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IS GETTING WARMER.

Dynamite Bomb Exploded in Gen. Weyler's Palace—Credited to Insurgents.

Maceo Writes for Rifles to Rush Things—Suffering in Pinar del Rio.

Havana, April 29.—An explosion believed to be dynamite or some other high explosive, occurred at the palace of the governor-general at 11:30 a.m. yesterday morning while the correspondent of the Associated Press was waiting an auto-room. The detonation made a sharp noise, followed by breaking glass, and falling on all sides. Part of the roof fell in. The explosion occurred in a closet in the basement, which had been converted into a heap of rubbish. Walls were torn down and great stones fell. A printer belonging to the captain-general's office was injured. The greatest excitement prevailed. The explosion is attributed to the insurgents.

New York, April 29.—A letter from Antonio Maceo, one of the chief insurgent leaders in the field, has been received at the Cuban revolutionary headquarters here. The letter was written at El Rubi, Pinar del Rio and is dated April 14. It is addressed to Thomas Estrada Palma. The writer says:

"With us everything goes on very well and there is no doubt of our ability to triumph if by no other means, by exhausting Spain. However, as an early determination of the war is what must be sought for, and I read in the papers that it is discussed whether the United States should intervene or not, and I have no doubt that, impelled by your patriotism, you make every effort to obtain whatever may be beneficial for Cuba, I take the liberty of remarking that the surest way of bringing the war to an early termination would be either here some 20,000 rifles and 4,000,000 cartridges. If the United States, observing their own laws, would not interfere with the shipments of arms and ammunition for us it would be a great service rendered to Cuba without provoking any complications with Spain, for, as I understand it, these shipments would be perfectly legal.

I have been compelled by circumstances to resort to extreme measures. Gen. Weyler in his desire of gaining glory and of obstructing the recognition of our belligerency, went, in his proclamations, so far as to promise the planters that they would be able to grind their sugar, while to the government he gave the assurance the elections would be peacefully held, and to the country at large he declared that Pinar del Rio and some other provinces would be soon pacified. Some of the planters, showing themselves willing to believe that the general would keep his promise, began to get ready for grinding the cane. Under the circumstances I made up my mind to invade Pinar del Rio again, in order to show that we are fully able to compel obedience to the orders of our government.

"I am perfectly satisfied with the success which has attended all my operations during this second invasion, which shall last as long as there is anything to destroy from which Spain may derive any revenue. As you will see, the discredit which the proclamations of Weyler were intended to throw on our revolution has, through what we have accomplished, fallen on Spain, whose incapacity to control our movements has been again plainly shown."

A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says:

"Trains are running to Pinar del Rio. The general health is bad there, and many poor people from the fields who are without houses are dying. No business is done and there is great suffering. Many plantations around Dimas, including 300 buildings, have been destroyed, and there is nothing left to support life. Three thousand hands in the tobacco fields are without work and are now in Dimas. More than 40,000 hales of tobacco are destroyed. The loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000, that of Piesra alone being \$700,000. A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says:

"Young Salvini in Othello.

A Much Looked For and Successful Dramatic Event.

Chicago, April 30.—A very much looked for dramatic event in recent years took place at the Schiller theatre here last night, when Alexander Salvini made his first appearance on any stage at Othello. The great fame of the older Salvini in this role and the popular local following of the younger combination of a large and fashionable audience. The disposition of those present during the earlier scenes of the play was to be guarded in the signs of applause, but the audience soon lost its reserve, and at the close of the fourth and fifth acts Salvini was repeatedly called before the curtain. The setting was excellent, and taken as a whole, the performance was a distinct success. From here the company will go east, and will be seen at the Boston museum two weeks hence. From there to rails for Europe.

"Never let a cough run on from day to day. It indicates either inflammation or irritation, which, if allowed to continue, may result in serious injury to the lungs. A few doses of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures any pulmonary complaint not entirely beyond the reach of medicine."

CHICAGO STREET RAILWAY.

City Council Has the Right to Regulate the Fares.

Chicago, April 30.—According to a decision in the appellate court by Justice Waterman the city has the right to regulate street railway fares, and this power is distinctly conferred upon the city council by the legislature. This decision apparently settles for the time being the question as to the legality of any ordinance that may be passed by the council for reducing street railway fares, and paves the way for 3 or 4 cent fare measures.

The case was that of Nathan Devay against the Chicago general railway company, and involved the right of the city council to regulate street railway fares within the city limits.

The court held that the railway and warehouse commission had no jurisdiction in such matters, and that the city possessed the sole right to regulate fares charged by common carriers, according to the provisions of the police regulations.

It is expected that an ordinance for a lower fare will soon be introduced in the council.

The case just decided is said to have been brought especially for the purpose of establishing a precedent in the matter, and the Chicago general railway, while nominally the defendant, had been interested in its prosecution in order to clear up as speedily as possible all the rights existing as to the legal authority of the council in regulating rates.

state of mind at the time being of the Cuban and Spanish statesmen."

Your correspondent asked Senor Morat whether, in his opinion, these reforms could be enforced immediately in Cuba and whether he thought there would be any difficulty in doing so.

"Yes," replied he. "Economic and administrative reforms could be enforced at once, but not political reforms. To my mind the existing war would offer no obstacles. Difficulties might arise from egotism or from personal interests, but I do not attach any importance to these. They could easily be overcome. My idea would be to propose them on the assembling of the cortes and they would be approved in a fortnight."

Ought Puerto Rico to get reforms without regard to Cuba?"

"Most certainly; and I cannot understand why the government, with such a good field on which to display their intentions, should not have granted them directly."

"Does your excellency agree with Senor Sagasta, that the Spanish people as a whole would resent friendly overtures from the United States?"

"I do thoroughly agree with him. Spanish pride would not allow any interference from the United States. This is due chiefly to the language employed in the senate and house of representatives. My individual impression is that the United States should co-operate with Spain to suppress the insurrection in Cuba, not in order to oblige Spain, but in the cause of civilization and in the interests of the United States."

MUCH FUSS OVER MCKINLEY.

Interesting Proceedings With Guns at the Montgomery Convention.

Montgomery, Ala., April 30.—The McKinley convention remained in session all night, and at 1 a.m. it seemed to be the settled determination to nominate a straight out and out gold standard Republican ticket. The Populists made overtures to the McKinleyites, which were rejected. After being thirteen hours in session without action the convention adjourned sine die.

To-day the Populists state that the convention wrangled five hours before it finally agreed on the nomination of two candidates suggested by the McKinley convention. Just before the work was completed two Republican members of the warring faction, who were spectators, became involved in a quarrel, and two guns flashed, causing many to hunt cover.

TROLLEY MISHAP IN TORONTO.

Two Men Severely Injured—The Bounty on Ontario Iron Ore.

Toronto, April 30.—A serious trolley accident happened yesterday morning on the King street subway. Thomas Nulty and Matthew Hillman, two employees of the civic parks and gardens committee, were driving through with a load of sand when the double tree broke and they got down and went partly under the wagon, to repair the damage. Just then the trolley rushed down the grade from the west and dashed into the wagon. Both men were injured terribly, Nulty fatally.

An order-in-council has been passed, bringing into operation an act providing for the payment of bounties on iron ore mined in Ontario.

"Joe" Martin, the horseman, was attacked by robbers last night at Woodstock. He is still living but has not yet recovered consciousness.

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"ANOTHER LIE NAILED."

Fiction is a favorite commodity with government organs just now, particularly those located in British Columbia. A few days ago our imaginative conferees of the Tory stripe indulged in a wild howl over the alleged fact that "Grit obstruction" had thrown out the bill to provide for a loan to the Canadian Pacific for the purpose of building the Crow's Nest railway. It is rather interesting to compare this statement with the reports concerning this matter which appeared in the eastern Conservative press. Here are the references made to it in the Ottawa reports of the three leading government papers covering the proceedings of the house on April 22:

Toronto Mail and Empire: A resolution in Mr. Haggart's name to authorize the granting of a loan to the Canadian Pacific railway equivalent to \$20,000 a mile for a railway from Lethbridge or McLeod to Nelson, in British Columbia, was dropped.

Montreal Gazette: Mr. Haggart withdrew the following resolution: That it is expedient to authorize the governor in council to make a loan to the Canadian Pacific Railway company of an amount in money equal to \$20,000 per mile of a railway from Lethbridge or McLeod to Nelson, in the province of British Columbia, which loan shall be repaid on or before the first day of July, 1916, with interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, until full payment of the principal.

Toronto World: Parliament by general consent met at 10:30 this morning.

There was only one government motion of motion on the order paper, namely, that proposing to authorize a loan to the C. P. R. to build a line from Alberta to British Columbia, through the Crow's Nest pass, a distance of about 250 miles. When the order was called Mr. Haggart said "dropped," implying that the proposal will not be heard of any more this session.

Not another word is said on the subject in any of the eastern government organs. There is not the shadow of a hint that the withdrawal was caused by "Grit obstruction," or an intimation that it was otherwise than purely voluntary. The story that was published in the B. C. organs was a lie made out of whole cloth; which it was hoped would work satisfactorily on the feelings of British Columbians. The only comment offered on the proposal, so far as can be seen, is the following from the Ottawa Journal, an independent Conservative newspaper:

"The government gave notice yesterday of a resolution asking parliament to authorize the cabinet to lend the Canadian Pacific railway \$20,000 per mile to aid in building a railway from Lethbridge or McLeod, N. W. T., to Nelson, B. C. This would be through the Rockies by the famous Crow's Nest pass, 200 miles. The loan would therefore be some four million dollars.

"There is no chance of the resolution passing the house at this late date, but it will surely come up in the next parliament no matter which government is in power, and there is no harm in expressing a hope that such a resolution will never be passed in its present blanket form, which leaves everything to the discretion of the cabinet. The object is probably a desirable one, and the C. P. R. merely borrows the money for twenty years, so that in principle the loan is quite justifiable. What does not seem justifiable is authorizing the loan without ample parliamentary safeguard that the money will be made the best public use of. Cabinets are too anxious for the good-will of the C. P. R. to be given carte blanche wisely in the lending of four million dollars to the company. The country should have ample statutory guarantee of the proper use of the money, and proper security for the repayment at the fixed time. These public loans to big corporations do not seem to come out usually as they were expected to when asked for."

THAT PRECIOUS BILL.

Victorians are asked to believe that a great wrong was done some of the electors by the Liberals preventing Col. Prior's redistribution bill from passing in the house. The question will at once occur to any man's mind: If it was so important that this bill should be passed, why was it not introduced immediately after Col. Prior's arrival at Ottawa, about the middle of January? It was actually introduced and read a first time in the senate on April 10, just about three months afterwards, and within a few days of the time when parliament must prorogue. Surely the colonel must have been greatly concerned with anxiety to redress the grievance of the electors of which so much is said. But there is another curiosity connected with the colonel's bill. Subdivision 10 is the one on account of which so much solicitude is expressed, and which sounds so much in need of re-examination, but the bill as drawn up by Col. Prior and introduced in the Senate dealt only with subdivision number 11, Esquimalt and Victoria West.

The first section as introduced read:

1. For the purposes of the election to be held in the electoral district for Victoria, British Columbia, at the next general election, the returning officer shall, forthwith upon the receipt of the writ of election, subdivide polling districts numbered eleven of the said electoral district into not less than five and not more than six polling districts; and from the list of voters in force for the said polling district, shall prepare and print for each of the polling districts so formed a separate voters' list.

In a similar way all through the last polling district number eleven was sparsified, and not a word was said of number ten. If the bill had gone through parliament as Col. Prior drafted it, subdivision number eleven would have been cut into five polling districts and number ten would have been left just as it is. Common would seem to be unnecessary.

The N. P. does not appear to have kept hard times away from Montreal. In the Trade Bulletin, a leading commercial paper of that city, the following statement is made:

Unfortunately, the pawnbrokers of this city are doing a good business just now, according to the statement made by one of our leading representatives of the "three balls" to the effect that he never remembers so much jewelry being pledged as at the present time, consisting chiefly of gold watches and ladies' trinkets. Appared in considerable quantities has also found its way into the hands of the pawnbrokers of late, demonstrating the fact that, financially, times are critical with those who are supposed to be in pretty fair circumstances. A well known merchant, it is said, stepped into a certain establishment in this city one afternoon last week, somewhat hurriedly, and presenting his gold watch and chain sold to the proprietor: "Deluge me with \$25 until the bank opens to-morrow morning." The advance was made, but the watch and chain, which are valuable, remain unclaimed. A very reliable gentleman, who was behind the scenes having a friendly chat with the proprietor, informed us that he saw a well dressed lady enter the pawnshop and present a perfect gem of a pearl ring, for which she received an advance of only \$1. The gentleman examined the ring soon after the lady had left, and declared to us that it was worth at least \$20. This perhaps is no uncommon incident, but when our pawnbrokers do such a robbing trade as they have done recently, it betokens anything but prosperous times.

The Nelson Tribune says: "Even bets are now being made that John Andrew Mera will not carry a single polling district in southern Kootenay." Seems about time for the government organ to make another scurrilous attack on Mr. Bostock.

THE COLONEL'S BILL.

To the Editor: The Colonist states that because Colonel Prior's bill providing for the re-arrangement of the polling districts of Victoria's electoral district failed to pass the house, a grievous wrong has been done to the electors. That, sir, is a false statement. Instead of being done, a great benefit has been conferred on many electors by the failure of the bill to pass, and thanks are due to Hon. Joseph Martin for his timely intervention in this matter and preventing this bill becoming law.

While the late by-election it was plain that a majority of the voters upon the lists as at present arranged were opposed to the present government. Plainly something must be done and Tory tricksters were equal to the occasion.

This is what was done: Three or four of the leading lights of the Conservative party here, whose names can be furnished if necessary, contrived behind scenes to have done by the Liberals in preparing their bill in accordance with the present arrangement of the polling sub-divisions.

Therefore, the electoral district of Victoria as it now stands is divided into twelve polling stations, but their scheme was to cut it into twenty-seven polling stations, in order to do this, it would be necessary for the returning officer to have to go to the trouble of renumbering the lists to conform with the twenty-seven divisions. The work was taken in hand and a large number of names of persons non-voters, payable to their party, and Col. Prior's bill was introduced to the house to be placed upon the lists when the scheme was completed, and houses were openly made by members of the inner circle that the preparations in the U.S. had not been to be "outwitted" into something that was to happen in the immediate future.

And, accordingly, a bill day-long for its object the execution of this little scheme only to be outwitted by the returning officer towards the close of the session. The managers apparently became afraid that their scheme was too elaborate to go through in the time left, and they cut it down to the dimensions of the original bill. In the bill however, the opposition party were hardly asleep, as they were in full possession of the facts and particulars of the attempted outrage before the details of the scheme were forwarded to Colonel Prior at Ottawa.

The above statements are the facts in regard to Colonel Prior's little bill notwithstanding Col. Prior's claim to the contrary.

Had Col. Prior's bill become law its effect would have been simply this: A very large number of voters would now be on the lists of the sub-divisions. It was proposed to interfere with what would have been entirely disfranchised, which would no doubt have been a pleasing circumstance to the Tories.

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The opposition central committees rooms are now located in the Balmoral Block, Douglas street.

The roof of Mayor Beaven's residence was lightly damaged by fire at 9 o'clock last evening.

Charles Peterson, the ex-Salvation Army man, charged with being of unsound mind, is still confined at the city lockup.

Rev. J. H. Best, of New Westminster, will fill the Calvary Baptist church pulpit during the absence of Mr. Trotter.

An unfortunate woman who has become violently insane was yesterday morning taken to Westminster by Constable Redgrave.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian school room last evening Rev. W. L. Clay delivered the second of his series of lectures on church history.

The St. Alice Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, is now open and the management have put the rates to suit the times. An excellent staff has been secured.

Monuments, Headstones and cemetery copings are very cheap at Stewart's. Be sure to get his prices before buying elsewhere. Cor. Yates & Blanckhardt streets.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will again conduct the civil service promotion examinations for British Columbia, he having again received the appointment. The examinations will be held in Victoria on the 12th of May.

The statement made in regard to an accident said to have occurred at the parliament buildings was slightly erroneous. It was a small piece of timber, and not a stone, that fell and so-one was in danger of serious injury.

Lord Spencer left by the Charmer this morning for Vancouver, where he will rejoin Lady Spencer. During his brief stay in Victoria his lordship was entertained aboard the flagship Royal Arthur, and received many prominent visitors.

The squad from the Fifth regiment which will give the bayonet drill exercise at the amateur minstrel performance, shortly to be held in the Victoria theatre, will be selected this evening. All those who have been practising for the same are requested to be present at the drill hall this evening.

The financial statements for the year were presented at last evening's Easter vestry meeting at St. John's church, and were adopted. The following appointments were also made: Rector's warden, Louis Henry Fullerton; people's warden, Henry Saunders; sidesmen and church committee, Messrs. R. Seabrook, A. C. Fummett, D. H. Ker, F. J. Clayton, E. Pearson, Joshua Holland, H. C. Mess and A. Campbell-Roddie. Mr. Ross Munro was unanimously tendered a cordial vote of thanks for his services as leader of the choir during the past year. The ladies of the Guild were also thanked for their efforts in arranging entertainments for the benefit of the church, and similar approval was expressed in regard to the manner in which the retiring wardens performed their services.

Alaskan papers received by the Welling report that the American mail which was lost during a heavy storm, has been found and forwarded to the different posts in the Yukon. The British-Yukon mail has not yet been found. At every available opportunity searching parties have been sent out to seek the lost letters. The searchers carry with them long iron rods, from 15 to 30 feet in length. On one end of the rods are fastened bars, so that should these bars come in contact with anything of a fabric nature some particles will adhere, and in this way it is hoped to locate the lost articles. The men hired by the Yukon Express company for this work are able to work on an average of but little more than one hour daily, for the reason that there is only a short time in the morning when the weather will permit. The men engaged in the work have been paid \$10 for each day they worked. On several occasions five men have been employed, so that the work is necessarily very expensive.

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Boys, read the ad. of Gilmore & McCandless.

The amateur minstrels will hold a rehearsal to-night at Pioneer hall at 8 o'clock.

Leader Finn, of the Fifth regiment band, is now dubbed "Papa" Finn by "the boys." It happened this morning, and all is well.

The Jubilee hospital board were in session but a short time last evening, only a small amount of routine business requiring attention.

Dr. H. L. Philpot, so well and popularly known to last year's visitors at the Harrison Hot Springs, is again in charge of the medical department of that famous resort.

The Poodle Dog restaurant, on Yates street, will shortly be reopened under the management of W. Pascoe Bruzard, who intends conducting the same in a first-class manner.

D. R. Young, formerly of this city, met with an accident at Alnsworth, which caused the amputation of one of his legs. The operation was performed at the Nelson hospital.

Patrons of the Victoria public library will be pleased to learn that a new catalogue, which will contain a full list of all books and periodicals at present in the library, is in course of preparation.

The enterprising proprietor of the Colonial hotel, Beacon Hill park, will shortly erect a large summer entertainment pavilion. He expects to have the same completed in time to open on the Queen's birthday.

Every dollar in cash spent in our store entitles the purchaser to guess the weight of the block of soap; the nearest guess wins the "Cleveland" swell special bicycle, lady's or gentleman's, boy's or girl's. S. N. Reid, 122 Government street.

The Fifth regiment band will give a concert at the drill hall to-morrow evening. These concerts will be held on Friday evenings until further notice, as the band has been engaged to play at the Mount Baker hotel on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

Spring is full of terrors to all whose constitution is not able to resist the sudden changes of the atmosphere and other insidiousness of the season. To put the system in condition to overcome these evils, nothing is so effective as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Take it now.

The summer time table of the street railway service will be issued in a few days. The cars on the Fort street line will start running twenty minutes earlier than at present, Oak Bay lines one hour earlier, Douglas street and outer wharf half an hour earlier, and Esquimalt lines one hour earlier.

Jas. H. Falconer, who for a number of years past has conducted a manufacturing business in Victoria, leaves to-morrow evening for Seattle, where he will engage in business. Mr. Falconer's many friends will regret his decision to take up his abode in the land where the eagle screams, but will be pleased to hear of his success in his chosen field.

At the annual meeting of the committee of management of Centennial Methodist Sunday school, held Wednesday evening, the secretary's report showed an actual average weekly attendance of 154 for the year. This is a considerable increase over last year and speaks well for the officers and teachers who have been laboring in the school for the past year.

Aid. Patridge has a notice upon the bulletin board at the city hall to the effect that he will move at the next meeting of the city council that the building inspector be instructed to notify the owners of buildings situated at the northeast corner of Yates and Broad streets, and at 101 Douglas street, to remove the verandas at present adorning those premises.

The performances to be given shortly by the Victoria amateur minstrels in the Victoria theatre, are eagerly awaited by all who remember what brilliant success attended the efforts of those local fun-makers on a previous occasion. Musical Director Flan promises that the approaching entertainment will eclipse all previous performances in this line by local organizations.

They're beauties, those '96 Eagle bicycles. We received another shipment of ten wheels this morning, four ladies' and six gentlemen's, which we'll be pleased to have you see. They're the best high grade wheels in Victoria today, fully guaranteed by the makers, and further guaranteed by ourselves. The aluminum rims we guarantee against breakage of any kind for five years. Poore & McConnell, corner Broad and Troupne avenue.

Captain William Moore leaves for Alaska by the Mexio, due from the Sound to-morrow. The captain will take with him a boat built for him by the Canadian fishing mills, and particularly adapted for the Yukon river. It is built of cedar and is 21 feet long, 2 feet 8 inches wide at the bottom, and over 5 feet across the top. As it has to be packed across the summit of the White Pass it has been built of the lightest material obtainable. The boat will be used by Captain Moore for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mail down the Yukon river.

A most enjoyable concert and dance was held at the Metchosin hall on Tuesday evening by the ladies of Metchosin district. The following programme of music was admirably rendered during the evening:

Duet (piano) Miss Alice C. MacNaughton Jones and Miss Flora

Song—"Good-bye" Mrs. Ellison Piano solo Miss Wolfenden

Song—"Ask Nothing More" Mrs. Walter Langley Solo Miss Eliza

Duet (alto and piano) Miss Louise Lowson and Mr. R. Donnelly

Song—"Only to Say Good-bye" Miss. Prior

Song—"Bea Bell" Miss. Louise Lowson

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Helgesen and Mrs. Baynard for their efforts in making the affair a success.

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WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Entertainment in St. John's School Room Last Evening.

The school room of St. John's church was filled to overflowing last evening with an audience who were highly entertained by the successful rendition of the choice programme which had been prepared for their edification.

The first number was the opera, "Erna the Elf," performed by about thirty children who had been trained by Mrs. Lang and Ernest Wolff. The leading characters were taken as follows: Elsa, the fairy, Little Nita Bone; Elsa, the mortal, Miss Mai Todd; Moonbeam, Miss Lucy Murrant; Puck, Miss Alice Reach; Elf Tot, little Errol Newman; Fairy Queen, Miss Nellie Tivid.

A character song, "The Modern Ideal Girl," was given in a very pretty manner by the Misses Dora Wolf, Lilly Lyons, Myrtle Jones and May King.

Miss Annie Carter followed in a vocal solo, "Yesterday and To-day." Miss May Wolf gave an exhibition of fancy club swinging which proved very interesting, and Miss Victoria Penketh sang a number of comic songs, which included many local hits and fairly brought down the house.

Perhaps the prettiest thing of the evening was the scarf and triangle drill performed by Misses Maude Bon, Maggie Lowe, Brenda Nicholls, Bertha Thorsen, Mai Todd, Katie Brad and Ethel Saunders. A vocal solo, "The Ship I Love," was given by Mr. Jas. Pilling in his best style, who was followed by Miss Webster, who also sang most acceptably.

A very successful affair was brought to a close by the execution of that difficult dance, the Highland fling, performed by Miss Juanita Davies.

HUMAN NATURE PAINTED.

In Plain, But Graphic Terms Last Night by Prof. Alexander.

Professor Alexander, the well-known physiologist, had standing room only at his lecture in the big hall of the Albion Iron Works this evening. His series on the occasion of the first of his series on this visit. Although it is four years or more since he was here before, Mr. Alexander's admirers in Victoria are very numerous, and his practical and forcible manner of his plain presence and the ease with which he handles a manifestly difficult subject, all giving him the stamp of truth and genuineness. He does not talk much, and although appears to have great command of language, he comes down to plain every day terms and calls a spade a spade. Last evening the lecture was of a somewhat general character, seeing as an introduction to the subject. It opened with human nature in the whole, and by the way the laughter rippled along the well-packed rows of seats as the speaker made many home thrusts at the faults and peculiarities and imperfections of these frail mortals. Most particularly interesting and practical were his few general observations on the training of children and the duty and consideration owing, by not only the child to the parent, but vice versa, and the importance of a parent being fit for the care of the child. A special lecture will, however, be given on this point, which it would be well to repeat all the details of the course will be followed in that regard, but as the subject is a special one, "Success in Life," no doubt the proceedings will be even more interesting.

MR. CHENEY IN CHARGE.

New General Superintendent of the Electric Railway Assumes Duty.

Mr. W. C. Cheney, the new general superintendent of the Consolidated Railway & Light Company, arrived on the Charmer last evening from Vancouver and will at once assume the duties in connection with his office.

While Mr. Cheney will exercise a general supervision over the Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster systems his headquarters will be in this city. Mr. Cheney, who is an electrical engineer of wide experience, resigned the superintendence of the Portland General Electrical Company to accept his present position. With Dr. J. C. Petty, of Portland, Mr. Cheney has experimented with the view of applying the discovery to mining operations, and remarkable success was obtained. Mr. Cheney will shortly return to Portland to complete several interesting experiments which he has in hand.

At the close of the lecture Aid. Macmillan, Mr. Berdiss, Prof. Rene Quentin and Mr. J. Davies, were selected by the audience for examination, amid the unanimous approval of the audience, as to the character of those gentlemen known by their friends and the public. There was no admission fee charged last evening. Mr. Alexander, leaving it to the audience to assess the amount which they would give on a collection being taken, and was not disappointed. To-night the same course will be followed in that regard, but as the subject is a special one, "Success in Life," no doubt the proceedings will be even more interesting.

Attached is a trigger for automatically cutting the required amount of solder for each can. The solder is fed to this cutter or trigger, by a reel containing wire solder. This solder is melted by gas, but in canaries where there is no gas it can be supplied by pumping silk into a tank of gasoline.

From this soldering apparatus runs a cylindrical horn over which the can passes in order to allow it to cool before receiving its bottom. This bottom is received direct from the press that is attached to the main machine already described. This press is supplied by a contrivance that automatically punches the heads and bottoms and does away with the old-hand method. From this press the bottom drops into a chute which conveys them to an endless belt that carries them to another chute connected with the header on the main machine.

The body of the can is now at the end of the cooling horn and the bottom is in what is called the header. The next stroke of the horn drives the can into a cylindrical casting which is supplied with a trigger that automatically allows a bottom to drop from the header. The next stroke presses the bottom on to the can. Another movement and the can drops into a chute that takes it wherever required. This only shows the different movements in the making of one can. The machine contains spaces for 38 cans, eight inches apart; and each stroke of the machine completes one can. As the machine when running at full speed makes about 65 strokes per minute, its capacity is an equal number of cans. Mr. Hume has also invented a machine for fixing the heads after the cans are filled. It has about the same capacity as the can-making machine.

The machine at the Albion Iron Works makes round cans only, but by changing the shapes of the horns can of any description can be made.

M. Marbeuf, late chef and proprietor of the Poodle Dog restaurant in this city, has been secured as chef at the St. Alice, Harrison Hot Springs.

Twenty more "Ideas" just arrived at Weller Bros.

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Remarkable Machine Invented by Mr. Hume, an Experienced Salmon Canner.

Will Make Cans at a Small Cost, and With Almost Increased Speed.

Quite a number of spectators, conspicuous among them being salmon canners from the Fraser, Skeena and other rivers, were present at the Albion Iron Works this morning, to witness the practical working of what a wag in the company dubbed a "patented John Chinaman"—meaning, of course, that the machine in question would do the work heretofore performed by the industrious Mongolian. The "patented John Chinaman" referred to is an automatic can making machine that is destined to effect a radical revolution in the can manufacturing industry of the world.

The machine was invented and patented by Mr. Hume, a canner of over twenty years' experience. He has been largely interested in Alaskan canneries, but now owns and operates one at Wedderburn, Rogue River, Oregon, where one of these machines is used very successfully. Mr. Hume becoming tired of the rather slow and costly method of making cans by hand, brought his inventive genius into play with the gratifying result of patenting a machine that will make any sort of tin can, of any size or shape at a rate of speed almost incredible, at a small cost and with a perfection of workmanship not equalled by any other appliance in use for that purpose. Mr. Hume, desiring to introduce his wonderful invention in British Columbia, has made arrangements with the Albion Iron Works, the management of which is always on the alert for inventions that have economic advantages. Mr. Haynes, who is representing Mr. Hume, having succeeded in getting everything into place, was ready for the first public test this morning. He kindly explained the workings of the machine to those present.

Front one end the tin plates are inserted and automatically cut to the required dimensions for the can. The tin sheets drop on to a forming horn, on which are two sets of rollers, one turning a flange up and the other turning a flange in the opposite direction. After leaving the rollers, the flanges are hooked on two tracks and carried on a tapering, cylindrical horn. As the tin leaves this horn the flanges are lapped into each other. From here the tin goes into a bumper that automatically closes the seam. Two carrier bars that are serrated engage the end of the can and takes it the length of itself. The can then runs through a vessel containing acid for soldering purposes. The soldering apparatus consists of a tank containing moulded solder and irons for the purpose of soldering the cans on the inside.

Attached is a trigger for automatically cutting the required amount of solder for each can. The solder is fed to this cutter or trigger, by a reel containing wire solder. This solder is melted by gas, but in canaries where there is no gas it can be supplied by pumping silk into a tank of gasoline.

From this soldering apparatus runs a cylindrical horn over which the can passes in order to allow it to cool before receiving its bottom. This bottom is received direct from the press that is attached to the main machine already described. This press is supplied by a contrivance that automatically punches the heads and bottoms and does away with the old-hand method. From this press the bottom drops into a chute which conveys them to an endless belt that carries them to another chute connected with the header on the main machine.

The body of the can is now at the end of the cooling horn and the bottom is in what is called the header. The next stroke of the horn drives the can into a cylindrical casting which is supplied with a trigger that automatically allows a bottom to drop from the header. The next stroke presses the bottom on to the can. Another movement and the can drops into a chute that takes it wherever required. This only shows the different movements in the making of one can. The machine contains spaces for 38 cans, eight inches apart; and each stroke of the machine completes one can. As the machine when running at full speed makes about 65 strokes per minute, its capacity is an equal number of cans. Mr. Hume has also invented a machine for fixing the heads after the cans are filled. It has about the same capacity as the can-making machine.

The machine at the Albion Iron Works makes round cans only, but by changing the shapes of the horns can of any description can be made.

M. Marbeuf, late chef and proprietor of the Poodle Dog restaurant in this city, has been secured as chef at the St. Alice, Harrison Hot Springs.

Twenty more "Ideas" just arrived at Weller Bros.

It's a Question of Worth . . .

BY BOOK POST.

A delightful edition of standard works is being issued by the American Book Co. So far I have received about a dozen of them in uniform bindings. The smaller volumes, of equal size and price, are annotated editions of notable productions, such as Macbeth, Hamlet, books one and two of Paradise Lost, De Quincey's "Revolt of the Tartars," "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," Macaulay's "Life of Johnson," and Burke's "Consolidation of the American Colonies." The edition is in pastel-colored covers with cloth backs in fawn and brown, and is title-named "Eclectic English Classics." The introduction to the two plays of Shakespeare is a brief but important comment on the characters, sources of play, etc. There are footnotes to all pages, so arranged as not to interfere with the reading of the text, and which seem to be reliable explanations. While there is nothing specially original, the annotations are well selected and convenient for reference.

It is well-nigh impossible to be original in Shakespeare interpretation nowadays. Most of us have found our theories to have been elaborated long before we were born. H. A. Kennedy, however, in the February Nineteenth Century has a convincing article on why Falstaff appears in the Merry Wives of Windsor, which explains the many puzzling things about that play, and which seems to be a real discovery. All honor to the discoverer!

The Paradise Lost has more copious notes, and shares with the other volumes the blessings of clear print and wide margins. No better way of familiarizing young readers with the works of the masters can be devised than by placing some such edition as this in their hands, which gives information on points which would involve much encyclopedic research, and which does not cedar away difficulties which need only careful thought to be made simple. No notes should tell things to the reader which he can think out for himself. The annotators in these books have evidently kept this idea in view. Few writers have had purer style than De Quincey. I know several prominent literary people who have followed him as a model, "disdaining all other." There is a brilliancy and a clear-cutness about his descriptive writings, which if not easily imitated, serves as an ideal and an incentive to ruthless polishing.

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The latest work on Geometry I have received is in such pretty binding in brown linen and leather that it was a shock to read the title. Whatever may one looks at it it is hard to fail in love with a binding and then see it wholly emerge from the wrapper into a jewel! However, I suppose if we had to go back and half at the "pomander" one might as well stay there with a book in one's hand which would stand throwing at adjacent walls without being hurt. Such is the substantial nature of this book. It is compiled and edited by two well known writers on mathematical subjects, J. Macnie and Dr. E. E. White. Special care has been taken in the wording of definitions and the use of hypothetical constructions has been abandoned. This is consistent with the aim of the editors that the study of a course of strict reasoning, such as many people undergo now in the study of Euclid, shall by training the mind to logical deduction make sound reasoning appreciated. A most important consideration to keep in view! A choice of numerous exercises is given the teacher and helpful suggestions added throughout.

The Atlantic Monthly for April has the beginning of a most interesting story by Henry James. One does not usually speak of Mr. James' stories as lively interesting, however their cleverness and analytical processes may tickle the intellectual palate. But "The Old Things" makes one's eye and interest to an extent uncomfortable with a serial for the continuation of which the reader must wait a month. Mr. Lafaucio Hearn's article on China is authoritative, and, as is usual with Mr. Hearn, couched in language which is pictorial to a degree. There are few more brilliant writers. Professor Sauer has a study of race characteristics, "The Scotch Element of the American People." He points out the fact that the Scotch do not, as colonists, herd together. A powerful story is Octave Thanet's "A Son of the Revolution." The types of citizens whom Miss French takes as the heroes of her stories - revolution builders. She is doing a good work among the coming voters. This story is a strong attack on lawlessness, none the less strong in that it is quite humorous.

The Art Interchange* has reached me for April and the three previous months. The colored fac-similes of original works by famed artists, given with each number are of fine quality and by no means cheap reproductions. Many of them, framed, are unrecognizable from originals. They are a great aid to house furnishing. With the January number comes a landscape by Carleton Wiggins and one of Paul de Longpre's famous studies, and blue and white designs for china delft painting. Also black and

white supplements of designs for china painting, herbaceous, etc. With the February issue are a panel of American Beauty roses, by Paul de Longpre; a canal in Holland, a pretty delft study, and a copy of the well known and fierce portrait by Rembrandt, with designs for china painting, wood carving and leather work. The beautiful little pictures accompanying the March number, "A Box of Pansies" and "Waiting for the Tide in Venice," the latter full of the glowing Venetian coloring, both of which in their deep purples and reds have a richness and warmth which set back in neutral frames, are cheering to the eye tired of dead tints. The Easter number in white and green colors, is a thing of beauty in itself. The supplements are floral, one carnations, another of daisies, with designs for stenciling and china painting.

The departments of the Art Interchange are replete with useful hints in house building, house furnishing, decoration, etc. Plans and illustrations of practicable houses are given each month. Naturally it is for art workers that most of the other articles are intended, and these are catholic in their scope. In this April number, for instance, among much else, there are hints on painting in water colors, examples of wood carving, a new kind of decorative work thumt and stained wood, a biographical sketch of Peter Paul Rubens, antique sculpture, plain talk on art. The illustrations are explanatory of articles or copies of masterpieces. Record is made of exhibitions in the different cities. Whether interested in art or not, the Art Interchange will appeal to all lovers of beauty, and which seems to be a real discovery. All honor to the discoverer!

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The highest interests of Canada demand the removal of this obstacle to our country's progress, by the adoption of a sound fiscal policy, which, while not doing injustice to any class, will promote domestic and foreign trade, and hasten the return of prosperity to our people.

That to that end, the tariff should be reduced to the needs of honest, economical and efficient government:

That it should be so adjusted as to make free, or 'to bear as lightly as possible upon the necessities of life, and should be so arranged as to promote free trade with the whole world, more particularly with Great Britain and the United States.

We believe that the results of the protective system have grievously disappointed thousands of people who honestly supported it, and that the country, in the light of experience, is now prepared to declare for a sound fiscal policy.

The issue between the two political parties on this question is now clearly defined.

The government themselves admit of the failure of their fiscal policy, and now profess their willingness to make some changes; but they say that such changes must be based only on the principle of protection.

We denounce the principle of protection as radically unsound, and unjust to the masses of the people, and we declare our conviction that any tariff changes based on that principle must fail to afford any substantial relief from the burdens under which the country labors.

This issue we毫不犹豫 accept, and upon it we await with the fullest confidence the verdict of the electors of Canada.

2.—ENLARGED MARKETS—RECIPROCITY.

That having regard to the prosperity of Canada and the United States as adjoining countries, with many mutual interests, it is desirable that there should be the most friendly relations and broad and liberal trade intercourse between them.

That the interests alike of the Dominion and of the Empire would be materially advanced by the establishing of such relations:

That the period of the old reciprocity treaty was one of marked prosperity to the British North American colonies:

That the pretext under which the government appealed to the country in 1891 respecting negotiation for a treaty with the United States was misleading and dishonest and intended to deceive the electorate;

That no sincere effort has been made by them to obtain a treaty, but that, on the contrary, it is manifest that the present government, controlled as they are by monopolies and combines, are not desirous of securing such a treaty:

That the first step towards obtaining the end in view, is to place a party in power who are sincerely desirous of promoting a treaty on terms honorable to both countries;

That a fair and liberal reciprocity would develop the great natural resources of Canada, would enormously increase the trade and commerce between the two countries, would tend to encourage friendly relations between the two people, would remove many causes which have in the past provoked irritation and trouble to the governments of both countries, and would promote those friendly relations between the Empire and the Republic which afford the best guarantee for peace and prosperity;

And the Liberal party is prepared to enter into negotiations with a view of obtaining such a treaty, including a well considered list of manufactured articles, and we are satisfied that any treaty so arranged will receive the assent of Her Majesty's government, without whose approval no treaty can be made.

3.—PURITY OF ADMINISTRATION—CONDAMN CORRUPTION.

That the convention deplores the gross corruption in the management and expenditure of public moneys which for years past has existed under the rule of the Conservative party, and the revelations of which by the different parliamentary committees of inquiry have brought about disgrace upon the fair name of Canada.

The government, which profited politi-

cally by these expenditures of public

moneys of which the people have been defrauded, and which, nevertheless, have never punished the guilty parties, must be held responsible for the wrongdoing. We arraign the government for retaining in office a minister of the Crown proved to have accepted very large contributions of money for election purposes from the funds of a railway company, which, while paying the political contributions to him, a member of the government, with one hand, was receiving government subsidies with the other.

The conduct of the minister and the

approval of his colleagues after the

process became known to them are calcu-

lated to degrade Canada in the esti-

mate of the world and deserve the sev-

ere condemnation of the people.

4.—DEMAND STRICTEST ECON-

OMY—DECREASED EXPENDI-

TURE.

We cannot but view with alarm the

large increase of the public debt and

of the controllable annual expendi-

ture of the Dominion and the consequent un-

due taxation of the people under the

governments that have been continu-

ly in power since 1878, and we demand

the strictest economy in the adminis-

tration of the government of the coun-

try.

5.—FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERN-

MENT—INDEPENDENCE OF

PARLIAMENT.

That the convention regrets that by

the action of the ministers and their sup-

porters in parliament, in one case in

which serious charges were made

against a minister of the Crown, investi-

gation was altogether refused, while

in another case the charges preferred

were altered and then referred to a

commission appointed upon the advice

of the minister, contrary to the well

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British Columbia.

ROSSLAND,
Rossland Miner.
The face of the north cross cut in the Star looks like a jeweler's shop. They have now got four feet of as heavy copper ore as was ever seen in camp. They are still about 40 feet from where they expected to find the north ledge, and of course cannot whether they are into it yet or not. A Josie tunnel once more shows a face of high grade ore. Samples on Wednesday and Thursday returns of from \$30 to \$120 in gold.

This is on the main vein. The other north vein on which they have been drifting until a few days ago was barren when they left it and returned to the main ledge. This is progressing rapidly on the south. The tunnel is now in 10 feet, shows 8 feet of ore of a satisfactory grade. A 3-drill compressor plant has been purchased from the Rand drill company and power drills will be at hand by Monday. It is the intention to extend this plant by a larger one at an early date.

The Lily May company will sink a lead shaft two hundred feet deep, ground selected is just a little north of old shaft near the Dewdney trail. Lily May people know what mining is all about it in a thorough manner.

Blue Elephant is opening up near E. W. Liljeprat's four men at work and has an open cut driven in on ledge about 30 feet. It shows at five feet of silicons are all the in the bottom. The ore runs about 1 cent. copper.

Old comes from Spokane that the Monte Christo is practically dead. The price is \$25,000, and not \$30, as reported in our last issue. Money is all in the bank ready to go over to A. E. Humphreys as soon as the deposit is made from St. John Cabana. The Monte Christo will be incorporated at once.

With L. Warner, manager of the O. K. mine, reports that No. 11 is now in 113 feet, with a vertical of 150 feet. There is 11 feet of in the face and for the last 20 feet in drift. This is the greatest width ore body has ever shown in the mine, and does not appear to be a ten-foot extension, as was at first thought. The ore in sight in the mine, Warner says, now figures in \$188,000, which is equivalent to 39 cents are on the capitalization.

A Rossland Ratepayers' association a meeting on Tuesday evening and led to take immediate action looking to the incorporation of Rossland. Lots on the corner of Spokane and Le Roi Avenue were sold on Friday to R. C. Waterson of the House for \$1,000.

Several new blocks on Columbia Avenue are approaching completion, and will add greatly to the appearance of street, which only needs grading at the finest business street in the interior towns of British Columbia.

Testing portions of the mineral belt coming to the front. It is only a mile since the mine was thought outside the ore zone and the Lily May was considered but a poor prospect.

Now both are in a fair way to great mines.

Mountains and Gold Hill are at extreme east and west ends of the creek mineral belt, so far as is known. This week has witnessed a series of prospectors on both hills at figure, while the miners from one men averaged over \$50 in gold. Company was recently incorporatedokane with \$500,000 capital. Its assets consist of a fractional claim in camp, which was sold two weeks for \$150, and is certainly not worth than four or five times that sum; some broken pieces have actually flattened.

The second engine arrived from on work has been progressing more on the Trail creek tramway. The is now laid nearly to the mill, and there is now little doubt it will be completed as far as Rossland by May 1. The management have the railway in operation.

There is one railway system which is to be built into Rossland in the next few years that few people ever rock.

The main line of the Great Northern is only about a hundred miles Rossland, and the route from Nelson, along the Pend d'Oreille the Columbia River, presents no engineering difficulties.

A meeting of the O. K. mining company in Spokane last week John V. Warner, father of Joseph L. Warner, was elected its president. W. F. H. as cashier of the old National of Spokane, and H. M. Stephen, a law firm of Jones, Vorhees & Waterson, of the White House County, returned to Rossland a week after a lengthy visit to eastern Canadian cities. While in Toronto did some effective immigration work.

He inserted a card in one of the papers inviting people who want to buy Rossland to call upon him three hundred responded to invitation. He reports great interest in this section among business men east.

San Francisco has been bonded by Dines and associates of Winnipeg, Manitoba, for \$25,000. The of payment are \$500 cash, \$700 and 90 days, \$11,750 in six months the balance, \$11,750, in a year date. Reddin & Jackson negotiated the sale, and state that work will begin on the property inside of 30 days.

The San Francisco is a large and lies south of the California directly west of the Black Rock, which it is separated by a fence.

head on the Hattie Brown, a small claim lying about midway between the Homesake and the Lily May, south belt, was lifted on Tuesday. Mr. W. H. Mead, who secured the property last summer, and effected the exploration work sub-

sequently done on the claim, made the payment of \$1,200, and now holds a half interest in the property. The is considered to be a very promising one. It is traversed by at least two ledges, and on one of them some ore of a pretty fair grade has been found.

President Corbin authorizes the statement that the Columbia & Rossland railway will be built immediately. He expects to complete the road in four months. The Columbia river will be bridged at Northport just below the present cable ferry. Contracts for grading the line will be let immediately and the bridge will be commenced very soon. There will be a 200 foot tunnel at Sheep creek falls, otherwise the road could be finished at a much earlier date. The telegraph line will be extended to Rossland before the completion of the railroad.

The G. R. Sovereign is only about a mile from the smelter on the east slope of the mountain and in plain sight of the town of Trail. It shows a strong ledge running right through the claim for its entire length. The work has proved the vein to be 30 feet wide between walls and assays have been obtained up to \$350 in gold, which is considered very good for surface returns. Ed. Welch, of the Gold King acting, it is said, for a Montana syndicate, has secured a bond on the claim for \$35,000. Half of the first payment has been made, and the balance will be paid on or before next Friday. The other payments are extended over one year.

When H. E. Crossdale, commercial manager of the Hall mines, limited, at Nelson, was in Rossland he made a contract with the owners of the Cliff for 30 tons of their high grade copper ore. This is now being shipped to the Nelson smelter, and if the returns prove satisfactory a large contract will in all probability be entered into. The smelter charges amount to \$5.70 per ton on the ore, \$2.50 per ton, so the total of freight and smelting charges is \$10. The smelter pays \$20 per ounce for the gold and New York prices for 96 per cent. of the copper.

Roseland Prospector.

W. A. Bitchie has bought the claim in the south belt.

Ten men left this week to do assessment work on Murphy Creek claims.

A. G. Boggs started assessment work this week on the B. X., near the Crown Point.

The Gold King has been stocked by the Linwood syndicate. Peter Porter on Monday goes out with four men to do development work.

About May first work will be resuming on the North Star No. 3 and Centre Star No. 2.

The Jumbo Gold Mining Company on Tuesday in Spokane elected officers, as follows: J. A. Finch, president; W. R. Galusha, secretary; and H. M. Casey, A. B. Campbell, Charles Dawson, E. Lucas and R. K. Neill, trustees.

The owners of the St. Elmo Consolidated, between the Cliff and St. Elmo, will be formed into a joint stock company under the laws of Washington and registered to do business in British Columbia. The company will be stocked for \$100,000 in \$1 shares, part of which for development will be put on the market.

The Champion and Bear Creek district will see a good deal of development work during the coming summer is almost an assured fact. The country is of the same geological formation as Trail Creek, the veins, which carry gold and copper with a little silver, having the same iron capping. The leads are of great width, and there seems little doubt that when some of the more promising claims are developed the result will justify the preliminary expense, which of necessity must be comparative large.

A staff of men is this week engaged in levelling the site for the buildings to be erected at the Cliff mine for the machinery which has just arrived. The boiler and compressor are on the ground while the two drills are at Trail and may be up any day. The work done in the mine so far consists of a tunnel in 250 feet on the head, and another of 300 feet. Assays from the face of the lower tunnel run from \$35 to \$65 to the ton in gold, one from the upper tunnel being of rather lower grade. The ore carries 15 per cent. copper, the highest of any yet taken out in the camp, and this reason is much desired by the smelters.

TRAIL.

The Prospector.

Building goes on apace on all parts of the townsite, and the music of the hammer and saw is heard from morning till night.

The Columbia river ferry is working well, and will prove of much assistance to the business of the place and a great convenience to the travelling public. It will connect Trail with Sayward, a station on the N. & S. railway, and will make trips to the Bear Creek district, into which quite a number of prospectors are going, of much less difficulty than heretofore.

There is talk of very important additions to the smelter, but so far the authorities say nothing for publication. The present building is large enough for two more reverberating furnaces, and men are engaged building them. A plant will be put in to crush the matte for shipment. Heretofore this work has been done in the sampling room, but that has entailed considerable extra work.

NEW DENVER.
(Rossland Miner.)

The outlook for the Slocan lake country this summer is a very bright one. There is at last a prospect amounting almost to a certainty, that the Nakusp & Slocan railway will be extended from Rossland through New Denver and Silverton past Ten Mile, Springer and Lemon creeks to Slocan Crossing, where it will connect with the Columbia & Kootenay railway. This in itself would make the residents in this section very hopeful, but in addition they have every assurance that several properties along the lake will be large producers this year and that the new dry ore belt at the south end of the lake will be the scene of much activity.

R. K. Neill, who was here last week in the interests of the John A. Finch syndicate, has put a force of eight men to work on the Arlington group on Springer creek, which they recently bought for \$30,000.

The owners of the Two Friends situated on the divide between Springer and Lemon creeks, are still hard at

work. Their pay streak is from eight to ten inches wide and assays from 200 to 300 ounces in silver and 40 per cent.

Work was suspended on the Howard fraction all winter. One shipment of eleven tons of ore was made which after paying all expenses, including packing from the mine to the lake, netted over \$100 per ton.

At the Enterprise on Ten Mile creek the Finch syndicate has now driven over 500 feet of tunnels and they have never been out of ore. It is estimated that they have enough or in sight to pay for the property and monthly dividends after they begin to ship.

A rich strike has also been reported from Three Forks on an extension of the Grey Eagle, recently incorporated by S. M. Wharton. The ore is said to run from 300 to 400 ounces in silver per ton. This discovery has caused quite a number of New Donovans to purchase small blocks of Grey Eagle stock.

NELSON.

The lower tunnel of the Silver King mine is being advanced six feet a day; machine drills are used. One hundred men are now employed.

The shares of the Hall Mines, Limited, are now quoted at \$7.50. Six months ago they were unsaleable at \$3.50. There are hundreds of acres of land in the townships of Nelson and additions thereto, yet it is more difficult to get a piece of ground, on which to build, a home or a factory, than in the heart of London or New York.

The Bigelow lot and buildings on Columbia avenue, Rossland, were sold this week to A. McBride & Co., of Calgary, for \$5000 spot cash.

D. W. Moore has bonded the Silver King mineral claim situated in Jackson Basin for the owners, J. D. Moore, J. McPherson, Dan Bongard, and James L. McPherson. The price agreed to be paid is \$10,000, which is thus distributed as to \$1000 cash, \$3000 on the first of October, 1896, and \$3000 on the first of February, 1897.

Hundreds of men entitled to vote in Southern Kootenay will be disfranchised at the general election, which is likely to be held in June. In the polling district of Waneta, which takes in Rossland and Trail, only 67 names are on the list. These 67 votes must go to Waneta to vote, and how many of them will do so? Fire Valley has 24 names on its list; Ainsworth, 67; Goat river, 30; and Nelson 323.

John J. Henneberry, one of the owners of the Noble Five group, Slocan district, is in Nelson. He says that the option on the Noble Five group given to the Toronto syndicate will expire on May 1st, but that the time will be extended a week or ten days to allow the expert, who is examining the property, to make a report.

The Hall Mines smelter commenced on its third run on Tuesday morning, and about 115 tons of ore a day are run through. The tramway is delivering on an average 140 tons of ore a day, and working successfully.

It was first announced that the 10,000 tons of concentrates and ore, which Bryan N. White had contracted to supply the Omaha and Grand Smelter from the Slocan Star mine would be shipped over the Nakusp & Slocan railway, but it is now understood that arrangements have been made by which the Kaslo & Slocan will get a fair proportion of the tonnage.

The Nelson Hydraulic Company's ground and plant on Forty-mile creek, eight miles southwest of Nelson, have been leased to D. W. McVicar and others of Ainsworth, and work has already commenced. It is understood the lease is on a basis of 25 per cent. of the gross output as rental.

The land department of this province should, at least, one rule that is that no pre-emption record should be allowed for land on which mineral claims have been staked. There is an effort now being made to take up land in Slocan district by pre-emption that is well known to be mineral land. The application or reversal has been denied by the local officials, but the parties who are applying for the record have enlisted the aid of a notorious land grabber as agent, and it is said the decision of the local officials will be overruled. The trouble with the land office at Victoria is that it has one rule that men without a "pull" and another for men with a "pull."

There is a quiet fight going on to get control of the Le Ro mine at Rossland. About a year ago, L. N. Peyton, who had managed the ore up to that time, was ousted from control, and the management passed into the hands of a faction headed by the Turners. The latest rumor is that Peyton has purchased H. G. Stimmel's holdings, which again gives him a majority of the stock. Mr. Stimmel held 12,000 shares of the stock, and it is said at par, which means that he has had his bank account increased by \$60,000.

Hewitt Bostock has subscribed for five of Kaslo's \$500 water debentures, and has placed the money in payment therefor in the hands of his local agent. He has further communicated by letter to the council his willingness to undertake the negotiations of the entire 6 per cent. loan of \$30,000 at 75 per cent. of its face value, provided the council will reduce the time for payment to ten years, state its amount in sterling money instead of dollars, devote the net profits of the resulting water works system to a sinking fund for the repayment of the loan, and, finally, agree to pay the interest semi-annually at the Bank of British Columbia in London. He asks for six weeks time in which to conduct the negotiations. Should he succeed his subscription to the present debenture loan is to be merged in the new loan. If he failed, his subscription is to stand as made. The municipal council did not hesitate long in accepting Mr. Bostock's offer and conditions.

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Mr. W. P. Winsby is authorized to collect the above tax.

