall be made; any member violating this rule shall be subjected to suspension or expulsion. No bid or offer can be withdrawn before the caller has time to announce the same, and if it is so made shall be considered under the head of trifling as above."

Is it well your informant or informers are not members of our exchange or such charges as they make would certainly come under the above rule, I fear to their detriment.

I was sorry to see some one signing himself "Spokane." I think, make an attack on P. A. O'Farrell because of his caustic remarks regarding our association in your issue of Wednesday. Mr. O'Farrell's remarks, I consider, thoroughly out of place, but considering the fact that both Rossland and Spokane are under lasting obligations to that gentleman for his frequent favorable newspaper articles concerning the mines of the northwest, and from the fact that his prediction of short life to our exchange will not prove true, it would have been better if they had been allowed to pass unnoticed. Adverse abuse from any quarter will not affect us a particle if we keep our tempers and "saw wood."

Yours truly, CHARLES LITCHILD.

(Mr. Litchild's letter makes the kick

of the Rossland brokers perfectly plain to us. Our instructions to Messrs. Reddin & Jackson in furnishing stock quotations to THE MINER have always been to ignore small blocks of a hundred or two shares and quote prices at which orders for at least 5,000 shares could be filled. It appears from Mr. Litchild's letter that quotations can be made on the Spokane exchange by holders of only 100 shares. It is therefore quite clear why, in many instances, as we stated, Rossland brokers were unable to get orders of 2,000 shares and upwards filled at Spokane quotations.—Ed.)

Not Interested In Gas Works.
(By Wire.)
VICTORIA, Jan. 30.

EDITOR MINER:—No truth in the statement published in THE MINER that I am interested in gas works to be established near Trail or anywhere else in Kootenay. Please contradict. D. W. HIGGINS.

[We have no recollection of having ever published any such statement.—Ed.]

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Bruce Company's Treasury Is in as Good Shape as Its Mine.

Information has been received of the sale of 30,000 shares of the treasury stock of the Bruce Mining company in eastern Canada. This places the company in excellent financial condition. This company owns the Norway, near the town of Trail, on which was found a rich free-milling quartz ledge. A good deal of rich ore has been taken out in running a drift on the vein. Some of the richest samples of gold quartz ever seen in British Columbia have been found on the Norway.

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Description of Property.

The Snowdrop is 3½ miles from Rossland in the South Belt. It is distant from the Crown Point about three-quarters of a mile. Adjoining it on the east is the Summit. A shaft on this claim shows a large ore body assaying \$12 per ton in gold. This vein runs through the Snowdrop. A site has been selected for a tunnel and work on the Snowdrop will be continued all winter.

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Engineer's Report.

Extract from a report by Harry Gager, mining engineer: "This group consisting of the Gray Copper, Copper Giant and Blue Copper, all being full claims, fifteen hundred by fifteen hundred feet, are situated on the southeast slope of Lookout Mountain, about ten miles south of Trail, and one-half mile north of Waneta, on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, three and a half miles west of Paulton's Landing on the Columbia River and one and one-half miles north of the International boundary line, in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district, British Columbia, and adjoining the Trail & Waneta Gold and Copper Mining Company's property on the south."

Workings and Outcrop.

"The development so far consists of several open cuts along the center line on the outcrop, and a shaft on the Copper Giant six by ten feet on the surface by eight feet in depth, tapering to about five by eight feet at the bottom, in diorite, which is much broken on north and south sides and the east end. On the bottom and west end it was comparatively solid. The north and east faces of this shaft are cut irregularly with stringers of quartz, varying from one-half

to five inches in width, and giving evidences of having been forced up through the formation.

"These stringers, or quartz seams are highly mineralized, carrying iron and copper pyrites, malachite, galena and chlorides, assaying from samples taken from various places from a trace to \$4 in gold, 1½ to 6½ per cent in copper and from 15 to 49 2-10 ozs. in silver. One assay for lead gave one per cent. The general trend of these quartz seams or stringers is to the east, pitching at an angle of about forty degrees.

"In my opinion these stringers and the broken condition of the formation in which they are would indicate that they came from a large body of mineral lying below and to the east of the outcrop, which could be opened up either by a crosscut tunnel or by running an incline following along the course of these stringers."

Conclusion.

"The showing made on the Copper Giant is in my opinion sufficient to justify the expenditure of both time and money in either crosscutting or following the quartz seams, as there is no doubt in my mind that by doing so a large and valuable ore body will be found."

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The company is of the belief that there is a fair chance to find a valuable mine in this property and has gone into the enterprise after a careful consideration of all the facts obtainable. The officers and directors are gentlemen of position who would not embark in an undertaking of this kind unless they believed there was a good chance for success. Fifty thousand treasury shares will be offered at 5 cents a share. There are no salaried officers and all the money paid in will go to the development of the property.

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Many Soreheads Among the Populists, But the Caucus Settled It On the Second Ballot—Turner Got 88 Votes—Spokane Jubilant.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—[Special.]—George Turner was nominated on the twenty-fifth ballot by 68 votes. Smith of Douglas, who nominated Turner, was the man to cast the fifty-seventh vote, the one to elect. The crowd cheered, the house being packed with spectators. The Spokane people were wild with joy. The others voted for were: Denny, 25; Westcott, 14; Squire, 1. The balance of the members were absent. Westcott is a populist and middle-of-the-road man. Some of the populists were sore and refused to yield gracefully, objecting to Turner being brought before the session. Williams of King tried to get an adjournment. He was jeered and hissed for his efforts. Turner was brought before the session and made a short address. The action of today was the ratification of a caucus of the fusion forces held last night when, on the second ballot, Turner received the nomination.

The News in Spokane. SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 29.—[Special.]—Spokane today bears the proud distinction of furnishing both United States senators for the state of Washington. Outside the gold republicans and the supporters of Senator Wilson a general feeling of joy is expressed throughout the city over Judge Turner's election. A great ovation and popular demonstration upon his return. He is expected to arrive home tomorrow.

Biographical Sketch. George Turner, who has been elected senator from the state of Washington, is about 48 years old and was born in the state of Missouri. He went to the state of Alabama after the civil war and engaged in the practice of law. He took an active part in the affairs of that state, but was a republican in politics, and as the state was strongly democratic, and as he was offered the position of judge of one of the federal courts of that territory of Washington he came out to the Pacific coast and settled at Spokane, about 10 years ago.

When he retired from the bench he resumed the practice of law and has held since that time the foremost place at the Spokane bar, if not at the bar of the entire state. He was a member of the convention which framed the constitution of the state of Washington and took a prominent part in the debates of that body. It is not too much to say that he impressed himself on the state as the strongest man in that body. From the close of that convention he has always held a prominent position in the state and has been constantly regarded as a suitable man for the United States senate.

The fierce rivalry which arose between him and John L. Wilson, now a senator from Washington, both being from the same city, has become almost a tradition. Wilson is the more adroit politician, but Turner has always had a devoted following, who hoped to see him finally successful. That success, after many disappointments, has now come main in the senate for a long time. Although the leading lawyer of Spokane, Judge Turner was never a rich man till the Le Roi mine made him so. He was fortunate enough to secure a large interest in the stock of the mine any soon after it was formed and when the mine was a mere prospect. He became the legal adviser of the company and finally, when the mine proved to be one of such magnitude, he gave up the practice of his profession, to devote himself to the management of the property, and today his interest is not worth less than \$300,000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Liability of Stockholders. TRAIL, Jan. 29. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I write you for a few explanations regarding the formation of stock companies. For instance I notice in one of the company's pamphlets the following: "Capitalization, 2,000,000 shares; par value \$1 each; stock fully paid up and non-assessable." Now supposing the shares or a number of them are sold for five cents each and that the treasury stock is not sold to put the mines upon a dividend-paying basis, can the shareholders then be assessed up to the extent of \$1 or say 95 cents more on each share?

In the case of the company mentioned 2,000,000 shares, par value \$1 each, what do the figures really represent? Need there necessarily be much capital invested? I have been informed that by the old English act of 1862, which costs considerably more to incorporate under than the '83 act, that shareholders were protected from assessment, but that under the late act, the only protection is the honesty of the company and the rapid pushing of the work in order to put the mines upon a paying foundation. A full explanation through your valuable columns will be much appreciated. Kindly explain the difference, if any, where the company is incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington. ENQUIRER.

P.S. If assessments are made, do the promoters have to stand the assessment the same as the treasury stockholders? Should there be an assessment of 1c per share on 500,000 shares of treasury stock, would there be also 1c per share on the remainder of 1,500,000 shares. [There is absolutely no difference between treasury stock after it is issued from the treasury of a company and promoters' shares. In the case of the company "Enquirer" alludes to, all the shares are necessarily fully paid up and non-assessable—as far as the company is concerned. The company by its own

acts is debarred from ever levying an assessment on any of its stockholders. Should the company exhaust all its resources and get deeper into debt than the sale of its assets, that is to say, its mining property, would pay, it is an open question whether the law courts could levy an assessment on the stockholders or not. If the company were properly incorporated under the Imperial act, 1862, as in force in this province, the courts would have no such power. In the case of a company organized under the Washington state laws or the provincial companies act, it is in doubt. If the company did not get into debt this question would never be raised. The 2,000,000 shares of the company's capital stock represent the property held by the company and deeded to it by the promoters. The only value the entire capital stock of the company has is equal to the value of the property it owns, which may be worth \$100 or \$200,000. It is not likely to be worth more than the latter figure since the company is selling its treasury shares at 10 cents.—Ed.]

EXPLOSION AT RED EAGLE

Joseph D. Nicholson Horribly Mangled by a Slow Blast.

Not Expected to Live An Hour But He Has Astonished the Doctors With His Vitality.

Joseph D. Nicholson, a miner working in the tunnel of the Red Eagle mine, was horribly mangled in an explosion at noon yesterday. He had loaded three holes with giant powder and fired them, but thought that one of the holes would not explode as it had been split with frozen powder. He returned to fire the delinquent blast, which exploded about the time he reached it. One side of his head was nearly blown off. He clung to life during the afternoon, but did not regain consciousness. It was thought impossible for him to live longer than half an hour when he was discovered. He was removed to Dr. Bowes' hospital, where his head was bandaged, but nothing more could be done for the unfortunate man. His skull was split open from a point just above the left temple to the back of the head and three other fractures were located on top of his head. The entire left side of his face, scalp and ear were torn away and his skull near the base of the brain above the left ear crushed in. He bled profusely. No other part of his body was seriously injured from the direct effects of the blast, but his right side was paralyzed, owing to the lack of blood supply to the left side of the brain. This condition led his companions to believe that his right arm was shattered. There are no hopes of his recovery.

Mr. Nicholson was born in Antioch, Contra Costa county, California, and is known by miners all over the Pacific coast. During recent years he has been prospecting in the Cascade range in Washington and, it is said, that he is interested in a promising claim in western Washington, together with some Seattle men. His first visit to Rossland was with H. W. Brodey, manager of the Double Standard mine, and he came here the last time about two months ago. He was a sober and reliable miner and has many friends in Rossland. L. E. Richardson, now employed on the Columbia and Western railway, was born in Antioch and knew Nicholson's family. Nicholson was about 45 years of age and unmarried. C. W. Gill, who worked with Nicholson in the tunnel, came to the dying man's bedside at the hospital about 8:30 last night to watch with him during the night. Dr. Crowsley was called in to consult with Dr. Bowes, and it was decided that no operation could be performed that would not endanger his life more. Dr. Bowes considered it remarkable that the man survived so long considering the nature of the injuries.

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Most of the development work has been done on the Bonanza King. The No. 8 tunnel is only 100 feet, but when it is in about 500 feet a connection will be made with No. 7 level, and all the ore will be brought to the tram through this tunnel. At present the ore taken out of the slopes in the upper tunnel is carried to the tram by a surface chute.

In the slopes between Nos. 3 and 4 the ore is 12 to 15 feet wide. In No. 7 tunnel it is 10 to 12 feet wide and mostly clean ore. The concentrates are taken to the concentrator as it costs less to treat it thus, than it would to pick it over by hand. Assays from No. 7 level give 136 ounces silver and 70 per cent lead.

The Finlayson Tramway. Although this is the only tramway of this design ever constructed, it started on its initial trip without a jar, and like a well broken horse has continued to work in the same smooth and satisfactory manner. So anxious were the owners of the patent to have an opportunity to test their invention to the test, that they paid all freight and duty bills and put the tramway in operation, and guaranteed it to work as satisfactorily as any tramway in existence, they taking full charge of it for a period of 30 days, before asking one dollar on the contract. In case the tramway is not satisfactory they agree to take it down and all their trouble and expenses will be a dead loss.

The tram is nearly 6,200 feet long, and the upper terminal is about 2,100 feet higher than the lower. There is a trestle 200 feet long leading from the upper terminal, then the ropes are carried on towers, 20 in number, varying in height from 25 feet to 110 feet, with spans from 100 feet to one almost 1,900 feet long, where it crosses the famous Noble Five slide.

At this point the rope is 400 feet from the ground, and it is here that Billy McClurg, manager of Green Bros. store at Cody, the first man to ride to the mine in one of the buckets, was stopped and permitted to take two views of the works.

The standing rope which carries the load is 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and is kept taut by heavy weights at the tension stations, of which there are two, one near the middle of the tram, the other at the lower end. The traction rope which moves the buckets along is 3/4 inch, and being continuous is a loop of rope over 12,000 feet long. It is sustained at the towers on sheaves. At points 244 feet apart on the rope are fastened "clips," to which the buckets are attached by means of a grip. Each bucket holds from 300 to 800 pounds of ore.

The terminals are the particular parts that show the excellence and ingenuity of the invention. At the upper terminal the ascending bucket is stopped before the ore chute and the power in the moving rope. By means of the "accelerator" the bucket is caused to move at the same speed as the rope before being attached to it, thus avoiding all jarring and materially diminishing the wear and tear.

At the lower terminal the bucket is detached automatically, stopped over the bins and dumped, all by the power in the traction rope. An "accelerator" is employed here to give the bucket the required speed before being attached to the rope. After the ore is dropped into the buckets at the upper end the tram does the rest, starts the loaded bucket, stops it at the lower ore bin, dumps it, attaches it to the rope again, returns it to the upper terminal and repeats it before the chute ready for reloading.

The capacity is 20 tons an hour and the speed is controlled by means of two powerful brakes at each end. The entire tram is operated by two men, with an additional man to handle the ore chute at the upper terminal. Although a new form sweeps clean, it is seldom a new piece of machinery works smoothly, and the Noble Five officials having been venturesome enough to adopt an entirely new invention, looked forward to the trial run with some degree of anxiety. Although the experiment in case of its failure to do the work they would lose much time and experience great annoyance in the event of its failure to do as represented. All their fears and doubts were set at rest when the tram was started a week ago.

Mr. Finlayson, the inventor, and Mr. Boyce, the general agent of the Colorado Iron works, who were both here for a fortnight looking after the erection of the tram, have now returned to Colorado, leaving W. C. Zelle to look after the interests. B. C. Riblet, of Spokane, suggested to the company the adoption of this system, and is looking after the Noble Five interests.

compartment hydraulic classifiers. On the second floor are four 15x26 Reliance crusher rolls, two double-decked Mitchell round tables, two elevators and one 7-shaped settling tank. The capacity of the settling tank is 900 tons and of the concentrator floor 4,500 tons. There are three concentrate bins on the lower floor. Here the concentrates are sacked and loaded on the Kaslo & Slocan railway cars which run right to the door.

In the mill there is a Gibbs dynamo capable of running 130 16-candle-power lights. The flume taps Cody creek about a mile from the mill. There is a 564-foot head of water, capable of operating 285-horse power when the flume is full. At present they are using only 65-horse power. It requires more water for washing than for power.

Half an hour after the belts were on the machinery was set in motion January 20, and it has not been stopped since. They are running 120 tons of ore through daily.

IN THE SILVERY SLOCAN
Cordelia's Showing Now Consists of 18 Inches of Clean Ore.

Silverton Expects to Have a Boom—New Town Started Near the Enterprise—Doing Around Sandon.

SANDON, Jan. 27.—[Special.]—The dance given for the benefit of the fire department, last Monday night, was the greatest social success of the season. Sixty couples congregated in Spence's hall and tripped the light fantastic for four merry hours. It netted the fire department over 100.

The Cordelia is improving every day. There is at the present writing 18 inches of high grade ore in the tunnel. Dr. Bruner is in Toronto disposing of the treasury stock and has sold 130,000 shares to one man. The rest of the stock is contracted for. A month ago this stock was bought at five cents a share, now it can not be had for less than 15 cents a share.

J. K. Clark, A. W. Wright and W. E. Harris, all of Rossland, are here, also Sid. Norman of Spokane. Mr. Norman is looking over the St. Kevorne group and is apparently satisfied at the amount of ore in sight. He will let a contract drive a 100-foot tunnel on the property.

E. Parris & Co. of Slocan City, who is building a general store at Aylwin. This is the new townsite on Ten Mile, just below the Enterprise and Neepawa mines. At present it consists of one hotel, built by the Aylwin's of New Denver.

The Howard Fraction is reported under option for about \$50,000. There is considerable talk of Silverton coming to the fore this summer. Hunt, McKinnon and Co. having sold their business in Sandon, are now giving their attention to the store at Silverton. They also own the townsite.

If the Galena Farm is worked to its full extent it will create considerable business at this point, and encourage people to develop other good prospects in the neighborhood of the town, and it will not surprise those who know the town to find a population of 1,000 people before this year passes by.

WELCOME NEWS.
The Columbia & Western Will Run on the Old Schedule.

Trail Creek News: In a few days the old schedule on the Columbia & Western, from Trail to Rossland, will be resumed so as to give a round trip morning and evening.

Trains will leave Trail at 8:45 a. m. and 5:45 p. m., and returning, will leave Rossland at 7 a. m. and 4 p. m. This enables passengers to go and come from Spokane by way of Rossland over the Red Mountain road. While the new schedule is in force, the new passenger coach will be constantly in use, and the trains will get through promptly.

against foreigners in regard to our natural resources as well as in regard to the labor that rightly belongs to our own people.

What we have said about the invasion of Americans into our mining camps applies equally to our fisheries. The case against them in regard to the latter is even stronger.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS OF LIFE COMPANIES.
The policies issued by the Equitable Society.—It is a significant fact that, notwithstanding the hard times, the financial statements of the life assurance companies show that, wherever the management has been judicious, there is evidence of growth, improvement and increasing strength.

This is instructive. It means for one thing that men recognize the importance of the protection furnished by assurance in times of financial depression, and that consequently the consciousness of a greater need almost counterbalances the advantage resulting to this branch of business in prosperous times, when men of means invest in life assurance voluntarily and freely.

Again, the peculiar value of life assurance is clearly demonstrated in times when the values of other investments are melting away. Many successful men have been forced to the wall during the last year or two, and many estates have shrunk away in consequence of depreciated values; but every policy of life assurance paid during that period by the responsible companies has been for one hundred cents on the dollar, and usually with a substantial dividend in addition.

Another recommendation, the value of which is emphasized at such a time as this, is that when the investor dies the life assurance policy is usually the only asset which is instantly worth its face value in cash; for other investments at such a time can seldom be sold for their full value, nor can they always be converted into cash on any terms. These and other equally important considerations explain the prosperity of the great life assurance companies, even during periods of financial trial and disaster. The Equitable Company reports an outstanding business of nine hundred and fifteen million dollars; new business for the year of over one hundred and twenty-seven million dollars, and, more important than all, a surplus over all liabilities of over forty-three million dollars. 2-4-11

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UNCLE SAM'S ALIEN LABOR LAW.
Canada Urged to Retaliate by Running Out Americans.

Toronto World: When the Dominion government comes to consider the enactment of an alien labor law to meet the one that is now in operation against this country it will be necessary to apply a remedy that will meet the case from every point of view. The object the Americans had in passing their law was to prevent Canadian workmen from obtaining employment within the United States. The law forbids a Canadian entering the United States under contract to perform any work in that country. If it is known that a Canadian goes into the United States for the purpose of accepting a situation he is "deported," or sent back. The United States authorities will not allow him to enter the country. When the Dominion government comes to enact reciprocal legislation care should be taken to make this legislation as comprehensive as possible. The necessity for legislation of this kind is much more marked in Canada than it was in the United States. American workmen have invaded our territory much more extensively than Canadians have done in regard to the United States. British Columbia is full of miners who have come into Canada from Montana, Colorado and other mining states, most of them under engagement before reaching the country. Under the Canadian law, which we hope soon to see enacted, all such should be deported, and Canadian De Barry should be stationed at all the frontier towns to prevent others from getting into the country in the future. If Canada has not miners enough of her own she can obtain them in any quantity from Great Britain. Further, if it is bad policy to allow American workmen to come into this country to get employment, it is equally bad policy to allow Americans to have the same privileges as Canadians in the preemption of mining locations. If the Americans will not allow a foreigner to own property in their country, why should we allow them to own property in Canada? Why should we go further than this and give them valuable privileges for nothing? Any American citizen can come into British Columbia and claim hundreds of thousands of acres by merely taking out a \$5 license, the same as any Canadian can do. The mineral wealth of British Columbia appears to belong to the Americans just as much as it does to us. It is time our government devised some legislation to discriminate

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The Red Eagle.

The Red Eagle mineral claim is situated on the east slope of Deer Park mountain, between the Mayflower and Curlew claims. There are three known ledges crossing this property. These veins are known as the South vein, the Curlew vein and the Mayflower vein. The South vein, which has produced some of the richest surface ore ever discovered in the district, is six to eight feet wide with a 24 inch pay streak, assays from which gave returns of \$18 to \$285. This vein was but recently discovered by workmen grading for a tramway across the claim for the sawmill company, and is generally regarded as the most important of recent discoveries in the south belt. This vein is traceable across the entire width of the claim a distance of over 1400 feet. On the Curlew ledge an open cut has been made exposing a vein of ore four feet wide, from which assays of from \$14 to \$191 per ton have been secured. This vein has been exposed by a number of shallow pits and crosscuts for several hundred feet. The Mayflower ledge, from which this well known mine is now shipping such high grade ore, crosses the Red Eagle claim for a distance of 300 feet.

The Red Pole.

The Red Pole is situated one-half mile south of the Red Eagle and east of the Silver Bell mine. The Silver Bell ledge crosses the Red Pole mineral claim. Assays from this vein have shown over \$100 per ton of gold and silver.

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The company have secured the survey and are applying for the Crown grant, and will continue developing the property all winter, and fully expect to be able to find pay ore to cover the development almost from the surface. But to prepare for all mining emergencies and to fully equip the property with machinery we have placed 500,000 shares in the treasury, a limited amount of which we offer to the public at the rate of 10 cents, and when the p-d limit is reached the company will close their books and reopen in the course of ten days at an advanced rate for further stock.

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