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People Take Refuge in a Tunnel and So Escape Destruction.

At 12 o'clock on Saturday a powder Rossland, told the stockholders that the house blew up at the mouth of the big tunnel which is being bored on the Colum-Rossland, told the stockholders that the best plan to adopt would be to furnish Rossland with light direct, and his combia & Western raiway, a short distance from Brooklyn. It contained a carload of dynamite. Had it not been for the fact pany was in a position to do this much more economically than the Water & Light company could, as the expense of man-agement would be saved by such a course, that the people there took refuge in the tunnel a good many would have been killand the working force could be reduced, ed. As it was all the windows in the vic-inity were broken and a tent owned by wires could, with a little additional help, R. Robinson was blown to pieces and look after the light wires as well. That his tools and stock of goods scattered far however, had not then been done, and he and wide. Mr. Robinson was in the city yesterday and said he saw the fire in the knew of no movement on foot now carry out that idea. Alderman Lalonde, woods 200 yards back of his tent and only who was present at the time the convershort distance from the bunk house of sation took place, said Mr. Neale had volunteered the statement. Mr. Campbell the men employed on the road and close to the powder house. Mr. Robinson said he said he wondered why the Power & Light saw that the fire was getting close to the company should pay \$5,000 more for the plant than it had been offered to the city powder house. He says he went to the nen and told them that there was danger

of the fire reaching the powder house. That there is some sort of a deal on is The men, Mr. Robinson says, told him there was no danger. Then Mr. Robinson evidenced by the fact that W. S. Norman, secretary of the Rossland Water & Light company, on Saturday last addressed a letter to the city council, in which he he thought it was time for him to says flee from the danger and he started for Brooklyn in order to be out of the way when the explosion took place. When about half way to Brooklyn he heard a stated that owing to the wide divergence of opinion that existed as to the that he city is willing to pay and that great explosion and knew that the powder which the company is ready to accept, and uouse was gone. When he returned to the refusal of the city to submit the ques-tion to arbitration, that all negotiations were at an end. Then Mr. Norman goes the scene of the explosion he found it had wrought considerable damage. His tent, which he uses for a shoe shop, was blown to pieces and his stock of goods and tools were scattered and destroyed. Mr. Robinon to say: "This view was taken by the mayor on Tuesday, and circumstances have since arisen which makes the position ob-ligatory on our part."

An Up-to-Date Stable

Open Air Concert.

son estimates that the loss which he sus tained was fully \$300. There are about 75 people living in the vicinity of the mouth the tunnel and when they saw that the powder house was certain to blow up they took refuge in the tunnel and so escaped with their lives. The powder magazine was not over 25 feet from the track, and was built of boards in which there were wide cracks. He thinks that it was menace to the lives of the people who live n that vicinity, and thinks that the next powder magazine should be built in some out-of-the-way place, where it will not be a plenace to life and property.

ance. Gentlemen Are Barred.

The ladies of Rossland, it is whispered social circles, are forming a ladies' whis The Rossland City Council band, under club. One irrevocable rule of the organithe direction of Mr. W. H. Falding, bandation is that no gentleman shall be allow ed to play or be present at any of the whist games held under its auspices. A suggestion even that this rule be abro gated will be sufficient ground for expul-

sion of the offending member. The citizens of Greenwood have contri-buted to a fund for the construction of a plauding the pieces rendered. Mr. Faldwagen read from Greenwood City to the main Kettle river in the vicinity of, and opposite to 'he mouth of Canyon creek. Northport on a visit.

Examined the Volcanic.

Hon. Joseph Martin, attorney-general, and Volcanic Brawn, returned Tuesday from a trip to the Boundary country, whither they went to examine the Volcanic mineral claim. This property is owned by Mr. Brown. Mr. Martin was seen after his return yesterday, and asked what he thought of the Volcanic, and he replied that he was not a mining man and ould not speak understandingly about its merits but there was an immense surface showing, and it probably was a prop-erty of considerable merit. Mr. Martin will leave for the coast today, stopping here and there at different points. Mr. Brown stated that work would be pushed to do most of the work upon the con-tract basis Mr. Harvey does not an cipate any difficulty with the Miners' Unio 1 over the question of wages. When questioned on the Volcanic so that it might be made

shiper as soon as possible. MINING NOTES.

The gallows frame is being moved at the White Bear. The skids in the shaft are about finished. The work of deepen-ing the chaft will be that at the outset there would be for at least 20 men, but when the surface is put in shape and the management gets down to the contract basis the force may not be so large. As supplies are now being the shaft will be commenced within

the next day or two. During the past week the Hall Mines have exported 61 tons of lead bullion, ing taken up to the property from the railway crossing Mr. Harvey expects to commence operations in a few days. Development of the Douglas.

valued at \$10,728. The Crow's Nest company have shipped 62 tons of coke from Fernie to the Northport smelter.

Ice Cream Festival.

The ice cream festival to be given this Mr. M. A. Harvey of the Montana livevening in the Methodist church gives ery stable, has extended his buildings till they cover a length of 172 feet." He will everp promise of being a most excellent entertainment. The ladies of this gave receive a shipment of six horses from Calseveral of these entertainments last year gary 'today. Besides these betterments, and they proved very successful. Every effort will be made to make them equally he recently received a fine consignment of vehicles. Included in this are two handttractive this summer and to improve, some' two-seated surries, two handsome if possible. The program for this evening will be found choice and varied, consist-ing of musical and literally selections, etc. phaetons and two elegant buggies. These vehicles are of the very latest pattern and are elegantly finished and of fine appear-

is to be pushed. Ice cream, strawberries and cake will be provided in abundance. There will be no admission fee. You enjoy the program and then order what you want and pay for what you get at reasonable rates.

Everybody welcome.

## For the Benefit of the Hospital.

pany will start a force of men at work to-day developing their properties, the Olga and the X-ray claims, which are located on the lower end of Sophie mountain, ad-joining the boundary line, close to Big Share wordt and mean the Victory. master, gave their first open air concert last evening on the temporary band stand at the corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street. A program of seven pieces, ending with the national anthem, was listened to by a large audience, who plauding the pieces rendered. Mr. Fald-ing and the band are to be congratulated on the results of their careful practicing. at the corner of Columbia avenue and Two years since Patrick Clark presented

on the results of their careful practicing. It is to be hoped that the band will give as many open air concerts as possible dur-as many open air concerts as possible dur-Extensive improvements are being made Dr. G. S. Armstrong is in the city from orthoort on a visit.

mineral claim.

secretary, R. M. Grogan. The diffectors are: D. M. Snyder, Dr. E. Bowes C. R. Hamilton, Mr. Johnson, E. S. Topping and Ross Thompson. The officers are greatly pleased with the good reports that have been brought in by Colonel Topping as to the excellent condition in which the proceeding is property is.

The Nelson-Poorman.

The Nelson-Poorman Gold Mining company has arranged for the resump on of work upon the Poorman. W. A. Harvey, who will have charge of the mine for the Agreement. Agreement. In H. L. Turner, Saran L. Turner and Matilda Escalet of the first part, and R. Tomlinson Gardner, sale of the Gold King, Silver King, Cutter Fraction and company, has arrived in Nelson and is now engaged in getting supplies out. He says that a considerable force will up put Velveting mineral claims, for \$5,000 casu, and \$15,000 interest in stock company. to work at once in straightening things out at the mine with a view to getting the property in shape for the leting of contracts. As the attempt will be made

BERMUDA RECIPROCITY.

The Commissioners Are in Washington Conferring With the Officials.

Washngton, June 21.-The Bermuda reas to the size of the crew which he in tended to put to work Mr. Harvey said ciprocity commission has arrived here to open negotiations for a reciprocity reaty. Accompanied by Mr. Tower, the British work Accompanied by Mr. Tower, the British charge d'affaires, who will represent the home government in the negotiations, the members of the commission called at the state department today and met Colonel Hay and Commissioner Kasson. The con-ference on reciprocity schedules will not begin until next week. The reciprocity treaty for British Guiana has been com-pleted and copies of the final draft have been forwarded to London and Guiana for corroral. This was a sten of precat-On the Douglas, on Sophie mountain, for approval. This was a step of precau-tion, although no doubt is felt as to the approvals. When received the treaty will the ore body has been crosscut and is more than 30 feet in width. The intention is to run another tunnel and to tap the ledge e signed by Mr. Kasson and Mr. Tower, at a point 100 feet below the present tun-nel. As soon as the ledge is encountered an upraise will be made to the upper tunrepresenting the two governments. The

details of the Guiana treaty, like those of the Barbadoes, are withheld from publication until the treaties are submitted to the senate. In well-informed circles, howthe senate. In well-informed circles, how-ever, the understanding prevails t: at in the Barbadoes treaty 12 per cent was the basis of reduction allowed by the i nited States. The Dingley tariff law allows not exceeding 20 per cent exception of the regular duties. The Jamaican commission was to have held another conference to-day to continue the treaty negotiations. The matter went over, however, owing to the attention which is being given to the

Will Resume Operations Today. The Olga Gold Mining & Milling com-

PERSONAL. Judge W. B. Heyburn left yesterday for Spokane. He came here to attend the

Mr. P. A. O'Farrell left yesterday for

C. H. Bonter will leave for the Similka-meen country today, to be gone for a per-tor the province, left yesterday for the coast. 3,000 at 7 3-4c.; Okanogan, 1,00<sup>0</sup> at 1 c.

laims. To Wm. B. Townsend, on the Red Fox mineral claim. Bills of Sale. Rose McGlynn to H. L. O. Keller, the Penarty No. 2 mineral claim, for \$1. T. L. Savage to J. E. Daniels, sue Mag-gie mineral claim, for \$1. Gopher of Republic has been in demand gie mineral claim, for \$1. tance of 226 feet and is being driven at firm at 8 1-2 cents. the rate of from 26 to 32 feet per week. Rathmullen has been dealt in to a very

large extent during the past week. It advanced from 6 to 8 1-2 cents, and yes-

terday it was a little weaker and could have been purchased for 7 3.4 cents. The intention is to push work on the property, and the showing already made of ore is of a very satisfactory character. The fact that the company has some 16 properties in a section where there are several valuable mines, gives investors considerable faith in the future of Rathmullen.

Appended are the official quotations for yesterday of the Rossland Mining and Stock Exchange.

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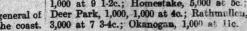
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BRITISH LIBRARY

Sales. 35 33 Winnipeg, 3,000 at 32c., 2,000 at 32 3-4c.. Mr. P. A. O'Farrell left yesterday for Spokane. He was among those who came for the purpose of attending the Mackin-tosh banquet. (1,000 at 33c.; 2,000 at 33c.; Tamarac, 1,000 at 14 34c.; 2,000 at 14 34c.; Waterloo, 500 1,000 at 9 1-2c.; Homestake, 5,000 at 5c.;



Will Develop the Group.

nel. The property has been recently in-spected by a number of the larger stock-

holders, and they are so pleased with the good showing of ore that the determina-

tion has been arrived at to develop it on

the force has been increased and the work

an extensive scale. With this end in view