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THE WHITE HOUSE

NEW YEAR GREETING.

"Business Cannot be Done on an Advertisement Alone.
The Stock Must be on Hand to Back it Up."

WE HAVE THE STOCK.

HENRY YOUNG & CO'Y.

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ON SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY, 4th, 1896.

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- LACE CURTAINS**—You will begin spring cleaning very soon; why not buy your Lace Curtains now and save half your money.
- Best Cashmere Hose, 75c. quality, in colors, will be sold at 25c. per pair.
- White Beehive Wool, 3 packages for 50c.

PLEASE GIVE SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR REMNANT TABLE.

But it is impossible to mention more than a few lines. Come and see for yourselves.

Bear in mind this is a genuine mark-down of our best stock. Mr. Young is on his way to Europe, where he will buy largely for the coming spring and summer, and our present stock must make way for the new purchases.

Store closed on Friday, so that we may give our full attention to preparing our bargains for your inspection. Sale commences at 10 o'clock on Saturday next, January 4th, 1896.

If those persons who live in the country and find it inconvenient to attend the sale, will send for samples, we will immediately forward same and give their orders as much care and attention as we would themselves.

Shopping by Mail Has Proved a Great Success with Us.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver and Its Assessments—The Tramps in the Terminal City—Found Dead.

School Matters at Burgoyne Bay—Footballers Practising for Coming Contests.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—There were very few appeals against the assessments at the Court of Revision yesterday, and these were adjusted in an hour or two by Mr. C. G. Major, who presided.

Although the Vancouver Relief Society has opened its central depot and all the streets at night are still crowded with tramps begging for two bits to get a meal; it is quite possible that these tough characters are responsible for the many burglaries of late.

The local football team are going in training for the coming matches with Victoria and Nanaimo. The combination is as strong as ever, and the assurance was given by each member at a meeting last night that they would practice hard for the coming important events.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—The collector of customs declines to pay his poll tax, on the ground that he is exempt in virtue of the office he holds under the government. Police Magistrate Russell is looking up the law.

The case of ex-Sergeant Haywood vs. Alderman Queen, in which the local legislator was accused of using abusive language on the street, was dismissed, as there is no law dealing with such an offence in the criminal code. The police magistrate, however, thought the language used sufficient to provoke the blows received.

J. R. Gordon, of Connecticut, an expert in tobacco, says that the samples sent him of tobacco grown in Agassiz, B.C., are equal to any grown in the United States. Mr. Gordon's interest is so aroused that he will come to British Columbia to investigate the tobacco problem at his earliest convenience.

Sir Charles Ross bonded some mines in Roseland, and is in San Francisco trying to dispose of them.

Several days downpour of heavy wet snow is doing great damage in Vancouver, and has already destroyed a large amount of telephone property and seriously affected the street system.

The Dominion authorities have written that the removal of the Burnaby shoal, the erection of a lighthouse at the Narrows, and the putting of a draw in the C.P.R. bridge will have the attention of the government.

The Vancouver poultry show takes place on January 7. One hundred and seventy dollars have been contributed in cash and prizes.

Those holding shop licenses to sell liquor, claim that the council only has power to charge them \$150 per annum, while they are charging them \$400. They ask for a refund. Messrs. Wilson & Campbell have been engaged to handle their case.

A. Robinson has been appointed market clerk.

The council of Burnaby will carry over to 1896 \$1,050 and a large amount of collectable taxes.

A London syndicate with a capital of \$75,000 is taking over the business of the Texas Lake Ice Co.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the B.C.B.G.A. it was decided to ask the Minister of Militia to institute a school of instruction in New Westminster, as the Westminster company were unable to attend at Vancouver.

Thieves broke into the residence of the late D. S. Milligan on Sunday evening and stole bed clothing and jewelry.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—The funeral of Mrs. R. Spar, sr., who died on Christmas night from the result of a fall on a slippery sidewalk, took place yesterday and was attended by a large gathering of friends and acquaintances.

Rev. D. A. McRae preaches his farewell sermon to-morrow evening at St. Andrew's church, prior to his six months' leave of absence.

At the miners' meeting this afternoon important questions were discussed relative to the present amount of employment for each individual. The company had submitted a proposition to reduce the number of hands and thus find more steady employment for the remainder.

NANAIMO, Dec. 31.—The small debts court was again opened for business by Police Magistrate Simpson yesterday morning, in view of the recent decision of Judge Harrison. Wednesday being a public holiday an adjournment was made until Friday.

The municipal election of 1896 will be the keenest contest that has ever taken place in the city.

Arrangements have been made for a New Year's day Association match between the Nanaimo Athletics and the Wellington team.

A group of miners called for Saturday is to decide whether or not the work shall be divided up as at present, or whether the number of hands will be diminished.

A driver on his return from Wellington on Sunday night overtook a very old lady at Northfield, wandering in a bewildered and aimless manner. The driver picked her up and drove her

into town where he handed her over to the police for safe keeping and identification. With the help of a Frenchman who lives in the vicinity of Hiddle's store, the old lady was finally piloted to the house of her son, Mr. Regard, Dixon street.

At last night's council meeting three by-laws were affirmed, viz.: The election by-law, fire limit amendment by-law and Sunday observance by-law. On Thursday night the business of the year will be wound up.

KUPER ISLAND.

KUPER ISLAND, Dec. 25.—The following is the programme of the admirable Christmas entertainment given by the pupils of the Indian Industrial School. The list, a long one consisting of twenty-nine different items, was admirably performed and is as follows:

Selection by brass band; address of welcome; "How to make a cake," recitation; "Peter Simple," song and chorus; "Visitors from fairy land," dialogue by the girls; "The snow brogue," recitation, Gustave; "Where is my hat?" recitation, Amelia; "Poor work don't pay," dialogue by four boys; selection by the band; "Kiss and good night," duet, Amelia and May; "Dispute among the seven days," Peter; "Here, here in the forest," song and chorus, by the girls; "The young soldier," recitation, Alexis; "The little gray mouse," recitation, Mary; "Come, follow me," song by the boys; "Practical joke," dialogue, Mary, Amelia and Lizzie; motion song by the boys; "My mother," recitation, Alice; "Old Black Joe," song, James, Peter and Gustave; "The old lady's advice," song and chorus by the girls; "The boy and the wolves," recitation, Michael; selection by the band; "Guess what I have in my pocket," dialogue by two girls; "A little speech," recitation, David; "How to be a gentleman," recitation, Gustave; "The Star of Bethlehem," tableau and song by the girls; "The old woman," recitation, Mary; "Military discipline," dialogue by the boys. After Santa Claus had made his appearance and made each one feel additionally happy, "God Save the Queen" was sung.

BURGOYNE BAY.

BURGOYNE BAY, Dec. 23.—The half yearly meeting for the election of officers of the Island Union lodge was held at the school house, Vesuvius Bay, on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance of the brethren. The result of the ballot was as follows: Noble grand, A. W. Cooke; vice grand, J. Vidler; secretary, C. W. Candler; treasurer, J. Rightingale; delegates to grand lodge, W. Robertson and J. Warnock; trustees, E. Lee, W. Robertson and F. Raines; warden, T. W. Monst. The minor offices being filled, and the ceremony of initiation gone through, the ordinary business of the lodge was taken up.

The school examination commenced on Tuesday, and was principally written. High school entrance papers were used, supplemented by papers set by the teacher. The result was most gratifying, an all round average of over sixty per cent. being attained.

ASHCROFT.

(From the B. C. Mining Journal.)
Under date of December 20, W. T. Sargent, secretary of the Slough Creek Mining Company, writes: "The weather has been against us and as a consequence we have not been able to make another start on the extension of the tunnel over the Nelson creek branch, but it will be started as soon as possible."

A nugget weighing over half a pound came down by express from Stanley this week. It is worth over \$100. It is a handsome specimen and was found in Lightning creek the past season. Among good finds Mr. Sargent, of the Slough Creek company, has a handsome \$80 piece found on Slough creek near the mouth of Nelson.

Messrs. Veatch and McCrae, of the Cinnabar mine, Savona, spent a day this week in Ashcroft. About twenty-three men are at work, all but four being white miners. The mine is looking well, but no smelting was being done on account of the reports not being protected from the weather. Drifts are being run and the mine thoroughly opened up. The grade of ore is very high. This mine is said to be the only productive quick-silver mine in operation that is under the protection of the British flag. It seems strange that neither England or any of her colonies, except in this one case, should possess a cinnabar mine.

John E. Ely, now in charge of the Horsely Gold Mining Company's property in the Horsely, brings the report that McCallum and List have struck rich ground on their claim about 1,000 feet from the line of the Harper ground. They have a drift in the bench about seventy feet and from the inner end of the drift have sunk about seventeen feet to the date of Mr. Ely's departure. The extent of their strike is not known but the gravel is said to be very rich in the bottom of the shaft and the owners are jubilant. One hundred thousand pounds of the Ward pipe is now on its way to the 150. The riveters will be in about February 1, and the work on the Horsely company's ground will be pushed in the Campbell hydraulic elevator put in under the direction of its inventor and patentee, Mr. Campbell, as early a date as possible. Some good work may confidently be looked for in the Horsely country next season.

F. E. Young, general manager for the Pittsburg & Cariboo Gold Dredging Company, has gone East to look over and test the machinery now about ready to be shipped to Quenselle for the new dredge being constructed at that point. He is interested in the small dredger now in operation at Mormon Bar, six miles from Lyton. He says the conditions are very favorable for dredging on the Fraser where he will operate, and his company have 30 miles of river bed and intend to have several machines at work within a few months of the completion of the one now building. If the new dredger does not pay for itself

every 30 days Mr. Young says he will be disappointed.

F. H. Lantz, foreman of the Montreal claims on Quenselle river near Beaver, was in town this week on his way to Alberni, where he has some interests which he goes to look after. Mr. Lantz reports work on the Montreal Company's ground, under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. Drummond, is going ahead in good shape. Some very rich ground has been found, and the company on the whole are very well satisfied. The cost of opening up this gigantic property will not be less than a quarter of a million dollars, but when ever opened up will be a dividend payer longer than the present owners can expect to live. It is expected to take two years to get the mine in working order.

CHILLIWACK.

CHILLIWACK, Dec. 28.—The following were duly installed at the Masonic hall, Chilliwack, on St. John's day, as officers of Ionic lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M., G. R. B. C., by V. W. Bro. Logan, grand chaplain: W. M., Samuel Mellard; S. W., S. A. Cawley; J. W., A. H. Gillanders; treasurer, A. S. Vedder; secretary, L. W. Paisley; S. D., Justinian Pelly; J. D., W. T. Jackson; S. S., W. F. Ferris; J. S., A. F. Lindell; I. G., Joseph Bromley; and Tyler, George H. W. Ashwell.

THE SLOCAN.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)
This camp is especially lively in the Washington basin and around Oody and Sandon, in fact the last named place may fairly claim to be "booming."

There is enough mineral on the North Fork of Carpenter creek to ensure the permanency of Three Forks.

Near New Denver properties on the lake shore are being bonded or sold, and several hundred promising dry ore prospects near the lake are to be opened up by assessment and development work next summer.

On Four Mile creek eight men are working on the Alpha, and Poplan & Webb are about to ship two carloads of high grade ore from the Fishermans claim. The Currie, on the Galena Farm bench below Silverton, is now opened up in good shape and is for sale or bond. The Currie, at a depth of 55 feet, shows eight feet of concentrating galena ore and being a crown-granted property would be suitable for a company able to put up a concentrator.

The Enterprise group, on Ten Mile creek, under bond to Mr. J. A. Finch, is showing up well, therefore it is almost certain that the bond will be taken up and ore shipped before spring. The Kalspel claim, also on Ten Mile creek, was recently sold for \$3,000, cash down, to an American company represented by Mr. Lardner, who proposes to put in several thousand dollars' worth of development work, hoping to make it one of the big mines of this camp. The ledge matter on this surface is 24 feet across and contains scattered bunches of high grade ruby silver ore.

On Springer creek, seventeen men are working on claims located last fall, and a twelve ton shipment of dry ore has been made to the Pilot bay smelter. Five tons from the Exchange and seven tons from the Howard Fraction claims have also been shipped. The ore is expected to average at least \$100 per ton.

Mr. H. P. Hancock, a general contractor and mining man from Helena, Montana, inspected this district last week and took away with him terms of sale on the Arlington, Tamarack, and Currie claims.

RUTHVEN, Dec. 30.—Captain McQueen in his steam yacht discovered a schooner sunk near Pelee island. He thinks it went down in the storm of the 11th instant and that all hands on board were lost.

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