President Van Horne to Size Up the Situation in the

Slocan District.

Pilot Bay Smelter Running Full Blast - Four Roasters Now Fired Up.

#### NELSON.

Nelson Miner. 'The recent warm weather with mild rains has caused the creeks to rise. At Forty-Nine Creek everything is now about ready to begin. As soon as the water comes Mr. Rice will get one monitor to work. The company has a quantity of piping at Revelstoke waiting for the river navigation to open. When it turn the railways give John Andrew's arrives a second nozzle will be turned

on to the gravel. At Silver King Mr. Davys by use of all the traffic will bear. They see to it the power drill has proved the existence that if a ton of potatoes is shipped from of the ore bodies at a depth considerably below the present workings. He is engaged at present in thoroughly examining the mine for the purpose of making southern Kootenay. They will haul a a report to the directors. This report will probably be ready in a few days, Kootenay to smelters at far-diseant when it will be cabled to London. This is done in order that no time may be lost in acting on it when received.

Mr. Frederick Stone of Chicago, who has had great experience in managing drills, has been employed by the company to take charge of all their machinery of this class.

At a private meeting of property holders on Monday last, a petition to the government was prepared, praying that some of the government lots in the Nelson townsite should be given towards a subsidy to ensure the establishment of the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson.

Mr. Hewitt Bostock arrived from Revelstoke on Wednesday, having travelled in via Nakusp, New Denver, Three Forks and Kaslo. At all these places he received influential promises of support. He left Nelson on Thursday for Pilot Bay and Ainsworth and expects to return to-day. Next week he will visit Rossland and if the trail permits may possibly go out to Kettle River, along the Dewdney trail.

The first train of the season left on the C. & K. railway yesterday afternoon. The steamship Lytton on the Columbia river was to try to get up to meet her. If successful this route to Trial Creek will be open next week.

Nelson Tribune. ter this week, and the shipments of carwagon road is in bad condition. Thirtyfive men are employed at the mine and

concentrator. Men have been laid off at both the Alamo and Slocan Star mines, in Slocan one hundred more. These four hundred district, owing to the breaking up of the Ore cannot be got to the railroad, and it is useless to mine it until it can be shipped. In fact, at all the trict. They will say to the four thoumines in Slocan district little work other than dead work is being done. No change put forward as a candidate. Will the is likely to be made until the roads are again in good condition, which will not

be earlier than June. It is rumored that President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific railway is shortly to take a look at the Slocan country, in order to size up the situation. It is said that he believes electric tramways can be built to connect most of the mines on the South Fork with the railway at Three Forks. Should this be a practicable scheme several concentrators are likely to be erected near the Firks. It is not at all unlikely that the somewhat famed Last Chance will develop into one of the good mines of the Slocan district. John O'Regan, the foreman in charge, has uncovered a new vein, larger and stronger than the one from which

several carloads of ore were shipp d during winter. the night and day gangs at the Pilot Bay | company in Mexico. We found this busmelter as to which can draw ff the siness all a fraud, so we went into the most bullion on a shift. So far, the mines of Yucatan, where we opened up night shift carries the broom, they hav- a placer gold mine. It was very rich and

bars weigh 102 pounds each. son Hydraulic Mining company on For- he had shot one of them dead. After ty-Mile creek is in readiness. The new this they took all the gold out of the flume is pronounced a first class one. Pip- | sluice boxes and went away, leaving me ing will begin as soon as the water in the | in possession.

Jack Maginty, who was in at Nelson from Hall Creek on Thursday, reports that country broke out and lasted for thirteen white men and twenty Chinese some time. The government finally won. at work on the creek. They are making In the meantime they discovered my mine from 75 cents to \$5 a day. The snow is and, realizing its wealth, arrested me as

about two feet deep. From September 13th, 1894, to March 16th, this year, 4641 tons of ore have to San Juan Island, or, as it is called been shipped from the Slocan district over the Nakusp & Slocan railway. The when I managed to make my escape. Owore was valued at \$473,000.

John M. Harris, one of the three owners of the Reco mine, in Slocan district, taken over to the mainland to nx some was in Nelson on Wednesday. He . ports | machinery. I got the guards drunk, shipping 305 tons of ore from the Reco since last fall, one 20-ton lot of which netted \$8969.23 after deducting fleight, travelled between one thousand and 1200 duty and smelting charges. The ore went 7340 ounces of silver and 67 per cent. of country, covered with jungle. I saw lead, the silver selling at 603-8 cents. The 305 tons will net about \$45,000, advanced civilization. I shot several which will leave nearly \$27,000 after paying all expenses at the mine.

The fourth roaster has been fired up at the Pilot Bay smelter. As each roaster uses ten cords of wood a day, and ten cords more are used to generate steam, a prefty considerable item at the smelter. Ground is being prepared on which to erect a number of brick charcoal ovens. of wood. The brick will be made at two we will go to Wenatchee to live."

Pilot Bay, a six-foot strata of good clay he ving been discovered there.

RUINOUS RATES

C.P.R. and John Andrew Mara Fleecing the Farmers.

#### Nelson Tribune.

The farmers in southern Yale complain they are unable to market their farm produce because of the high freight rates of the railways and steamboats. They have only the one outlet, and that is to the north. The railways are operated by the Canadian Pacific; the steamboats by a company whose president is John Andrew Mara, member for parliament for Yale-Kootenay. The railways have all been liberally bonused and subsidized by the provincial and Dominion governments; in fact, they have been built with the money and credit of the province and Dominion. John Andrew Mara has voted for all the Dominion subsidies and used his influence to help secure the provincial bonuses. In recompany a monopoly of the steamboat traffic, and both together see to it that the farmers of southern Yale are taxed a point in southern Yale to a point in southern Kootenay, the freight is equal to the selling price of the potatoes in ton of ore from the mines in southern points in the United States for one half the rate charged for hauling farm produce between local points. Nearly every pound of produce consumed in southern Koctenay comes from the south-from Washington, Idaho, and Montana-simply because the freight rate and duty is less than the freight rate alone from the north. Yet the transportation companies claim that they must be representated at Ottawa: that their interests are paramount to the interests of the people.

REMEDIAL LEGISLATION.

Will Probably be for the Benefit of the C. P. R.

#### (Nelson Tribune.)

The holding of a session of parliament necessarily postpones the Dominion elections; the election is not likely come off earlier than August. The session is ostensibly held to settle the Manitoba school question, a question that alone concerns the people of Manitova, and one which the people of Manitoba will alone settle, for they will not brook any interference from the Dominion government. And they are right. I'vssibly before the session is many days old, the legislation that will busy the attention of the members will be remed-At the No. 1 mine, in Ainsworth dis- | ial legislation for the cenefit of the Cantrict, the concentrator is turning out four | adian Pacific Railway Company, legitons of concentrates a day, the supply of slation that will authorize it to borrow water being insufficient. Twenty-five a few millions, the payment of which tens were shipped to the Pilot Bay smel- will be guaranteed by the people of Canada. In return for this remedial bonate ore will average about five tons a legislation, the Canadian Pacific Railday. The concentrates run 200 ounces way Company will return the present of silver and the ore 90 ounces. The government to power in August. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company om pleys less than three hundred men in Yale-Kootenay district. Affiliated transportation companies employ less than men will dictate to the four thousand men who are employed at mining and farming and merchandising in the dissand, you must vote for the man we four thousand get down on their knees and do as they are bid?

> TALL OF THE MEXICAN MINES. Charles Warren Tells a Tragic and Thrilling Story.

Charles E. Warren has arrived back from the Yucatan peninsula and tells a tragic story and thrilling experience. Warren, together with Edward Jones left Savona Ferry, B. C., in 1884 for Mexico. Jones was shot and kuled by bandits and Warren was arrested and imprisoned for years because he had a good mine and they wanted him out of the way. Warren tells the following

tale: "In 1884, Edward Jones and myself went to Mexico from Savona's Ferry, B. There is considerable rivalry between | C., in answer to a circular from some ing drawn off 437 bars in 12 hours. The we were making money hand over fist. One day we were attacked by bandits, Everything at the works of the Nel- who killed Jones, not, however, before

"I started in to work the mine again when one of those revolutions current in one of the insurgents in order to get possession of my property. I was taken Treastie, and held there until last July, ing to my knowledge of machinery, they made me a sort of engineer and had me took their rifles and stilettos, and plunged into the wilderness. For four months I miles through an almost uninhabited rains which showed of a previous highly lions, four pumas, and killed one boa constrictor that measured nine and a half steps. Before arriving at Puenta, in the state of Chiapas, I was taken aptive once by bandits, but released without undergoing any hardships. Then I caught it will be seen that the wood bill at ne is the freight boat Sachem, and eventually landed in San Francisco last November. Since then I have been hunting on the Pacific coast for my wife, whom I anally Each oven will hold a charge of 35 cords located at Duwamish river. In a day or to Detective Day who came here after Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

Powers of the Council Under Discussion at the Meeting This Afternoon.

Report of the Committee Received and Adopted-Are Sill in Session

Chairman Flumerfelt occupied the chair at the quarterly meeting of the board of trade held in the board of trade building this afternoon. There were present Messrs. Brownlee, Pearson, Fletcher, Bone, Thomas Earle, M. P., Wilson, Lindley Crease, F. B. Gregory, Marvin, J. D. Mason, Gus Leiser, C. E. Renouf, E. G. Prior, M. P., Todd and Robert Ward.

Secretary Elworthy then read the minites, which were adopted. The committee appointed to examine nto the power of the council reported recommending that the powers of the council be enlarged and declaring that they had no power to do what in many instances they had done.

Mr. Wilson asked how long had this thing been going on. Was the action of the council out of order? The chair replied that it seemed so.

Mr. Wilson retorted that it was a queer state of things. Robert Ward said there was plenty of room for amendments, but all the council had done in the past had met with the approval of the board until a week ago. He moved the reception of the report, and that it be referred to a committee for contained in the report and to report to the board.

Asuggestion was made that Mr. Wilson's name be added to the committee. and Earle. They will do more good that way than going to Ottawa." Mr. Prior-No politics at this meeting.

Mr. Wilson-We simply leave you out Mr. Gregory said the council had done many things without authority, but the gentleman who drew up the constitution had not advised them on the by-laws. The chair named the special committee, coupled with the names of D. R. Ker, W. H. Ellis and T. S. Futcher.

Alexander Begg sent a copy of his" History of British Columbia" and asked \$4 for it. Referred to council to act. from a Port Angeles paper stating that Wilde's art rests on a basis of rottenness Indians came over from Vancouver Is- and corruption." land to purchase food supplies. Received and a copy ordered forwarded to the

currence in a requisition for reducing the price of government land from \$5 to \$1 ar acre. Received and filed. Clerk Robson, of the Westminster board of trade, wrote enclosing a resolution to the effect that it is the duty of

the provincial government to supply settlers with seed on condition that it is planted. There was wide distress. Mr. Ellis said the government had supolied the seed. Received and filed. Mayor Teague said the council was not able to contribute to the Fraser valley re-

### LAW INTELLIGENCE.

lief fund. Received and filed.

Appeal in the Case of the Elford & Smith Arbitration.

Mr. Justice Drake is to-day hearing the appeal of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company from the award of B. W. Pearse and Charles Hayward, two of the arbitrators in the arbitration between the railway company and Elford & Smith. The line of the railway runs through the brickyard of Elford & Smith, and after a long hearing the arbitrators awarded damages at \$5,645.54. Mr. Alexander Jack, the third arbitrator, did not concur in the finding and refused to sign the award. The grounds of appeal as set out in the notice of appeal are that the finding is against the evilence; that the damages are excessive; that the arbitrators proceeded on a wrong principle; that damages were allowed in espect of matters for which, according to law, no compensation should have been given; that the award is invalid on the ground that it purports to be and is the award of three arbitrators whereas it is executed by two only. At the opening Mr. Bodwell for the appellants, the railway company, applied to amend the notice of appeal by inserting as another ground of appeal: "That communications ook place between Elford & Smith and their arbitrator, Mr. Hayward, pending the making of the award and without notice to the railway company of the communication." His Lordship refused to consider the application unless some evidence of such communication be given. Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C., and E. E. Wootton appeared for Elford & Smith.

### TWO LATE RESIDENTS.

How Tom O'Conner and Spider Johnsen Are Faring in Their New Homes.

Chief Sheppard received a letter from Chief Smith of Tacoma last evening announcing that one of the sealskin garments sold here by Thomas O'Conner, alias Conners alias Hayden, etc., and afterwards recovered, has been fully hoped to have him sent to the superior having the Victoria witnesses attend. Ten dollars, the amount for which the cloak was pawned, was enclosed in the

letter. Chief Sheppard also received a letter from Chief Minto of Portland, thanking him and his officers for their assistance Spider Johnson. The latter individual is

MR. JORGENSON EMPLOYED

He Will Prepare Water Works Plans and Superintend Work.

The members of the city council were n executive session for a few hours this afternoon considering the subject of en- President Cleveland Makes Some gaging G. E. Jorgenson to prepare plans and specifications for the filter beds and reservoir at Beaver Lake and to superintend the construction of them. After considerable discussion a decision was reached to engage Mr. Jorgenson for the work at the usual 5 per cent. fee and to have him commence work at once. A resolution covering the matter was form-

ally passed. letter from Dr. McGregor, city librarian, tendering his resignation. It was accepted and an advertisement for apolications for the post will be inserted in

He is This Morning Charged With a Reinous Crime and is Refused Bail.

Evidence Already Given. If True, Proves His Gullt-Taylor Arraigned.

London, April 6.-Wilde's friend, Taylor, was arrested to-day. Wilde was arthe purpose of drawing up suggestions raigned this morning charged with inciting young men to commit a foul crime, and also having committer the crime himself. Alfred Taylor was placed in the prisoners' dock, charged with being No." said Mr. Wilson. "Put on Prior an accessory to Wilde's crimes. Wilde greeted Taylor smilingly.

A young man named Parker was the first witness examined. He testified regarding his introduction to Wilde by Taylor, the meetings between Wilde and witness, conversation and conduct at the meetings. He swore he received money board need not feel alarmed. The legal and presents from Wilde. Parker's story, if true, proves the case against Wilde. Counsel for defendant reserved his right to cross-examine Parker. Wilde and Taylor were remanded, bail

being refused. The Westminster Gazette, commenting on the Wilde case, says: "The case proves that it is unsafe to say that art Captain John Irving sent a clipping has nothing to do with immorality.

## PROFESSOR MONROE.

The council of Mission City asked con- Former Resident of Victoria in Trouble at Fresno.

> Professor Monroe, well known in Victoria, has been getting into trouble at Frenso, California, similar to the trouble he was in here. Monroe came here several years ago and started a dancing class and won a number of prizes for dancing at Caledonia picnics and elsewhere. He was for a time proprietor of the Merchants' Exchange saloon on Fort street and left here under a cloud. Here is the dispatch giving particulars of his escapade in Fresno:

Professor Monro, a teacher of dancing, left town suddenly last night and this morning there was wailing in the Scotch colony here, Monro having defrauded the has been done in regard to the new colonists of various sums, large and

small The circumstances of the professor's abrupt departure are quite romantic, and it is said that he has a record extending as far north as British Columbia. He came here about the end of last October, giving his name as Robert Mackenzie Munro, and was kindly received by the hoys of St. Andrew's society here. They loaned him small sums and assisted him in getting up a dancing class, which a week ago numbered over 100 pupils. Not more than two month's after the professor's arrival he married Mrs. Mc-Mullin, a widow residing here. The shortness of the courtship excited some comment, but did not diminish the professor's popularity with his class.

Yesterday it was given out that a grand ball was to be given out at Clovis, nine miles from here, and the professor drove out there to conduct the ball, which was gotten up under his superintendence and for his benefit. With him went his wife, his wife's sister, Miss Belle McNab, and a young man named Morgan. This morning the surrey turned with Morgan and Miss McNab, but the professor and his wife was missing. It is now learned that the ball at Clovis was a fizzle and the professor and his wife, with the young people named, drove across the country all night tili they crossed the Maderia county line, and took the train at Borden for the east. The professor took with him a set of bagpines belonging to James Sinclair of this city, and Mr. Sinclair declares he will have him arrested if he can be found within the state.

### NO FURTHER EVIDENCE.

Shocking Discovery in an Empty Tenement House.

St. Paul, Minn., April 6.-A shocking discovery was made yesterday in an upper room of the hotel La Crescent. On identified by Mrs. T. B. Wallace, its the lower floor lives Mrs. Charles Jeink owner. The burglar was to have been and her seven children. For three brought up this morning for preliminary | months she has been living with the behearing, and Chief Smith wrote that he lief that her husband had deserted her. The second story of the house is untencourt for trial without the necessity of anted and when Mr. Cameron, the owner, went to open the doors one of them was locked and when he tried to open it a weight on the other side prevented him. On the floor lay the body of Jeink. The cord around his neck and the door knob told the story of his suicide.

World's Pair Highest Medel and Diplome.

# BOARD OF TRADE MEETING safe in custody at the Portland city lock- CLAIMS OF THE SEALERS

Some Questions to be Asked in the House of Commons on Tuesday Next.

Suggestions Regarding a Conference.

London, April 6.-The government with be asked on Tuesday next in the house whether it will refuse the joint conference proposed by the United States to The only other matter considered was deal with the seal fisheries question in the north Pacific, unless the conference is constructed on the lines suggested by the Paris tribunal to deal with the whole question. Also whether an assent to join said conference involves interference

with the decision of the Paris tribunai. The government will be further asked in the house if it will advance as a loan to the Canadian sealers, a portion of the sum awarded as indemnity at the Paris tribunal, pending the final settlement of

the award by the United States. Washington, April 6.—The notice given in the House of Commons in England to-day regarding the new conference ou the seal fisheries, has reference to a dispatch from Gresham to Pauncefote in which the former stated that the pelagic slaughter of seals has convinced the President that the regulations of the Paris tribunal were inadequate and the President suggested that England, Russian and Japan appoint a commission to visit the American and Asiatic shores of the north sea and report proper measures to protect seals in the meantime. The Prosident further suggested that the regulations now in force regarding sealing be extended along the line of the 35th degree of north latitude from the American to the Asiatic shore, and that sealing in the locality mentioned and in Behring Sea be prohibited for the season. Russia and Japan have intimated their willingness to acquiesce.

Regarding the query to be made in the commons about the Canadian indem. nity, it is stated that no sum was awarded by the Paris tribunal, which simply decided that damages were due. Gresham on this finding made a proposition to pay a certain sum which Pauncefote ac-

#### NANAIMO NEWS.

Mr. Archibald to Take Charge of the Telegraph Office.

Nanaimo, April 6 .- The affairs of the corporation appear to have become quite extensive judging from the numerous officials to be appointed. A city clerk, auditor, assessor, collector, police court clerk and solicitors are required. It is. however, anticipated that the present city clerk will receive the appointment and one if not two of the remaining officials dispensed with. W. K. Leighton has been appointed auditor.

The New Vancouver Coal Company has completed arrangements for the removal of the present supreme court building.

Building operations are expected to as-, sume a brighter aspect in the course of two or three weeks. It is expected that the erection of the new government buildings will be started. Nothing definite school house.

W. F. Archibald will shortly take the place of Mr. Dee as local manager of the C. P. R. telegraph office. Mr. Dee goes to Vancouver to fill a more important position.

### "THE SUICIDE PLACE,"

Farm on Which Three men Have Committed Survine.

Lockport, N. Y.April 6 .- The farm of Rufus Powell on a lonely road near Scmersetville has been named " Suicide Place." In 1875, Wm. Nellest. who owned the farm cut his throat. Ten years later his son Thomas was found hanging from a tree near where his father died. Willie Carpentar, a lad of fourteen went to work for Rufus Powell, who had bought the farm three years ago. Thursday morning he was found hanging from the hay fork rope ir the barn, dead.

MURDERED BY A MANIAC.

A Rancher Torn to Pieces by a Mad Man.

Sioux City, April 6 .- C. E. Converse, a wealthy rancher living near Jefferson, a small town in this vicinity, met a horrible death last night at the hands of a maniac, who imagined himself to be a vampire and attacking his victim, literally devoured him alive. The lunatic met Converse as he was returning home from town late last night. Instantly he set upon him, dragged him to the mountains and tore him to pieces with his teeth and nails. Nothing was known of the affair till next morning when the man appeared at Jefferson covered with blood and began to boast of his exploit. The lunatic is supposed to have escaped from an asylum.

There is no medicine before the people equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the standard spring medicine and blood purifier and it possesses peculiar merit which others try in vain to reach. It really makes the weak strong. Do not neglect to purify your blood this spring. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla now.

HOOD'S PILLS become the favorite cathartic with every one who tries them. 25c.

-Capt. Livingston Thompson has been appointed a dyking commissioner for

# LETTERS FROM

The Steamer City rives From A Late N

Provisions Are Ver Mining Camp Far No

The City of Topeka ing in Port Townsend will sail on the 8th and calls at Victoria. Victoria to the north eabin and \$5 steerage \$6. and Sitka, \$15 an The Juneau Mining a number of letters from eluding one from a v whom accompanied the mines. They all say thermometer registered more below zero, they cold as much as they Provisions have been selling for \$24 a hundi men are going in witl the traders have been eral having to go fro Sixty-Mile Creek for p selves. Dr. Tam, in Record says: "The ma pectors last summer w and reports from ther able. At least 150 mer off moss and thawing ferent claims in different district. There has be here this winter, and I eral persons who wer having to amputate a foot and a hand for Robert Insley has mad now one of the first s place. He has investe property and bought creek. Locky McKir Circle City late and g miles below here. Then another trading post fast increasing in pop is a shortage of provisi will establish a drug s here this year." Another letter says:

the Yukon valley are coming to the front. I coveries have been mad but their richness is Good diggings, however there, but too late in them to any extent. are very short. Seven the miners are flat bi bright anticipation The two trading compa posed to supply the mi but so far have not h this winter they have vation than was comfo man and one's peace half of the miners ha grub to last them unt any to work on during the summer, and many in the hills to obtain stead of working on th Alaska Commercial Co ed in more grub and fall the miners would Their shipments here half whiskey and half pose this summer it w

A TERRIBLE EX Four Seamen Washed

Back to the Sh

and no grub."

San Francisco, April ship Wachusett arrive days from Nanaimo, B encountered unusually The officers and crew tell a tale of the sea th times told, and almost doubted. On March vessel labored through strong southwestern g cross seas running. merged most of the t fully, and her cargo shi a bad list to starboard was done to her rail During the height of an incident about which still talking. A terrific upon the vessel, swee full length, and carried poard The others of before the frightful sig of ever seeing their sh four men were carried only to be swept back t by a tremendous cros them were thrown vio deck. The fourth man in reach of the foreshe ped to the rolling of the bed it and held fast, a board in safety.

A BUCKET O Sergeant Haywood Di Light and Had a

Sergeant Haywood, city police, has come heap. He has been e police committee of th It was charged that he n his cabin and the cit that he used the city was given that the cit the light, and that he li the coal as it was a c city that he should be always on hand. Ald. man of the committee, of charges but would persons making them t writing. Ald. McPha chairman of wrongfull; grant Haywood's char was repudiated by the said a bucketful of coal arything; there was t about a trifle. The cor resolution re-instating S