

## Surveying Kootenai Townsite.

The following letter from A. D. Robinson, of the Surveyor General's department, would seem to indicate that General Pettit is getting somewhat interested in matters up this way. The public will note what the letter says, and if any one has an interest in the survey of Kootenai township they may call at this office and get blanks.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 5, 1891.

EDITOR KOOTENAI HERALD. Dear Sir: The Surveyor General authorizes me to say a contract, which is to be let for surveys in Kootenai county will include the township in which Kootenai is situated, provided settlers send in the required petitions and affidavits. I send under separate cover one blank petition with half-dozen affidavits. In filling out forms Kootenai station should be assumed to be approximately in T. 57, R. 1 W. of Boise Meridian, sections 4 and 9. Respectfully,  
A. D. ROBINSON.

## The Penitentiary Scandal.

Some months ago a good-sized scandal was unearthed in the conduct of the Boise penitentiary. It was found that among other irregularities Warden Mack had permitted a brutal prize fight to take place between two convicts. An investigation was made by the prison commission, composed of Governor Willey, Secretary of State Pinkham and Attorney General Roberts. At a meeting of the commission last Thursday night, Governor Willey nominated a successor to Warden Mack, but Pinkham and Roberts refused to approve the nomination. Governor Willey held that such scenes as the evidence had shown was enacted at the penitentiary with the knowledge and consent of the warden were reprehensible, and should not be overlooked, and the best interests of the prison demanded Mack's removal. The other members contended that the use of boxing gloves and sparring contests among the prisoners had been customary ever since the penitentiary was built; that Mack found the custom there, and did not see fit to interfere with it; there being at the time no prison rule forbidding such contests. They therefore voted to retain Mack and he was retained. A majority and minority report will be submitted and published in a few days.

## A Canal on the East Kootenai.

Samuel W. Childs, of Bonner's Ferry, kindly sends the HERALD a letter from one of the Dominion officers which states that the Upper Columbia Lake and the Kootenai river have been connected by a canal. It will be remembered that the HERALD stated in a recent issue the lake, which is the source of the Columbia, and the Kootenai river were very close together at the upper end of the lake and that a canal connecting the two was a feasible scheme. This distance across from one body of water to the other is only three-fourths of a mile, with a swamp intervening. The canal is not now navigable, but could easily be made so.

—Arnie Campbell, the woman recently arrested at Sand Point for passing \$5 counterfeit gold coins, was indicted by the grand jury at Boise City this week and was to have her trial yesterday.

—Mr. P. M. Solomon has gone to Spokane, where he thinks of residing in the future.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Rickert and Miss Johns paid the HERALD office a call one day this week.

—Read N. E. Solomon's new ad. for the Minnesota Mercantile Co.

—The New York legislature, is a Republican on joint ballot.

## WAR WILL BE DECLARED.

Jim Hill not to Have Things all His Own Way.

The Northern Pacific has commenced the improvement of its road on a large scale, and is getting ready to meet its powerful competitor.

President Hill's talk about the excellence of his road and his ability to haul freight cheaper than any other line has had its effect on the Northern Pacific people.

The advent of the Great Northern, built on the most modern plans, of very low grade and well ballasted, is a serious competitor, and the Northern Pacific realizes that its trade and territory are invaded by a powerful enemy; it is therefore preparing for the conflict.

This line is being straightened in many places and the grade lowered. The improvements at Granite which shorten the run three-fourths of a mile and lowers the grade from fifty-two to twenty feet, have already been fully described in the HERALD. With the money derived from the new loan, the company proposes among other improvements to remove the long trestle on the north shore of lake Pend d'Oreille near Sand Point. This will be filled in by a solid embankment so that trains can be run at full speed over it.

The trestle at Pack river will also be removed and its place supplied by an embankment. An effort will be made to lower the grade and fill in the trestles between Spokane and Cheney at various points, especially at Hangman creek, which is one of the heaviest and worst grades on the road. Laborers are already busy widening this part of the line.

The work train has been employed all week filling in the trestles between Kootenai and Sand Point. It is said that the big trestle here at Kootenai will also be filled in.

It will take lots of work to fill in the big trestles at Sand Point and Pack River, and the work will bring lots of business to Kootenai and Sand Point.

## Idaho has Plenty of It.

"The king of metals" is a name that is beginning to be applied to aluminum. This metal was recently brought into prominence by the German government placing an order for 100 tons of it with a Pittsburgh firm. The Pittsburgh firm was not able to fill the contract, having only ten tons that they could ship. The awarding of this contract, and the announcement of the purposes to which the aluminum is to be applied, emphasize very strongly the commercial importance of the metal and hint at an approaching revolution in many branches of modern industry.

For some years past scientific men and practical chemists have been perfecting methods for securing aluminum from its ore at such a price as to make it of commercial value, and it is now claimed that it can be produced at a cost approximating to fifty cents a pound. With the cheapening of its manufacture has come an almost phenomenal multiplication of the uses to which it is put. The special advantages claimed for the metal are its extreme lightness—it weighs but a third as much as iron—and its non-corrosibility.

Kootenai county has some of the richest aluminum beds to be found in the world. It is also to be found in other parts of the state. In the Pend d'Oreille valley, in the vicinity of Albany Falls are some very rich beds. They have already been located under the mining laws by capitalists who propose to work them on a large scale. And it is not unlikely that the manufacture of aluminum may become one of the principal industries of the state.

## Hold Ups Last Night.

The thugs of the town made several desperate attempts to make a haul last night, but do not seem to have been very successful, although no less than three attempts were made.

About 11 o'clock two men held up a young Swede named Al. Johnson between Judge Dolan's office and Burns & Chapman's headquarters. A scuffle took place in which Johnson was getting the worst of it, when Mr. Dolan and Joe Warren came upon the scene. At the first indication of assistance coming the robbers skipped for the timber. Mr. Johnson then got hold of his gun and fired two shots after the fleeing criminals, but with what effect is not known. They got no money.

Another man, whose name is unknown, was relieved of \$15 or \$20 and two small checks in the same vicinity. The man was under the influence of liquor and not much could be learned about it.

While visiting some of the demi monde last night a party was 'touched' for his spare cash, amounting to \$30 or \$40, and one of the above-named class claims a man attempted to rob her last night as she was crossing from one side of Kootenai avenue to another.

No evidence; no clue; no arrests. All H—!!

## Now You See, Now You Don't See.

A young Canadian, a dentist by profession, recently arrived in Kootenai and hung out his shingle. One day this week he filled up on bad whiskey and started on the war path, his prime object being to massacre Pete Lund's big dog, so he declared. He entered "Lund's Place" with a six-shooter in his hand. The barkeeper objected to so much familiarity about the place and proceeded to do the club act. A scuffle took place in which the gun was discharged. The bellicose dentist was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50. Not having the wherewithal, he was billed for the Establishment McClure at Rathdrum. He succeeded in getting away from Deputy Sheriff Hunter that evening and now roams at his own sweet will. It is presumed that he is not wanted very badly, though, as he was on the streets the next day and evening and the following morning after that.

—Frank Lucas and family, after spending two weeks in Kootenai, left for Bonner's Ferry this week. Mr. Lucas is lately of Wisconsin and thinks of locating at the Ferry and going into business. He was accompanied by a party of three or four other men. And thus the valley continues to receive immigration.

—Yesterday's Review prints a sad story of death and depravity of a young Scotchman in that city named Henry Cecil Dean. It was at first supposed here that the deceased was the man Dean, sometimes called "Crazy" Dean, who ran a faro bank here last spring. It proves, however, to be his brother.

—The melodious voice of Happy Jack is no longer heard upon the streets. He chartered a side-door Pullman one day last week, and as it happened to be journeying westward he got ditched at Granite, which place he declares to be the finest city in America, which means that whiskey flows freely.

—The new boat for the Kootenai, "The Alton," arrived this week and was unloaded yesterday. It is supposed to be a flyer, as it is guaranteed to make sixteen miles an hour. Mr. Eaton has not decided whether he will move it before snow falls or not.

—A. Rickert visited Hope, last Thursday in the interest of the Leibe Liquor Co.

## The Spur at Sand Point.

Mr. Ben. Butler, of the firm of Butler & Lund, of Sand Point, is in town today. In regard to the building of the spur at Sand Point over to the Great Northern, Mr. Butler said that the matter was not definitely settled yet. He stated that two lines had been surveyed, and the estimates sent in for approval or rejection.

If they are going to lay any track in this vicinity this fall one would think they would not waste much time on a mile and a half spur. Division Engineer Preston says no track will be laid on this division this fall. He ought to know.

—The N. P. and the G. N. have compromised on the timber cutting question. The G. N. is to pay the N. P. half of the stumpage. The rate paid is not known. This saves the lumber and tie men from further trouble.

—We understand that all the cases against settlers for illegal cutting of timber have been, or will be, dismissed. It looks as though the arrests were made simply to roll up fees for the U. S. Marshal's office.

—Agent Miniely and wife expect to take a trip back to their old home in the east this winter.

—L. H. Mason was among the pilgrims to Spokane this week.

—Wm. Eaton has been down from the Valley this week.

Kinnear & Williams, of Bonner's Ferry, have received a full line of cook stoves and heaters.

—Join the crowd at "Lund's Place." The finest wines, liquors and cigars in the city.

—"Lund's Place" sells wines, liquors and cigars at wholesale.

## New Time Card.

On and after Sunday, November 1, trains on the N. P. R'y will arrive at Kootenai as follows:

EAST BOUND.	
Atlantic mail	4:17 a m
Accommodation	5:40 p m
WEST BOUND.	
Pacific mail	7:05 a m
Accommodation	8:10 a m
R. A. MINIELY, Agent.	

## Close Figures!



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