

LARDEAU MINES

Good Reasons Why a Railroad Should Tap This District.

HAULING SUPPLIES IN AND ORE

Out to Places of Treatment Should Warrant the Early Construction of Both the K. & L. D. and C.P.R. Into This Camp—Proposed Lines Are Now Partly Built.

The Silver Queen is another of Ferguson's near future shippers. It is surrounded by the True Pisareu, Yankee, St. Elmo, and Winona on the Great Northern hill just back of this place to the northwest, some two miles distant. Development work is being pushed all winter and some very promising strikes are being made. Of the latest one, the Trout Lake Topic says: "The drift on the Silver Queen now 40 feet from the crest and from the beginning the men have had ore. Just now they are running alongside the ore body, which is about five feet in thickness and composed of clean ore and four feet of concentrates. They have not been taking ore on account of the difficulty of storing it, but instead have been running parallel to the lead and crosscutting it regularly. In this way they know exactly what they have got and its value and the extra trouble of trucking it out and storing it, is done away with. There is no question at all but that the lead will be taken up."

Minto Group.

This group is owned by the Duncan River Co-operation and Development Co., and consists of four claims situated between the west fork and the Little company commenced work in July, have built trails and cabins, and have provided ample supplies for the winter. Development is being done this winter. The lead is over six feet wide and lies between two well defined walls, being highly mineralized with 10 inches of nearly clean ore on the hanging wall. The property is now being developed by a tunnel. This is an excellent tunnelling proposition. Great depth can be obtained and the property can be developed cheaply. Assays range from \$10 to \$127 in value. It has a large surface showing, with ore visible for nearly the length of two claims.

The Towser.

W. Inis, foreman of the Towser, returned from Revelstoke on Sunday. The Towser deal is off. The Towser Mining company wanted the price reduced from \$40,000 to \$20,000, which was unmanufactured to the owners, Messrs. D. Ferguson and J. Knowles, J. M. Skeaff and G. P. Ritter have gone back to Chicago. W. Inis is bringing down the case for Ferguson and the present at least the company will discontinue operations in this district. The Towser, which will likely revert to the original owners on the 15th, will be further developed this season, and its value demonstrated before fall, as has been the case with more than one property in this camp. In fact a new deal is reported to be on for the purchase outright of the Towser.

Silver Lead Group.

This group is owned by the Guinness Gold Mines Co. of B. C., and consists of three claims, situated on the little west fork of the Duncan, joining the Old Gold on the southeast. There has been considerable work on this property with excellent results. The lead is exposed for a considerable distance by crosscuts; exposing a large body of heavy clean ore four feet wide with a seam of steel galena, eight to ten inches wide paralleling the main body of ore. On the hanging wall a tunnel is being driven to tap the lead about 50 feet below the first under-trail. A small shipment to the Trail smelter, gave returns of over \$80 per ton from the croppings. This property bids fair soon to be one of the best in the district.

St. Elmo.

This property lies along the Silver Queen on the west side, some two miles northwest of Ferguson, one of the claims which the proposed new trail from this place will reach. Development is being driven from the west side to

catch the lead at considerable depth. The tunnel is now in 65 feet and the ore flats will soon be reached. The St. Elmo is in good company and with development the prospects are improving every day. This will soon be another of Ferguson's shippers.

Lillian Group.

This group is owned by the Imperial Gold Mining Co. of B. C., and consists of five claims, two on the lower Duncan, and three between the west fork and the little west fork of the Duncan. Both groups have been worked with promising results. Work on the west fork had to be closed down for the winter through lack of supplies to continue the work through the season. The property is looking well, and work will be resumed in early spring. Assays give values of \$30 to 118.

Peterson Group.

This group is owned by the Lardo-Duncan Gold, Silver and Copper Mining Company, and consists of three claims located just over the summit east of Ferguson, on the Duncan slope, joining the Primrose property on the northwest. This property is developing well for the amount of work done. Work was suspended during the winter, but will be resumed as soon as supplies can be taken in. Results of assays of the ore body range from \$10 to \$130.00 per ton.

Gold Bug.

On Saturday J. Livingstone returned from a trip to the hot springs, where he has been for about three weeks. He has taken supplies up to the Gold Bug, at 7-miles, where he intends to continue work on this promising prospect till he gets the lead, and the indications at present is the proximity of an ore body.

INVESTIGATION BUT NO ACTION

The People of This District Determined To Have A Reliable Service. At a committee meeting of the citizens of Ferguson, the chairman was instructed to write the Hon. Inspector Dorman as follows:

FERGUSON, B. C., March 6th, 1900. W. H. Dorman.

Yours favor of the 1st. inst. re mail service between Arrowhead and this place has been received. I am sorry to say you have taken no definite measures toward securing a reliable service. I must confess my attention to some unimportant facts. You say you do not feel disposed to demand a service, but you should be taking steps to this you voice the sentiment of every one in this district, but we are not taking any steps. It is no more risky to take, when a person is properly equipped for crossing a trail over a hill, than it is to take a team of horses across the arm only two days previous to Johnson's crossing. It is not the fact that he was still living at Arrowhead, men crossed with carcasses of beef. I do not want to convey the impression that you are directed at Mr. Johnson personally, on the contrary you are directed at the government in awarding contracts without regard to whether the contractor is able to do the work. The equipment for handling the work, but solely because he may be the lowest bidder. Under the circumstances, it is not bad service, what we want is a law which will become of the service which will be made during the winter of 1898 and 1899. Harry Neelham carried the mail into Trout Lake and was not even known to the original owners on the 15th, and also during the winter of 1894 and 1895. One Allen brought the mail all the way from Revelstoke and did not miss a trip. I merely enumerate these instances to show that a good and efficient service can be had without any risks to the carrier, if it were not for the irregular policy of the government.

Your action with regard to the service is such that it does not offer any permanent relief, for just as soon as the snow is off, the mail will be back in the ok. at again and even should Mr. Johnson consent to come on the trail for the same rate that Mr. Batho's going, Mr. Batho would not consent to an increase in his contract altogether, as otherwise he would be under the necessity of maintaining his horse, etc., in order to resume his contract as soon as navigation would be possible. Conditions are, and have been, such that a trail can be run with a constant train since July, and unpunished traffic by heavy freight wagons, the road has required constant attention.

Eight-mile Creek Trail—(old)—Neil Peterson, foreman. Commenced on the north-east shore of Trout Lake, about 8 miles from Trout Lake City, and extends 6 miles to the Mable group of claims. Cleared out washfalls, rock, gravel, and sand, and replaced several bridges, and culverts, and made necessary improvements all along the trail.

ROAD AND TRAIL BUILDING

The Amount of Work Done Last Season. If cost to Government Accompanied the Report It Would Alter the Sweetened Appearance.

Notte L. Trail. (new)—A. E. Kincaid, foreman. Commenced at Ferguson and ran up to the Gattie L. mine. Forest cleared 2,625 yards, 10 feet wide. This route was not completed as a trail, but may be used during the winter as a rawhide road.

South Fork Lardauo Wagon Road.—(old)—T. E. Howe, foreman. Commenced at Ferguson and terminates at 10-mile up the Lardauo south fork. Graded 20 yards, 12 feet wide. Repaired road and culverts, renewed culverts, and filled in washout. Built 1 bridge, 30 feet by 12 feet.

South Fork Lardauo Trail.—(old trail and extension)—Asa Hillman, foreman. This is an extension of wagon road from 10-mile up Lardauo south fork. Cleared out fall timber, and made general repairs for 13 miles. Corduroyed 800 yards, 5 feet wide. Built 2 bridges, averaging 35 feet by 8 feet by 8 feet.

Gainer Creek Trail.—(old trail and extension)—Asa Hillman, foreman. Commenced at junction of Gainer and south fork of Lardauo, and follows up Gainer creek. Forest cleared 19,390 yards, 10 feet wide. Graded 1,700 yards, 10 feet wide. Ditched 17 yards, 2 feet wide, 1 1/2 feet deep. Corduroyed 270 yards, 10 feet wide. Built 2 bridges, averaging 35 feet by 7 feet.

Brown Creek Trail.—(new)—Oscar Johnson, foreman. Commenced at forks of Brown and south fork of Lardauo creeks, and extends up Brown creek. Forest cleared 2,440 yards, 10 feet wide. Grubbed 2,440 yards, 3 feet wide. Graded 2,400 yards, 10 feet wide. Built 1 bridge, 50 feet by 10 feet.

Westfall Trail.—(reconstruction of old trail)—Frank Holten, foreman. Graded 1,343 yards, 14 feet wide. Excavated earth 9 square yards. Excavated rock 90 cubic feet. Graded 1,343 yards, 3 1/2 feet by 8 feet by 8 feet. The old trail having an impracticable grade, had to be almost entirely reconstructed.

North Fork Lardauo Trail.—(new)—T. E. Howe, foreman. Commenced at end of wagon road, 1 mile from Ferguson, and follows the north fork of Lardauo creek. Forest cleared 6,100 yards, 25 feet wide. Grubbed 5,280 yards, 4 feet wide. Excavated and graded 5,280 yards, 5 feet wide. Excavated rock 800 feet, 4 1/2 feet wide. Corduroyed 450 feet, 6 feet wide. Removed 218 yards, averaging 4 feet in diameter. Macadamized 50 feet, 4 feet wide, 10 inches deep. Built 6 bridges, averaging 50 feet by 12 feet. This trail, though apparently costly, was by no means a extravagant one. It is a side hill, through heavy timber, and excavated down to a solid bottom, which will withstand the constant traffic of heavily laden pack animals through incessant rains. The grade is heavy, but the bridges sufficiently wide, this trail, by simply widening the grade, can be constructed into a wagon road.

Cireto City Trail.—(old)—T. E. Howe, foreman. This trail extends up the left bank of north fork of Lardauo from opposite the northern extremity of North Lardauo trail to Cireto City. Corduroyed 50 yards, 12 feet wide, and made general repairs throughout the trail.

Trout Lake Wagon Road.—Commenced at deep water, 1 mile west of Thomson's Landing, on northeast arm of upper Arrow Lake, and runs to Thomson's Landing; thence to Trout Lake City, and on to Ferguson, a distance of 18 miles. M. Mathewson, foreman. Graded 275 yards, 12 feet wide. Ditched 150 yards, 14 feet wide. Corduroyed 275 yards, 12 feet wide. Excavated rock 9 yards by 10 feet by 3 feet. Made 10 culverts, 10 feet by 3 feet by 2 feet. Jas. Mesley, foreman. Forest cleared 75 yards, 12 feet wide. Grubbed 200 yards, 12 feet wide. Ditched 300 yards, 14 feet wide. Corduroyed 80 yards, 12 feet wide. Built 2 bridges, averaging 35 feet by 12 feet.

The above mentioned details of work done on Trout Lake were executed early in the season, but owing to the constant rains since July, and unpunished traffic by heavy freight wagons, the road has required constant attention.

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INSPECTOR DORMAN'S MOTIVY

Apparently Mr. Johnson Never Knew There Would Be Bad Ice When He Took The Two-Bit Contract.

Below will be found a letter from Post Office Inspector Dorman, which appears to some extent with facts already well known in this district. No! Mr. Johnson may not want to throw up his cheap-john contract, but unless he gets a move on the people might be affected to see him do so. The EAGLE is left to suppose that Mr. Johnson didn't know what he was undertaking when he accepted the job for half its worth. Other contractors have managed to deliver mail over this route on time. They figured on "undue risks." And that is all the EAGLE asks Mr. Johnson to do.

POST OFFICE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.

Vancouver, B. C., March 1st. Dear Sir: I received your message of the 27th inst. regarding the contract for your letter of same date. I have inquired into the irregularity in the conveyance of mail between Arrowhead and Trout Lake and am satisfied that the whole trouble has been owing to the unsafe condition of the ice. You state that it is apparent that the contractor is in a very bad condition of the ice as an excuse for throwing up his contract. I will not say that the contractor is to be applied to me, nor expressed any desire to give up his contract, in fact I am not in a position to do so. I prefer to continue it. It is correct, as stated by you, that men have been killed by the ice, but I do not see a different proposition to travelling empty handed. I am quite as anxious to have a satisfactory service performed, but do not feel disposed that undue risks be taken. The present route is not a safe one for passengers or mails and should not be travelled unless under exceptional circumstances, when the ice is very good. At present it is not safe to travel over it, and I do not see the proper plan would be to have the present road from Gatlen by way of the north fork of the Lardauo, and thereby secure a safe and regular service, recognizing the convenience caused at Ferguson owing to the delay in the arrival of the incoming mail. I will ask Mr. Johnson to make arrangements for the ice if he is willing to do so for the route now paid Mr. Batho, as I understand from your message that Mr. Batho will agree to such an arrangement. I hope that a truck will be bought through the ice by the steamer very shortly, so that navigation may be kept open for a few days. Yours truly,

W. H. DORMAN, Post Office Inspector.

As to the latter suggestion of Inspector Dorman, the EAGLE learns that he is not prepared to do so, and will not be compelled to keep a horse and other necessities for fulfilling his contract. This Mr. Dorman should do, and the EAGLE trusts that soon we will have a more satisfactory service with time to answer the incoming mail by return.

SURFACE SHEWING DAYS GONE

A Local Trail By A Local Miner on a Local Subject.

In this land of hundreds of mineral claims, good, bad, or indifferent, some more or less developed, and some that have never been ravished with a single shot or blow, other than the development of a prospect, there is necessity among many mining properties for sale. Now the selling of gold bearing property looks easy to the tyro, but as a matter of fact it is a most difficult and risky business. But unless the purchaser rests with the owner, in the simple matter of over valuation, or in making terms of sale so hard that the would-be purchaser refuses to close for the property. It is clear that a mining prospect can only be valuable to the purchaser and the prospector or owner alike by deposit of ore bodies, their assay values or other tests, the development of ore bodies, or also from what the property has produced. It is obvious that in any event the purchaser on a cash basis has to take all the chances, and in calculating the value of the property being the recipient of a sum sufficient to cover all expenses in way of locating the claims and the development, if any, and a comfortable margin over and above the amount the owner wants more, and puts a price of \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000 on a prospect that at the outside did not cost him \$500.

Such men would snuff at or refuse a

\$5,000 offer, notwithstanding the ready cash in their hands would make them independent and put them in a way of securing other prospects as good. It might be noted here that the owners would like to see a sale involving \$50,000 as the first cost of the mine. It is rarely that such a sum is ever put into a mining venture by one man, and the money is provided by a number of individuals, in such amount as each is able to invest. The original investment, however, is only the beginning of necessary outlay. The property must be developed. To do this properly expensive machinery must be purchased, and all the thousand and one things that go into the making of a successful mine. So it will be seen that the prospect is a large one in the end, while important, and in fact necessary, is only the first step in the work and is the least in expense and standard risk failure.

It also takes time to open and explore an ore body, besides good financial and business management. Three months would be quick work, and at least that time should be given to the purchaser before completion of sale, of course with a small percentage of price paid in advance. The fact of the matter is that more mining sales are defeated by owners standing out for an outside price than by any other cause, and every man who has been interested in promoting mining enterprises knows this to be true.

If owners want to sell their property as expeditiously as possible, they should show up a good body of ore, with the price paid in advance. They should give plenty of time for examination; and fourth, advertise. If these propositions are followed, success will crown the efforts of owners in making a sale.

But, the successful selling of a prospect will be the most representative property will make a successful mine, as that takes time and money, with a certain amount of luck to accomplish.

EVEN ANGELS ERR.

Editor EAGLE: In your last issue you make a few remarks regarding the Klamops group, mentioning in brackets that some of the Klamops group had been in the city on Thursday night last, their entertainment coming just in time to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith and the capture of Orange, the lion of Africa. The entertainment was a most successful one, followed by a dance, both of which passed off with great success, everybody being unanimous in considering it a real letter for the Landing. The prospectors present were a very merry party, and it was a very merry party, and it was a very merry party.

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The coming season will no doubt bring with it more or less building of new and the repairing of old roads and trails. A vigorous stock should be registered against the pernicious policy of the government in these expenditures. A glance over the report of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for 1899 would give one not familiar with the facts an idea that the expenditure in different places reached into the thousands. The road between Ferguson and Trout Lake, \$200 was granted for repairs on this road where this amount was actually needed on the first half mile out of Ferguson. Good and efficient men were employed on this road, and a great deal of work was accomplished, but where only \$800 is distributed in repairs over a road sixteen miles in length and which requires at the very lowest estimate \$5,000, an ill result may be seen that there is no remedy whatever in such a short-sighted policy. If more work is not done on this road the minute the snow comes it will simply be impossible to season the work will be usual by winter. Let the government set aside a sufficient amount to make these necessary repairs and this continual howl about bad roads will cease.

MR. THOMAS TAYLOR

Is the Likely Candidate for the Next Provincial Election.

IF CHOICE OF THE CONVENTION

He Will Stand For Election on the Best Platform Now Before the People.—Meetings will be Held to Arrange for Delegates to Convention at Revelstoke.

The EAGLE is at liberty to say that Tom Taylor will be a candidate at the next provincial election for this riding, if he secures the unanimous support of a thoroughly representative convention. Mr. Taylor would stand by the principles of the Conservative and Westminster platform, which practically means the same policy as that of the recent Smith-Cotton government. It also means the maintenance of the eight-hour law, and the furthering, to a great extent, of government ownership of public utilities, —railways, etc. Mr. Taylor is already too well known for the EAGLE to introduce him. He is a local man. He knows every inch of the district and its requirements, a knowledge which can only be acquired by experience such as Mr. Taylor has had. He is the tool of no corporation or clique. He is a thoroughly practical man. In fact Mr. Taylor has long been regarded as the coming member for this district and his nomination would be the most certain of a large majority. Preliminary meetings will soon be held to arrange for the election of delegates to the full convention of delegates from the Lardauo to attend in person the convention of the Conservative Party at Victoria for the north riding of the West Kootenay electoral district.

A WARM CELEBRATION IT WAS

The Whole District Represented at The Thomson's Landing Entertainment.

THOMSON'S LANDING, March 3.—The pleasure of the Thomson's group did not end on Thursday night last, their entertainment coming just in time to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith and the capture of Orange, the lion of Africa. The entertainment was a most successful one, followed by a dance, both of which passed off with great success, everybody being unanimous in considering it a real letter for the Landing. The prospectors present were a very merry party, and it was a very merry party, and it was a very merry party.

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FOUR GREAT HANDS.

A Fine Game of Poker Played in Trenton Years Ago.

Good stories are told of the poker games that were played in Trenton away back in the fifties, and perhaps none is better than that which relates how a wedding was postponed because the bridegroom was interested in a good sized jackpot.

One of the hardest players that the "regulars" had to deal with was James Rawson, who ran a general merchandise store down in Cumberland county. He also was interested in the oyster trade and, as the saying is nowadays, he had money to burn.

In the winter of 1854 Rawson came to Trenton to help push through the legislature a bill in which he was interested, and one evening he got mixed up in a game of poker in the United States hotel with Sol Travers, Jerry Holcomb and Dick Collins, three of the gamest players that ever drew cards.

The game was innocent enough when it started, but long about three o'clock the next morning it had assumed proportions calculated to make an ordinary player gasp when the bets were made. Rawson was the youngest man at the table and had probably played poker less than any of the others, but he had money and nerve, and the way he used both made the others keep their eyes open. There wasn't much difference in the winnings up to 2:30 o'clock, when the cards suddenly got freakish, as they will sometimes, and then they began to run against Rawson.

The players wouldn't give up the game to eat, and they had the food brought to them when breakfast time came. They laid down their cards long enough to eat, then went at it again. Rawson's hard luck kept up. He turned his hat around, crossed his legs, got up and walked around his chair hung in a new pack of cards, and did everything that a superstitious poker player does to change his luck, but it wouldn't change. His money kept drifting away ten in the forenoon, when he counted his capital and found that he had \$200 left. He had fed about \$1800 to the "tiger" and naturally felt a little cranky.

At last a jackpot was started about 10:30 o'clock, and the cards were dealt round half a dozen times or more, and nobody got openers.

Down in the Deep, Black Stope

By FRANK AILEY, in The Miners' Magazine.

Click,—click,—click, boys, down in the deep, black stope.
The babies are sleeping, the stars are keeping, vigils on those above.
Strike,—strike,—strike, boys, for this is the only hope,
To sweeten the life of the faithful wife, who gave the world for you.

It is not so hard to labor, boys, it is not so hard to wait,
Till sturdy, honest and faithful, we lay by a little store;
It is not so hard to struggle, till the generous smile of fate,
Shall shed its lustre on those who cluster, inside the miner's door.

Tramp,—tramp,—tramp, boys, to the toll of the old church bell,
Marching in solemn order, out to the barren slope,
Out to the dead man's city, his ghastly rans to swell,
For another soul stirred death's rest, down in the deep, black stope.

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The babies are sleeping, the stars are keeping, vigils on those above.
Strike,—strike,—strike, boys, for this is the only hope,
To sweeten the life of the faithful wife, who gave the world for you.

But down in the awful blackness, in every tunnel and mine,
At every shaft and station, about each timber and rope,
The angel of death is lurking, while the faithful mot'ar prays,
For him who sings, as his hammer rings, down in the deep, black stope.

Clean out the holes and load, boys; tend to your business well;
This is a ticklish matter, where brains with danger cope;
Handle the powder with care, boys, that yellow, quitescence of hell;
On every level you're facing the devil, down in the deep, black stope.

"Hurry up, boys, and open it," said Rawson. "I've got to catch that 11:45 train. I'm going to be married tonight, and I must be in by 5 o'clock and dressed for the occasion."
But the boys didn't seem to be able to hurry. They dealt and dealt but the right kind of cards wouldn't fall, and finally there was a nice little pot of about \$600 on the table. At 11:30 Travers opened the pot for \$100. Holcomb and Collins stepped in.
"I feel just as if I was going to win that pot," said Rawson, writing some figures on a piece of paper and tossing it to the centre of the table with what money he had left. "I'm shy \$50, boys, but I guess I'm good for it."
"Your check is as good as your cash," said Travers.
"Every bit," said Holcomb and Collins. "But you'll never catch that train," remarked Travers.
"By thunder!" remarked Rawson, "I forgot all about that!" He looked at his watch and found he had about three minutes in which to get to the station. "There's no use in trying to make it now," he said. "They'll have to postpone the wedding. I'll telegraph that I've missed the train." A few minutes later a messenger was sent to the telegraph office with a message, and the game went on.
The pot was \$1000 strong when the men drew cards, and the result was the

most remarkable set of poker hands that the old time players in Trenton recall. Travers was dealing. Holcomb called for one card Collins took one, Rawson four, and Travers one.
Everybody about the table saw that there was business ahead. Travers made a bid for a raise by betting \$25, which was lifted \$200 by Holcomb, and Collins raised the \$200, so that when it came to Rawson it cost \$425 to get in. Everybody thought he would throw down his cards, but he didn't. He slowly drew a check for \$1000 and shoved it into the centre of the table, thus raising Collins \$575. The other players thought he was bluffing. Travers met the raise at once and added \$500 to it. Holcomb saw that and raised it another \$500. Collins simply saw the raise, and Rawson raised it another \$1,000.
Travers settled back in his chair and eyed Rawson narrowly. "You've got pretty good nerve, old man," he said, "but you can't make me lay down; not on a four card draw anyway." Then he saw Rawson's raise of \$1000 and increased it \$500.
"I call you," said Holcomb, shoving in \$1,500.
"I might as well take a chance for money," said Collins, laying \$1500 on the pile. Rawson put down another check for \$500.
"Well, boys, I'm sorry for you," said

Travers, "I've got four queens." He threw them down.
"That beats my four jacks," said Holcomb. "And my four tens," said Collins. "But it don't beat my four kings," said Rawson, spreading out his cards. He had four kings, what a ace.
"Thunderation, what a draw!" exclaimed Travers.
"Twas pretty good," said Rawson, raking in the money. "I got them all in a bunch. I held up an ace."
Rawson was \$15,000, and \$11,250 of it came out of the pockets of the other three men. It was the biggest jackpot ever won in Trenton.
After the money had been counted and stored away in Rawson's inside pocket, he expressed remorse over his indifference to his wedding appointment. But he didn't have long to mourn. The girl he was to marry had a mind of her own, and when she received Rawson's telegram she got herself ready and, boarding a north-bound train, came to Trenton, where she arrived about 6 o'clock in the evening. Rawson was delighted to see her, and they went to a preacher's and were married.

year made a profit of over \$1,500,000. The street railway system will soon revert to her, when she will transport passengers a distance of three to five miles for one cent. Long ago she adopted the eight hour law for all city employees. She provides for the free transportation of school children. She furnishes free employment exchanges and one of the finest school systems in the world. Next to Paris it is the equal of any. The municipality gives encouragement to trade unions. The city owns the docks and conducts the steam ferries. She is making tremendous strides in many improvements, and it is freely predicted that from now on she will advance much more rapidly in municipal ownership than in the past.

He Needed a Shave.

He had been out so late the night before that he did not know at what hour he had come home. When he awoke, he was curious to learn just how rocky he looked. He accordingly reached out for the silver-backed hand mirror that lay on the table beside his bed. Instead of that he got hold of the silver-backed hair brush. Not recognizing his mistake, he took the brush up and gazed at the bristles a moment. Then he felt half the silver back and then started back at the bristles. "Good heavens," he murmured at last, "but I need a shave!"
Pay the printer and be honored.

Australia's Big City.

Melbourne, Australia, is a city with half a million population and rapidly growing, and it has taken an advanced stand for municipal ownership. She owns absolutely her gas works and last

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

The cynic might take syrup for his scoff.
Native wit may be foreign to the occasion.
Cross purposes often run parallel in morality.
"Roving blades" are bound to lose their rough edges.
Not a single infectious disease is known in Greenland.
It is easier to get footing than backing from a rich 's father.
With the sensible girl the beau that flatters much never matters much.
No erratic genius has yet come forward with the "Dreams of a Bulldozer."
The spiritualistic medium sometimes goes out of business for material reasons.
He who is always going to the law will get the law in the habit of coming to him.
There are men so mean and miserly that they would like to hoard the human race.
The postal authorities have decided to utilize the system of wireless telegraphy, which will be tried first in London.
The lead pencil originated with the discovery of the graphite mines in England in 1664, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth.
First class passengers in England have increased only ten per cent in ten years, while the number of third class passengers have increased 31 per cent.
Rival Beauties.
Paul Kruger is not a handsome man. It is said that he is the ugliest man in the Transvaal, but he met one which he considered his match one day. Being out on the veldt shooting, he fell in with an Irish Outlander of ferocious appearance, whom he immediately covered with his rifle.
"Oi say!" says the Hibernian, "phat are yez going to do?"
"My people," replied Oom Paul, "told me if I ever came across an uglier man than I was, to shoot him. And I think I have found him."
"Well," said the Hibernian, after a good look at Kruger, "shoot away, for I am as ugly as you are. I don't want to live."

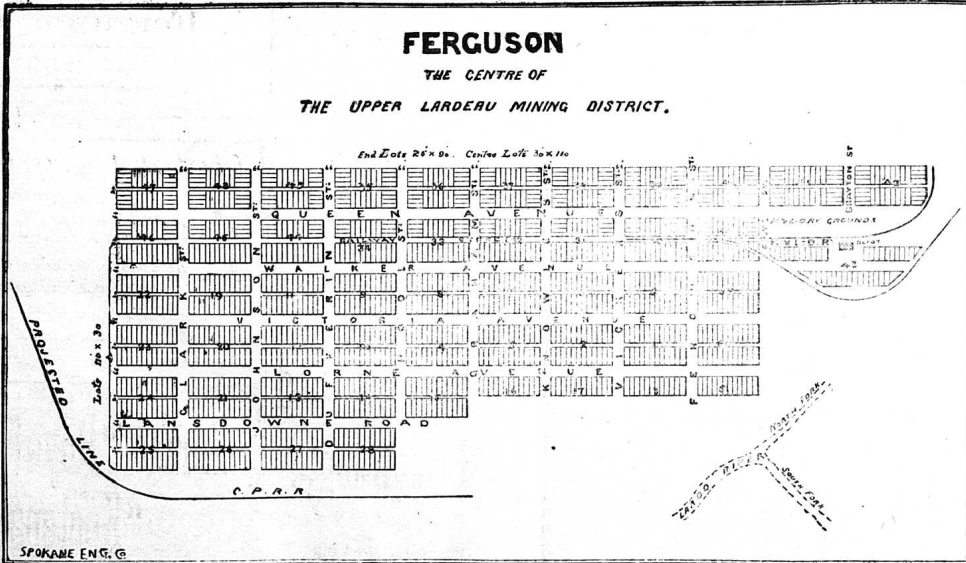
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THE LOCAL FIELD

There is an opening for a tailor shop in Ferguson.

A. C. Cummins was up from Trout Lake for a few days.

F. Halley went up to work on the Nettie L. mine on Monday.

Use Hland's Dyspepsia Tablets: Cure Indigestion, etc. See a box at Anson's Drug Store.

A laundry has been started at Thomson's Landing. A like institution would thrive in Ferguson.

E. Brewster and E. Morgan are down from their line of traps, with a good catch, for the time they were out.

The C. P. R. boat is not likely to break the ice on the Arm for a month yet, if present indications go for anything.

Tom Taylor's resignation from his well served position as mining recorder in this camp, for the past several years, will take place shortly.

S. Daney, general freighter, was in town yesterday. He is hauling Silver Cup ore from Daty's, where the toboggans leave it, to the Landing.

The Grand Forks Miner has purchased the Gazette, and now Grand Forks has once again weekly instead of two dailies. Competition is not always the life of the town.

H. J. Jackson received further orders at Revelstoke, where transportation was awaiting him, to proceed right through to Halifax. Murdie McIcrae was not accepted after all.

From all appearances the Ferguson celebration had a good time. Thirty-two miles of sleigh ride cuts no snow; they get their just same.

Another entertainment is billed in Trout Lake City for the 11th of Ireland, under the auspices of the dramatic and literary society. It promises to be a huge success.

Everybody in this district is elated over word that the C. P. R. will recommence construction work in a few weeks. The road should be at the foot of Trout lake by next summer.

A. McPherson, one of the contractors on the long tunnel at the Nettie L. mine, came down yesterday to consult Dr. T. A. Wilson. He has throat trouble, probably caused from the underground work.

Andy Ward, who was thought to have perished in the hills during January, and for whom no search party were looking for, for several days, has turned up all right, though he had a dangerous trip over a glacier. He was over at the Empire group, but is now at Kamlo.

Revelstoke Herald: Owing to the mailing difficulties prevailing last month on the lake, the first number of the Ferguson EAGLE is only just out hand. It's a bright, new sheet and will be a big help to draw the attention of the outside public to the mineral resources of the Lardeau district.

Don't delay! Get your name on the voter's list at once. Registration forms can be secured at the Election office, which will be cheerfully forwarded to the government agent, if filled out. Several have already taken advantage of the franchise. If you are entitled to a franchise that your name is put on the list at once.

The subject for debate in J. Laughton's hall to-morrow evening will be: "Resolved that it is in the interests of the welfare of this province that party lines be introduced in the coming provincial election." S. Shannon will uphold party lines, while A. J. Gordon will oppose their introduction. Other speakers will take part and an interesting time may be expected.

A movement is on foot in town to petition the government agent for an appropriation to help the business men of Ferguson to build a trail starting from up the north fork a little way and coming back on a wagon road grade to tap the many properties operating on the hill overlooking Ferguson from the north. The Silver Queen, Broadview, Great Northern, True Fishers, St. Elmo, Yankee, Winona, and even the Beatrice and others would find the trail very useful in getting in supplies from their natural supply point—Ferguson.

The EAGLE is pleased to say that J. Doherty, foreman of the Nettie L., who was seriously injured at the mine Wednesday, is improving and his condition is by no means so critical as was feared. The paralysis in the lower part of his body is almost gone, and with the good care he is receiving, his recovery may soon be expected. The doctor says he is getting on his feet, and he had just stripped, falling seven feet upon him, while in a sitting position, was very severe, but had it fallen two inches further back upon him, he would have been crushed to instant death.

SCREAMLETS.

Canada operates its own postoffice, and pays ten times too much for carrying its mails. Why not run the railroads, and give the masses a chance?—New Denver Ledger.

The EAGLE is informed on very good authority that J. M. Kellie, M. P. P., will not again stand for re-election. This is as it should be, and as the electors intended it to be. But who would have dreamed of Kellie taking a tumble?

The much talked of salmon trust on the coast has had the effect of raising prices paid to the fish catchers. Rather than demoralizing the business it has put it upon a solid basis. Now if the fifty Chinese canners were only disposed of the salmon would be much better relished by the consumers.

The Revelstoke Herald complains of the Lardeau trade going southward. If both the rage in Revelstoke would pay more attention to business interests and less to Kellie and his political cronies, and the politicians and public in the vicinity would profit largely. The personal twaddle appearing in both of them is enough to drive anybody or anything away from their abode.

B. R. Atkins, the most devout aspirant to political office of any old kind, that this district ever saw, has lost his job as private secretary to the Hon. J. M. Kellie, "Windy Ike" ex-premier. So-called "Windy Ike" may have to hit the big game, and Mr. Atkins re-assumes his old position on the Kootenay "Mall"; providing "Windy" hasn't already fixed himself solid with Bostock and Kellie in the meantime.

The establishment of a sub-office, for the transaction of business coming from the Duncan slope, at Trout Lake City will be of scarcely any use unless the records of the Kato office are also kept at the office here, as well as vice versa. Mining Recorder Taylor has no knowledge of such intention on the part of the government, and it would be well to have an understanding in this matter.

The possibilities of liquid air appear to be without limit. It can be produced at a trifling cost, and its possible effect in revolutionizing the future is amazing. In peace and war it promises to give its benefits and curses equally.

Submarine boats and flying machines, the propulsion of mobile torpedoes and its possibilities as a war agent, while in domestic and business uses it stands ready to freeze anything from the cook in the kitchen to the head of the house out of business.

Is some of the wire-pulling specimens of human carelessness, with corporate fronts, who are drawing large salaries to "mine" in "the" best British and American sucker habitations, instead of legitimate mining in the Stocan and elsewhere in the province, were to go underground and strike a drill for two hours or even stay underground for eight hours, the "eight-hour law" practically would soon be settled. Practically proof is what counts and the EAGLE man has had a trial of it. This district should congratulate itself for its fortunate possession of practical mining men.

The Standard oil trust cleaned up \$30,000,000 in profits on its \$100,000,000 of capitalization in 1899, says the Pueblo Courier. Mr. Rockefeller, who was dissatisfied with the showings, and after a little time spent in his prayer closet, raised the price of oil three cents a gallon. Mr. Rockefeller says that God gave him his wealth and quarters to make \$60,000,000 this year. So, saints and sinners, come ye all, fill your lamps with Standard oil, and "let your lights so shine before men that they may see your Father which is in Heaven," and likewise his holy servant who lives in Ohio. This is a divine command; heed it lest ye be damned.—Sandsen Paystreak.

The EAGLE's job printing outfit, positively the newest, best selected and most up to date in North Kootenay, is now at Arrowhead awaiting [the] transportation company's services. With this complete outfit secured from the famous type foundry of Miller & Richard, Edinburgh, Scotland, the EAGLE will soon be prepared to turn out [the] work, more promptly and right in the district, than heretofore ever used in the camp. Mining reports, pamphlets, prospectuses, time checks, book work, and every description of commercial and fancy job printing will be executed. Bring in your orders and get the benefit of experience and get the benefit of experience. The EAGLE will have the largest and best printing plant in North Kootenay within sixty days.

SANCTUM SHORTSTOPS

One certain evidence that this camp is going to go ahead is that claim holders are "prospecting" less and claimers, where they will soon expose something to ship or sell, or try again. The history of the past in this camp shows that the men who got in and worked their properties are the men who made a stake. There may have been exceptions, but the sucker element has now drifted to the Klondike and South Africa. "Wildcatting" and the days of selling surface showings in this district. The property owners have apparently tumbled to this fact and this winter finds many of them hard at work developing their claims into young mines, instead of playing "shut" and running up a bar and board bill on the strength of catching some easy guy in the spring. Prices have dropped to reasonable figures and the purchaser will only be asked to pay for what he can see. The long-bond short-pay manipulator need not apply; there's no time for anything but a working bond or other property. The owners will work their properties and create their own capital. Labor, dynamite and a grubstake are the only requisites and these are being provided by themselves. They work for some of the companies operating in the district until they get a stake. Then buy supplies and away to their own properties. The merchants also help him, thus showing their faith in the camp's possibilities. The boys are just beginning to realize how little ore it takes to repay them for their work. And to a great extent have thrown up the daydreams of becoming laborer or miner in one day. For these and many other reasons the future prosperity of this camp is assured beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Mrs. R. P. Pettipiece leaves in the morning for her home in Fletcher, Idaho, to spend a couple of months with her parents.

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