

CITY NEWS

From Thursday Daily.

Edward Funk, formerly a well known Canadian Pacific man, is in the city. Mr. Funk had charge of various freight runs in the Boundary and was then put in charge of the Larde-Gerrard passenger run. In the latter capacity he was exceptionally popular by reason of a marked disposition to oblige the traveling public and the residents of sections along the line.

William J. Nelson has held the post of police magistrate for two days without opportunity of exercising his judicial function in the police court. Today the record will be broken, however, a couple of assault cases involving citizens who have had dealings in the small courts of late being on the docket for a hearing this morning.

The work of razing the Bealey block, destroyed in last month's fire, is making fair progress, and the major portion of the building has now been removed. The owner of the block has not as yet concluded what action he will take in the matter of rebuilding, but it is understood that a new structure will be erected if a tenant can be secured to lease the proposed new premises.

Fernie is in the field this year with a fast hockey team, and is anxious to arrange a match with Rossland during the approaching season. Jack McLaughlin, formerly of Rossland, is manager of the seven, and the question of arranging games will be taken up at an early date. The idea of enlarging the Rossland team's scope of play beyond Nelson and Boundary points will be generally received with approbation.

A determined effort will be made to convince the officials of the Red Mountain railroad that there is a genuine necessity for action in the direction of filling in the swamp bounded by Washington and Georgia streets and Fourth avenue. It is worth while to point out in this connection that when filled to the level of the surrounding section the swamp land should be extremely desirable for building lots.

The passing of the snow during the recent thaw has seriously interfered with the teaming of ore in various sections. The Jumbo wagon road is well sheltered by the mountains and by adding snow to the bare spots the company have been enabled to maintain operations. On the Kootenay road these conditions do not exist. The snow has run off, which effectually prevents sleighing, and the freezing of the water on the road has made wagon-hauling dangerous, as a result of which shipping operations are necessarily suspended until additional snow falls.

Herr Albert Klockmann, of Spokane, who is in the city for a few days on business, is well known to Rosslanders as one of the largest shareholders in the celebrated Continental mine in Northern Idaho. Mr. Klockmann states that the company is now doing much work on the property preparatory to extensive shipping operations during the winter months, when teaming is more practicable. The railroad project to connect the Continental with the Great Northern system is still in view, and matters have progressed sufficiently in this connection to guarantee the commencement of construction with the incoming of spring.

The returns from the Ymir mine for October are just getting into print. The following is from the London Financial Times: Ymir—Return for October—Sixty-five stamps ran 30 days and crushed 5500 tons (2000 pounds) of ore, producing 367 ounces of bullion. The estimated reasonable value (gross) of the product is \$10,250; 395 tons of concentrates shipped, gross estimated value, \$7750. Cyanide plant treated 2550 tons (2000 pounds) of tailings, producing bullion having estimated gross value of \$1950. Sundry revenue, \$437-30; loss, \$3863. There has been expended during month on development \$4550.

A dispatch from Vancouver says: H. DeKeyser, who has formed a company here and erected a test furnace of 70 tons daily capacity at a cost of \$12,000, has instructed his lawyers to proceed against Dr. Hendryx if he proceeds with his contemplated works at Revelstoke. The works are being raised on the Hendryx process being allegedly stolen from DeKeyser, and fully protected in all particulars by the latter's patents in all countries. His company, as soon as the test smelter has made good his expectations, will build a 5000 ton per diem customs smelter here.

Some unwritten city council history was enacted after Tuesday night's meeting. The report of the finance committee for Tuesday night's session included an item of \$50 to be deposited in court in connection with the appeal against the decision of the police magistrate in City vs. Wood. The committee eliminated the item, and when Mayor Dean discovered the omission after council had adjourned he criticized the action in strong terms. Until the appropriation is made, however, it would seem to be impossible to proceed with the appeal.

Passengers arriving recently from eastern and Crown's Nest points are discussing with interest the recent wrecking near Cranbrook, when a passenger train was wrecked through a collision with a cow. The train was proceeding at a rate of forty miles an hour, when a bovine ran on the track. The locomotive climbed over the animal's body and jumped into the ditch fifteen or twenty feet deep. Three coaches followed, piling wreckage many feet high. Strangely enough, not a fatality occurred, slight scalp wounds on the engineer being about the most serious result. The coaches

were extricated within a few days by a wrecking crew, but the locomotive was only replaced on the rails yesterday.

John D. Macdonald, general superintendent of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, has returned from Fernie, whither he went in July last to install electric light systems for a subsidiary company of the Crow's Nest Coal company. While there Mr. Macdonald installed two 3000-light plants at Coal Creek, five miles from Fernie, built lines connecting the mines with the city, wired the city and started the lights in operation. The load was transferred to the new system and the old plant moved to Michel, where it will be put into operation. Next spring a 3000-light plant will be installed at Morrissey Mines.

The hearts of curlers are bounding high today in anticipation of continued frosty weather. During the last cold spell the curling ice at the rink was flooded and sufficient depth frozen to proceed with the markings. The manager has been able to preserve this ice fairly well throughout the thaw, and a few days additional frost now will enable him to announce the opening of the rink for curling. At the same time the skating ice is being made as rapidly as possible, and skaters will be enabled to open the season after the curlers commence the season's sport.

Arrangements are being made to have a number of the volumes contained in the defunct city library removed to the library at the high school. The pupils in the high school courses are exceptionally diligent and are anxious to avail themselves of every opportunity to broaden their course of study. Numerous volumes now locked up tightly in the old library premises will be of marked utility to the pupils, and the proposal has been received with the measure of commendation which it merits. Principals of the high school, undertake to assume the same responsibility in connection with the books that he takes with respect to other properties of the school, which will be a safeguard against loss.

Judge Forin of Nelson held chambers at the court house yesterday, all matters being confined to the county court. The list was as follows: Kesch vs. Blochberger, application for particulars granted, C. R. Hamilton for plaintiff, A. H. MacNeill, K. C., for defendant. In Day vs. Reed, C. R. Hamilton applied for a new trial of action, adjourned for a week. Administration was granted in the estate of the late Edward Gagnon, valued at \$400, to his widow, Mary Gagnon, and in the estate of the late Ellen Thompson, valued at \$500, to her husband, James W. Thompson. On the conclusion of the sittings Judge Forin was the guest of the Associated Boards of Trade at the opening session in the court room.

Hockey players are invited to attend a meeting of intermediate players at the board of trade rooms tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, when the matter of organizing a Rossland intermediate team will be taken up and proceeded with if deemed desirable. The intermediate team, speaking broadly, will include all players who do not qualify for the seniors. Nelson and Boundary points have such organizations, so that a local team will not lack for players. The juniors will have the encouragement of the seniors, inasmuch as the cultivation of young players eventually strengthens the sport in every direction.

A party of Great Northern officials spent a short time in the city on Tuesday afternoon. It was headed by F. A. Ward, general manager of the Great Northern; H. A. Kennedy, assistant general superintendent of the Great Northern and vice-president of the Spokane Falls & Northern; H. A. Jackson, general freight and passenger agent of the Spokane Falls & Northern; and R. C. Morgan, superintendent of the latter road. The officials were in the city only a couple of hours, devoting the time to a flying scrutiny of the mining operations on Red Mountain and leaving in the evening for the south.

(From Friday's Daily.) J. Y. Cole was the defendant in an assault case at the police court yesterday, the plaintiff being George Novack. A fine of a dollar was imposed.

A blazing chimney at the corner of First avenue and St. Paul street caught on the fire department last night. No damage was occasioned.

The regular monthly meeting of the school trustees takes place on Thursday evening next. The business on the docket at the present time is of an unimportant nature.

The Canadian Pacific railway's receipts in the passenger department in the district south of Revelstoke for the month of November, 1908, were \$20,000 greater than they were for the same month in 1907.

Frank Boyd expects to sever his connection with the fire department on the 15th inst., having filled his resignation with the council on Tuesday last. No appointment has been made as yet to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Dean turned in a false alarm to the fire hall yesterday for the edification of the delegates to the Associated Boards of Trade. The department made a great run to the corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street.

On and after the 17th inst. the Early Closing bylaw on the municipal statute books permits all merchants to keep their places of business open to the public as late as desired, no restriction whatever being enforced in respect to closing.

A possibility for reduced prices for meat looms up on the horizon. F. Burns & Co. has reduced the wholesale sale price of beef by the quarter to 81-2 cents as against 9 cents, the ruling figure prior to December 1. The retail price has not been cut as yet, but this may eventuate shortly.

Almost all the fraternal societies represented in Rossland elect new officers this month, in consequence of which the fraternal sessions are more or less social functions. Few communities in the west have stronger organizations in the fraternal line than has Rossland.

J. M. Lay, Thomas G. Proctor and W. W. Beer, Nelson delegates to the Associated Boards of Trade convention, left last night for home, the principal business of the convention having been disposed of. The balance of the visitors are expected to leave this morning.

The small fry about the city is spending its leisure sleighing on the hills. This season the youngsters have selected the roads instead of the sidewalks, with the result that pedestrians are not continually in danger of being run down. The rule does not hold good in all instances, however, and there is, therefore, a possibility of accidents.

The frost of the past couple of nights has materially expedited the work of making ice at the rink, and tonight may see the inauguration of curling for the season. The curling club will proceed immediately to select rinks for the coming season's play, and enthusiasts are looking forward with the keenest interest to forthcoming games.

Knights of the Macabees last evening elected lodge officers as follows: Past commander, A. Deslets; Commander, J. Partell; Lieutenant commander, Captain Merrill; Sergeant, J. Annable; Record keeper, W. R. Beaverville; Finance keeper, Robert Anderson; Chaplain, J. Swanson; First master, J. of the grade, J. Cadotti; Second master of the grade, Johnson Lee.

Citizens wishing to send parcels or cards by mail to Great Britain to reach the destination before Christmas, should mail them by next Tuesday at the latest. Parcels sent after that date are not likely to arrive till the following week. The mails are already beginning to show the effects of the near approach of the holiday season, and are getting heavier daily.

The I. X. L. mine has resumed operations under the new Craven-Pringle lease. Eight men are employed, and underground work in the mine has been started. Repairs are being made to the O. K. stamp mill, and in the event of a breakdown from freezing, and the next few days should see the entire battery in operation.

No word has been received as yet from the Kootenays of General Lord Dundonald. It is now known that instead of coming into the Kootenays from the Territories Lord Dundonald went straight to the Coast. The presumption is, therefore, that if he decides to visit Nelson and Rossland it will be on the return trip, the date of which is indefinite as yet. It now seems unlikely that the General will come to the Golden City, although word to the contrary may arrive any day.

The deer shooting ends on the night of the 15th inst., but cariboo may be killed up to and including the 31st inst. Grone may also be killed till the 31st inst. Game may be offered for sale for five days immediately following the commencement of the close season, but thereafter offerings of game may be seized. Private families are permitted to keep game killed in season for any length of time, the onus of proof as to the lawful killing being always upon the party in possession of the game.

The members of the Current Events club were at home to their friends at the club room last night, the occasion being the first open session of the organization. The feature of the proceedings was a literary guessing contest, in which the gathering selected titles of books from designs drawn on cards. Mrs. E. A. Laird carried off the honors in the contest and was awarded a handsome drawing executed by Mrs. Cleland. During the evening Mrs. T. Burns Linton contributed a recitation in exceptionally happy style. Refreshments were served. The next meeting of the club takes place on the first Monday in the new year.

Only two voters have been placed on the municipal voters' list by declaration to date, although the registration commenced on Tuesday morning. Practically no interest has been manifested as yet, and it would now seem as if history would repeat itself locally and the bulk of the voters leave the matter of registering until the last few days available. This is somewhat surprising in view of the general interest taken a few weeks ago in the probable outcome of the forthcoming municipal campaign.

The annual meeting of the Kootenay Curling association takes place here today in the board of trade rooms. Among the visitors in the city to attend the session is H. A. Brown, the "father of curling" in Revelstoke. Revelstoke is a candidate for bonspiel honors, backing its invitation with an assurance of unbounded hospitality, the finest rink in the west and every possible convenience in the matter of first class hotel accommodation. The city has always sent rinks to the annual bonspiels, and with its facilities feels confident of being able to give the Kootenay curlers an enjoyable week. Nelson is also in the race for bonspiel honors. The Rossland delegates are not instructed to back any particular town, nor does the Rossland club desire to secure the event.

one of the principal beneficiaries by this sale, his portion of the purchase price being estimated at upwards of \$60,000. Other important coal land deals are under way in the Crow's Nest Pass district, involving the investment of large sums by French capitalists. T. G. Procter, now attending the Associated Boards of Trade convention in Rossland, was one of the principal owners in the Blairmore tract.

In pursuance of an order from Mr. Justice Irving at Vancouver, which reached Nelson Wednesday, Edward Tanghe of Rossland was released from jail yesterday morning. The first order for his release was by telegraph from Vancouver, and was not accepted by the local authorities as sufficient. Finally after considerable writing and writing between Tanghe's lawyers and the attorney-general's department the required order was issued. He would have been released Wednesday, but owing to the police magistrate being out of town for the day, a further delay occurred.

The recent reduction in the auctioneer's license fee chargeable under the City's Trades License bylaw may have the effect of abrogating in large measure the effect of the Early Closing bylaw. Any merchant taking out an auctioneer's license can apparently keep his premises open for as many hours daily as he desires, instead of being compelled to close daily at 6:30 p. m. save under exceptional circumstances. This is the way the bylaw works out at present.

If six or eight inches of snow would fall while the present cold snap lasts the wagon roads in the city and vicinity would be in exceptionally good shape for the balance of the season, inasmuch as there is now a couple of inches of frost in the ground. Thereafter in the event of thaws it would be possible to keep the roads in repair by the application of a few inches of snow at points where the traffic had worn down the covering. The section is sure of much snow before the season ends, but at least one mine is prevented from shipping at the present time owing to the scarcity of the beautiful on southern exposures.

The Rossland Civilians' Rifle association is winding up a successful season by calling in all rifles and other government property and preparing its financial statement for submission to the annual meeting of the members. In addition to enjoying success in the matter of the manifestation of interest by members in the pastime, the association accomplished great things financially. The cost of constructing the Ferndale ranges was defrayed, other expenses were liquidated and a small cash balance remains intact at the bank with which to commence next season's work.

A silver-lead miner in the city at the present time on business states that no surprise should be felt at the fact that the lead bounty has not brought about a large increase in ore shipments from the Slokan. A number of persons are developing ore bodies with a view to taking advantage of the bounty, but this cannot be accomplished in a few days or weeks, and spring will probably be at hand before the effects of the bounty are discernible on a large scale in the shape of materially increased production. That this would probably be the case was distinctly pointed out to the Federal authorities when the bonus was granted, and The Miner's informant is sure that no great disappointment has been occasioned at Ottawa.

In figuring on the hockey possibilities for the forthcoming season it will not be safe to leave Revelstoke out of the reckoning. H. A. Brown, the well known curler, who is in the city today, is the authority for the statement that Revelstoke possesses the "fastest hockey team ever gathered together in the province." He states that for months the team has been quietly strengthened by the addition of first class players from Winnipeg and the Territories, most of whom are holding good positions in the Canadian Pacific shops, now employing about 275 men, and that the club is determined to make the Nelson and Rossland teams hustle for the championship.

Officers for the ensuing term were elected at last night's meeting of Corinthian lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M. The contest was conducted with vigor, particularly in view of the fact that grand lodge convenes in Rossland during the incoming term. The result of the election was as follows: Will Astlewood, worshipful master; James Anderson, senior warden; W. Al. Pratt, junior warden; William McQueen, secretary; John Kirkup, treasurer; Thomas Long, tyler. The balance of the officers are appointed by the worshipful master. Installation will be St. John's day, and will probably be marked by the customary felicitous proceedings.

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Among the visitors to the city yesterday was Dr. J. E. Barrett of Winnipeg, who spent a couple of hours in the city in his official capacity as inspector of breweries and malt houses for the Dominion, his post being one of the most important in the excise service. Dr. Barrett is best known to Cranley, local collector of inland revenue. While in the city Dr. Barrett was looked after by H. Perry Moffatt in Canada as the gentleman in whose name action was entered against the province of Manitoba to set aside the famous act whereby the separate schools were wiped out of existence. Under the title of Barrett vs. Manitoba the suit was carried to the privy council and was a genuine cause celebre that threatened to upset the political situation in the Dominion as a whole.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The March sitting of the Supreme court is concluded, only a couple of issues being tried. Mr. Justice Martin will preside at the Supreme court sitting here on Tuesday next.

There will be no service in the Baptist church tomorrow morning or evening. Services will be held the following Sunday, conducted by Rev. F. H. McEwen.

A. S. Carey, inspector for the Hartford boiler insurance company, leaves today after spending several days in the city on one of his quarterly visits of inspection. Mr. Carey has officiated in this capacity for the past thirteen years, and is well known throughout the Kootenays.

The usual meeting of the board of trade did not eventuate on Wednesday night, owing to the convention of the Associated Boards. The December meeting can be held at the call of the president, and will probably be convened later in the month, although there is nothing of importance on the docket as yet.

The public school pupils are now approaching Christmas examinations. In the upper classes no special change is likely to be brought about as the outcome of the semi-annual tests of proficiency, inasmuch as the high school entrance examinations only occur annually and the course of preparation for the midsummer exams covers the entire year.

Curling was commenced pro forma at the rink yesterday, when the delegates to the annual meeting of the Kootenay curling association sent the "stones" down the rink for the first time this season. If the present frosty weather is continued the season's skating will be started on Monday. Good progress has been made with the formation of ice on the main section of the premises and the management expects to open the rink Monday night.

A. C. Galt has returned from Victoria, whither he went on the conclusion of the Kamloops session of the executive committee of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, as a member of the special committee formed to present to the legislature the recommendations of the association. The committee did not secure a reasonable assurance that its presentation would have the consideration it merited.

The directors of the skating rink have altered the charges for tickets to the following scale: Men \$6, women \$5, children under fifteen years \$3. No family tickets will be issued owing to the abuse of this system in past years. Curlers will be required to pay full price for skating tickets, and the curling club's rent has been advanced \$50 per annum. Caretaker Williams has been re-engaged for the season at a salary of \$90 per month.

The ground on which application may be made to the Federal government to bonus zinc blende produced in Canada is that in the silver-lead sections it has been demonstrated that ore of depth carries a constantly growing percentage of zinc, and that in future steps must be taken to save this metal. The result is the inauguration of an entirely new industry, and Federal assistance would be valuable in placing the zinc industry on its feet.

Nelson's curling club easily carries off the honors in the Kootenays in point of membership. The club has 125 paid members, and could have secured more had a halt not been called in the enrollment of new members. The outcome of the interest manifested in the rink game will probably be that next year will see a rink constructed exclusively for curlers. On the start a four-rink building will probably be erected with arrangements for the addition of two rinks should necessity demand extra space.

Rossland is distinguishing itself as a convention city. The annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade has just been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and yesterday the curlers of the Kootenay-Boundary country assembled here for their annual meeting. Among the fixtures on the list for the approaching twelve month are the annual grand lodge meeting of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' fraternities. Such gatherings bring credit to the community and afford the opportunities for the display of hospitality for which Rossland is justly famed.

The hockey fever has spread in Rossland, and a manifestation of this developed last night when twenty enthusiasts gathered at the board of trade rooms and formed the Rossland Intermediate Hockey club in affiliation with the senior club. The officers of the new club will be the same as for the seniors, with the addition of Charles E. Summers as secretary, Al Keating as captain pro tem and the

following executive: J. Preston, D. E. Cross, R. Inches, the secretary and acting captain. The club is open to all players who do not succeed in catching a place on the senior team.

The curling season was formally inaugurated yesterday when the following rinks contested: A. W. Strickland R. W. Grigor Duncan Ross Charles V. Jenkins P. E. Wilson Dr. Coulthard H. A. Brown, skip, J. R. Fox, skip, 10 P. E. Macdonald, R. Kinning P. E. Wilson A. B. Mackenzie R. W. Grigor J. M. Macdonald D. Ross, skip, 8 H. A. Brown, skip, 10 It will be noted that visiting delegates to the Kootenay association entered into the composition of all four rinks.

Major Van Buskirk, city engineer, has prepared an exceptionally neat and complete set of maps for the connection recently made between the city water system and that of the Le Roi mine. The maps show the actual connection, with the location of the valves by which the Le Roi water can be turned into the city mains and vice versa. Moreover the exact method of manipulating this set of valves is explained so that no loss of time need be occasioned by inexperienced men. The location of all hydrants in the Le Roi fire protection service is shown on the map. Copies will be framed and preserved at the Le Roi compressor, the fire hall and the city hall.

Rossland school teachers are looking forward with keen interest to a probable visit at an early date from D. Henry Dunnell, inspector of manual training for the province. Professor Dunnell is visiting the principal centres of the province and lecturing to the teaching staffs of the public schools or brush drawing and clay modelling, both of which subjects are initial studies in the manual training course. He is now in Nelson, but concludes his course of lectures there on the 12th inst. It is expected he will be in Rossland shortly after that date.

During the recent session of the Associated Boards in Rossland it was suggested that the delegates might profitably consider the question as to whether the association had not fulfilled its object and was ready to disband. The suggestion elicited a series of addresses strongly advocating the maintenance of the institution. John L. Retalack scored strongly by stating that when the claims of the lead producers were being presented at Ottawa the delegates from Kootenay found that next to the provincial legislature the Associated Boards of Trade of southern British Columbia carried more weight with the Federal legislature than any other organization in the province.

A matter of considerable importance to business men throughout the Nelson and Lardeau districts is now being adjudicated upon in Nelson. It will be remembered that Carson & Porter, railroad contractors, failed in the completion of the Lardeau branch of the Canadian Pacific after having issued several thousand of dollars in wage checks, most of which were hypothecated with business men in the districts specified. The Dominion government held the sums so owing out of the subsidy to the road, and will re-pay the men who honored the orders. S. Leonard Shannon, auditor of the railways and canal department of the government, is now in Nelson investigating the matter and arranging to take up the time-checks. An arrangement will probably be arrived at whereby the orders will be cashed at the figure paid for them by the present holders.

The litigation started in the supreme court a few days ago under the style of City vs. West Kootenay Power & Light company was brought to a sudden and satisfactory close yesterday. The city claimed that the company's poles were really and therefore assessable by the municipality, while the province claimed the poles and wires were personal property and assessable by the province. The taxes in issue amounted to \$400 and have gone to the province for the past two years, and action was commenced to settle the matter, the West Kootenay company being in favor of paying its taxes to the corporation, but desiring a judicial settlement of the point in issue. Yesterday John Kirkup, government agent, Lorne A. Campbell, manager of the company, and City Solicitor Nelson discussed the matter, with the result that the city's claim is admitted, and the issue disposed of without resort to court.

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