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TAYLOR ENDORSED

The Martin Candidate Nearly Lost His Deposit.

RESULTS AS FAR AS KNOWN

A Death Blow to Kelle and His Favored Few—Taylor Polled A Majority in Every Point Except Revelstoke—Likely Course of Our New Member.

Polling day passed off very quietly in Ferguson. Most of the voters came down from the hills, but there were a few exceptions. At the Cup the boys paired off. Up the north fork the same. Of course many of the miners in this, as other B. C. mining camps, are American citizens, and this with what voters exercised their franchise at Trout Lake City brought Taylor's majority down here much lower than it otherwise would have been. There were a few bets made in town at three to one, but a man had to bet wild to get a call from the McRae men at the town meeting. It is now the event of the returns, but they were very unsatisfactory indeed. Not until Sunday was there any outside word, therefore it was left largely to the daily newspapers to convey the news. And even now the situation is too vague to size up with any degree of certainty. A telegram received by the EAGLE from Revelstoke on Sunday says that Taylor's total majority is 147. As predicted by the EAGLE, McRae is nearly lost his deposit. This, too, is a greater majority than ever J. M. Kelle was honored with. And had Kelle been in McRae's shoes he would have felt with the same old sickening thud. Mr. Taylor, M. P. P., the EAGLE believes, will prove himself to be a man many times worthy of the confidence which has been placed in him. In the event of the Conservatives being unable to form a government, the EAGLE has no hesitation in saying that Mr. Taylor will take his stand with the J. A. H. P. Dependable supporters, as against Martin and anti-Labor representatives. Complaining that Taylor upon the success he so cleanly and manly won, and once more inviting our poor old forlorn friend, the Topic, into the fold (if it can find its way out of the avalanche), the EAGLE will resume operations at the start of the annual assessment of '82; we'll do the rest.

WHAT HAPPENED TO McRAE

The Blow That Killed Kelleism and Martinism in This Riding.

Ferguson	100	20	16
Trout Lake City	64	21	43
Thomson's Ldg.	20	10	10
Comoxide	22	11	11
Arrowhead	49	5	44
Eastbrook	182	20	16
Albert Canyon	29	26	3
Hillswell	29	26	3
Glendon	14	11	3
Haleyton	46	23	23
Nakup	46	23	23
Burton City	46	23	23
Fire Valley	46	23	23
Big Bend	46	23	23
Total	483	344	139

A 'LEADER' POSSIBILITY

Ralph Smith May Possibly Come Out on Top.

The population of British Columbia in the future must in the very nature of things be largely made up of miners and laboring men, and the class of people will undoubtedly have a great influence in shaping the legislation of the province. In this provision of the number of Labor representatives and white the Conservatives, which will take its seat in the House is likely to be very strong, it will grow and in time may become a body of considerable importance. Those who have followed the career of the leader in British Columbia know that he is not a blatant demagogue of the red, roaring anarchist type, but a reasonable, safe, intelligent, broad-minded man, and withal one of the best and most convincing debaters that has ever sat in the Assembly.

TROUT LAKE'S NEW LAUNCH

E. L. Kinman expects to launch the Trout Lake City launch syndicate's new naphtha launch on Saturday. This handsome little pleasure boat will seat sixteen people comfortably. It is fitted with an 8-horse power engine of the latest design, will be speedy and can be manned by one person with ease. All that is lacking now is a case, which will be provided before the christening on Saturday.

WILL FORCE THE OLD PARTIES.

A New Plan of Forwarding the Progressive Movement.

George's Weekly, of Denver, Colo., has come out with an elaborate plan to do away with parties and politicians. The editor of the paper, Herbert George, proposes to start the scheme in Colorado by getting 1,000 staunch supporters of the undertaking to sign a pledge with him not to be candidates for office, elective or appointive, but work unceasingly for the restoration of the old-time rights of the American people. A single paragraph in the published plan shows how he expects to effect the desired reform. He says: "We are earnestly inclined to the opinion that an intelligent and well directed effort, having for its object the forcing of one or the other of the two great parties to adopt the idea of direct legislation will soonest bring radical changes for the better and soonest do away with parties and politicians." This is a view not shared by Mr. George alone. Many persons have given up the hope of any party, as such, carrying out the better code and the reformation needed; HENCE THE WISDOM OF COMPELLING ONE OF THE TWO OLD PARTIES TO GIVE US DIRECT LEGISLATION that we may take economic questions away from party influence.

A COURSE TO THE COUNTRY

Chinese and Japanese Breeding and Fostering Bubonic Plague.

The provincial board of health have sent out a pamphlet setting forth precautions which should be taken against the dread disease—bubonic plague. Secretary C. J. Pagan makes some very strong and radical recommendations to the attorney-general which should undoubtedly be enforced at once. Communities where Chinamen and Japanese thrive are the most likely to be affected. Mr. Pagan contends that leprosy already exists concealed among these vermin at the coast. He says among other things: "Do not wish to cause any scare, but I think I would be remiss in my duty, did I not call your attention to the fact that we are in danger, and therefore should prepare."

THE REASON WHY

Some newspaper subscribers often wonder why a publisher will keep on sending the paper when the subscription has expired. The reason is this: When the subscription is paid to a certain time, the time expires and the paper is stopped, it looks as if the publisher doubted the integrity of the subscriber; and nine times out of ten the subscriber will give the publisher a "swelling down" for insinuating that his credit is not good. Rather than cast any reflection against a neighbor's honesty to pay a small debt, it has become customary for country newspapers to continue sending the paper after the subscription has expired. The city weeklies and dailies do not generally follow this rule as their subscribers live at a distance, and besides they are not acquainted with them and do not know their financial standing. One should deem it an honor to know that his credit is not doubted when the publisher continues to send the paper. Should the subscriber desire to have his paper discontinued he should inform the publisher and remit to date, if any amount is owing.

WORK SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

Stump blasting and road building is coming on the wagon road between here and Thomson's Landing. The portion between here and Trout Lake should receive special attention, as there is likely to be a great deal of traffic, particularly if the railway builds to the foot of Trout lake this summer as promised by President Shaughnessy. The Martin government is to be thanked for this much pap at any rate.

BETTER THAN AT FIRST REPORTED.

J. N. Black, "Dad," was up at the Nettie L. yesterday. He visited the new strike and confirms even more than the foreman gave the EAGLE on Monday evening. "Dad" says he never saw the mine looking better. A first class ore sorter is now in charge, so that higher grade shipments will be made in future.

\$165,000. OUTPUT BUSY COMMUNITY

The Silver Cup is Forging to the Front Rank.

AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM AHEAD

The Development Now Going is Disclosing Greater Gold and Copper Values—More Miners Are Wanted—Busy Creating Tonnage For the Lardeau's Railway.

According to the Minister of Mines' report the total ore obtained from the Silver Cup to December 31st, 1899, was about 820 tons, the gross value of which, according to smelter returns, has been \$121,000, say \$148 to the ton. Since that date 275 tons more have been taken out, thus making the total output 1095 tons. Approximately figured, on the present high-grade production, the total gross output to date reaches the enormous figure of \$165,000, thus having paid for itself, its development, etc., and it is still only beyond the "doubt" stage as a wealth producer.

Rich Values Found in the Cup.

Supt. D. G. McNeill came down from the Silver Cup, Lardeau's banner mine, on Monday. He had some wonderful samples with him which he is sending out to headquarters. They were discovered Monday morning in drifting from the crosscut recently made from the No. 9 or lower tunnel. Mr. McNeill calculates that these specimens will carry at least 3000 ozs. in silver, and one would judge from the samples that they contained as much more value in gold and grey copper. They were certainly the finest and richest looking specimens that the EAGLE ever set its optics upon.

More Miners Wanted.

Fourteen men are now working at the Cup, but Supt. McNeill says he wants more miners, but cannot procure them. The outfit could be at least 20 strong.

THE MINING EXPERT.

Beware of the mining expert who is not in the country for his health. He goes about seeking to get checks from both parties to a transaction. To be who hath a mine to sell the expert says stand and deliver a portion of the price you will receive or my report will be adverse. He is not above making a favorable report for a consideration. Beware of him for he would fail serve two masters.—Prospector.

HELPS THIS DISTRICT.

The new time table on the C. P. R. will bring this camp in closer communication with the outside world. Revelstoke and coast mail will reach here the following day at about noon. The return mail will go out the same day, reaching Revelstoke the next day. The service is improved all round, though earlier rising in the morning will be in order.

DOMINION DAY AT TROUT LAKE.

Trout Lake City is spreading itself for the 1st of July sports. 'T promises to be a big success. The Revelstoke city band is being arranged for. Boat-racing, horse racing and athletic sports will constitute the program. Ferguson is joining heartily in furnishing both prize money and contestants. A football match will likely take place.

IT WILL BE DIFFERENT.

If ever asked who is running this Dominion, I should say Mr. Shaughnessy, McKenzie and Mann. Senator Cox, and the banks, with Lord Minto and Sir William Laurier as the assembling and recording clerks, and Sir Chas. Tupper and Sir Mackenzie Bowell as the agreeing witnesses.—Citizen and Country.

The Hills Are Deserted, But The Towns Are Being Probed.

GOODSSEVEN FOR THE LARDEAU

Never Before Was There So Much Actual Development Being Prosecuted in This District—There Will Soon Be Railway Tonnage—New Strikes Reported Daily.

While the EAGLE has been busy helping to elect Thos. Taylor, for the past two weeks, mining operations throughout the camp have been going on with vim and vigor. And of course the EAGLE has not been keeping back as closely as usual. However a good deal of the progress is reported in this issue.

Good News From the Rob Roy.

Geo. Hayes and Alec. Bigger were down on Saturday from the Rob Roy, which the company which has already been made familiar to our readers. They have now entered the hanging wall of the No. 2 lead, but when they had to leave they were not in quite far enough to know exactly what there is at this point of the lead. They expect, however, to crosscut it this week and if instructions to the contrary are not received they will drive the tunnel right on to No. 3. In all probability the company will start them drifting and take out enough ore to keep the cent belt shareholders in good humor. Another shift will be put on to drive a tunnel further up the surface showing at a 25 or 30 ft. depth, just to find out exactly the trend of the lead, and which one will pay to drift upon the best, in the absence of better transportation facilities. A. E. Welch of London, Ont., one of the managing directors will be here in a couple of weeks to go over the property with local superintendent Westfall and ascertain the best course of future development. Mr. Welch will also bring a few other properties, if feasible, for a new company which he has successfully floated to operate Lardeau's famous properties.

Big Discovery in the Old Gold.

Local superintendent Westfall's last visit to this property, owned by the Welch of London and Placer Mining Co., Rossland, was an eventful one in the history of Duncan's local properties. Before Mr. Westfall commenced the work already done he had found large chunks of float containing good mineral values, but never could find where it came from, until last week. The new lead, strange to say, is only 80 ft. long, running parallel to the old one discovered. Work was immediately stopped on the old lead and the four men put to work on the new find, which promises excellent results. They commenced work on the lead about 75 ft. below the point where the old lead was usually broken from ore. There is at least from 6 to 8 inches of clean galena ore on the foot-wall and from 2 to 3 ft. of high grade concentrating ore on the hanging wall. Every blast is exposing better ore. The samples exhibited by Mr. Westfall were beautiful, containing as it must, considerable grey copper.

On the Primrose Group.

J. W. Westfall, local superintendent for the Primrose Group (Mining Co., Ltd., with headquarters at present in Rossland and of which Messrs. Miller and Chestnut are managing directors) went there, left yesterday morning to the north via many prospects up the Grouse fork. In conversation with the EAGLE Mr. Westfall stated that there was now nearly 500 ft. of work done on the Gravel C. in the Primrose group. A force men are still driving on the level, lacking only 30 or 40 ft. now of being under the big surface showing. The wall being followed is a good one, and Mr. Westfall expects to bring down encouraging news of this work next week.

A Trail to the Triune.

Messrs. D. and P. Ferguson, L. Wisener, A. Evans, V. and Jas. Lade and Robt. and Arthur Gunn are busy cutting a trail from 10-mile to the Triune. They expect to find it this week. The Lade and Gunn brother will then continue work all summer on the Triune. They intend to take out enough ore to make several shipments

this winter. The Triune has proved to be a grass-root proposition.

The Biggest Strike Yet in the Nettie L. B. Crilly, foreman at the Nettie L. made a hurried trip down the hill on Monday evening to announce to the directors of the Great Western Mines Limited, that a very rich and important strike had just been made in the Nettie L. From the south drift, running into the Ajax, their adjoining property, a crosscut was made with marvelous results. From 3 to 4 ft. of almost solid galena ore, carrying even more copper than usual, was exposed on Monday. The six men are just pegging right along. They expect to see some of the directors or Manager Pool in at once.

Operations on the Empire Group.

R. Leckie-Ewing, local manager, J. M. McGreger, surveyor of Slovan City, R. Roberts, mining engineer of Rossland and five miners left for the Empire group yesterday. The group will be surveyed and work for the summer laid out. Provisions were taken in last fall, so that everything is in readiness to push development, the parties of which will appear in the EAGLE from time to time.

The Spokane Group.

Ernest C. Wood, engineer and local manager W. H. Jackson of Rossland, was in camp again next week. Six men, Messrs. Sharp, (push) Athol, Douglas, Atkinson, McTaggart and "Doc," are now on shift. Trail and cabin building, tunnel driving, etc., is their program. This group is owned by the Canadian-Lardeau Mining Co., Ltd. who will shortly make their headquarters in Ferguson.

Work on the Silver Lead.

In addition to the 40 ft. crosscut tunnel already driven, Supt. Westfall has just let a contract for 50 ft. more work. He expects to tap the lead at 30 ft. after which drifting and stopping will be commenced. This property is owned by the Guinea Gold Mines of B. C., with headquarters at present in Toronto. It is located about 11 miles, air line, east of the Rob Roy, just over on the Duncan slope.

Will Invest in Lardeau Properties.

E. F. Boyles, of the Inland Empire Cooperative Mining Co., Spokane, was in the camp last week to look over some Lardeau properties, but as the ones he wanted to see were located in the snow belt Mr. Boyles decided to return to Spokane and again visit the camp in July, when in all likelihood, he will purchase two or three properties for his company.

A Shaft on the Alpine.

E. M. Morgan was, of course, in town on Saturday. He says he has sunk a 19 ft. shaft on the lead on the Alpine, owned by himself and Andy Ward, and located over near the Mabel group southwest of Ferguson. There is 18 inches of about 30 to 1 ore the full depth of the shaft. The lead is well defined and promises better results with depth.

The Crackshot.

Thos. B. Johnston recently of Kaslo, but now of Moyie City, was in the camp last week sizing up the Crackshot, a property in which he and a brother, and J. B. Johnson of Rossland, are interested. A deal is now pending on this property which if consummated will mean a lot of development work.

The Randolph.

Randolph Higginson and G. Fordred went up to the Randolph, located up Gainer creek, on Monday last, as a preliminary to commencing assessment work in a week or two. The boys are rustlers from the snap of the gun.

The Golden Gate.

Andy Ward and E. M. Morgan have now widened a 19 ft. tunnel on the Golden Gate. They are now hard at work and will add another 15 ft. to this before many weeks. They will then crosscut and prospect.

Whistler, Copper Mask and Index.

A. J. Gordon left with two pack horses for Gainer creek, up the south fork, on Monday morning to do assessment work for Vancouver parties on the Whistler, Copper Mask and Index.

To Report on the Monitor.

A. B. Cox will be in the camp in a few days to look over the Monitor, in the interests of London shareholders.

SMELTER AND RY.

Looks As Though Both Will Become A Reality.

IT WOULD MAKE THINGS HUM

The Smelter Syndicate May Take the Initiative—Their Plans If Carried Out, Will Mean Increased Prosperity For This District—Prospects For the Railroad.

M. L. Moyer, the Philadelphia smelter man, has returned to the camp accompanied by Geo. Stead, a representative for the capitalists whom Mr. Moyer has succeeded in interesting here. On Monday they visited the American, owned by Andrew Abrahamson and Thos. Taylor, M. P. Though no work to speak of has been done on this property, a strong lead carrying concentrating matter and a 12 inch vein of clean solid galena ore has been opened. On Tuesday Messrs. Moyer and Stead went up to look over north fork properties. Not only do these men intend to build a smelter in this locality, if satisfactory, but they will also buy claims and if necessary produce their own ore. If this method were pursued their project could scarcely be other than a success. While a smelter could be operated without a railway it would certainly be more advantageous and economical to have one, and the fact of the matter, from letters now passing between interested parties at Trout Lake and C. P. R. officials it is obvious that construction will be commenced not later than the end of July, as soon as the Balfour branch is taken over by the company. It is only a matter of two months work when once begun. Fred. Robison, of the Fred. Robison Lumber Co., Comox, has received assurances that the road will be built right through to that point this fall, from which point the company will transfer to Arrowhead. The scows, slip, and tugs are already provided for the Kootenay route, so that a ship at Comox or nearer Arrowhead is all that is necessary.

With these prospects of a railway and a smelter the Lardeau should forge to the front from this date. Even now there is a scarcity of miners. The camp's pay roll is increasing daily. There is more actual development going on this season than ever before. More money being put into the ground can only have one effect, that of forcing these modern necessities this way. Properties are changing hands on a business basis. Prospector's prices have been lowered. Mining promoters, in most cases, are looking for proved properties. The "let us see" class. Claim owners here now realize that in order to sell a property they must have something in sight. 1900 is the beginning of the Lardeau's long-looked-for attention from the mining and railway fraternity.

THIS SEASON'S DEVELOPMENT

Will Excel That of '97 and Force the Railway Our Way.

Strangers keep dropping in and disappearing in the hills everyday now and the camp's pay roll is increasing steadily. There will be a good summer in here at any rate, but unless railway transportation is provided another dull winter will be experienced; though there will be much more preliminary doing than last winter. If the glad news that the C. P. R. will commence construction of the Lardeau branch in July is really true everything is lovely and the goose is suspended at a high altitude. But if not, we will simply have to keep hammering. Everything comes to those who wait.

OF INTEREST TO THE LARDEAUTES.

The final results of the provincial elections are still unknown. A band of wireless telegraphy and snow-capped kopjes, but sufficient to say Joe Martin's government has been turned down. The chances for a combination between the Cotton-Labor-Independent-Conservative faction seem likely in order to keep the Turnerites where they belong. John Houston at Nelson, Smith Curtis at Rossland, and Thos. Taylor at Revelstoke are elected, thus demonstrating that the Turnerites are heavyweights in West Kootenay.

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CAUSES OF TRUSTS.

The very foundation principle of the trust combinations is restriction. Probably on the theory that fire must always be fought with fire, every effort thus far made by legislatures, to destroy the power of the so-called trusts, has been in the form of still further restrictions. One restriction is piled upon another, and still a third upon both; and in this way it is somehow hoped that liberty will be established by multiplying restraints upon liberty. The commerce and trade of the country are tied up with chains by the trust monopolies; and then congress and the legislatures seek to nullify the effect of these chains by chaining the chains. It is seriously proposed to restore free competition by prohibiting trust combinations from entering into competition. Laws have been passed for the avowed purpose of preventing combinations, which control two-thirds of the production of any article, from selling their goods in competition with the producers of the remaining third. It is no cause for wonder that all the so-called anti-trust laws have resulted in ignominious failure and that the number of trust combinations never increased so rapidly as since these laws were enacted.

There is but one remedy for slavery, and that is liberty. There is but one remedy for monopoly, and that is to set free those currents which have been restrained by monopoly. No combination can ever be permanently successful unless it is founded upon some monopoly of natural resources. In very rare cases such a monopoly is founded upon the extraordinary genius of one or two men. For this there is, and ought to be, no remedy. Nature makes it impossible that such a monopoly of genius should last more than a few years; and during that period its benefits will far outweigh all its disadvantages. Genius may have an occasional monopoly; but no one can long have a monopoly in genius. Nature is sure to produce a rival genius, who does in another way that which the first genius did in his own peculiar way. This was strikingly illustrated in the history of the steel manufacture. Bessemer having invented one immensely valuable and cheap process for making steel, Siemens followed with another method, and Gilchrist and Thomas with still another.

The great monopolies of this country owe their existence to special unjust privileges, conferred upon them by a course of legislation, which the people of the United States adopted of their own free will, and which are still maintained by the votes of the very people who most loudly declaim against these monopolies. Foremost among these are the tariff laws, the internal revenue laws and the patent laws. We shall briefly consider these in the order of the least important.

Taking first the patent laws, which avowedly concede a monopoly for the term of 17 years, for good and solid reasons in each case, we have only to say that they afford a striking illustration of the dangers attendant upon any legalized monopoly, however meritorious. This is shown by a comparatively recent scandal with regard to a pretended conflict of claims in the patent office. Two opposing claims were secretly purchased by one corporation, which afterwards employed attorneys on both sides to keep up the sham contest for many years, resulting in a practical monopoly of a single invention for 30 years, instead of 17. By similar

manipulations, other valuable inventions are monopolized for a much longer time than the law intends, while many others are simply locked up and kept out of public use entirely. The patent laws need a thorough revision: all in the direction of greater liberty. As we do not propose to discuss the details on this occasion we confine ourselves to saying that these laws should be so amended as to make it impossible for any monopoly to last under it for more than 17 years from the date of the application for a patent, and so as to permit the use by everybody of all patented inventions upon reasonable terms; or, in some other way, patents should be prevented from supporting any monopoly for a longer period than the precise term prescribed upon the face of the statute.

The internal revenue laws, by the restrictions with which they surround the manufacture of liquors and tobacco, afford some great advantages to monopolies. As it is our object in this article not to specify any particular monopoly now existing, we prefer to illustrate the point by reference to match manufacture, in the days when there was an internal revenue tax of one cent a box. It is well known that the result of that tax was to destroy immediately all independent manufacturers, and to concentrate the business in the hands of two or three great corporations. When that tax was repealed in 1883, these monopolies fell of their own weight, and it was many years before they could be reconstructed. The present match combinations are to be found in other laws encouraging monopoly, which are still maintained.

The tariff is the most fertile source of American monopolies. During the last 30 or 40 years hardly an instance has been known in which an American monopoly has been denied any part of the benefits which it has demanded in the enactment of tariff laws. In 1890 and 1897, this rule was without any known exception. In 1894 there were but few exceptions. Tariffs are always made up by the very parties who are interested in preventing foreign competition and securing for themselves a monopoly of the domestic trade.

It is simply absurd to make any effort to prohibit or to regulate trusts and combinations while their causes are left untouched. If the American people shrink from competition with other nations of the earth, and deem themselves justified in preventing such competition by force, they have no moral right to complain if American capitalists take advantage of the laws which prevent foreign competition, to make of them instruments to prevent domestic competition also. Neither have Americans, who believe in preventing foreign competition by force, any moral right to complain of capitalists who prevent domestic competition by fraud. The one is just as moral, or immoral, as the other.

And thus we come, at last, to the fundamental remedy which is needed. The fundamental cause of American monopolies is to be found in the lack of honesty, justice, business courage and love of fair dealing, which is unfortunately characteristic of a vast majority of the human race, not excepting the people of the United States of America. Whenever a majority of the American people demand simple justice, neither more nor less, for themselves, all these questions will be speedily settled, and trusts will dissolve like snow in summer. For any man who demands and receives exact justice for himself, and no more, necessarily concedes precisely as much to every one else; and if no man received any more than justice, every man would receive justice. No right can be taken away from any one man, without conferring more than his right upon another. It is as impossible to give less than justice to all men at once as it is to cut off a section of the air and destroy it, leaving a blank.

The inconsistency of any man who demands that competition shall be

free, when it works in his favor, but shall be prohibited when it works against him is obvious. But it is not so obvious to the ordinary mind that it is equally absurd to insist upon freedom of competition within the borders of the United States, while excluding competition from without. Nevertheless, the exclusion of competition is quite as unjust and injurious in the one case as in the other; and the demand for freedom of competition at home, while denying freedom of competition from abroad, is absurd and suicidal. The laws of nature cannot be persuaded to work only half way. No man can take poison and yet enjoy good health. No man can enslave another, yet remain entirely free himself. Neither can any man or nation draw an artificial line and say:

"Within these boundaries, competition shall be perfectly free; but outside of these boundaries there shall be no competition at all."

The remedy, and the only remedy, for the evils of domestic monopolies is the repeal of all laws which pretend to give to any man,

rich or poor, American or European, any protection against natural competition, any artificial monopoly of natural resources or any advantage which is not thrown open, on equal terms, to all human beings.

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The Double Eagle Company has been formed for the purpose, not only of mining its present properties, but of acquiring promising claims and developing them to an extent that will justify their sale to English and other companies at a profit. The company already owns and has paid for in full, the Trilby and Old Saul properties in the famous Fish River district, and a three-quarter interest in the May Bee mine, in the Lardeau district one and a half miles from Ferguson. Sufficient promoter's shares have been set aside for the purchase of the remaining quarter.

The May Bee is the sister claim to the now famous Nettie L, which has broken all records in British Columbia, for large bodies of phenomenally rich ore. The May Bee and Nettie L were located together in 1892 by Mr. W. B. Pool (who has been appointed manager of the Double Eagle Co.) Both claims carry identically the same rich ore on the surface and the same remarkable ledge runs through both, carrying high values in gold, copper, silver and lead. The promoters have already spent \$4,000 in developing the May Bee, with excellent results, and in order to place the mine quickly on a shipping basis the company now offers the public the opportunity of investing to a limited extent in fully paid and non-assessable treasury shares (par value \$1) at 10 cents each.

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From the present known existence of electro currents in many veins, and the analogy between voltaic combinations and the arrangement of matter in mineral veins, it is reasoned with a fair degree of probability that the formation of many metallic lodes are due to electro-chemical agencies.

Gold cannot be detected by the eye or by a magnifying lens when associated with galena, sulphide of zinc or arsenical pyrites. It is found in this connection, and also in combination with cobalt, manganese, lead, tellurium, malachite and the sulphides of silver and antimony. Its presence or absence under many conditions can only be determined by suitable tests, of which we will speak further hereafter.

Indeed, it is for the prospector to be prepared to test all ores when he finds them, either on the spot or in camp. And at the same time it is worth remembering that to test, however flattering individually, can determine the true value of a lode. Specimen assays only show the character of the ore. And the true general value of a mine depends upon conditions which are liable to vary.

Rich ore at the bottom of a shaft does not constitute a large producing mine. Only three or four men can work in the bottom of a shaft. A mine must have drifts and stops, crosscuts and levels, furnishing openings to permit the employment of a large body of men. These excavations cost money. It costs money to erect a plant of machinery to operate a mine. Mines are made, not found.

Sulphate of iron has no effect upon gold amalgam. In forming amalgam in the mortar of a battery, it is best to have it neither very hard nor very soft.

If too hard, the gold cannot catch; hence, will not save close, and when very soft it is liable to slide off the plates, and much of the amalgam passing out of the mortar to the plates outside, makes liability to loss great.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives by a Utah congressman providing that work on an unpatented mining claim in excess annually of \$100 in amount shall be considered as applying to adjoining claims held by the same owners. There is a good deal of well meant but ineffectual effort to secure favorable mining legislation in congress, some of which, if directed to forwarding the bill creating a cabinet position of mines and mining would be of practical value and definite result.

It is the general impression, and a very natural one, when gold is found in the belt of a stream, or in its alluvial washings, that a parent vein must exist somewhere above the locality where the gold is found. We find gold in grains disseminated through granite, and in the alluvial drift of granitic mountains, but there may be no gold-bearing veins in the rock. Transition rocks contain spangles and grains of gold; also veins in which the metal is associated with pyrites or calc spar, and frequently with stibic.

Electricians are seeking a mineral called galadinite which is said to be of great use in the electrical world.

Sir R. Phillips contends that metals are generated by long continued galvanic action between mixed rocks, and the air of rocks, combined with oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen, whose actions and reactions are electricity. The results are a matrix, a compound of some of the peculiar aura with oxygen and hydrogen; exhalations from the lower part of the vein are also to be considered. Ores and crystallizations are, therefore, direct products of the oxygen and hydrogen rendered active in electricity, and of the exhalations and the rocks and strata. Proximity is not essential to electrical influence; the walls of fissures may be affected by excitations from a distance.

It seldom happens that a vein shows in its outcrop the same appearance of metallic ores which are found a little way below the surface of the ground, Galena and the various ores of silver especially have been leached away by the action of water and the outcrop seems to be only a ridge of half decomposed quartz iron stained. The test of good quartz iron stained, the test of such probable mines are metallic sand, decomposed ores or fluxes at the outcrop. Mineral waters, trees or grass discolored, and the products of the drill are tests recognized and utilized by the intelligent prospector. Copper generally shows its presence by green and blue stains over the surface.

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Railway wanted!
Shake! boys, shake!
Fred. Munroe returned to the Cup on Monday.

There is at least half a dozen mosquitos in these regions.

The lagrippe epidemic in the Lardeau is losing its hold.

Mrs. J. McKinnon is away on a three-month's visit with her sister in Vancouver.

Supt. D. G. McNeill was in town on Monday and returned to the Cup yesterday afternoon.

The provincial legislature meets in mortal combat on July 5th, for the despatch of business.

The cold nights of the past week went hard on the garden stuffs, but no damage from frost is reported.

The Martin government's funeral took place on an ideal day, from a weather point of view, at any rate.

J. Booth is doing a flourishing painting and sign-writing business in Ferguson and Trout Lake City these days.

There are situations in Ferguson for at least four or five girls, willing to work and marry. Don't all write at once.

The Eagle job office is second to none in the province. We can print anything from a visiting card to a circus poster.

Some of Taylor's supporters came as far as 20 miles, and over a mountain summit into the bargain, to cast their votes for him on Saturday.

S. Dancy's pack horses are all on the jump these days, taking supplies from the local merchants to the men working throughout the entire district.

Before hitting the hike for the hills drop into the EAGLE office and secure some reading matter to take with you. Costs you nothing. Read and think.

Snow on the summits has been going off much slower than expected this last two weeks, but the last few days of summer weather is having a better effect.

The McEae enthusiasts at Trout Lake had everything arranged for a grand dance in the evening, but for some unaccountable reason it never transpired.

No further word of the progress of Ferguson's public school can be known until Henry Floyd, the local townsite agent, returns from Spokane. He is due here now.

Messrs. Batho & Co. and Cummins & Co. have painted their stores, adding much to the appearance of the town in general. Others should follow suit with a beneficial effect.

The merry whir-rr and shrieking whistle of Ferguson's saw mill is now a happy reality. R. Davis, one of the owners, is in charge, a sufficient guarantee of good lumber.

All the miners who came down on Saturday to do their bounden duty as citizens returned on Sunday or Monday, feeling, for the most part, that their efforts were rightfully awarded.

Thos. Taylor, M. P., is at Victoria this week attending the Oddfellows' grand lodge meeting. He will be here next week, preparatory to leaving again for Victoria to attend the next session of the provincial legislature.

Trout Lake City, as the home of the new M. P. P., is to be congratulated upon the handsome majority given Thos. Taylor on Saturday. It speaks well of the estimation in which he is held by those who are in a position to know him best.

An old maid stood on a steamboat, whence all but the bad fed, and calmly faced a kissing bug that crawled up her head. The maidens shrieked and prayed for rain, but the game old maid like a hero stayed and whispered "Come again."

The Lardeau branch of the Canadian Socialists League (No. 9) will be organized in Ferguson next Wednesday evening, June 20th. Every socialist, or believer in trusts and monopolies being owned by the whole people, is invited to attend the organization meeting in the EAGLE office next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Nineteen new outside subscribers have joined the EAGLE ranks in the last ten days, including residents of London, Eng., Brooklyn, N. Y., Pittsburgh, Pa., Pueblo, Col., Philadelphia, Chicago, Ill. Moral: If you have any mining news send it to the EAGLE. Its circulation is greater than any other newspaper published in North Kootenay.

SCREAMLETS.

Canada should own the C. P. R.

A man never knows what a disreputable character he is until he enters politics.

Russia and Japan are now thinking of having a war, to which the other nations will likely be invited.

A thin-skinned man should never enter politics. If he is afraid of criticism the best plan is not to invite it.

"Socialists are on the run."—Nelson Miner. And they don't make a bad run either, as John Houston's election very clearly shows.

The application of the system of "promotion by seniority" in the civil service ranks in this riding is another of the first duties of our new M. P.

There are 9,429 post offices in the Dominion. 138 of these were opened in the last fiscal year. 400,966 miles additional mileage has been made in the carriage of mails. The postal government works in more than paying its way, if the government were not skinned by the C. P. R. for carriage charges. The whole people should own both systems, instead of the feeder.

The annual report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending December 31st, 1899, is to hand. Looking hurriedly over it, it seems to be comprehensive, reliable and instructive. The Minister of Mines' worthy assistants, however, seem to have overlooked a place known as "Ferguson" altogether. The portion pertaining to this camp will not be reproduced in part in the EAGLE from time to time.

One of the very first duties of the new government, if we have any, will be to raise the rate of wages paid on the local merchants to the men working throughout the entire district. The cost of living and other necessities in this country demands the raise. It is ridiculous to expect a man to work for the same wages in here as at the Coast or even Revelstoke. \$2.50 is little enough for any rood man in the Lardeau. And then he will make no fortune, if he has to keep and educate a family. The EAGLE believes that our new member will do his share towards affecting the much needed change.

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