

Mines and Mining.

THE COAL HILL MINES.

The activity which is apparent upon Coal Hill and other mining sections tributary to Kamloops is certainly encouraging, says the Kamloops Standard. Throughout the entire camp prospecting operations are in full swing. Owners are opening up their properties in such a manner that ere long several of the more promising locations will be in a good marketable condition. This has been the drawback hitherto, and the fact that it has been very difficult to sell three posts has at last forced a recognition of the fact that the coal is a new life into the camp, and it is to be hoped that this excellent prospect has at last come into the hands of people who will do it justice. Much depends upon the result of the present operations, but there is no doubt that, properly handled, the Iron Mask will give a good record of itself, and move to a further development what it promised as a prospect. The mine now being sunk from the face of the tunnel is in solid ore, and there is every indication that it is to be a continuous one. The least is at least five feet in width, and the operations in the mine will take out some five tons of \$35 ore daily—not bad when the fact that these three months of working is considered.

Several of the locations in the neighborhood of the Iron Mask are being opened up, and upon all of them the indications are satisfactory. The owners of the Erin group have been forced to suspend operations temporarily, as the extremely hot weather prevents their workings from clearing themselves of the bad air. They will, however, resume work as soon as the cooler weather sets in. The Erin stands, perhaps, second to the Iron Mask as a likely looking proposition, and some very high grade ore has been taken from the claim. The O.K. group is working three men, and the chances of this becoming one of the banner groups of the camp increase as the work progresses. The owners have every faith in the result of their labors being satisfactory.

The annual work has been done in the Python and the Noonday by the owners of the Python, and the result has been that by drifting across the face of the original drift the ore has been proved, and by a trench, cut some 150 feet from the shaft house west, the lead has been clearly defined. The Python has been clearly defined, and the ore which is worth close investigation. The tunnel on the Kimberly is progressing, and the owners expect to have a depth in the lead of about 150 feet, and if surface indications count for anything they will be a very high grade. The Potbock is still pushing ahead, and the management have every faith in the group. There is no doubt but that they are making a fine showing, and it is only a question of time before they will be making a fine showing.

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THE SLOCAN AND AINSWORTH.

There are many men on the hills around Ainsworth. The McCams, of Salt Lake City, have taken a \$40,000 option on the Sapphire, on Fayne mountain, adjoining the Slocan Roy. The Grant and General mineral claims, located on Woodbury creek, about five miles from Kootenay Lake, were bonded to John R. Stephens by the owners, Messrs. Charles Rossiter and Donald Grant, recently. Consideration is \$45,000, the first payment being made, and the time to extend for one year. Within forty-eight hours after the bond was signed eleven men began work on development.

Glacier creek, directly opposite New Denver, is receiving renewed attention. This summer, and several localities have been made there that are of a very promising nature. The ore body on this creek seems to be one continuous quartz body, running from the lake shore on the mountain side, and as far as traces beyond the creek. It carries copper and silver and a sprinkling of gold.

Mr. Hugh Sutherland paid a substantial amount for the property on the evening star mine, and secured an extension of time until the middle of February to pay the balance. According to the terms of the agreement he is now at liberty to go to work on the property on an extended scale, which he proposes to do as soon as he returns to the Slocan from Boundary, which will be within three weeks. At that time a large force of men will be put to work developing the property.

THE SILVER KING.

This big mine is the hope of many London shareholders. A correspondent of the Spokane Spokesman-Review writes: It is a safe statement to make that comparatively few people in Kootenay, not excepting mining men, realize the amount of development work done, and the immense ore bodies that are available in the Silver King mine. Living almost in sight of this world-famous silver and copper producer, but few of Nelson's residents have taken the trouble to see for themselves what there really is in the property. These same people, however, always seem to get hold of the news, and they occasionally spread around that large and valuable properties have "played out," etc. Therefore, when the correspondent of the Spokane Spokesman-Review had an opportunity to see the mine by Superintendent Hays, he was glad to avail himself of it and made just how things stand at this time. A side of nine long miles up the mountain side over an excellent wagon road, on the burrhead deck of a cayuse, brought the party to the property, which has a most slightly lozenge in an elevated position about 6,000 feet. Here there is a little village in itself, with boarding houses, or houses, machine shop, blacksmith shop, assay office, general office, stable, and superintendent's, engineers' and several other comfortable residences. The mine employs regularly about 200 men, but at present the force is reduced to about 175, owing to the

fact that most of the work at present consists of development. Hotel accommodation is most excellent. After taking dinner with about 100 men just off shift, the party started through the mine, under the guidance of M. S. Davis, the superintendent, who is a veteran with the property, having been connected with it since 1859, long before it passed into the hands of the present owners, the Hall Mines, Limited. The workings thus far have been largely confined to two adjoining claims, the Silver King and the Kootenay Bonanza, whence all the ore has been taken out. Two large tunnels have been driven, besides shorter ones. One of these is 1,300 feet long, and the other is now in some 1,500 feet on the Kootenay Bonanza, and is being completed with No. 1 tunnel, some 200 feet above, giving an immense area of sloping ground. Up and down countless ladders, and now and again on an elevator, through the maze of numerous drifts and slopes, as well as in the large, airy electric lighted tunnels, turning this way and that, the little company followed the obliging superintendent, who explained the workings as they proceeded, until all but the conductor had completely lost their bearings. Turning here and there to avoid the many bluffs and to keep out of the way of the numerous hanging power drills, it was indeed an interesting experience.

Several of the best known mines in British Columbia could be tucked away in a corner of the workings of the Silver King, and not be missed, so extensive are they. Some idea of the amount of development done on this property may be gained when it is remembered that nearly 20,000 feet of tunnel work has been done up to this time. Since the present owners assumed charge in 1893, over 180,000 tons of ore have been mined and taken to the company's smelter at Nelson over the transcontinental railway. Power for the mine is furnished by a 60 horse power Corliss engine, which drives two Ingersoll-Sargent air compressors, having a capacity of 100 cubic feet per minute, and is connected with the smelter by a Bielschlag single-rope aerial tramway four and a half miles long, with a re-loading station about 1854, the tramway has worked to perfection, with scarcely a stoppage for repairs. Nearly everything required about the mine in the shape of iron work is made in the company's machine shops on the ground, including ore cars, etc.

The buildings and mine are lighted throughout by electricity, generated by a dynamo on the premises, having a capacity of 200 incandescent lamps. In particular the Silver King is probably the most completely appointed and equipped mine in this part of British Columbia. As to the amount of ore in sight, Superintendent Davis states that about three or three months' needed development, during which time the two long tunnels will be completed and great quantities of ore will be exposed, and it is to be expected that the mine will be producing about 100,000 tons of ore daily, and keep it up for years to come. Much of the ore mined in the past has been a beautiful peacock copper, but there is also a good deal of high-grade silver.

In 1893 the Silver King group, consisting of the Silver King, Kootenay Bonanza, Emma, J.B.D., Ganung, Rose, Tulest and Star, rock claims, were purchased from the Hall brothers by English capitalists, and the Hall Mines, Limited, formed to take them over, with a capital of \$3,000,000. The head offices are in London, England. The chairman is Sir Joseph Trutch, secretary, F. Ramsay, the manager, resident in Nelson, is Henry E. Crossland, a gentleman well known for his responsible position. The company has a complete smelting plant at Nelson, giving employment to about 75 men. The company expended vast sums in machinery and improvements, and a dividend since declared a dividend of 10 shares per share.

The Hall Mines Development Company is an associate corporation, formed in 1893, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The company's work is to develop the mines in the Kootenays, which are in the hands of the Hall brothers. The company has a complete smelting plant at Nelson, giving employment to about 75 men. The company expended vast sums in machinery and improvements, and a dividend since declared a dividend of 10 shares per share.

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SMALL TEA IMPORTS

The War Tax Causes a Great Falling Off in Tea Importation.

Bark Theobald Missing—Movements of the Local Fleet—A Lost Tow.

Since the opening of the tea-season this year the export of tea from China and Japanese ports has been far less than those of the corresponding period of the last previous year. Trade Director, Pacific coast manager of the Northern Pacific Steamship line, one of the heaviest shippers of tea from China and Japan to America, attributes the falling off in the tea movement to the imposition of the war tax. He says that the chances are that in another minute nothing will be left of him on the surface but some red stains in the water, unless he keeps his presence of mind and knows just what to do.

There is a way of helping yourself when you get into this fix. That's just why I say that in these modern battles the danger from sharks is not likely to be anything like what it was in old times. Perhaps you are not aware that a shark is the most timid and nervous fish of prey that lives, but it is so. When you find yourself floating about in these waters and think a shark is anywhere near you just you kick and splash for all you are worth. If you don't think there are any sharks about kick and splash on general principles—that is, if you want to see your home and your family again. A shark that is making straight for his prey will turn tail and sheer off as soon as the splashing begins. Now, I believe that in a general engagement between these modern ships, what with the tremendous concussion of the heavy guns and the churning of the water with propellers on all sides and an occasional torpedo raising a disturbance everywhere, and then in the water, the whole neighborhood will be cleared of sharks.

Barth Theobald left San Francisco for Seattle seven days ago, and yet she has not arrived. The mysterious delay is now being discussed along the water front, and some of the deeper-seated skippers and ship owners are now confident that the overdue bark may show up in time, others are inclined to think that Theobald has shared the fate of the bark Forest Queen and the bark Alaska, which were lost during the recent "black" push, with lumber on board, and which were lost in the coal trade between San Francisco and Seattle. Several sailing vessels of the Pacific coast, which left from San Francisco long after Theobald had arrived in port. None of the skippers of these vessels have seen a trace of the bark, while at the same time the question as to her probable fate looks very grave. Since she sailed Capt. Cameron's wife has been in San Francisco, and Theobald is a wooden bark, built in 1861 at Richmond, Me. Her tonnage was 981.38 tons gross and 828.32 tons net. She was 177 feet long, 34.8 feet beam and 23.8 feet depth of hold.

J. H. Rogers, local agent of the Great Northern Railway, has been appointed agent of the steamer City of Columbia, which is to sail for the Hawaiian Islands. The new service to the islands will enter into competition with the Canadian-Australian service for passengers and freight from here to Seattle by the steamer City of Kingston, which is to sail for the Hawaiian Islands. Should sufficient business for the new steamer will include Victoria in its ports of call.

Steamer Centage City sailed for Alaska ports this morning with 138 passengers. The majority were bound for the new finds at Atha lake. Steamer Tees and Douglas will follow her northward this evening. Among the passengers on the Centage are Mr. and Mrs. Rosburgh, who goes north to buy furs; P. R. Peale, who goes in in the interests of the customs authorities, and a number of others. The Centage is a new ship, as are those who will sail on the Douglas, to Pine creek and vicinity.

The latest story concerning the Douglas steamship Progress and the Big Square Company is that Capt. Gilroy, who is in charge of the Progress, has been ordered to leave the Douglas, and take the river boat up the Yukon. The Progress was one of the three steamers which were to have formed the Big Square's river fleet.

No credence is given to the report that the steamer Britannia of the wrecking of small steamers. The Britannia was the Yukon mouth with the loss of twenty people who were on her. Bishop of the Danubius says the report was a swish story brought to St. Michaels by some Stewart river Indians. Mr. Bishop says that the same report was brought to him, but he has no foundation for their stalling story.

A large scow loaded with brick which is thought to have broken loose from the tug Mystery on the evening of Tuesday last, while that vessel was towing it in Vancouver, has been picked up in the vicinity of Plumper's Pass by Mr. Strudwick, of Galiano Island. The scow is anchored in Sturdy Bay, the finder holding it and claiming salvage. The tow line was broken but the lights on the barge were still burning.

Steamer Joan returned to Nanaimo yesterday after taking the E. & N. officials to Comox on route to the scene of the railway disaster. She reported that the Dominion government steamer "Quadra" was at Comox waiting in case her services should be required.

Collier Mateo arrived at Nanaimo yesterday from Union, where she was loading coal at the time of the railway accident. She had only 500 tons on board, and the New Vancouver Coal Co. are completing her cargo.

Steamer Noyo of Seattle has been held at Victoria by the American Commercial Company for \$746.50, for coal and supplies furnished that vessel while she was at Dutch Harbor about August 1.

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THE CRUSAHER CIGAR. THE FAVORITE WITH YOUNG AND OLD. THE QUEER WAY OF SHARKS. THE GUN. UNABLE TO WALK. A Distressing Malady Cured by the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From the Hartland, N.B. Advertiser.

THE QUEER WAY OF SHARKS. "One horror of sea-fighting I believe off-sailors will be spared in this war, and that is the large chances of being killed by sharks. The whole of the Caribbean Sea and Cuba swarms with those treacherous things, and as a rule, when a man drops overboard, the chances are that in another minute nothing will be left of him on the surface but some red stains in the water, unless he keeps his presence of mind and knows just what to do.

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HONEST HELP FREE TO WEAK MEN. The Victoria Times is authorized to state by Rev. A. H. Macfarlane, Frankton, Ontario, that any man who is suffering from overwork, excess of study, or any other cause, which results in vigor, lack of development, etc., can write to him in strict confidence and be instructed free of charge how to take his cure. Knowing to his sorrow, that so many sufferers are being imposed upon by unscrupulous quacks, this clergyman considers it his duty to give his fellow-men the benefit of his experience and assist them to a cure. Having nothing to sell, he sends for his advice and follows it can rely upon being cured. Of course only those actually needing help are expected to apply, not a sham. Address as above and refer to the Victoria Times.

LONDON'S LORD MAYOR COMING. New York, Aug. 15.—A London dispatch says that among the passengers on the Teutonic sailing from Liverpool for New York to-day was Horatio Davies, Lord Mayor of London. Davies had plans have been made for the reception and entertainment of the lord mayor in New York, the understanding being that his visit to partake of the nature of a pleasure jaunt or brief vacation from his official duties, and it is felt that under these circumstances any persistent night prove most disastrous to other wise. Davies will go to Newport soon after his arrival in New York and after visiting other resorts on the Atlantic coast a brief western tour, extending as far as Chicago, may be undertaken. Mr. Davies is accompanied by his daughter.

Some time ago a little bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy fell into my hands, and I was terribly afflicted. I had tried many remedies but to no purpose, and the little bottle of Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I had bought of William F. Jones, Oglesby, Va., cured me. For sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

It has been announced that Hon. Col. H. E. McCallum, R.E., C.M.G., governor of Lagos, West Africa, will succeed Sir Herbert Murray as governor of the colony. It is believed, acted so promptly because of the conditions created by the retention of Sir Herbert Murray in the governorship.

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THE WATER. Engages the Attention of the Board of Health. The Schedule of Rates for the Over for F. sidera.

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But, as he drew near to the cabin where he lived he suddenly stopped and listened... He slipped up noiselessly and peered through a crack between the door and the wall...

B. C. IN LONDON

How the British America Corporation and Its Properties Are Regarded.

Latest Report From the Working of British Columbia Mining Propositions. (Correspondence News-Advertiser.) London, Aug. 9.—Business yesterday was on a small scale...

Anonymous letters, requesting information about the British America Corporation, continue to be received... The Financial Times, "Shareholder" complains...

The numerous holders of the above concern must view with trepidation the shrinkage in prices of the shares which has taken place...

The directors are all sound men of experience and reputation, and as for the management of the mine, the careful supervision of that matter...

"YOUNG" MR. BALFOUR.

The Rising English Statesman Has Just Turned Fifty.

We have been so accustomed to regard Mr. A. J. Balfour as a young man, that it will come almost as a shock to most people to learn that to-day he celebrates his fiftieth birthday...

Mr. Balfour is an interesting illustration of the doctrine of heredity. Mutatis mutandis, Ben Johnson's famous lines on the poetical and dramatic qualities of the poet...

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Bradstreet's and Dun Wiman's Reports on Trade Conditions. New York, Aug. 19.—Dun's review says to-morrow regarding Canadian trade...

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WINNIPEG WRITINGS.

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.—Crops reports to-day are generally favorable although there was some damage by hail last night...

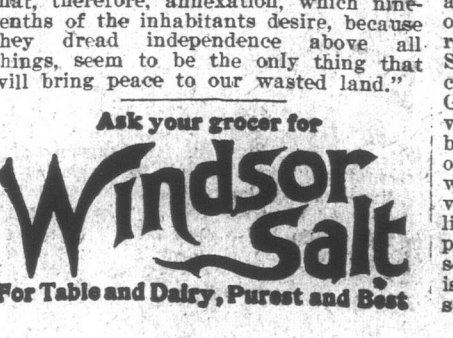
NO INDEPENDENCE.

Spanish Population in Cuba Would Prefer Annexation. London, Aug. 19.—The Times this morning publishes a letter from Havana...

SMALL BUT MIGHTY.

Sir William Marriott, who arrived from England in the steamship Lucania yesterday, for the purpose of representing British holders of Central Pacific railroad stock...

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