

CLERICAL INTERFERENCE.

The Liberal party again finds itself under the fire of the batteries controlled by certain dignitaries of the Catholic church. It would be unjust to suppose that all the prelates are ready to resort to the tactics of those who have interfered with the bye-elections, for many of them clearly appreciate the fact that their church is much more likely to lose than to gain by becoming a political party.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Work on the Deane and the All Over Work has commenced on the new steamboat at Libby Creek, and Captain Miller is superintending the construction of the boat.

The contractors engaged in running the tunnel on the Dible property are pushing the work as fast as possible. Work is progressing rapidly on the lower tunnel in the St. Eugene. It is now in 136 feet, and in about 50 feet more it is expected to strike the main ore chute.

The Banks brothers are at work on the Dardanelles. At present the lead is four feet in width, and is a gold proportion. The tunnel is in some 80 feet. Hydraulic or placer mining in this district does not seem to attract the attention which it deserves, considering the large areas of auriferous gravel banks which are known to exist on many of the streams flowing through this section of the province.

PLUMBER'S PASS.

From our own correspondent. (Plumber's Pass.)—On Thursday evening, the 30th ult., by the kindness of Mr. Henry Georgeson, a very enjoyable dance was given in celebration of the marriage of Mr. Andrew Garrick and Miss Annie Leslie, who were united in the Shetland Islands, Scotland, on the previous morning.

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NANAIMO.

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REVELSTOCK.

Thomas G. Riley fell from the bridge to the ice below, a distance of fifty feet, and was almost instantly killed. The development work on the Abbott group, which has been suspended since J. H. Hoar and W. Breckenridge were killed by a snowslide there a few weeks ago, was resumed this week.

FORT STEELE.

Development work is progressing on many prospects in this district, and during the ensuing year there will be quite a large number of mines added to the list of producing mines. The North Star is all right. As the development of the mine progresses something new may turn up, causing a sensation of wonder as to what the future richness of the mine may be.

KASLO.

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Acting for Otto Stalmann, of Salt Lake City, J. E. Boss has recently bonded in the Ainsworth district, in the United, Alpha, Union, Tenderfoot, On Timer, and Gleggery. Payments for most of these claims extend over a period of several months.

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Washington, class clerk in t... day brought to the public the financial straits in which, it is said, the majority of the physicians in that city live. Dr. Arnold de Langland, an old physician, who had been decorated by the government for brave conduct during the cholera epidemic many years ago, committed suicide with his wife because his practise had dwindled to the vanishing point, and starvation was staring them in the face.

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The harnessist was about to be hanged. They told him to say what he had to say, and to say "It quick." He was making a dash for it, when the doorman remarked, "Except that," it is my usual luck wild horses. I lose by a neck.