

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.

The Caplano came in on Sunday night from the northern bank with 10,000 pounds of fish for the New England Fish Company.

The Union Steamship Company have returned to them again the bonds they put up for the release of the steamer Coultman when she was seized by the British court.

A large lynx was shot by Thomas Ingle, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. Ingle, of Tynehead, Surrey. He has presented it to the public library museum.

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\$34 in gold. It is reported that a large body of rich ore has been struck in the shaft which is being sunk on the Sunshine by the Horn-Payne Company.

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the pupils and was as follows: Recitation, "Charge of the Light Brigade," George Booth; song, "The Glow Worm," Mary McFadden; recitation, "Let bygones be bygones," Martha Rule; recitation, "A Psalm of Life," Mary Rule; song, "The Ballad of the Little Boy," Mary and Annie Rule; recitation, "Up with the Dawn," James Richards; song, "Kitty Wells," Mary Rule; recitation, "Quarantine," "Wildfire," Willie Richards; recitation, "My Shadow," Mary McFadden; song, "Put my Little Shoes Away," Rose, Bertha and Martha Wilms; recitation, "Fidelity and Perseverance," Mary Richards; song, "Ella Ree," Mary McFadden and Mary Sampson; recitation, "A Book Lover," Amelia Rule; recitation, "Bridle and Bess," Caroline McFadden; recitation, "Cows, King Arthur," Edward Mahaffey; dialogue, "The Fairies," six girls of the school; recitation, "A Gracie Mac Lesson," Edward McFadden.

Not the least interesting item was a spelling contest between the pupils of the school. The children were quite excited over it, and many of them spelled very creditably. The winner, Martha Rule, was presented with a book given her by the school.

A recitation was then nicely rendered by a small boy, Willie McFadden, after which the following persons contributed to the evening's enjoyment: Mrs. Cotford, Mrs. M. Adams, Mr. Adams, Mr. E. Bittancourt, Mr. and Mrs. McFadden, Mr. Ed. Harrison, Mr. Purness and Mr. J. Harrison, rendering songs, all of which were well appreciated, many thanks being expressed to Booth and Mr. E. Rosnap gave readings, which were well appreciated. The musical selections by Mr. Adam and Mr. Fallow on the violin, and Messrs. L. and G. Bittancourt on the piano organ were exceedingly well rendered, the latter being loudly encored. A dialogue, "Amst Jousy's Beaux," caused a great deal of merriment. After the songs were rendered, the program was closed by a plentiful supply of fruit brought by the ladies and also oranges were served to all, after which nearly every one present went to Mr. McFadden's where a dance was kept up until about 7 o'clock. All expressions of themselves well pleased with the evening's entertainment and with the progress which the pupils were evidently making, as shown by their interest in which they rendered their songs and recitations.

BOUNDARY WORK. Boundary Creek. The shaft on the Long Lake camp was down 50 feet in splendid ore last Tuesday. More men will be put to work to develop the property.

A strong lead 5 feet wide between well defined veins was discovered last week on the 36, near Boundary creek, and that a drift is being driven both ways from the shaft on the ledge.

HORSEFLY. Horsey, Cariboo, Jan. 24.—This has been at the start a severely cold winter on Horsey. The cold led up for a little while, but it soon returned with renewed and merciless vigor.

There are but very few of the insects entering here this winter, as every man that was able to went out to civilization when winter set in. Prospecting on Horsey has developed nothing for years, except that the Horsey Hydraulic Mining Company, who have been operating for some time last fall, are claiming to have developed rich drift dirt, and will now abandon hydraulic and put in a stamp mill, as a hard crust of cement overlies the pay dirt, and which water has no effect. The old Harper claim, further up the Horsey, still remains idle, although R. T. Ward, its owner, promised to have it working in operation by the 15th of last July. There is but very slim likelihood of its running by next July. He is far more enterprising as a lawyer than as a miner. He had no sooner extorted himself from his law suits with the so-called jumpers than again he is engaged in several, notably one with the Horsey Hydraulic Mining Company, for fifty thousand dollars. If he succeeds that will equip him for life.

A Californian also by the name of R. H. Campbell came to Horsey last summer, laid out a new geographical surface, pointed out Beaver Valley as joining Horsey as being the old bed of the Horsey river, also the bed of the mighty Fraser river, also the Clearwater river, and he candidly believes the Thompson river; all of them found their united way through Beaver Valley. A Cariboo miner who would undertake to turn such an aggregate of water through this narrow valley would have to first move the mountains back on one side or the other, as the valley in places is not two hundred yards wide, but the minister of mines gave him four miles of this valley, which we expect to prove very remunerative.

Another, Charles Campbell, represented by G. O. Leask, has been holding seven leases for three years. This fall they started to sink a shaft to develop their ground. They went down fifty feet and suspended. These leases are seemingly not serious for working, but to sell Cariboo is a large country, but the promiscuous issuance of these leases and their unlimited bounds are making the country now so small that there is not half room for a mining population.

pany is owned by W. C. and W. H. Hawkey and J. D. Farrell. It is currently reported that a deal is pending by which an English syndicate will acquire the holding of the several associate companies working in the Twin Lake and Howson Creek basins in the Slokan. In every one of these ventures the owners have made big money. The Idaho earned big dividends since the start, and up to date has paid its owners \$120,000, of which \$72,000 were paid during the past four months. The Atlanta during the first eighteen months operating back to the purchase price, the development charges, and a dividend of \$35,000 besides. Its total earnings are computed by those who should be in a position to know, as \$250,000. The Cumberland was purchased for \$25,000, and like the other properties, it has been developed from the proceeds of the ore taken out.

The Silver Bell, on South Fork, was sold last night to Frank C. Loring, of Spokane. Kaslo's water system was completed last night and the system is being tested this morning with most satisfactory results. The lowest degree of temperature shown by the thermometer supplied to the meteorological department observer was 4 degrees above zero, or 29 degrees of frost.

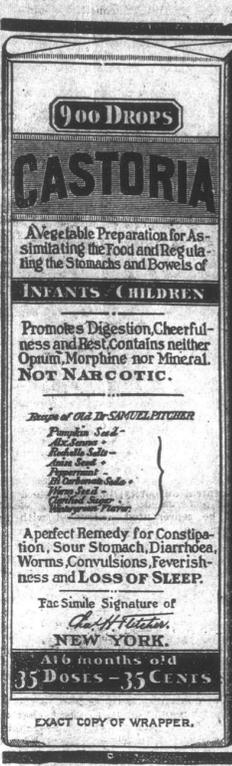
D. C. McGregor has the contract for the construction of an addition to the round-house of the Kaslo & Slokan railway, which will afford accommodation for two engines. A Hespeler committed for trial, charged with having obtained money by false pretences, upon the utterance of a worthless check, Wednesday morning last by County Court Judge Porin, and found guilty. He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, to count from the date of his first incarceration.

John Allen has given a working haul of 600 tons of silver ore from the Iron Mountain claim, situated at the head of Schroeder Creek, which he acquired for \$10,000. Of this sum \$50 is payable in cash \$500 on the 1st of February, and the balance on the 1st of February, 1898. Subsequently Mr. Yull assigned the bond to J. E. Boss, of Spokane. One of the largest claims probably ever made for the settlement of ore from a Kootenay mine was paid on Monday last by the Kootenay Ore Co. at Kaslo to the Goodenough. The shipment consisted of about 42 tons of ore, which assayed 15 ounces of silver to the ton, and was worth after deducting all charges for sampling, smelting, freight and duty very nearly four thousand dollars. Apart from its massing this transaction forcibly attracts attention to the advantages offered to Kootenay mine owners by the sampling works now in successful operation at Kaslo. This lot of ore, for instance, within three or four days of leaving the mine, was sampled in the presence of the owners, thus assuring them of the completeness and accuracy of the methods adopted. It was assayed and the returns having been submitted to the owners and found satisfactory, the ore was purchased and paid for in cash at Kaslo and the sacks returned to the mine on the same day.

A COACHMAN'S STORY. "Rheumatism," said a leading physician not long since, "may attack anybody, but it is especially the disease of age and poverty. The immediate cause is an irregularity in the blood, which becomes lodged in these parts of the system where the circulation has the least force, sets up a more or less violent inflammation. This poison is always associated with impaired digestion on the part of the stomach and liver, and the amount of it in the system is increased by the inactivity of the executive organs, particularly the skin, bowels and kidneys."

Assuming the correctness of this view, the following conclusion is clearly deductible from it, namely, that to relieve or cure a case of rheumatism we should seek, first, to prevent the formation of the disease, and second, to stimulate the skin, bowels and kidneys, that they may throw it off; or, in other words, we must try to purify the blood. Outward applications, though they may, and do, mollify pain at certain inflamed spots, cannot, in the nature of things, eradicate the cause of the disease.

The following case illustrates the truth of this theory, and should be attentively studied by all who are afflicted with rheumatism—the two ailments being under different names—practically the same thing. "Sixteen years ago I had an attack of rheumatic gout which affected all my joints, giving me intense pain. My hands, feet and shoulders were puffed up and swollen, and for many weeks I suffered martyrdom. After this I was from time to time subject to rheumatism, which moved about my system, sometimes appearing in one part and then in another. For five years I suffered like this. In the autumn of 1885, whilst in the employ of a doctor at Baywater, my coachman, my eyes became affected and I was almost totally blind, not being able to see either the numbers or names of the streets I drove along. My eyes became a mass of live and hot dots. I was sent me to a specialist, and afterwards gave me a dose, and I went to St. Mary's hospital, Paddington, where I attended as an outdoor patient for some months. The doctor said that it was so bad that I had to give up my employment. The doctors at the hospital made a thorough examination of



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my eyes, and said they were sound, and that my affection was caused by the rheumatic gout. They gave me medicine and drops for the eyes, also placed blisters behind the eye and on the temples, but it was little better anything, then worse, and I feared I should lose my sight altogether. In July, 1886, my brother came to London on a visit, and urged me to try Mother Seigel's Syrup, as he thought it would drive the rheumatism out of my system. I got a bottle of this medicine from Whiteley's, in Westbourne Grove, and after taking two bottles I was wonderfully better, my sight returned and I felt better of myself. When I had taken six bottles I was as well as ever, and have since been well. You can publish this letter and refer any one to me. (Signed) Joseph Parker, 21 Blenheim Street, Westbourne Square, Baywater, July 1st, 1896."

Mr. Parker is a respectable man and worthy of implicit confidence. He is now in the employ of Mr. Whiteley, the famous purveyor, of whom he bought Mother Seigel's Syrup in the first place, and demonstrates the truth of the proposition, now admitted by the highest medical authorities, that rheumatism is a disease of the blood caused at the root of it, by chronic dyspepsia and indigestion. Mother Seigel's Syrup being the most successful medicine in the world for all ailments of the digestion, consequently prevents the further formation of the blood poison, expels it from all places where it has produced inflammation in the body, and hence cures rheumatism. The reader will note that it is now ten years since Mr. Parker's recovery, during which period he has not relapsed. Therefore the cure was real and radical.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES. Business Transacted by the Board at Yesterday Evening's Meeting. Trustee Dr. Hall Wants the Standard of General Education Raised.

A meeting of the board of school trustees was held yesterday evening at the secretary's office, all the members of the board being present except Trustees Belyea and Yates. The following communications were received: From Peter Hansen, offering to supply one hundred cords of wood at \$2.75 per cord. Referred to the supply committee with power to act. From W. J. Dowler, city clerk, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the estimates brought down by the board at the last meeting, which he said had been referred to the finance committee of the city council. This letter was received and filed. From Miss Sprague, a teacher in the north ward school holding a 7th division appointment who asked that the same rate of salary as paid to the teachers of the 4th division be paid to her, as she is teaching that division. Mr. Angus (Galbraith, of the same school) wrote asking, as he was doing the work of a second assistant, if he was entitled to the salary paid to the second assistants. These two letters were received and laid on the table. City Clerk Glover, of New Westminster, wrote asking for information as to the changes that had been made in the salaries of teachers. The information asked for was sent. Bills amounting to \$12.00 were received and referred to the finance committee, with orders to pay them if found correct. The supply committee's report, showing the supplies furnished to various schools, was received and adopted.

Trustee Dr. Hall then moved a resolution that a committee be appointed to inquire into the system of supplying ink and pens now in vogue and to ascertain what the cost of supplying these to the pupils would be. The motion was carried and Trustees Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Grant appointed as the committee. Trustee Mrs. Grant then stated that she had considerable complaints as to the ventilation and heating of the South Park school. Trustee McMicking said he had also received many complaints on the same subject. Chairman Hayward was of the opinion that the complaints arose from the teachers or janitors not complying with the regulations. A fire in the school on Saturdays and Sundays, he considered, would remedy the evil. Trustee McMicking then announced that he would visit the school and look into the matter. Referring to the appointment of an inspector, as suggested at a previous meeting, Trustee McMicking said that he thought one inspector could cover the work of the four cities of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and he moved a resolution that the secretary be instructed to communicate with the boards of those cities to ascertain their views regarding co-operation. Trustee Mrs. Jenkins seconded the motion, which was then put and carried. With reference to the old school sites of Rock Bay, James Bay and Hillside schools, which are held in trust by the city, Trustee McMicking moved that these sites be taken over by the school board. The matter was referred to the legislative committee to make enquiries and report.

Trustee McMicking then said that he had received a complaint from Mr. Salt who complained that the principal of the North Ward school had taken a knife from his son, who was a pupil in that school. Trustee Mrs. Grant explained that the principal had taken away knives from several of the boys who were in the desks. The boy Salt had been one of the number to have a knife taken away from him which knife was the property of his father, the complainant. Trustee Dr. Hall wanted to know what had been done in regard to raising the standard of general education in the city schools, a matter which, in his opinion should be proceeded with at once. The board, he agreed on the matter, could confer with the other school boards of the province and bring it before the council of public instruction and not getting any satisfaction from them, bring it before the provincial legislature. Chairman Hayward said the subject had been extensively dealt with by the board of school trustees last year, but nothing had been done. The board then adjourned.

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VENEZUELAN TREATY. The Treaty Sent by Mail to Caracas.

The raw hide trail between the Great Northern and Broadview mines at Trout Lake is completed and ore shipped every day down the mountain to Trout Lake road.

The ladies who worked so energetically to have everything in readiness for the special prize.

After a most interesting and well-rendered programme, which was not ended until 12 o'clock, the Christmas tree was lighted and the presents distributed amongst the children, who were highly delighted with the pretty things which they received.

Revelstoke Herald.

A rich body of ore has been struck in No. 3 tunnel of the Great Northern which assays 430 ounces of silver and