IT'S "NEW" VELVET NOW Mining Companies Will

Mine Is Shipping \$40 Ore to Northport-- Magnificent Shoot Opened Up--Bright Outlook for Future.

"The New Velvet" is the soubriquet which William Gray applies to the property under his management. He says that a few months ago the Velvet was regarded as almost hopeless—now it is a regular shipper of high grade ore, the best grade of ore shipped in quantity by any Rossland mine, and this happy result has been attained through the discovery of ore bodies that were

most satisfactory manner. "I have from two and a half to three feet of ore In the Portland we have a fine copper that carries over two ounces of gold showing, but little has been done to to the ton and the shoot is at least thirty-five feet in length," says Mr. Gray arrived in the resources of the property in this direction."

Mr. Gray arrived in the city last night and will remain here for a few days in this sense a 'grass-root' producer. The showing has been opened up to the stable shaft,' and the ore maintains its width and values throughout. If any prospector had this show he would not part with his holdings for \$50,000. "The construction of a spur up the getting down a considerable tonnage of high grade ore. There are on the property about 1800 tons of fines which were taken out under the old management, and which I propose to ship at once. This ore will pay the company handsomely.

Take advantage of the resources of the proposition."

Mr. Gray arrived in the city last night and will remain here for a few days in connection with the business interests of the Velvet. On being asked if the question of railroad transportation for the Velvet had yet come up in concrete form, Mr. Gray remarked:

"The construction of a spur up the gulch to a point beneath the Velvet would be an expensive proposition, and we have never thought of making any representations to the Great Northern on the topic, because we are perfectly aware that no such proposal could be entertained in reason until such time as the tonnage from Sophie mountain

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erete at this season. The work will be a tonnage sufficient to warrant the outentirely completed shortly, and after the lay can be developed, and, when this holidays we will be working a force of forty-five men. Shipments will then be doubtless be successfully approached."

is to take place in the city on the

on level No. 1, a few hundred feet below the surface, the ore shoot east A strong point in connection with the of the main shaft has opened up in a

mely.
"We have lost, or partially lost, alhas increased to such diminsions as most three weeks in connection with the resetting of the winding machinery.

Much of the delay has arisen through the enhanced difficulty of handling conpersion to the cost of construction. If other Sophie mountain mines join the Velvet as shippers in the future, it is quite likely that

John Dunstan, as far as report goe

Pay All the Charges

The Rossland mine managers are inst., which only reached me last night, complains about an arrangement for I would say that this company would, the use of the "Father Pat" ambulance when the apparatus is required to conwas used in its service. Was used in its service. What provision, if a made looking towards the ary expense entailed, while Manager Kirby says that the arrangement between his mines and the city physicians is that the removal of injured ambulance? Your letter is not clear upon the point. It would be well, I think, to have a definite understanding regarding the matter at this time.

which it is proposed to make with the livery stable for the furnishing of o enter into a satisfactory understandhorses and drivers should contain a provision which would permit of its cancellation in the event of tardy reagers in response to the lette sronses being made to the calls turned in for the ambulance.

JOHN H. MACKENZIE, WAR EAGLE AND CENTRE STAR MINES.

Yours of the 8th was received yester-day too late for the reply requested for

We would explain that we are the proper parties with whom to take up this matter. The care of injured men, including transportation to their comes or to the hospital, is, and aly ays has been, the business of the physicians of the city, who are the only ches competent to look after it properly. I do not doubt that they will only be too pleased to take advantage of the improved means of conveyance and to make a satisfactory arrange ment with the city council for this pur-

E. B. KIRBY,

Curlers Play First Competition Tomorrow

The members of the Rossland Curling club are rapidly preparing for the first club competition, that of the presidents vs. vice-presidents, which takes place Christmas day. It is the intention of those at the head of the club to play off all the matches on one day if possible, but whether it will be possible or not is a question that the members will have to solve among themselves. Yesterday hours in which to play the matches were assigned to the various skips, with the request that they have their men on the rinks promptly on time, so that there will be no delay in any of the matches.

The rinks will play off their matches

Gordon Logan W. F. McNeill George Urquhart J. A. Macdonald (Substitute)

H. H. Johnson T. S. Gilmour, skip A. M. Stewart, skip

T. L. Dunn

J. H. Mackenzie C. V. Jenkins

James Anderson G. Gillard

Rev. Sanford, skip A. B. Mackenzie, sk.

Harry Bell Rev. H. G. Gunn

Jas. H. Young H. P. McCraney

Harry Daniel J. W. Spring

A. Strickland, skip Dr. Coulthard, skip iny of the matches.

The rinks will play off their matches in the following order and during the

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afternoon a meeting of the two contestants and several interested parties occurred at one of the well known local hotels, where final arrangements for pulling off the match were completed, along with an agreement as to what rules and regulations were to govern the affair. Besides arranging the rules the forfeit money amounting to \$200 was also posted. The referee will be named at the ringside.

At the meeting both men seemed eager to have all arrangements settled at once, and little haggling occurred as to the manner and rules to govern the match. The money was up in a twinkling, the Ross Thompson Col. G. M. King J. B. Johnson N. F. Townsend Rev. C. W. Hedley E. B. Kirby J. S. C. Fraser, skip A. MacNeill, st

The money was up in a twinkling, the stakeholder being Thomas Roberts of this city. The promoters of the affair, after having settled the main matter, after having settled the main matter, arranged for a couple of boxing contests p. m. at the International Theatre, that

Stakeholder being Thomas Roberts of the Cornish style of wrestling, and should make it very interesting for his opponent. The match takes place at 2:30 p. m. at the International Theatre, that

J. Lewis

7 p. m. to 9 p. m., open, Matches during these hours have not been fully settled, most of the members of the rink having engagements which would make curling out of the question. A couple of matches will, however, be arranged so as to fill out the full schedule of games. A couple of matches may be played off tonight instead of Christmas day, which may have a tendency to keep those hours free from games.

9 to 11 p. m. Norman McInnes
George Kerr
Dan Bruhn
E. A. Rolf, skip
D, Guthrie, skip

W. McKay J. M. McDonald Match for the other rink not arrange F. W. Pretty, skip J. Macdonald, skip for this hour.

Curling Club Not in It With Rink Employes MERRY CHRISTMAS

to take place as preliminary attractions place having been chosen in preference to the wrestling. Both boxing contests to the opera house.

Cornish Wrestling Match

Arranged For Xmas Day

eat interest has been aroused in the will be of four rounds and should be over the Cornish wrestling match hot contests.

on of Christmas day. Sunday is rapidly gaining in favor among those on a meeting of the two contest- who follow the twists and turns of the

"Hoot mon!" said Caretaker Williams, as he gazed distractedly through the fringes of Judge Nelson's flashiest tam o'shanter at the canny McPhail doing a Highland fling at one end of the curing rink, while Chief Donald Guthrie was yelling at him in good, braw Scotch to "soop her up." By the time the Hon. to "soop hea up." By the time the Hon. human ken, and particularly of Rolf's to "soop hel up." By the time the Hon. Caretaker Williams had caught two dozen glimpses and three good looks at the end of the rink through the choicest tam o'shanter in town and had exclaimed, "hoot, mon!" After twelve ends "hoot, mon" a few times, he concluded had been played the many to the time.

Wood Lodge No. 28, A. F. & A. M., will by Smith Curtis, M. P. P., was, in spite take place next Saturday evening, 27th of several counter attractions, largely inst. The officers for the ensuing year attended by all classes.

Caretaker Williams had caught two dozents and the separate sweeping, 27th of several counter attractions, largely inst. The officers for the ensuing year are: W. M., J. S. Birnie; I. P. M., Wm.

Mayor Naden presided. Mr. Curtis had been played the rink employes quit, G. McMynn; S. W., F. M. Elkins; J. spoke for an hour and a half, and held that things were coming his way, and joined with the canny McPhail in a Highland fling over all that was left of the rink that started out with the stood that tam o'shanters are strictly

ing at the skating rink, when a rink the club has ordered that all skips place from the curling club, with E. A. Rolf the hour of the day in which they can as skip, and with R. Andrews, R. Grant play on a bill board in the rooms of the and Jack Robinson challenging the skatand Jack Robinson challenging the skating rink employes to a match. J. W.

Spring took the position as skip of the
skating rink employes, and with Williams as lead and McPhail and Donald
Guthrie as players, started in to show
the combination headed by Rolf some-

arowed purpose of making the skating rink employes look like a little less
than thirty cents in plugged Canadian
nickels.

All the above happened Sunday evenAll the above happened Sunday even-

Polling Booths Selected--

: ENTERTAINMENT

GREENWOOD, B. C., Dec. 28.-The

SMITH CURTIS AT GREENWOOD

GREENWOOD, B. C., Dec. 23.-The annual installation of officers of Green- political meeting held here last night , will by Smith Curtis, M. P. P., was, in spite

W., A. M. Whiteside; secretary D. A. the close attention of his audience, who McKenzie; treasurer, Wm. G. McMynn; tyler, George Cunningham. The installation of officers will probably be P. M.'s I. Bernard and S. Barry Yufil. P. M.'s I. Bernard and S. Barry Yull.

The contract for the erection and completion of a frame school house at Eholt has been awarded to Bunting & Dempsey, of Greenwood, who are at present engaged in completing the Greenwood school house.

Gus Erickson has returned from Spokane, where he went lately to have his right eye attended to. The doctor found that there was no chance of saving it so the eye was taken out. Fortunately the left eye was unharmed at the time the right eye was injured, and has not since been affected by the sympathetic weakness that sometimes follows in such cases. Mr. Erickson will not be able to resume his work at which he had always adhered to the principles for which he principles for which he is deaden that this had led to his parting with his old leader, Joseph Martin, who, with other Martinites, had gone over to Dussinuir and supported his schemes for his own private advantage and for railways grafters. He showed how martin had voted against government ownership of the Coast-Kootenay, and against railway aid being by way of loan and many other principles for which he had always adhered to the principles for which he had leader, Joseph Martin, who, with other Martinites, had gone over to Dussinuir and supported his schemes for his own private advantage of the C. P. R. and of railways grafters. sympathetic weakness that sometime of the government for private ends were what had brought the legislature into disrepute and the running of the government for private ends were what had brought the legislature into disrepute and that the cure was for the elector

Election Officials Named

Elections take place by statute on January 15th. The nominations eventuate, also under statute, on the 12th of January. Nomination day is Monday and election day is Thursday.

At the regular session of the city compellation that all nominations should be received at the city offices. The monination was full include candidates for the mayoraity, aldermanie board and school trustees, three of the present members of the school board retiring this year. Polling places were selected as follows:

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West Ward.—Judge William B. Townsell the received at the city offices. The monination will include candidates for the mayoraity, aldermanic board and school may return the foreign of the elections and christmas tree and a dance.

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The Greenwood smelter until some time and christmas th

HOIST FLAGS TODAY-Chairman McCraney, of the poard, promises that flags will be hoisted 37 men. Last week Superintendent mast-high on the city schools today in gus shipped 16 carloads of ore nor of the Christmastide.

Yesterday's snowfall made bad rails ten were sent to the Granby smelt on both lines running into Rossland. The Grand Forks. The mine is being to noon train on the Canadian Pacific was about four hours late, the evening train shows: The crosscut on the No. 5 to on the Red Mountain was an hour be- is in close to 290 feet; the ground bind time and the night train on the Canadian Pacific was forty minutes behind its schedule hour.

effects of a paralytic stroke, is report- level is up close to the No. 2 level, but ed as being better. Fitzmorris was not yet holed through. The upraise over very low at one time and was, in fact, the adit level is now heading 56 feet rot expected to live. He has passed above the adit floor in a splendid body the danger point now and a rapid re- of \$20 ore. With a half dozen mines like

The December meeting of the Ross-land board of trade has been finally post-on the 300 foot level of the Trade Dollar poned to the first Wednesday in Janu- mine was run to the end line of the ary. At this session the principal topic company's ground last Wednesday evenwill be the consideration of means for ing, the Ben Hur people having driven the abatement of the two per cent min-eral tax, and it is expected that an in-the last 21 feet in excellent shipping ore the assays of which run from \$30 to \$30 tersting and instructive debate will per ton, the last of which was the resul

Henry Watson is locked up at police mer to two of the latter. During the year headquarters on the charge of steal-ing a goose. It is alleged that Watson feet of its double compartment shaft quietly took a bird from the hook where and drifted 240 feet on the vein it was displayed at P. Burns & Co.'s stablishment, and was making off at the Lone Pine-Surprise has been inwith his swag when the deed was de-tected. Thereupon, it is further al-tected. Watson dropped the bird into a leged, Watson dropped the bird into a owbank and took to his heels. When anded his prize in the cells. The case was adjourned for a day. Burns. charged with stealing a pair of rubbers from the skating rink, was convicted of petty larceny, and sentence reserved for one day. Both men are strangers

f the Greenwood Liberal Association, seconded the resolution, paying a tribute to Mr. Curtis's straight course and sin-

******* THE STOCK MARKET

report of yesterday's se

	Asked	Bi
American Boy	4	3
Ben Hur	81/4	6
Black Tail	81/2	7
Butte & Boston	. 2	1
Canadian Gold Fields	31/4	2
Cariboo McKin'y (ex-d.)		17
Centre Star	361/2	35
Dardanelles	. 3	2
Deer Trail No. 2	11/2	
Fairview		4
Fisher Maiden		3
Giant		2
Gold Ledge		
Granby Consolidated		3.
Homestake (As. pd.)		2
Iron Mask (As. pd.)	4	2
Jim Blaine		2
Lone Pine		2
Morning Glory	1%	1
Mountain Lion		11
North Star (E. Koot.)		7
Payne	8	7
Princess Maud	*	
Quilp	30	27
Rambler-Cariboo	34	29
Republic		5
San Poil		10
St. Elmo Con		1
Sullivare		3
Tom Thumb	51/2	4
War Eagle Con		18
Waterloo (As. pd.)		5
White Bear (As. pd.)		1
Wonderful		3
SALES.	3	Y.

Waterloo, 500 at 5 1-2c., 500 at 5 3-4c.; Cariboo (Camp McKinney), 2000 at 17 3-4c.; Payne, 500 at 7 3-4c.; Home-stake, 1500 at 3c.; Rambler-Cariboo, 1500

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Quilp, Trade Dollar, Lone Surprise and California

(Republic Pioneer-Miner, Dec. 20.) The Quilp.—The Quilp mine is the ipal point of activity in Republic today and it is pleasing to note that working force this week was increase smelters, of which ten went to twelve carloads went to Tacoma The winze going below the No. 4 lev is now down 75 feet following the haning wall and still in good ore. The nort drift on the No. 4 level is now in who was taken to the hospital feet from the winze and still going ahead days ago suffering from the in ore. The upraise above the No. the Quilp operating with equal vigor the camp today would be a very lively

of a sample from 42 inches in width o the face that run \$47.82 per ton, the gold

Lone Pine-Surprise.—The working force owbank and took to his needs. When deer full sail he was run down and aptured by Patrolman Stewart, who feet and following the hanging wall in fine ore. It passed through a crossbreak in the vein a couple of days ago and now appears to be in the pay shoot. which was always believed to go down from the locality of the 19 foot winze on the upper level. A shipment of 100-Granby smelter, and it now appears that the shipments can be increased employment of more men to break down the ore. Yesterday some ore was encountered on the upper level that furnished some fine specimens of quartz that carries both native silver and gold, the former being plentifully scattered

over the rock. California.-The shaft on the California mine was finished to the 500 foot level last Wednesday, and since then Superintendent Delbridge has had a crosscut started northerly, towards the hanging wall of the vein. He has nine four-horse teams engaged in hauling ord to the company's bin on the Washing-ton and Great Northern siding. Five cars of ore that were shipped last week and appeared to have been sidetracked were received at the Tacoma smelter last Saturday, but up to this writing no returns had been received from it. The last heard from it was that it was being sampled. Yesterday four carloads of ore of average value were shipped to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, B. C.

WILD HORSE CREK

Placer Operations During the Past Year.

(Fort Steele Prospector.)
It is with great satisfaction that we can this year again point to the rapidly increasing importance of the placer mining interests on Wild Horse Creek. The yearly output, while in itself not

inconsiderable, is yet large in comparison with that of former years.

There have been, during the past year, in the neighborhood of 150 men orking on Wild Horse creek, and the placer mines have been placed on a

paying basis.

During the past year several prospecting tunnels have been run to determine the existence and value of the gravel overlaying what is supposed to be the old channel of Wild Horse creek. Several attempts have been made to bottom the deep channel of the main creek by means of shafts from the sur-face, but was abandoned on account of the excessive flow of water through the gravel, yet, even in the short distanc sunk, it was discovered to contain

gold in paying quantities.

Nip and Tuck.—On the Nip and Tuck owned by D. Griffith, and leased to a Chinese company, work has been con-centrated chiefly on the lower portion of the bench diggings. The gold ob-tained was coarse and well washed. The bedrock was found to be hard and worn smooth and to be without crevices. Good pay was struck, and while the total amount of the output cannot be ascertained, it is said to be in the neighborhood of eight or ten thousand

The company are now engaged in cutting a bedrock flume through solid rock, which will be completed by the time operations commence in the com ing spring.

Invicta.--The lease on the Invicta ground expired this season. Several parties are now engaged in trying to secure a new lease, an offers amounting to from \$2200 to \$3500 have been ten-

Cariboo .-- Robert Dore with a small force is now engaged in running a tun-nel to tap an old channel on the west

nel to tap an old channel on the west side of the creek. The gravel now coming from the tunnel will be washed as soon as the season permits.

A Chinese Company...The result obtained from the working of a Chinese company, on the east side of the creek near the mouth of Boulder creek, goes far to confirm the opinion that another auriferous channel exists, running parallel with the main creek. ning parallel with the main creek. During the many years that place Exchange.
cited.

But tailings has been conducted on Wild Horse creek the river bed has filled with tailings, which have been successfully worked by a Chinese company by means of a bedrock flume.