IN ANOTHER JANGLE.

County Commissioners Disagree With Mr. Hastie

ABOUT SPECIAL ROAD TAXATION

He Writes a Criticising Letter—They Insist on an Answer to Questions.

The county commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney Hastie are engaged in another squabble, this time over the advisability of testing the state road law, and each has reproved the other, the commissioners getting in the last blow. The matter came up yesterday during the regular monthly meeting of the board, in the form of a letter addressed to County Auditor Beman by Mr. Hastie, in answer to a communication addressed to the latter early in May stating the action at that time of the board in relation to a dispute between the board and one David McRedmond over the payment of $15 to the latter for a piece of ground that was necessary to the completion of a road to be established in one of the county districts. The board at that time held, and still does, that the county had the right to condemn and that the prosecuting attorney should conduct the case. This action was taken principally because the commissioners wished to test the road law, and chose this case as a good one on which to make the test.

Accompanying the communication at that time were all the papers bearing on the matter. Nothing was heard from the prosecuting attorney from that time until Saturday, when the letter to the auditor and the papers in the case were returned. This letter, in full, is as follows:

"Yours of recent date inclosing action of the board of county commissioners in the matter of establishing the road petitioned by John Tosh et al. is received. In reply will say that the amount in dispute, $15, between David McRedmond the King county will not justify the county in contesting the matter. I therefore advise the board to pay the $15 if they wish to have the road established. By conversation with the county commissioners, I am informed that the principal object in refusing to allow Mr. McRedmond the $15 is to have the constitutionality of the road law tested.

"I hereby further advise the board that it is constituted for the purpose, among others, of carrying this law into execution and for the establishment of roads thereunder. It is no part of the county commissioners' duty to call in question or pass upon the constitutionality of statutes. The legislature provides the law and the county commissioners of King county and of any other county assume any responsibility for errors committed by that branch of our government. The road law under which these proceedings are instituted has passed the inspection of the attorney general, and has been approved by the governor, and the presumption is that it is a valid law until the courts decide otherwise.

"I herewith return the papers in the road matter."

This was read to the board yesterday by Auditor Beman, who is also ex-officio secretary of the board, and it caused a mild stir, although the members expected something of the kind. Heaton was more outspoken than the others, and jocularly remarked on being asked what would be done in the matter: "Oh, I suppose it will remain in innocuous desuetude." Seriously speaking, he said that it would be considered later in the afternoon, and stated further that the commissioners would show the prosecuting attorney that they knew something about the law themselves, as the following letter, unanimously passed, will indicate:

"A. W. Hastie—Sir: Yours of the 11th instant relative to the John Tosh road, addressed to the clerk of this board, has been handed to us, and the contents noted, and we return the papers to you.

"We believe that we have followed the statute in the proceedings so far, and an examination of the papers will show you that it was ordered by the board on the 6th day of April 'that the prosecuting attorney of King county proceed to procure a right-of-way by suit to be instituted in the superior court of King county in the manner provided by law.'

"This order was made conformably to section 13 of the road law, and under said section it would seem to us proper for you to follow the law. The papers in the case were sent to you over two months ago, and action has already been too long delayed. The question will go to the supreme court some time, and it is much better to have it settled before thousands of dollars are expended in surveys and for opening roads which may not be legal.

"The last two road laws have been declared unconstitutional, and we think we are acting wisely in the matter. At any rate we will take the blame, if any there be."

The road law bearing on the matter in section 13, chapter L., laws of 1895, as follows:

"If any award of damages is not accepted within thirty days from the date of the award, it shall be deemed rejected, and the board must then, by order, direct proceedings to procure the right-of-way to be instituted in the superior court of the county by the county attorney of the county, in the manner provided by law for the taking of private property for public use, and to that end are hereby authorized to institute and maintain in the name of the county the proceedings provided in chapter 6, title 9, of the code of procedure of the state of Washington, and when under such proceedings the right-of-way is procured said board shall declare the road finally established, and shall order that the same be opened in the manner provided by law."

A New Certificate for the Old.

In the matter of the application of Louis K. Church, as receiver of the Puget Sound National bank of Everett, Judge Hanford yesterday signed an order confirming the action of the board of county commissioners of Snohomish county in authorizing County Treasurer W. W. Mish to sell and transfer to Charles E. Shepard the receiver's certificate of indebtedness for $23,783.73, confirmed the sale to Shepard for $11,283.73, and directed the receiver to issue to Shepard a new certificate for the full amount of the old certificate, $23,783.73.

Petition for Preferred Claims.

A number of lien holders upon the shingles which have come into the hands of L. R. Lambert, assignee for the Auld shingle mill at Ballard, filed a joint petition in the superior court yesterday asking that their claims, which range from $4 to $75, be adjudged prior liens. They further ask that the assignee be directed to pay them, pro rata, as fast as any money comes into his hands from the sale of the shingles. The petitioners and the amounts are as follows: F. Kistler, $57.40; C. Pohlir, $75.70; W. Sigsworth, $21.80; A. Desmoyer, $14.40; J. W. Cody, $7.50; G. W. Ferguson, $28; C. Ferguson, $5; P. Hansen, $13.95; J. I. Moore, $14.55; H. L. Cleaves, $11; C. M. Shepherd, $25.40; Ed Judson, $9.40; A. Forsberg, $29.40; J. E. Werner, $26.30; W. Tiedeman, $18; C. Wright, $6; C. Rickett, $4.20; Henry Tucker, $21.65; M. Miller, $7.15; C. Campbell, $5.40; George Olson, $13.30; Ed Auld, $36.

An Asotin Divorce.

Simon R. Weaver, a farmer of Asotin county, is a disconsolate husband, at least that is what may be inferred from an answer filed by him in the superior court yesterday to a complaint served on him by his wife, Edith, but which has not yet been filed with the clerk of the court. In his answer Weaver tells about his marriage in Michigan in 1882, and of his doings and mode of living since; how he and his better half lived happily until she came to think more of the excitements attending city life than that of the farm, and how she accused him of being jealous because she danced with other men when he was willing that she should enjoy herself as much as possible. Of course this is only his side, what her complaint contains not being known. Accompanying Weaver's answer was a motion for a change of venue to Asotin county, he alleging that his wife simply moved to this county to instigate a suit against him, and was not a legal resident.

Another Grade Tax Case.

The city has been made defendant in another street grade assessment case, this time S. L. Shuffleton being the plaintiff. As in the previous cases, a demand was made on the auditing committee of the city council for the amount of the extra assessment, $142.13, but the demand was refused and the claim rejected on April 6, 1896. The money was paid on February 20, 1891, to Treasurer Ames on lots 10 and 11, in block 1, Syndicate addition, South Fourteenth street.

New Suits Filed.

The following actions were begun yesterday in the superior court:

Cleo Maude Sparling vs. G. H. T. Sparling—Divorce.

Grace M. Broad vs. Harold L. Wheeler et al.—Promissory notes and mortgage, $2,174.44.

S. L. Shuffleton vs. the City of Seattle—Street grade assessment, $142.13.

Edith Weaver vs. Simon R. Weaver—Divorce.

Court Notes.

The case of Sarah E. Abt vs. George W. Loggie et al. has been continued to July 20 by Judge Langley.

Default, findings, conclusions and decree were signed by Judge Langley yesterday in the case of Matthias H. Arnst vs. Victor P. Weisenthal et al.

Cleo Maude Sparling was given a divorce yesterday from G. H. T. Sparling by Judge Langley. She is to get $60 a month alimony and her costs in the case.

Findings of fact and conclusions of law have been signed in the case of J. W. Filkins vs. Jennie Holzschuher et al., an action to recover $460 on a promissory note.

J. L. Bates, George H. Woodhouse and many other creditors of the Seattle Dime Savings bank, petitioned the superior court yesterday to appoint W. H. Vincent receiver.

A complaint in intervention by W. D. Whittaker et al. was filed in the superior court yesterday in the case of E. O. Graves, trustee of the Washington National bank vs. the Columbia Home Company.

An appeal bond in the case of the Orient Insurance Company, of Hartford, vs. Mrs. Nellie Phinney was filed yesterday, Mrs. Phinney as principal and F. J. Burns surety. The amount of the bond was $419.21.

Plaintiff's motion made several days ago in the case of James M. Colman et ux. vs. the Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad Company to retax the costs was stricken from the trial calendar yesterday by agreement.

The sheriff's sale of property in the case of Jacob Wiltz vs. Joshua B. Pinckney et al. to the plaintiff for $591.80 has been confirmed by Judge Langley. The property consisted of lot 11, block 34, in D. T. Denny's addition.

The jury in the Federal court will resume its labors today, the well known case of Nixon vs. the Equitable Life Insurance Company being set for trial. This is the case in which Mrs. Nixon sues the company for a $10,000 life policy.

In the suit of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. vs. John Parkinson et al., on affidavit and application of E. M. Carr, of counsel for complainant, Judge Hanford ordered that notice to plead be served on Fordyce Roper, Julia S. Roper, George B. Landers and Ella C. Landers at Ashland, Or., and John Parkinson and Meta B. Parkinson at Los Angeles, Cal.

THE ANGELINE FUND.

A Little Girl of Five Contributes Her Mite.

"Will 'oo take 'is 10 cents for Annymine?"

It was several seconds yesterday afternoon before the men in the business office of the Post-Intelligencer could imagine where those words came from, and who it was that pronounced them. Then one of them happened to peer over the counter, and there, dressed in a white little gown, stood a little miss of 5, vainly trying to make herself seen and tightly holding in her dimpled hand a silver coin. She was not very talkative, and after the silver piece had been carefully deposited and the name of the little one had been given, she turned and toddled quickly out of the office like a little ray of sunshine.

Almost every day some little child finds its way into the office and gives something for the monument to the dead princess, who was not first in war, but first in peace. The contributions to date are as follows:

Previously reported	$22 85
Eunice Wakeley Smith	10
Austin Chichester Smith	10
Alexander Bern Bruce	10
Helen Bruce	10
Dorothy Daisy Miller	10
Fabian Amasa Miller	10
John Bernard Agen Miller	10
Total	$23 05

FOR SUNDAY CLOSING.

Merchants Agree to Observe the Day, Beginning July 12.

Beginning July 12, the leading clothing stores of the city will keep their doors closed on Sunday. A movement to secure that end was begun several days ago, and enough signatures have been secured to show that the desire to close is general. An agreement was circulated and freely signed, as shown below:

To the Merchants of This City: We, the undersigned, merchants of this city of Seattle, county of King, state of Washington, do hereby agree that on and after July 12, 1896, we will keep our stores strictly closed on Sundays:

The Red Front, A. J. Prager & Sons; E. Harris, Gus Brown, Manager; The Lion, D. Peccard; The Hub, M. Bornstein; The Famous Clothing Company, by I. J. L.; F. L. Jacobson, Mount Rainier Bargain House, Mechanics' Store, Max Krome; Rochester Clothing Company, Toklas, Singerman & Co., J. Berkman & Bro., E. Goodman, Kline & Rosenberg, S. Seilg (the Chicago Clothing Company), B. H. Fried, Schovowitch Bros.

First of the Season.

The Royal always leads the procession. At today's special 25c lunch the Royal will serve green corn on the cob, the first of the season. The menu is a splendid one, consisting of soup, fish, game duck, roasts, entrees, ice cream, berries, etc. No place else can you find such a lunch as the Royal sets for 25c. Tonight take in their special 25c and 50c dinners.

Cut Rates to San Francisco.

For train leaving 3:40 p. m. July 15, and 4:00 a. m. July 16, $10, Seattle to San Francisco, including berth in tourist sleeper from Portland; $15 first-class, including berth in Pullman sleeper from Portland. Rates to points East same as northern lines. Southern Pacific ticket office, 619 First avenue.

Duwamish dairy ice cream—pure cream—for Saturday and Sunday, strawberry or raspberry flavor, 25c quart; two quarts, 40c; $1 gallon.

First Regiment band concert at Y. M. C. A. track tonight.

THE BALLAD CONCERT

Lovers of Popular Songs Suggest Their Favorites.

SWEET MELODIES OLD AND NEW.

The Sentimental Predominates—Balloting to Continue Today and Tomorrow.

Votes enough to keep the musical editor busy have come in already in response to the Post-Intelligencer call for suggestions as to next Saturday night's concert programme. No doubt as the matter becomes more generally talked about, the number will increase today and tomorrow. Those who wish to express their choice should remember that tomorrow will be the last day on which votes will be received.

The scores of letters received have come, like the patrons of the concerts, from all classes of society and from many orders of mind. As a result the suggestions have been widely variant. Some have been comic and others serious. Some have contented themselves with the bare name of the air; others have written lengthy epistles to vindicate their choice. As to the airs suggested, it is impossible to group them, or to give more than a hint of the range through which they run. "Sweet Violets," "After the Ball" and "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay" are about the only effete favorites that have thus far not been honored with a vote.

To give an idea of the musical editor's pleasures and tribulations in digesting the mass of correspondence thus opened up to him, a few of the letters are given below:

"Kathleen Mavourneen, the gray dawn is breaking,
The horn of the hunter is heard on the hill."
Let us hear this again.
CARRIE N.

"Pilgrim Chorus," from Tannhauser.
E. P. EDSEN.

Dear Mr. Wagner: My girl and two of her sisters join me in asking you to play "It Don't Seem Like the Same Old Smile" at the Post-Intelligencer concert Saturday night. One of them is a school teacher, and she says "Don't" is wrong—it should be "doesn't," but she likes the music. We will be on the steps of the Bailey block. W. M. S.

Oh, my Love's like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June,
Oh, my Love's like the melodie
That's sweetly played in tune.
And fare thee weel, by only Luve
And fare thee weel awhile,
And I will come again, my Luve,
Tho, it were ten thousand mile.
SCOTIA.

This was handed in by a girl with shirt waist and sailor hat: "Douglas, Douglas, Tender and True."

I suppose it will be unnecessary to suggest "Old Kentucky Home," for no song concert would be complete without it.
JENNIE D.

My musical choice for Saturday evening's concert is "Il Trovatore." Second choice, "The Indian Campaign."
WILLIAM L. LINDSLEY.

Mr. Wagner: Would you play "The Dudes of '83?"
MISS L. R.

I vote for "Then You'll Remember Me." It is old, but can never die. S. G. T.

My choice is "Little Alabama Coon."
MINSTREL.

"The Girl I Love," with some of the band singing the chorus, would make a prodigious hit. The audience might be allowed to join in on the last verse.
VOX POPULI.

When I was a boy they used to like to hear "The Old Folks at Home," "The Banks of the Ohio," The Hunters of Kentucky" and "Rosin the Beau." I suppose the band can play some of these Saturday night if they are not too old-fashioned. If they do I will try to manage to get out. ANTE-BELLUM.

"Jane, My Pretty Jane" is a suggestion written in a delicate feminine hand.

The band ought to play "Ben Bolt," a song more than fifty years old and as popular today as in 1845. NEW JERSEY.

Give us "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me," the song that made the great hit at the Democratic convention in Chicago when played by the band. A. B. L.

Permit an old collegian to suggest that hundreds of his kind in Seattle would be delighted to hear the band play some of the old college songs. Their names are too well known to need mentioning. Any of them would please us. Mr. Wagner might arrange a few of them in a delicious medley. ALUMNUS.

In behalf of the many people who have in the past gladly danced to your plenteous and entrancing music, allow me to suggest as one of the numbers for the special programme for your next band concert that old and familiar tune, once again becoming popular from one end of the land we love to the other—"Silver Threads Among the Gold." O. M. MOORE.

Please play at next Saturday's P.-I. concert the selection played by the First Regiment band at Leschi park several Sundays ago, representing "The Little German Band," and oblige LAURA P.

The only popular song I never grew tired of, though it enjoyed a greater vogue fifteen years ago than any ballad of today does, is "Norinne Maureen." Wagner's band is capable of playing it with exquisite tenderness. MRS. A. G. N.

I should like to have Wagner's band play the following: Selections from "Robin Hood," including "O, Promise Me;" President McKinley's inauguration march; "The Band Played On;" "Evening Star," from "Tannhauser;" "Pilgrim Chorus;" "Love Me, Love Me, Lou."
J. R. S.

Mr. Leader: The ovations that have been accorded your excellent band every time it has played "Ma Angeline" and other negro selections have made it apparent to me that the public is fond of this class of pieces, and I would therefore suggest that you play what I think is one of the sprightliest and most sparkling negro songs ever composed, "Louisiana Lou," which made such a hit during Corinne's season at the Seattle theater a short time ago.
MABEL G.

JOAQUIN MILLER HERE.

The Poet Talks Briefly of His Early Life.

Joaquin Miller, the poet whose productions have been the subject of much criticism and praise, and whose peculiar personality is well known on the Pacific coast, is in the city. Joaquin Miller's life has been spent on the Coast, to which he came when a mere child, and the development of his nature has been accomplished amid the most varying and romantic surroundings. His life with the Indians during the period of childhood impressed him as nothing else in after years. "I owe everything to the Indians," he said last night at the Butler hotel. "They are a gentle people and have naturally poetic temperaments, when not angered."

The poet of the Sierras looks like anything but a maker of verses. His hair is long and his face is covered with a beard of considerable dimensions and uncultivated formation. From this tangled mass of hair peer forth two blue eyes that twinkle shrewdly when open. The lids have a habit of falling wearily over the orbs of liquid blue.

In 1864 Joaquin was a judge, and while acting in that capacity he had some experience with the noted desperado, Hank Vaughn. "Hank's father had a farm adjoining mine," he said, "and he was a bad one clear through, though the old man, Billy Vaughn, was a good fellow. Hank shot a very dear friend of mine, F. Maddox, sheriff of Umatilla county, Oregon. Maddox and a friend were looking for Vaughn and found him one night sleeping in a cabin with another desperado. Maddox shot Hank's friend and Hank shot Maddox's friend and afterward Maddox himself. Vaughn was caught and sent to the penitentiary. Old man Billy Vaughn and I got him pardoned afterward. He was as handsome a fellow as I ever saw—had full red lips and Grecian features, and he married the widow of Ruby, of Craig's mountain. Ruby and Craig were partners and Ruby married Craig's daughter. When Ruby was killed by the Indians, his widow became Mrs. Hank Vaughn. She was a handsome half-breed, daughter of a wealthy Indian woman. Vaughn was killed not long ago by a fall from a horse in Pendleton, Or. They showed me the spot where Hank fell when I was in Pendleton last. The wife is living on the reservation now."

The poet talked this off very rapidly, and seemed to take it for granted that every one must be familiar with such vague locations as Craig's mountain and "the" reservation. He resented a question as to the amount of schooling he had received, and enumerated the educational institutions he had attended in the days when men wore beards and boots. At the Columbia college at Eugene, Or., he delivered the class poem, he said, in 1858. Judge Finley Watson, of Portland, and Capt. Henry Small, U. S. A., were members of that class. His father and brothers were all school teachers, he declared, and he had taught on the Lewis river in Washington and before that in California. He is a graduate of the law course, and when he left school "took law books and two six-shooters and began to practice." His versatile mind turned early to journalism, and in war times, in company with Anthony Noltner, later a well known Democratic newspaper man of Portland, he ran the Democratic Register at Eugene for six months. "It was suppressed at the end of that time," said the poet; "they claimed that it was advocating treason. We had old man Lane up for president. Didn't you know Lane? I guess you're pretty young. Lane was a senator from Oregon and a big man."

Cincinnatus Hiner Miller, more familiarly known as Joaquin Miller, was born in Wabash county, Ind., November 10, 1841. He removed with his parents in 1854 to Lane county, Or., became a miner in California, and returned to Oregon in 1860, where he studied law under Hon. George H. Williams. The next year he was express messenger in the gold districts of Idaho. After the suppression of the Democratic Register for disloyalty, he opened a law office in Canyon City. In 1866-70 he was judge of Grant county, Or. He began his literary career, signing the name Joaquin in suggestion of a paper which he had published in defense of Joaquin Murietta, a Mexican brigand. He was abroad in 1870 and published his first volume of sustained verse, which met with warm praise from English critics. On his return he settled as a journalist in Washington City, and in 1887 returned to California, which has since been his home.

His best known volumes are "Songs of the Sierras," "Songs of the Sunland," "Songs of the Desert," "Songs of Italy," "Songs of the Mexican Seas," and in prose, "The Danites in the Sierras," "Shadows of Shasta," and "49, or the Gold Seekers of the Sierras." He has incorporated many of the most romantic and poetic suggestions of the Pacific coast in his wild verse and unconventional prose. His early life in Oregon has always given the Northwest a peculiar interest in his work. He still has a brother, George M. Miller, at Eugene, Or., who came into some prominence a few years ago by the invention of a bicycle flying machine which seems, however, to have come to naught.

AMUSEMENTS.

Manager Russell's Benefit.

The Third Avenue theater was crowded last night with the friends of Manager Russell, who had gathered as much to show their personal appreciation of him and of his three years' management of the theater as to enjoy the excellent programme that had been announced for his benefit. The very large crowd was something of a surprise to Manager Russell himself. When he came on to utter his acknowledgments he blushed as timidly and as prettily as the bouquet of blush roses that were handed to him over the footlights to give him encouragement. He took the roses and made a bow, but he had very little to say. He had come here a perfect stranger three years ago, he said, and as he was something of a Bohemian, going little into business, social or political circles, it was a pleasant surprise to him to find himself surrounded by so many friends. This mark of appreciation was just the stimulating encouragement he needed. The coming season promised well, and all in his power would be done to make it an enjoyable and a prosperous one. He then thanked the performers, the orchestra and all those who had assisted in making the benefit so pronounced a success.

Joaquin Miller, the poet, occupied a box at the performance.

The programme began with a "grand olio" as a prelude to the modernized comedy of David Garrick by the Walter Hodges company. This olio was begun by John T. Spickett, who appeared as the Irish apple woman and made a lightning change to sing in character "And the Band Played On." Miss Buckley came in as a school girl with a doll, and sang "Will You Come to My Tea Party?" and a handsome young fellow in the gallery sang the refrain that he would be only too glad to accept an invitation so prettily given. The audience was charmed with Miss Buckley, and she had to respond to an encore. Mrs. George Stetson gave a dialect recitation, and was followed by George Noble, whose full, deep voice was much admired in the song "Angus Macdonald." As an encore he gave "We Seek a Fairy Called Titania," a lilting, merry melody from the "Midsummer Night's Dream" of the [illegible] Club, the only selection from that comic opera that reached the honor of publication, although there were other numbers deserving. Sig. Devello gave a performance with illuminated clubs, and Edythe Romer sang "Dorla" very prettily.

The comedy of "David Garrick" is one of the best pieces in the repertory of the Hodges company, or at least so it seemed last night, for it was played with a vim and liveliness that kept the house merry all the time. Walter Hodges was in the title role and Miss Essie Tittell was the gentle daughter of a wealthy merchant in love with the famous actor. The performances of both were clever and won rounds of applause. The other characters were: Simon Ingot, the banker, Edmund Crane; Richard Chivy, the squire, Frank Clayton; Alberto Smith, the merchant, James Mathews; Mr. Brown, the sleeper, John T. Spickett; Thomas Jones, the stutterer, Weldon Smith; William Garrick, the valet, Jack Craig; Mrs. Alberto Smith, Marjory Bloomfield; Arminilter Brown, Agnes Rankin; Susan, May Buckley.

"David Garrick" will be repeated this and tomorrow evenings. It is a performance that can be heartily recommended.

Union Depot Connections.

When arriving in St. Paul from the west passengers will find "The Northwestern" trains in waiting at the Union depot. You have but one step from your train to "The Northwestern's" palatial limited. This is a great convenience for ladies traveling alone. Ask your ticket agent for "The Northwestern." F. W. Parker, P. S. A., Seattle.

Races at Chehalis.

The Northern Pacific have made a rate of $4.15 Seattle to Chehalis and return, account of horse races to be held at Chehalis, July 15th to July 18th, inclusive. Tickets good to return on or before the 19th.

The Crown Point Mining Company (Trail creek) will begin paying dividends August 15. At 20c this stock is the best in the market. Investigate carefully every mining company before buying stock. N. B. Solner, mining broker, 326 Bailey building.

First Regiment band concert at Y. M. C. A. track tonight.

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IT BEATS ANYTHING HE EVER SAW

Surface Indications Most Promising—Development Work Shows Ever-Increasing Riches.

J. W. Gilson, who for the last five weeks has been sojourning in the Trail creek district, returned to Seattle Sunday on business connected with the camp. He was seen yesterday by a representative of the Post-Intelligencer, and on being requested to give his views on the mineral resources of that famous camp, he replied as follows:

"I left Seattle June 1, expecting to find a good mining region, but totally unprepared for the happy surprise in store for me on my arrival at Rossland. Since the summer of 1862, with the exception of a few years in Portland and on Puget Sound, my life has been spent in the mining camps of Nevada, Arizona, Utah and California.

"I saw the famous Comstock in its palmy days; I witnessed the rise, progress and decline of the rich silver camps at Reese River, White Pine, Pioche and Eureka, Nev.; am familiar with the mineral wealth of the Wasatch and Oquirrh ranges in Utah from their discovery to the present time; was in the principal early gold quartz camps of Central Arizona, and in all these I have never witnessed such extensive surface indications as I have seen in my short visit to this British Columbian camp.

"In all the mining regions with which I am familiar, one particular property claims, and rightfully, too, the proud distinction of being the mine of the camp; but in Trail creek this cannot at the present time be truthfully said, for the true merit of any property in the district can only be determined as depth is attained, and its true worth is only commensurate with the amount of development work done; hence the Le Roi, upon which the most labor has been expended, is in the lead, with the War Eagle, Center Star, Iron Mask, Jumbo, Cliff and Josie close seconds; and the field represented by the Monte Cristo, Iron Horse, Virginia, City of Spokane, Columbia, Kootenay, Commander, Crown Point, Lily May, O. K., May Flower, Mugwump, Blue Bird, Deer Park and many others, fast closing upon the leaders as work progresses.

"Surface assays in this district are generally uniform, yielding from a trace to $4 or $5, and it is rare that a higher result is obtained. Another notable feature in the camp is that of all the prospects thus far opened, none has 'pinched' out—they have all held their original size or increased in size and assay as depth was gained.

"Hard ground and the poverty of the prospectors have been a handicap to the development of the many good prospects as yet scarcely touched by the drill and hammer, and poor transportation facilities in the past have retarded development of the producing mines.

"The completion of the tramway that connects Rossland and Trail has to a certain extent acted as a stimulus to production, but it is proving hopelessly inadequate to the demand. The Corbin road, however, which is to connect Rossland with the Spokane & Northern at Northport, is under construction and will be completed in the early autumn, when it is expected that the output of the mines can be handled and that the mines will be operated to their full capacity.

"The growth of the town of Rossland has been retarded through the scarcity of lumber, rough lumber being worth from $12 to $14 per 1,000, and but one small mill in the district to depend upon for the supply.

"Outside of mines and whisky, there is only one thing more that can be said to be plentiful, and that is laboring men and mechanics, and I would not advise the laboring men of Seattle to go there simply to hunt for work, for the market is pretty well stocked and living is high compared with Seattle.

"There is plenty of room, however, for energetic business men with reasonable capital, and for prospectors with sufficient means to equip themselves for the summer, for the mining region is not confined to the Trail creek section, which has long since been thoroughly staked, but new discoveries are being made in every direction over a radius of thirty miles from Rossland. Among these outlying districts Big Sheep creek on the west, Murphy creek on the north, Bear, Beaver and Champion creeks and Salmon river on the east side of the Columbia river, all are showing good results with development."

Mr. Gilson secured two properties while in Rossland, known as the White Iron whose merits he is well satisfied, and and Hope No. 2 and the Columbus, of will return to Rossland about July 28 to commence work upon them.

Organizing Mining Companies.

The secretary of the British Columbia Board of Trade in his last report had this to say in regard to some of the modern methods of organizing mining companies: "Attention is directed to the principle upon which some mining companies are formed. The system of capitalizing slightly developed mineral claims for large sums of money and selling the stock at a small percentage of the par value is, in case of the liquidation of the company, fraught with serious consequences to the holders and in any event prejudicial to the proper development of the mine. The laws of British Columbia are opposed to a company selling its stock at a discount, yet these have been evaded in the case of some mining ventures. Discontinuance of this practice and compliance with the provincial laws will be some guarantee that companies are formed for the purpose of working the mines instead of unduly enriching the promoters of the schemes. The incoming council should look into this matter, and, if necessary, bring it to the notice of the provincial government with the view of remedial legislation."

Seven Millions in Sight.

The Le Roi Mining and Smelting Company is sinking a shaft from the 450-foot level, and will continue it for 100 feet. The work has been progressing for about three weeks. When this is completed it is said that if the ore continues there will be $7,000,000 in sight, and that there is now in sight between the 350-foot and the 450-foot levels, where the present work is being done, $2,000,000. If there is no mistake in these figures the Le Roi is all that has been claimed for it, the biggest gold mine in North America. One hundred tons of ore are being taken out of the mine daily; faster than it can be taken away, and there is said to be 10,000 tons on the dump ready to be taken to the smelter.

IN THE MINING REGIONS.

The new townsite of Eureka, on the Colville reservation, is moving. Several buildings are in course of construction, including a large log house intended for a hotel, being put up by Messrs. Ewing and Diamond on Seattle avenue.

The owners of the Joker, one of the greatest surface showings yet discovered, will put men at work to develop it. They have exposed an iron cropping twenty-seven feet wide and in several places ore crops out on the surface that assays well. The claim is easy of access, lies a mile above Trail, and all who have seen it are unanimous in saying it resembles a quarry more than it does a mine. The lead can be traced for quite a distance.

Teddy Spellman struck a three-foot vein of ore in a twelve-foot shaft on the Western Spy last week that proves to be shipping ore. This is on Lookout mountain, about two miles from Trail, and convenient to the tramway. It is owned by Trail people and will be worked extensively.

The strike made in the Sovereign, bonded to Gen. Warren, of Butte, for $35,000, is highly satisfactory, being between 3 and 4 feet of white arsenic iron ore, with pretty walls dipping into the mountain. The shaft is down a sufficient depth to show that the vein is widening gradually.

The owners of the Crown Point have completed a wagon road between the tramway line and the mine, and the first shipment of ore will leave in a few days. The contractors are making remarkably good time in the crosscut tunnel that is being run to tap the main ore chute, and it is expected that this tunnel will be in to a point below the present workings within 100 days.

The development of the country which fringes the Columbia river between Wanita and Robson is of immense importance to the whole West Kootenay district. Should the present prospects develop into big-paying mines, as the big surface showings and satisfactory assays indicate, there will be a big smelting center on the Columbia river, equaled by none on the continent, and an extension of the Canadian Pacific into that region.

The Mabel, situated between the City of Spokane and the Cliff, is coming to the front. A force of miners has been prospecting the surface for the past two weeks, and has opened up one of the strongest ledges yet seen on Red mountain. A crosscut tunnel has been started to tap this ledge at about 100 feet depth, and another tunnel will soon be started from the bottom of the hill which will open up the vein at over 100 feet depth.

Champion, Bear and Murphy creeks are attracting considerable attention. A trail is being cut into the headwaters of Champion that will be of great assistance to the prospectors. At present hundreds are going into the country, many stopping at Waterloo landing, fifteen miles above Trail, and tramping across. This is a long and hard trip which the trail will shorten. At Waterloo numerous good strikes have been made, and at present there are two groups that are under bond to English capital.

Among the mining claims being developed in the vicinity of Eureka, Colville reservation, are the Copper Mountain, owned by A. Hardie and others, on which a tunnel has been run fifty feet; the Spokane and Standard, owned by J. Green, James Harrington and J. W. Considine; the Morning Glory, owned by G. V. and G. J. Eichemann; the Mary Queen, owned by George J. Eichemann, J. D. Smith and William Hoffman, and the Iron Mask, owned by Patsy Clark and others.

The owners of the Gold Star, J. D. Farrell, V. D. Williamson, M. Flaherty and Thomas Howard, have completed a trail to the mine and will begin the work of opening up the property at once. It is located about three and a half miles north of Rossland, between Stoney and Rock creeks, and shows an enormous vein of solid sulphide ore. The only work so far done is an open crosscut, which was run last year for twenty-five feet, and which disclosed neither wall of the vein. The ore runs all the way from a trace to $17 per ton in gold and up to 4 per cent. in copper. The surface showing is as big as any in the camp.

Ore for Inspection.

Several hundred pounds of Highland Light ore just received. Last shipment to smelter ran $83 per ton. Call for prospectus and examination of ore. R. M. Palmer, 13 Boston block.

Several properties on Lookout mountain, in the vicinity of Trail, are proving to be good. A number of capitalists from the East are in that section, accompanied by an expert, and have been examining numerous prospects in the neighborhood.

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