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BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

It was actually breaks out between Russia and Japan, there is every reason to believe that Britain will not only...

The decidedly hostile impression which this showed if somewhat unendingly diplomatic stroke created in British capital has not been alleviated...

JUSTICE MAY BE DONE.

There is a good prospect that the much longed Captain Dreyfus will be given proper measure of justice when his case comes before the court of cassation...

REVISION COMMISSION.

The revision commission, which was composed of military officers, was moved to grant the new trial by the submission of evidence brought to light...

THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE.

The people of France are now sufficiently removed from the influence of events which originally prejudiced their minds against Dreyfus to accept placidly the decision for a revision of his case.

HERO OF BLACK ROCK

REV. MR. GRANT, NOW IN ROSSLAND, FIGURED IN BOOK.

SAID TO BE CENTRAL FIGURE IN RALPH CONNOR'S WORKS.

Rev. Hugh R. Grant, the Pincher Creek divine, who is to fill the pulpit of St. Andrew's church here for the two weeks ending, is an interesting figure in the ranks of Western clergymen.

HAMILTON WANTED

A REQUISITION ASKING EX-ALDERMAN HAMILTON TO RUN FOR MAYOR.

DANIEL NOT A CANDIDATE

MAYOR DEAN STILL IN FIELD.

APPROACHING MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

The situation in respect to the approaching municipal campaign is rapidly straightening itself out.

ALDERMAN HARRY DANIEL IS NOW OUT OF THE RUNNING FOR MAYORSHIP.

He was spoken of as a candidate recently, but it is now stated that Mr. Daniel has positively stated his intention of declining a nomination.

MAYOR DEAN IS STILL AMONG THE PROBABLES FOR THE MAYORSHIP.

His Worship has no definite position on the question to anyone, and until he does so no one is authorized to speak for him.

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

Now for the Winter Carnival. With Christmas in prospect it was impossible to secure attention for the celebration of the annual midwinter jubilation, but with this out of the way it seems opportune to bring the matter up, and urge its prompt consideration.

THE REMAINS WERE TAKEN TO VANCOUVER FOR INTERMENT IN THE FAMILY PLOT.

Prior to the departure of the train last night, the services were conducted at the bereaved home in the presence of a large gathering of friends, who attested by their presence to the esteem and respect in which the deceased was held.

MASSONS INSTALL.

Joint Function for New Officers of Roseland and Trail Lodges.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Masonic Temple was the scene of a notable function last night, when the officers of the Roseland lodge, and those of the Trail lodge, were installed into the offices they will occupy for the current term.

CORINTHIAN LODGE.

John Dunlop—Immediate Past Master. Will Astley—Worshipful Master. James Anderson—Senior Warden.

FIDELITY LODGE.

D. F. Jelly—Immediate Past Master. William J. Devitt—Worshipful Master. Noble Blinn—Senior Warden.

BUDDING BENEDICTIONS RECEIVED.

HANDSOME WEDDING GIFTS FROM FRIENDS.

NOTABLE GATHERING IN MERRY PRECINCTS OF BARKER'S MESS.

(From Friday's Daily.) The members of "Barker's Mess," a Roseland institution of several years' standing, took a characteristically enthusiastic farewell of two of its members on Wednesday night.

LEAFINESS CANNOT BE CURED.

By local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

AT AN EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD JOINTLY BY THE SHAREHOLDERS IN THE "KEREMOS COPPER MINES, LIMITED."

The meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Schiefel, and was attended by a large number of shareholders.

THE LADIES CONCLUDED THE TOAST LIST AND SELECTED ADDRESS FROM EVERYBODY PRESENT.

The evening concluded most enjoyably, and will long be remembered in the annals of the institution.

LIKE CRIPPLE CREEK

HOW LEASING HAS FLOURISHED IN FAMOUS COLORADO CAMP.

What has been accomplished in Cripple Creek through the extension of the leasing system may be attained in Roseland if the problem is attacked with the same vigor that was manifested in the bustling Colorado camp.

THE STATEMENT THAT WILL NATURALLY DROP UP AT THIS JUNCTURE IS THAT CRIPPLE CREEK ORES RUN HIGHER IN VALUE THAN THOSE OF THE ROSSLAND CAMP.

This is correct, and it is in the mind that Roseland ore bodies have greater width, and that the transport facilities and equipment for it, are superior to those of Cripple Creek.

MATTERS LOOK BRIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH HOCKEY.

Last week the Roseland club had several splendid practices, the work being described as among the best ever seen in a local rink.

THE PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE AN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IN ROSSLAND IS AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

The proposal to organize an amateur athletic association in Roseland is again to the front, and this time the matter is in the hands of enthusiasts who will be expected to exert every effort to make it successful.

THE PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE A SNOWSHEDS AND TOBACCO SOCIETY WILL BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT THIS WEEK.

The proposal to organize a snowsheds and tobacco society will be brought into effect this week, and the parties interested will be called. The sport became popular last winter even when introduced to the country by the White Caribou Club.

REPORT ON CLAIMANT BUSINESS FOR THE PAST WEEK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Following are some of the week's clearings, as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending Thursday, Dec. 24th, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week of last year.

Montreal, \$18,060,206, decrease 7.7; Toronto, \$14,489,848, increase 15.7; Winnipeg, \$10,877,100, increase 49.4; St. Paul, \$10,488,248, increase 22.3; Hamilton, \$10,088,839, increase 34.4; St. John, \$9,898,000, increase 38.5; Victoria, \$8,743,458, increase 41.2; London, \$8,658,458, increase 16.3.

THE DYNAMOS AND GENERAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS THE AGITATOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR IT, ARE ON THE WAY TO BE DELIVERED AT THE MILL BY THE 27TH OR 28TH OF THIS MONTH.

The agitator will be 36 feet in diameter with 9 instead of 10 feet vertical shaft, as at first proposed, and eight feet on the slope of the conical bottom. The pump, or well, will be two feet in diameter. In the process a ton and a half of water and one pound of salt will be used for each ton of ore. It is intended to crush the ore to 80 mesh, first reducing it with 20 stamps and then crushing to the required fineness with four stamp mills. From the latter the pulp will be automatically conveyed to a series of five storage tanks and thence to the agitator.

The agitator will be charged four times every 24 hours, requiring 48 hours' agitation for an extraction of 80 per cent of the gold and silver content of 40 tons of ore, 60 tons of water and 1 pound of cyanide of potassium. Such is the formula for the cyaniding of Mountain Lion ore, but other ores may require modifications, depending on their chemical composition. The quantity of ore to be treated daily might possibly differ from that above given, as it would depend on the average quality of the mill and its management.

During this agitating process the cyanide solution will be deposited in the tank, and the residue will be recovered in metallic form. The ore will be assayed before being charged into the agitator, and the cyanide solution will be assayed every two hours during the process of agitation, in order to ascertain the progress of extraction of the precious metals.

AS SOON AS THE AGITATION IS FINISHED THE CHARGE WILL BE DISCHARGED INTO SETTLING TANKS.

The copper plates will then be removed and the gold and silver scraped off and melted in a furnace for that purpose into bullion and cast into bars ready for the refiner, whose province it is to separate the two metals. From the settling tanks the solution will be decanted into a battery tank for the recovery of the gold and silver by electrolysis.

THE NECESSITY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN AIDS TO NAVIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF AND AT THE ENTRANCE TO PORT SIMPSON HARBOR WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE STEAMSHIP AMUR STRIKING A SUBMERGED REEF IN THE HARBOR IN QUESTION ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 15.

Captain J. W. Troop, superintendent of the C. P. R. coasting service, in discussing the stranding of the Amur, mentioned what aids are necessary, and said that he had some time ago taken the matter up with Colonel Anderson of the department of marine and fisheries, but without apparent result.

There is not a single aid to navigation in the approach to Port Simpson harbor, with the exception of a buoy over a reef in the middle of Quinlan Pass, and that channel is only occasionally used by vessels running south from the port. In the approaches from the north and west there is not one aid.

NEWS FROM THE COAST

To build a permanent roadway across Rock Bay and gradually disengage the public utility of the present long and winding bridge is one of the commendable subjects receiving the consideration just now of the Victoria city council.

The Victoria creamery on the Carey road, near Victoria, was totally destroyed by fire early on Thursday morning, with all its contents, nothing being left but some charred embers on the cement floor, the brick chimney and the ironwork of the boiler and engine. The loss is \$300, partly covered by insurance.

A unique case was in the police court at Vancouver. Mrs. Uchida, a Japanese, asked that Tanaka, another Japanese, be restrained from making violent love to her. Asked to explain, she said he caught her when alone and held a keen blade knife over her head while he told of his love, and urged desecration of her chastity and flight with him. The court took the matter seriously, and sent Tanaka to jail to await trial at a higher court.

A very similar case recently ended fatally. The husband and friend of a persecuted woman being killed by a Japanese Japanese lover.

Louis E. Belmont, who was among the first to stampede to the Alaska district, beyond White Horse, has staked on Twelfth of July creek and says the diggings are rich. He has sunk several prospect holes, but has not reached bedrock in any. In one he exposed rimrock and from all indications bedrock would be about fifteen feet. As to Bullion creek, which he visited, he stated that the prospecting of claim Smith and his partners took forty ounces in gold. He describes the creek as having every prospect of yielding good pay and as being an excellent mine for household purposes, because the depth to bedrock is only a few feet.

N. C. Schou, who recently joined the editorial staff on the Coast, died on Christmas morning after a very brief illness. Deceased was for several years an editorial writer on the Vancouver News-Advertiser, and only moved to Victoria upon the removal of David B. Bogle from the managing editorship. He was an Englishman by birth and was quite an authority upon municipal and other subjects. He served for several terms as reeve of the municipality of Burnaby. At one time he took an active part in provincial politics, and unsuccessfully contested the Northwest Kootenay against Colonel Baker.

BY ELECTRO-CYANIDE

MOUNTAIN LION ORE TO BE TREATED BY THE HENDRYX PROCESS.

SYSTEM WILL PROBABLY BE ADOPTED IN ROSSLAND DURING 1904.

Considerable interest attaches locally to the operation of the Hendryx electro-cyanide process of treating low grade ores owing to the practical certainty of a system being introduced into the Roseland camp during the forthcoming year to handle low grade ferruginous ores.

A Hendryx electro-cyanide plant is now in course of completion at the Mountain Lion mine in Republic camp.

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THE ROAD TO YUKON

COAST BUSINESS MEN WANT NEW ROAD'S TERMINUS THERE.

ARGUMENTS ADVANCED IN FAVOR OF SUCH DECISION.

The question of a railway to the Yukon is agitating the Victoria board of trade. It is believed, apparently, that the Coast that when the selection of a route for such a road comes up some other terminus may be selected, notably Edmonton in the Northwest Territories, and steps are being taken to forestall such a move.

The Victoria board of trade has forwarded to the interior copies of resolutions passed and memorials drafted with a view to presenting the claims of Coast points for the terminus.

The resolution is as follows: "Whereas, by the decision of the Alaskan boundary commission, the title of the United States to the western coast of the continent north of Portland canal, has been confirmed, where by a strip of foreign territory has been interposed between the sea and the Yukon territory and the northern portion of British Columbia; and whereas the part of Canada above mentioned contains great natural resources which can only be very imperfectly utilized without a railway; and it is to the disadvantage of Canada that the business now done and hereafter to be developed, in the part of the Dominion above mentioned, should contribute to the building up of foreign cities;

Therefore, Resolved, that this board has learned with great satisfaction that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, has declared in his place in parliament, that it has now become the immediate duty of Canada to provide an all-Canadian railway to the Yukon, and most heartily endorses the same;

Further Resolved, that in the opinion of this board such a railway should be in the interests of the northern counties, as well as in justice to the Coast cities of British Columbia, be constructed from a point on the seaboard of this province with such southern connections, and extensions as will provide the shortest and speediest connection with these cities.

In support of the foregoing, the following is advanced: "The immediate construction of a railway over Canadian territory to give the Yukon territory and Altn the shortest and best connection with the coast over Canadian territory is deemed to be imperative in the interests, not only of the localities to be served thereby, but of the whole Dominion. National pride as well as the general welfare of the country require that access to our northern territory shall no longer be across a foreign country, where it is subject to interference at the hand of a foreign government. The area in British Columbia and the Yukon territory, which is cut off from the sea by Alaska, contains a quarter of a million square miles and possesses a great variety of resources. Existing means of communication, even taking into account the railway from Skagway, are inadequate to present requirements and to future development. What is required is an all-rail route from the British Columbia seaboard to the Yukon seaboard, so located as to accomplish the following objects:

"1. The construction of the shortest and best line from the British Columbia seaboard to Atlin and Dawson.

"2. The opening of the vast region lying on the head waters of the Stikine, Dease and Liard rivers.

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RAISED 'EM A FEW

CITY ENGINEER WANTS \$250 PER MONTH FOR EXPERT SERVICES.

BUSY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT—LIBERAL STRIKE.

Major VanBuskirk, city engineer, sprang a surprise on the city council last night in respect to the commission given him at the previous meeting to prepare data for the department of lands and works and an estimate of the costs in connection with the suggested construction of a civic power and light plant on Trail creek.

The city engineer has quietly filed the council that much of the work laid out for him is in the nature of expert research such as was never contemplated for any civil servant receiving the salary now paid him. He suggests, therefore, that so long as he is engaged on this special and expert work his salary be placed at \$250 per month. Major VanBuskirk now receives \$144 per month, having been cut down at the first of the year from \$168 per month. The matter was referred to the board of works, which will probably report on the subject next week.

Another point came up in connection with the suggested civic lighting plant under the head of notices of motion. Alderman Daniel had given notice at previous council meeting of a motion to notify the West Kootenay Power & Light company of the city's intention to take over the lighting system. Mayor Dean protested against the passage of the resolution, on the ground that after the service of such motion the city would be absolutely compelled to purchase the system whether it was later deemed advisable or not, and regardless of the city's ability to underwrite the purchase. If the notice was carried it meant that notice be served on the company, under the terms of its contract with the present company, be liable to heavy damages.

The point was conceded, and the motion referred to a committee to be named by the company that the city desired to make an examination of its books and accounts, under section three of the contract, wherein provision is made for such an examination on the expiry of four and a half years from the date of the contract. Notice of intention to purchase by the city need not be made for several months.

The city fathers seemed to be in a generous mood last night. It was resolved without opposition that the salary of Thomas Long, sanitary officer and general handy man about the various civic departments, should be \$85 per month in future. It was also resolved that Dan McDonald be paid \$75 per month hereafter. McDonald earned the slight increase involved in seven years efficient service on the fire department. Another resolution voted William McQueen, city clerk, a bonus of \$100 for extra services during the past year. At the first of the year Mr. McQueen's salary was cut from \$125 to \$115, while his work was doubled through a reduction in the office staff that made a saving on salary account of \$100 per annum. Now the council recognizes the extra services given by the bonus specified.

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