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CITY NEWS

(From Thursday's Daily.) Senator Hampden's minstrel, who appeared at the opera house on Monday night, played at Nelson on Tuesday before 100 people, most of whom left before the conclusion of the performance. The Nelson "rosas" the performance in unmeasured terms.

PERSONALS

over the C. P. R. He returns home this week. He is in the city on business. He is in the city on business. He is in the city on business.

While in Nelson on Tuesday night on route to Ymir on business bent, Mayor Dean of Rossland bore testimony in the course of an interview to the new measure of prosperity in store for the Rossland camp as the outcome of various important developments in connection with the local mining industry.

A number of Canadian Pacific main line conductors were recently discharged by the company, among these being A. Forrester and J. Dolg of Vancouver and A. Penzer of Kamloops, all of whom were old men in the service and well known to patrons of the road on the Pacific division of the main line.

The curlers meet at the skating rink tonight to elect skips for the season and draw for rinks. Other business is likely to crop up, including the matter of the increased rental charged the club by the skating rink company.

The repairs to the Newton block occupied by Empey Bros. were resumed yesterday. The aldermen have indicated that they would not oppose this move, and the weather conditions made it essential that the building be made somewhat near frost proof to enable Empey Bros. to carry on business. It is understood that the question of the raising of the building is left in statu quo until next spring, which is the earliest date that building operations could be commenced in any circumstances.

The political parties have as yet taken little action towards selecting candidates to contest the Kootenay constituency in the forthcoming Federal elections. It is practically assured that William A. Gallier, M. P., will again be the choice of the Liberals, his record for the past eighteen months having been made up in large measure by many shortcomings that might have been charged against him previously. The Liberals feel, however, that as their candidate is already in sight there is no special necessity of rushing into the political game until it is known whether or not the elections are really pending. Conservatives will hold their convention in Nelson on January 6th. No names have been mentioned as yet in connection with the Conservative nomination.

Among the finest displays of meats ever seen in Rossland is that now on exhibition at P. Burns & Co.'s Columbia avenue establishment. The display is attractively arranged about the walls of the store. Choice specimens of dressed pork and mutton are shown, together with prime Christmas beef of an unusually fine quality.

Judge Forin was in the city yesterday for the purpose of holding court in the court chambers. The only matter on the list was a motion in Centre Star vs. Miners' Union. James O'Shea, barrister, of Nelson, was in the city to represent the defendant organization's interests.

Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 13, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Noble grand, Mrs. Lydia Campbell; vice grand, Mrs. Annie Lee; recording secretary, Miss Nellie Evans; financial secretary, Cranus Graham; treasurer, Miss Maggie Seed.

The ordinary general meeting of the B. C. (Rossland and Slovan) Syndicate has been held in London. The proceedings were brief, Anthony J. McMillan and George S. Waterlow, both directors, not having returned from their visit to British Columbia at the time. The syndicate floated the Snowhove mine during the year, retaining 116,000 shares in the stock, which was described by the chairman as a valuable asset. Klondyke claims held by the syndicate had not substantiated the hopes entertained for success and had been abandoned during the year.

General Lord Dundonald, commanding the Canadian militia, is to be in Nelson next week. He will inspect the Nelson company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, and the company is actively preparing for the visit. The interior of the drill hall is being furnished and prepared for the occasion, and preparations are being made to place a number of recommendations affecting the corps before the general. Among these is the question of mobilizing the Rangers annually at some central point in the district. No word has been received locally as to General Dundonald's coming to Rossland.

The Kamloops district Liberal association has called a nominating convention to take place at Kamloops on January 13th to select a candidate to contest the new constituency of Yale-Cariboo in the forthcoming Federal elections in the Liberal interest. The constituency includes the provincial election districts of Cariboo, Lillooet, Yale, Kamloops, Okanagan, Similkameen, Grand Forks and Greenwood. The names of F. J. Deane of Nelson, Duncan Ross of Greenwood and Denis Murphy of Ashcroft will probably be among the nominations placed before the convention, and it is said that Dr. A. C. Sinclair of Rossland will also come before the convention as a candidate for the nomination.

A Vancouver dispatch states that Bertha M. Merrill has disappeared from that city accompanied by Ernest Burns, treasurer of the Socialist party in British Columbia. The young woman in the case resided at Nelson for four years, prior to which she worked on the editorial staff of the Brantford, Ont., Expositor. As a newspaper woman Miss Merrill did clever work, and would eventually have attained a substantial standing on the eastern press. She was induced by misrepresentation to locate at Nelson as instructor in a business college started by another Brantford woman, who was also misled. The institution did not flourish, and for a couple of years prior to her departure from Nelson Miss Merrill was a Socialist ally in the stage of fanaticism. Her latest alleged escapade is the most unfortunate of all.

The postoffice department has on more than one occasion strained at a gnat and swallowed a whole circus of camels in connection with the blacklist for Canadian mails. One of the recent instances of this is in connection with the "Physical Culture Magazine," edited by Bernard Macdonald of New York. The publication's aim has apparently been to revile patent medicines severally and collectively. About fifty copies of the magazine were sold weekly in Rossland, and it has many strong supporters, who object strenuously to their favorite monthly being thus barred from the mails while the magazine is being handled without a quiver by the postoffice department. At least one Rossland man has vented his grievance in a communication to the postmaster-general, vouching "as a good Presbyterian" for the morals of the magazine and saying: "The paper aims for better health and morality. It leaves religion and politics strictly alone, and cannot be classed as an anarchist publication. It exposes the fraudulent methods of patent medicine vendors and quack doctors, yet it cannot be that for this reason it is denied the mails."

The Rossland Conservative association held a successful rally in the board of trade rooms last night. The proceedings were enlivened by refreshments and cigars, while music and songs were sandwiched between speeches, with the result that the meeting was off with a swing that is ordinarily wanting under such circumstances. Speeches were delivered by Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, A. H. MacNeill, K. C. W. A. Macdonald, K. C., of Nelson, C. E. Gillan and C. H. Stanley, the latter occupying the chair. The addresses were along the line of the necessity of good organization in anticipation of the forthcoming Federal election, and the party in this constituency and elsewhere throughout the Dominion. The election of delegates to the Nelson nominating convention on January 6 resulted as follows: Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, A. H. MacNeill, A. S. Good, C. H. Stanley, James Fringie, E. D. Orde, J. Stillwell Clark, Charles E. Gillan and William Thompson; alternates, J. W. Mellor, E. Griffith, Peter Nott and C. E. Williamson.

Adjutant Blackburn, of the local Salvation Army corps, forwards a paragraph to the effect that the Rossland corps, in common with Army corps throughout the world, will do its utmost to bring gladness to the hearts of little ones at Christmas. With this end in view a special entertainment will be given, with several Xmas trees. Gifts for the trees are solicited. The entertainment will eventuate on the night of the 23rd inst., and everyone is invited to participate.

November payrolls in Rossland mines promise to be the best of the year to date. Yesterday the Le Roi company distributed \$24,500 to its employees at the mine and headworks, the Le Roi No. 2's November payroll at mine and mill aggregated \$11,700, while the Rossland-Kootenay company yesterday distributed \$7500 among its employees at the Kootenay mine. The total distribution of these three companies was, therefore, \$33,700, as compared with \$48,000 for the preceding month.

Fred Fraser, of Revelstoke, now in Rossland attending the supreme court sittings, is well supplied with titles. A letter will be delivered to him under any of the appended descriptions: gold commissioner for Revelstoke division, assistant commissioner of lands and works, district registrar of the supreme court, registrar of the county of Kootenay, collector, clerk, the peace or Stipendiary magistrate.

The British Columbia Institute of Assayers has been reorganized for the ensuing year, officers being elected as follows: President, Thomas Kidd; Vice-President, S. G. Blaylock Trail; Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur A. Cole, Rossland; Council, Herbert Carmichael, Victoria; A. L. McKillopp, Nelson; Walter E. Fegsworth, Greenwood, and Douglas Lay, McGeigan. The organization has a snug balance in the bank and looks forward to a useful year's work.

Existing weather conditions are a problem to the oldest inhabitants. For a fortnight a few inches of snow has been badly needed in Rossland, and almost for the entire period the weather conditions have pointed to snow, yet the expected has not happened. Now that the frost is in the ground a couple of inches, a slight coating of snow would make admirable sleighing and expedite the shipment of ore from the Kootenay and Jumbo mines. The latter is shipping under difficulties, while the Kootenay has been completely tied up so far as ore shipments are concerned since the last thaw.

The telegram forwarded by the Victoria board of trade to the Rossland board anent the new assessment act reads as follows: Victoria, Dec. 9th. President, Board of Trade, Rossland. The new assessment law imposes extraordinary taxes upon merchants and manufacturers. This board is protesting and asking for the interests affected, and urges you to instruct your representative by wire to insist upon delay. Immediate action necessary.

Pio Simonetti, the pioneer Rossland miner, met a number of former Rosslanders during the six months he spent on Vancouver island. Nick Tregear, former superintendent of the Le Roi, is in charge of the Snowhove mine, now owned by Bellinger & Ereen, and with him are forty or fifty ex-Rosslanders out of a total force of about 80. At the Tyee mine, immediately adjoining the Lenora, are a dozen other men who formerly worked in the Golden City. The first three months of his absence was spent by Simonetti at Quatsino, where he was employed at the Yreka mine, and under lease to Bellinger & Ereen. At this property he has a dozen Rossland men employed, the party leaving here in a body for the Yreka. Nick Tregear is also in charge of the work at the Yreka in the capacity of consulting engineer. Tom Stack, formerly of Rossland, is located at Quatsino, in charge of the June group, owned by the Copper Mountain Mining & Development company of Tacoma. The company has an enormous ledge of low grade gold-copper ore, on which surface work only has been done. Simonetti returns to the coast at the end of the month, when the Tyee resumes operations after completing improvements to its tramway.

The children in attendance at the public schools will have an opportunity of contributing to sweet charity by next week. Following the suggestion of the school trustees that the pupils be invited to donate fruits and vegetables to be forwarded to the Sisters' hospital, Principal Bruce has named Friday next—the last day of school before the Christmas holidays—as the occasion on which the children may bring their donations. Offerings of fruit or smaller quantities, as the feeling of children and parents may dictate. All the articles thus contributed will be forwarded to the hospital, where it is needless to state, the gift will be thoroughly appreciated and put to excellent use. The idea is to assist and to inculcate the desirability of charity along these lines.

Monday sees the commencement of semi-annual examinations at the public schools. The most important of the series is that for entrance to the high school, which is conducted under the direction and supervision of the education department. D. Wilson, inspector of schools in this district, is expected here on Sunday to open the exams and preside for the first day or two, after which he goes to Nelson to conduct similar examinations. Principal Bruce, of the Central school, will send up ten pupils to the examination, and Principal Brandon of Trail will have three candidates in attendance here. Of this number seven or eight should qualify for the high school. The examinations in the lower classes will proceed during the week, terminating on Thursday night. On Friday morning the closing exercises and public examinations will ensue, these being open to parents and the public generally.

It is gratifying to note that the attendance at the Rossland public schools is rapidly approaching the figures attained last year. In August of this year the average attendance was 52 below the same month of 1902, but in November the average was only 13 below December of last year. The matter of average attendance is most important to the community from the financial viewpoint, inasmuch as the grant from the provincial government toward the upkeep of the public schools is based on these returns. Each quarter the average is compiled and the department of education issues its check to the corporation. When averages are high the city's revenue is increased, while a low average reduces the sums accruing from the department, although the cost of maintaining the schools is the same under both conditions. This should be borne in mind by parents, who scarcely realize at the present time that the absence of children from school entails a direct cash loss on the city.

Duncan Ross, editor of the Greenwood Times, is stated to be the favorite for the Liberal nomination in the Yale-Cariboo constituency for the Federal house. Dennis Murphy of Ashcroft is mentioned in the same connection, with Dr. Sinclair of Rossland and F. J. Deane of Nelson as in the field for the nomination. The convention takes place on the 13th prox. at Kamloops, and the basis of representation on the floor of the convention is as follows: "One delegate for each 50 votes, or portion thereof, polled in the provincial elections. Those such delegates must have credentials from the Liberal Association having jurisdiction over the polling sub-divisions they represent, or from the chairman and secretary of a meeting of Liberals called to elect delegates where there is no Liberal Association. That proxies be allowed, but no delegate shall be entitled to hold more than five proxies."

The supreme court of Canada has reversed the judgments of Judge Martin and the supreme court of British Columbia in Hoskings vs. Le Roi Two, and awarded the plaintiffs damages as given by the Nelson jury in the original trial. At the first hearing the court declined to enter the jury's finding, non-suited plaintiffs on points of law. The supreme court of the province upheld this decision, but the supreme court of Canada reverses both judgments and finds for the claimants. By the last decision Mrs. Hoskings and family will recover approximately \$5000 damages for the death of Thomas Hoskings, who was drowned in the Kootenay mine by an influx of water following the tapping of some abandoned workings. The supreme court of Canada finds for plaintiffs and directs that if the parties to the suit cannot agree as to damages a jury shall be summoned to fix the damage under the Employers' Liability Act.

Two vagrants faced Magistrate Nelson at the police court yesterday. One was too drunk to be arraigned and the second was on the verge of snakes. Both were sent back to the cells until this morning.

J. A. Macdonald is expected here tomorrow from Victoria. Mr. Macdonald's Rossland friends will be particularly pleased to greet him after his splendid performance as opposition leader in the legislature.

Andrew Laidlaw, well known in Rossland and Boundary as the original promoter of the Boundary Falls smelter proposition, has closed a deal with Montreal capitalists for the sale of valuable coal lands on Fording river in East Kootenay.

The executive of the hockey club decided last night to get the game under way forthwith. A meeting will be arranged with the rink company at the earliest possible date, and it is hoped that the first practice will take place on Monday night. The outlook for a strong seven is fairly good.

For some months past Patrick Clark and Major Kingsbury, of Spokane, have had a bond on the Jumbo group in Tonopah camp. The property is owned by John McKane, formerly of Rossland. Within the past few days the bond was relinquished, but Mr. McKane is proceeding with the development of the property.

The first curling match for the President's cup took place last night at the rink with the following result: C. H. Smith, F. Stevens, G. H. Dunn, E. E. MacKenzie, J. H. Young, W. M. Wood, sk. 14 Dr. Kenning, sk. 9. Other games in the same series will take place daily until the series is concluded.

An interesting point has arisen in connection with the Bank of Montreal's Spokane branch. The Spokane clearing house rules provide for a discount of one per cent on Canadian currency, and in adhering to this rule the Bank of Montreal finds itself in the position of charging discount on its own currency. One of the officials of the bank states that several of the bank's customers in Spokane have protested vigorously against the enforcement of the regulation.

R. C. Morgan, superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern, came in last night to meet James J. Warren, manager-director of the White Bear Consolidated Mining company. Details were closed as to the completion of the spur from the railway to the White Bear ore bins, and the laying

of steel will be proceeded with immediately.

The resolution carried at the recent Rossland convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia petitioning the Federal government for a bounty on zinc has been forwarded to the affiliated boards for their consideration. The Nelson board took the matter up and decided to send it back to the Kaslo board, from which the resolution originally emanated, with the request that additional details and information be given.

L. A. Peel, formerly shift-boss at the Northport smelter, has been exonerated on the charge of stealing valuable products from the works. From the start the jury was almost overwhelmingly in favor of an acquittal, and two hours' deliberation sufficed to make the verdict unanimous. Peel's popularity was attested by the scene in court following the jury's award, the presiding judge finally ordering the arrest of several participants. The case is claimed to have cost the state \$1,000, while Peel was practically beggared by the cost of his appeal.

The Ladies' Altar and Children's guilds of St. George's church combined to produce an enjoyable entertainment at Union hall yesterday. In the afternoon the Ladies' guild displayed an attractive array of dainty needlework, with confectionery and afternoon tea in other sections of the hall. At 6 o'clock tea was served, a large number of guests partaking of the ladies' hospitality. In the evening the Altar guild gave a successful dance. The function was largely attended, and the music by Schorlemmer's orchestra was pronounced admirable. Altogether the combined entertainment was eminently successful.

Major R. G. Edwards-Leckie must have had a genuinely exciting mix-up with the leopard he encountered in Somaliland. Another account of the affair is given as follows: "Major Leckie started out with a cheirai (native servant) on an expedition to hunt wild game. Both had long distance rifles. A leopard was espied by Major Leckie on a rocky height in Somaliland and fired on by the major. He then exchanged rifles with his cheirai and ascended the height, but the leopard had simply lain low and, when Major Leckie had got near, suddenly sprang upon him. The major grappled with the wounded beast and they rolled down the height, the major being mangled and badly disfigured. But remaining game and retaining his senses in spite of the terrible punishment he had received, he disengaged himself and again fired at the brute and dispatched him effectively."

(From Sunday's Daily.) A. H. Reeder of Pennsylvania has been regularly installed in the management of the Crow's Nest Coal company's interest in the Frick coke plant at Connelville, Pa.

The first hockey practice of the season takes place tomorrow night at the rink. The executive of the club has had an interview with the directors of the rink, the result of which was satisfactory. Complete arrangements for the entire season will be made in the course of a few days. Meantime Monday's practice is a fixture.

Albert Walters, convicted in the police court on Friday of aggravated assault on the person of his own two year old infant son, who was sentenced yesterday to ten days' imprisonment at hard labor, together with a fine of \$25. In default of payment of the fine Walters will go to the Nelson jail for thirty days additional to the ten he must now serve. Magistrate Nelson stated that the man's imprisonment would work a hardship on innocent members of his family, otherwise the sentence would have been much more severe.

At the meeting of Rossland Camp No. 176, Woodmen of the World, held during the week, the following sovereigns, after a very exciting election, were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing term: John C. Smith, consul commander; T. L. Merrill, advisor lieutenant; J. C. McKeen, banker; G. A. Ohren, clerk; A. W. Kenning, physician; William Fife, escort; Fred Demuth, watchman; A. Lavigne, sentry; John D. McKinnon, J. E. Lam and N. G. Larson, managers. The Woodmen are contemplating a social on December 22nd, the next meeting of the night, but definite arrangements have not as yet been made.

David Wilson, inspector of public schools, arrived in the city yesterday to arrange for the entrance examinations commencing here tomorrow. He left on the evening train for Nelson, but will return on Tuesday. Sub-Principal Conroy will preside at Monday's examinations. The timetable for the examinations is as follows: Monday—British History, 9 a. m. to 10:30; Canadian History, 1 to 2:15 o'clock. Tuesday—Arithmetic, 9:30 to 11 o'clock; Dictation and Spelling, 11 to 12 a. m.; Geography and Reading, 1 o'clock to 2 p. m.; Wednesday—English Literature, 9:30 to 11 o'clock; Grammar and Composition, 1 o'clock to 3 p. m.; Thursday—Drawing, 9:30 a. m. to 12.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The postponed entertainment at Odd Fellows' hall under the auspices of the Rathbone Sisters lodge takes place tonight. The function is by invitation only, and the cards issued previously hold good for the postponed event.

Within the last few days a cougar performed an unusual feat at the cabin occupied by a Chinaman near Barney's ranch. The cougar entered the cabin, seized the Celestial's house cat and disappeared with the feline. Warnings have been sent to a number of eastern banks to the effect that notorious bank robbers were known to have headed for Canadian territory. Western banks were not apprised of the danger, from which it is inferred that little danger of bank robbers' operations in this district is expected.

As predicted in The Miner, the audience at last night's entertainment in the Methodist church had a genuine musical treat. The Schubert Quartette proved to comprise exceptionally talented and gifted soloists and musicians, and the concert was thoroughly enjoyed from start to finish. Several of the numbers on the program were repeatedly encored.

Another vacancy has occurred in connection with the general management of the Crow's Nest Coal company. A. H. Reeder, who succeeded J. H. Tonkin, has in turn thrown up the position and departed eastward with his family. The name of Mr. Reeder's successor is unknown as yet, and no reason is ascribed for his unexpected resignation.

The hockey club held its first practice last night at the rink. Fourteen players turned out for the trial run, among the number being William Hood, late of Sandon, and A. G. McCabe, recently of New Westminster. Ar starter the showing was excellent. Definite arrangements as to practice for the balance of the season will be made in the course of the next few days.

The entrance examinations commenced yesterday morning at the Central school under the direction of Sub-Principal Conroy, who is acting examiner during the absence of Inspector Wilson. Two Rossland and four Trail candidates are taking the examination. All the candidates are of the gentler sex, rather an unusual feature. English history was the subject yesterday morning, and the paper was generally regarded as easy.

The Kootenay mine resumes shipping today to the Northport smelter. Since the last thaw took the snow off the wagon road it has been impossible for the mine to haul ore, but the snow-fall of the past few days has remedied this. The effect of the resumption of shipping activity is to restore the crew to its former proportions, about twenty men having been laid off when teaming ceased.

Through an unfortunate inadvertence the church notice for St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was omitted on Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. Wright, of Grand Forks, officiated morning and evening, delivering interesting and impressive sermons. The officials of the church would be pleased to have Dr. Wright consider the question of the prorogate of St. Andrew's, but the reverend gentlemen feel that his advanced years will not permit him to undertake a permanent charge.

J. A. Macdonald, Liberal leader in British Columbia, returned to the city last night, and will remain here until the legislature resumes. Mr. Macdonald states that the assessment bill passed just before the house adjourned is unjust to merchants, and he will endeavor to introduce a new bill to undertake the taxation of mines, the effect of which will be to eliminate the iniquitous two per cent tax.

The supreme court is still in session at the provincial buildings. Yesterday morning argument was commenced in the matter of Centre Star vs. Rossland-Kootenay. Mr. Hamilton for the defence occupied the attention of court until 11:30 o'clock, after which Mr. Galt for the plaintiffs addressed the court. Mr. Galt took the question up in extenso and had not concluded his argument when court adjourned last evening. On the completion of the argument, the issue of Boutillet vs. Dumas will be taken up.

The finest buck shot in the immediate vicinity of the city for a couple of years was secured on Saturday near Barney's ranch by M. R. McQuarrie, merchant tailor, Warren Innes, of Hunter Bros. establishment, and J. F. Carruthers, of the Red Mountain office. The trio located fresh tracks crossing the wagon road, and Mr. Carruthers started out to trail the deer, while his comrades improvised an ambush, figuring that the deer would discover its tracks. Several hours later the deer emerged not twenty yards from the point where it entered the brush, and promptly received a bullet from each of the guns in ambush. It proved to be a fine buck, weighing approximately 200 pounds dressed. The deer was on exhibition at Taylor & McQuarrie's store yesterday.

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