

THE B. C. BENCHERS

John Elliott, of Nelson. Elected For Kootenay.

THE LAKE TESLIN ROAD

British Columbia Board of Trade Urges its Construction at Once—The Iron Mask and Centre Star Case.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 28.—The steamer Amur arrived from Skagway, Dyea, and Wrangell this morning with six passengers and a very light cargo. She left Skagway on Wednesday last and proceeded to Wrangell, experiencing cold yet clear weather at that port, where a stay of about twelve hours was made before she continued her voyage to Victoria. The Amur reports the following vessels: The City of Seattle and Czarine were entering Skagway when she left; the Islander was at Juneau, bound north; the steamer George W. Elder and the bark Richard III, in tow of the tug Lorne, were just entering Queen Charlotte Sound and the steamer Centennial and Tees were just above Seymour Narrows. The Amur brings news that reports have reached Wrangell of a strike of placer gold on the Stickeen. No details were given. At Wrangell the things were said to be booming, the weather having put the trail in good condition for traveling.

The ballots cast for the election of benchers for the year were counted this morning and the following gentlemen were elected: Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C.; H. D. Helmecken, Q. C.; J. Stuart Yates, E. V. Rodwell and F. B. Gregory, of Victoria; L. G. McPhillips, Q. C.; Charles Wilton, Q. C., and W. P. Davis, Q. C., of Vancouver, and John Elliott, Q. C., of Nelson. These gentlemen, along with the attorney-general and Sir Henry Crease, and Hon. J. T. McCreight, retired judges of the supreme court, will form the governing body of the law society for the next year. Mr. Elliott is the first practitioner from Kootenay to the first position of honor. The first meeting will be held Monday next. The president of the board of trade, G. A. Kirk, today forwarded the following message to Sir Mackenzie Bowell, leader of the opposition in the senate: "The British Columbia board of Trade beg to draw your attention to the fact that unless the Lake Teslin road is built this year, loss will be entailed upon the merchants and shippers of this province, and that if the northern trade is not diverted immediately into purely Canadian channels, a permanent and irretrievable loss will be sustained by the Dominion, and must enter our most earnest and emphatic protest against any legislation that may retard the work now in progress."

THE BUDGET SPEECH

Premier Turns Tells Why Expenditures Are Larger Than Receipts.

VICTORIA, March 28.—The budget speech was made in the legislature today by Premier Turner. He said the expenditures exceeded the revenue. The reason for this was the rapid development of the province, and this called for new roads and other public works. These were mainly called for through the rapid increase in the population and the wonderful development in the mining sections of the province. The receipts are expected to amount to \$1,453,000, the largest in the history of the province. Increased dyking works and the hope of introducing irrigation in the drier parts of the province was referred to and while not able to announce the arrangements the premier stated that it would insure large railway works during the year. Mr. Swort replied for the opposition, claiming that too much was spent by the administration, and urging that something should be done to cut down the expenses. The debate lasted till a late hour.

IT IS THE LAW

Claims May Be Grouped in Advertising for Improvement Certificates.

Notwithstanding the announcement concerning the advertising of claims, there still seems to exist a doubt as to whether a number of claims can be advertised in a group. That they can is authoritative. In September last, Justice Drake decided that, prior to an application for a crown grant, each claim would have to be advertised separately. The legislature has just passed a law providing that claims can be grouped, and Mr. Kirkup is in receipt of such instructions from the minister of mines. The new law not only covers advertisements of the future, but is made retroactive, so as to validate any advertisements so made prior to the act. The new law is of special benefit to those heavily interested in mining properties.

THE CORBIN SYSTEM

It is Alleged That There is no Discrimination Against This Town.

George H. Martin in the city Monday and stated that there was no discrimination on the part of the Corbin system of railways against the American smelters. In talking about the matter yesterday, he said: "I went to Nelson and I met the board of trade and Mr. Crossdale on the 3rd of March last, and at that time they had an idea that our road had been discriminating against their city and in favor of Northport. Among other things, I told them of a proposition I had made to Mr. Crossdale a year ago offering low rates on ore from Roseland and Red Mountain to the haul of the matte product out of the ore which we so hauled to him. After the meeting we had a conference and came to terms that were satisfactory to him. I agreed to make the same rate to Nelson from Ymir and other points on the Salmon river to Nelson as we made from Ymir and Salmon river points to Northport. This rate is \$1 per ton. I also agreed to make the rate \$2 per ton from Roseland to Nelson with the understanding, as stated

above, that we would get the haul on the matte. These figures were satisfactory to Mr. Crossdale, and he said that they were not a discrimination against Nelson. The rate from Roseland to Northport is 75 cents per ton, provided more than 3000 tons per month are hauled. At 75 cents per ton to Northport we get 4.4c per ton per mile, and at \$2 per ton from Roseland to Nelson we get 2.3c per ton per mile for the haul. I cannot for the life of me see where there is any discrimination in this."

BLOWN TO PIECES

William Mackay Killed While Trying to Thaw Frozen Dynamite. H. R. Dunlop, of the Lerrick Mining company, yesterday received a letter from the men who are working the mine to the effect that one of the employees, named Mackay, had been blown to pieces with dynamite. It seems that the Elise became frozen and Mackay went to the cabin and began to thaw it out on the stove. Suddenly the thawing dynamite exploded, and the result was that Mackay was blown to pieces, the cabin wrecked and its contents scattered far and wide. The details are meagre, but it seems that no one was hurt but Mackay. It is thought the other four men, who were working with Mackay, were in the mine when the explosion took place. The deceased was a resident of this city, and is well known here.

THE K. R. V. CHARTER

Result of a Meeting at the City Hall Last Evening.

Urgency of the Matter Made It Impossible to Give Sufficient Notice to All Citizens.

At a meeting of about 25 citizens held Thursday in the city hall, a resolution was passed advising the Dominion parliament that the resolution passed by the British Columbia legislature opposing the granting of a charter for the Kettle River Valley railway did not voice the sentiments of the people of the province. The fact that there was to be a meeting was not generally known, in consequence of which the attendance was small. Upon the petition of 11 citizens, the mayor is required to call a public meeting. Such a petition was presented yesterday afternoon, after the arrival of the Red Mountain train. The railroad committee of the house of commons is expected to report on the charter today, and it was therefore claimed by those who called the meeting that it would not be possible to defer action until tonight. To a Missus representative Mayors Wallace expressed regret that sufficient notice could not be given to permit everybody to be present but that the petition requesting him to call a public meeting had more than the requisite number of names attached, and there was nothing for him to do but to honor it. Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order by stating its object. The first speaker was James Martin, who moved that the following telegram, presented by Mr. Lalonde, be forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways and canals; James Sutherland, chairman of the railway committee, and Hewitt Bostock: "At a largely attended meeting of mine owners and merchants held at the Mayor's request tonight, it was unanimously resolved to request the Dominion parliament to pay no attention to the resolution passed by the legislature of British Columbia yesterday, as such resolution is simply an echo of Victoria and Vancouver. "Southern British Columbia is a unit for Kettle River Railway, as the mining interests are paramount to all others." "H. S. WALLACE, Mayor." Remarks in support of such telegram were made by Messrs. Martin, Lalonde, Sinclair, Roy and John Manley. The following is the petition for the call of the meeting: ROSLAND, B. C., 3-24, '98. Mayor Wallace—We, the undersigned citizens of Roseland, hereby request you to call a public meeting tonight for the purpose of discussing the action of the local legislature in passing a resolution opposing the granting by the Dominion government of a charter to Mr. D. C. Corbin to build a railroad through the "Boundary country." J. B. McArthur, Oliver Durant, John M. Smith, C. O. Lalonde, A. C. Snider, Victor Magor, H. J. Kaymer, J. A. Smith, Geo. A. Fraser, John McKane, J. W. Martin, C. B. Lockhart, J. M. Jordan, Henry Roy.

THIS IS WONDROUS

France and Germany Are Liable to Become Friends.

LONDON, March 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Paris says that General Pellieux in a recent speech at the Chateaux Camp, said that practically France was now better supplied with rifles and cannons than was Germany. The present patriotic revival ought not to be neglected for purposes of revenge. The correspondent adds that there has been a great change in the feeling in France towards Germany, and that this explains why General Pellieux's speech is not re-echoed. Even the Chauvinists look to eventual co-operation with Germany.

THE STICKEEN ROUTE

Victoria, March 30.—James Porter, gold commissioner for Cassiar mining district, was a passenger to Victoria on the steamer Islander, which arrived early this morning. He left Laketon early this month, and after a few days stay in Glenora started over the Stickeen river to Wrangell with John Seeley. Mr. Porter and his companion found the trail in good condition. They came down in five days and on the way out passed a large number of miners and others going in, those traveling light with hand sleds, being of course way in advance and making much better time than those with horses. The Mackenzie and Mann expedition, with their heavy teams and large outfit, had got as far as Porcupine, about 80 miles from the mouth of the river. Should the cold spell continue, Mr. Porter thinks, they will have no difficulty in getting in.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE

is Having all Obstructions in the Way of Hanging Signs, which come within nine feet of the sidewalk, moved.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Will be in New Quarters This Week—A Bell Wanted.

Before this week closes Chief McKinnon expects to have the fire department comfortably located in its new quarters on Lincoln street. Carpenters are now putting on finishing touches and work of grading in front of the headquarters will be commenced immediately.

The upper floor will be devoted to sleeping apartments and reading room, where five members of the department will be on hand at all hours of the night to answer any call at a moment's notice.

There are four well lighted bed rooms and one large sitting and reading room. All the bed rooms open into the reading and from this a pole extends to the ground floor, down which the men will slide without loss of time.

The headquarters are equipped with electric lights, and so soon as funds are available a complete alarm system will be introduced. On the ground floor are the hose wagon, an 80-gallon tank chemical engine, and hook and ladder truck together with stalls for the horses. These have not yet been obtained, but will be shortly. Chief McKinnon expects soon to organize another hose company in order to complete the effectiveness of the department. Another thing the chief wants is a larger bell. He says the present one is altogether too small to be of much use, and he expects to secure one, either by contributions or by giving a dance.

The department at present consists of Chief Wilson McKinnon, assistant chief, Joseph E. G. G. driver of hose wagon, Daniel McDonald, together with other members as follows: A. E. Rolf, Ernest Plass, M. Weller, James McLean, John Watson, George Greenock, Frank Raymer, Thomas Miller and John Martin.

DOWN WITH A CRASH

The Roof of the Palace Skating Rink Collapsed Tuesday Night.

At about 11:30 Tuesday night the roof of the Palace Skating rink collapsed by the weight of snow and came down with a loud crash. Nobody was in the building at the time. An hour before nearly 100 young men and women were skating, every one of whom undoubtedly would have been killed or injured had they been caught under the falling timbers.

The fortunate escape from what came very near being a most frightful and shocking fatality was nothing short of an act of Providence. The merry crowd of skaters who nightly assemble at the rink left at 10 o'clock. Early in the evening a wet and heavy snow fell and continued until nearly 11 o'clock. Owing to the fact that the days have been warm lately, the light fall of snow was particularly heavy on the roof, in order to better prevent the ice from melting. This accumulated weight, together with a fresh fall last night, is responsible for the collapse of the building. The only part of the structure standing is the dressing room.

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Stock Letter.

The stock market has been decidedly more active during the past week. Roseland stocks all round have been in good demand, there having been several inquiries for standard stocks from the east. Slocan properties are also in good demand. War Eagle continues firm at quoted price, and we fully expect to see it increase in value. Deer Park during the past few days has been quieter. Amongst other good sellers are: Joeie, Le Roi, War Eagle and Monte Christo. A Slocan property that has lately come to the front is the Hillside, an assay of 96 ounces in silver and 31 per cent lead having recently been obtained, and we can confidently recommend this stock for a quick rise.

Table with columns: NAME, Par value, Price this week, Price last week. Includes entries for Arlington, Butte, Commander, Deer Park, Dardanelles, Dundas, Evening Star, Good Hope, Great Western, Hillside, Iron Colt, Iron Mask, Joeie, Keystone, Le Roi, Lewick, Lily May, Mount Christie, Novelty, Palo Alto, Peoria, Poorman, Silver Bell, Twin, Virginia, War Eagle.

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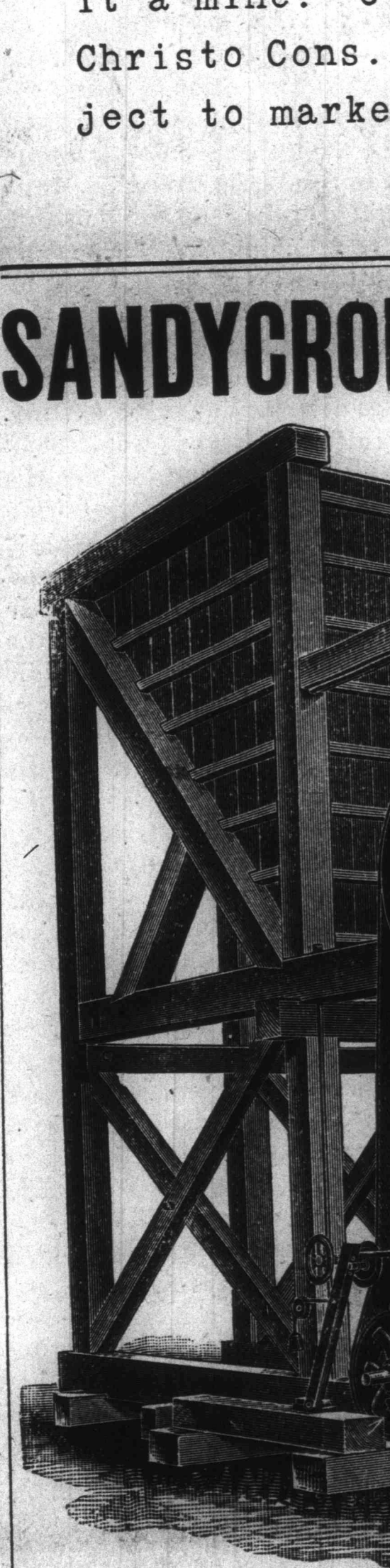
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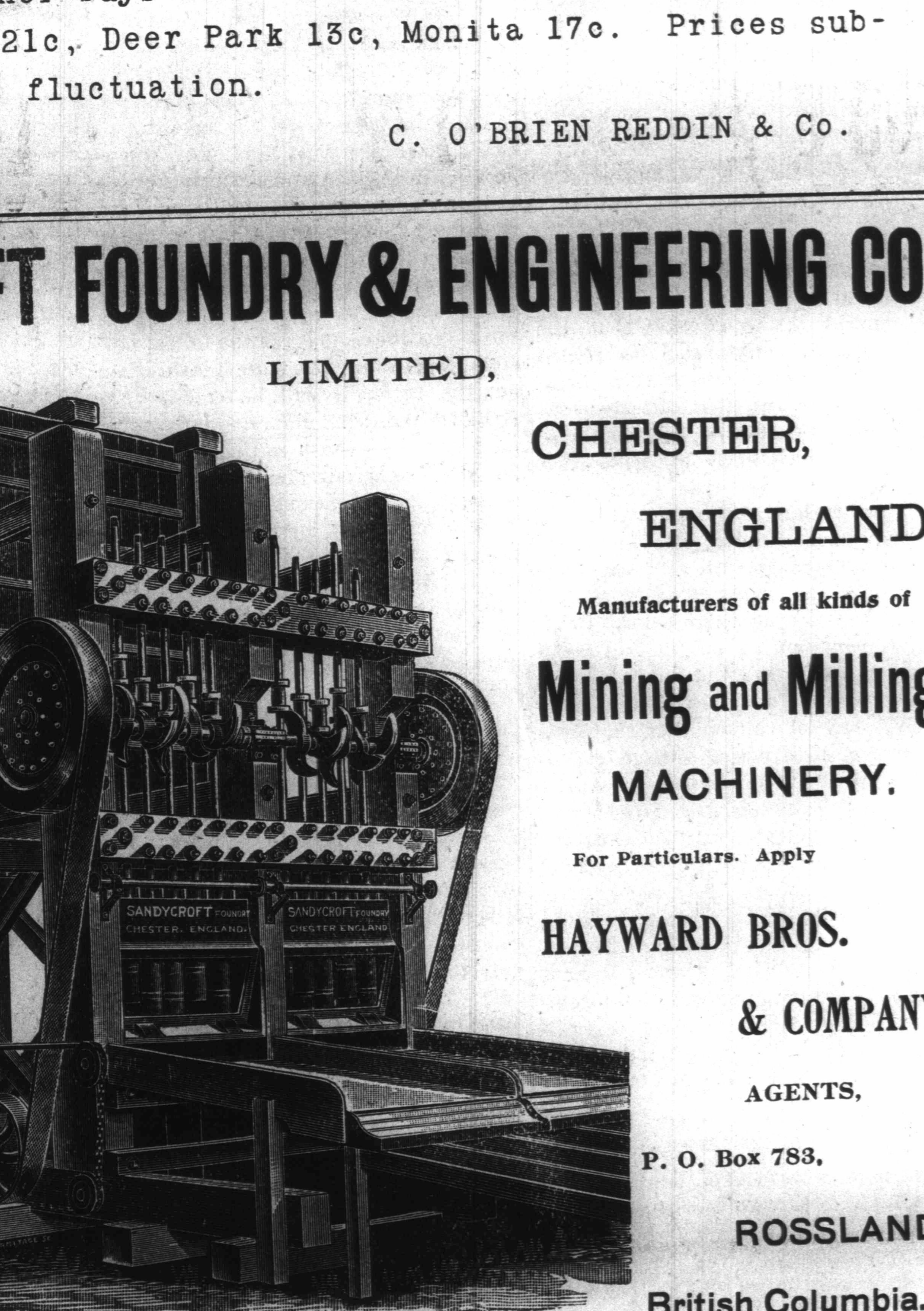
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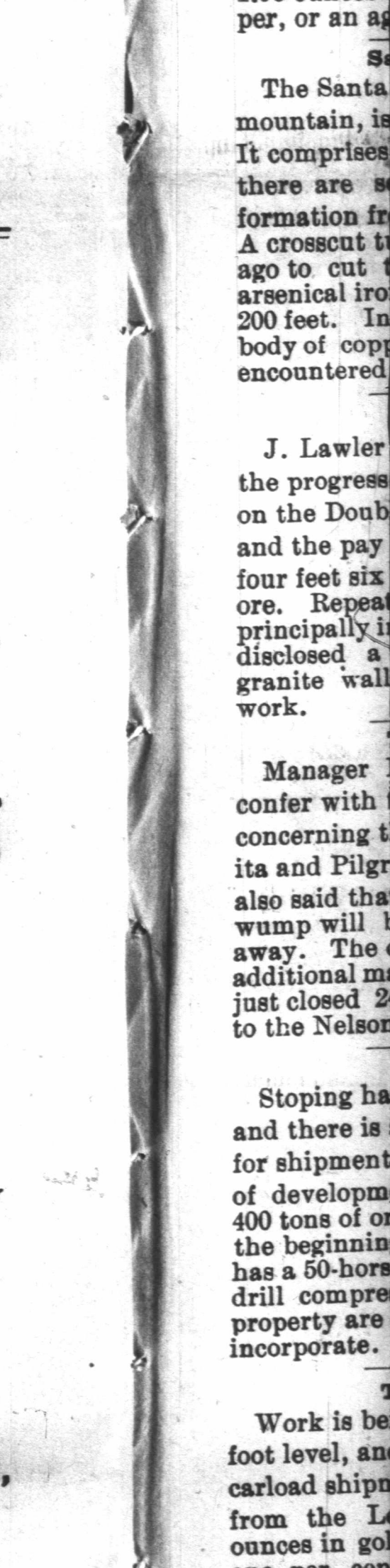
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