

The Colonist.

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A REMARKABLE TRIAL.

The action taken by some of the members of the City Council with respect to Dr. Duncan is characteristic. It shows with sufficient clearness that these men when they have an object to gain pay no attention to the law bearing on the subject, disregard evidence when it is not in favor of their schemes, have no respect for professional knowledge and authority, and are deaf to the promptings of justice and fair play.

Dr. Duncan was accused of what these aldermen were pleased to consider an offence. They could not show that the Health Officer had violated any law or contravened any authoritative civic regulation. On the contrary, the city by-law, as was shown by the Mayor, gave the Health Officer full discretion in the premises.

Anyone who has the slightest experience of judicial proceedings, or who has the least regard for justice and fair play, must see the absurdity as well as the iniquity of putting an official on trial for an act which a little inquiry would show his persecutors is no offence at all.

What makes the persecution of the medical health officer still more iniquitous and more absurd, his persecutors, as far as the public have heard, never even attempted to prove that there was a case of small-pox in the city. As a matter of fact, as we are credibly informed, there was not.

The conduct of the Mayor in this case has been that of an honest and intelligent presiding officer and a high-minded gentleman. It happened that the only offence which Dr. Duncan committed was against the Mayor personally.

The Times, for some reason best known to its editor, permitted its pack of scribbling curs to bark and snarl at the heels of Dr. Duncan, justified the absurdly iniquitous proceedings of the persecuting clique in the Council, and spitefully attacked the Mayor for manfully doing what every fair-minded citizen must see was his duty under circumstances that to many would be difficult and to not a few paralyzing.

UNCERTAINTY IN TRADE.

The Montreal Star, which no doubt voices the opinions and the wishes of a very large proportion of the business men of the Dominion, is not by any means satisfied with Mr. Laurier's declaration that the Liberals are reformers, not revolutionists. In its issue of the 30th ult. it has an article on the Liberal leader's utterance, in which it says:

It is also stated that the new Government will abstain from making any tariff changes during the coming session, on the ground that it is desirable that Washington should first show its hand on the tariff question.

he is a "reformer" and not a "revolutionist" would be very comforting if it were only a little more definite. Unless Mr. Laurier is prepared to make a more definite announcement of his tariff policy than has yet been made it is not desirable to postpone his reform which is not revolution. His tariff amendments may involve the destruction of some Canadian industries; uncertainty as to his intentions means the practical paralysis of all Canadian industries because no manufacturer will go on working in the dark. The Liberal platform declares the policy of protection to be radically unsound, and the Liberal leader has promised to wipe out the last vestige of protection. In the face of such statements the vague assurance that the Liberals are reformers and not revolutionists is not sufficient to encourage the investment of capital or the making of wares for future consumption.

On Thursday, July 16, the Miners' Union of Rossland will hold its first annual picnic on the anniversary of the organizing of the union. A force of fifteen men is building a thirteen-foot trail from the mouth of Cultus creek on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway to the headwaters of Champion creek. A trail will also be built up the north fork of Salmon river from the new siding at North Fork.

The Monte Cristo company placed an order with the Ingersoll-Sergeant Drill Company of Canada for a seven-drill compressor plant complete to be shipped in twenty days from receipt of the order. The time is up on July 6, but the company informed that the machinery will be on the road before that date.

Owners of claims on the north fork of Salmon river are beginning to do assessments. On the Arnold, Harry Hughes and partners have a site down 18 feet which shows 3 feet of galena and copper ore which assays 30 ounces in silver, \$18 in gold, 30 per cent. lead and 5 per cent. copper. Jack Empey has also got a good showing of galena on the Ben Hazen. There are said to be 7 feet of good grade ore exposed. This section is reported to have the best showings as to value on the surface of any of the outlying camps in the district.

The preliminary surface work on the Enterprise is another evidence of the value of the properties on Monte Cristo mountain. Two new ledges have been exposed by the Apache group of work. The Enterprise is one of the best undeveloped properties in the heart of the camp and promises to make a great mine before many months.

Very good assays have been obtained lately from properties in the Deer Park camp. They run from \$10 to \$153 in gold invariably from surface ore. Work on the Wolverine on Lookout mountain, just west of the town of Trail, has been started. On the G. R. Sovereign they have uncovered four feet of solid ore, which is said to assay very satisfactorily.

It sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

TRAIL AND ROSSLAND.

Effect of Judgment in Paris Belle Case—Important Strike on the Tuesday-Climax.

Valuable Properties on Monte Cristo, Red and Grouse Mountains—Salmon River.

Market quotations have been little altered this week, and what few changes have been made affect fruits almost exclusively. The shortage in the supply of strawberries, as indicated in a measure by the limited number of strawberry festivals, has been felt all through the season.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour-Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl \$5.50, Wheat, per ton \$35.00, and various other commodities.

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WHAT A "GOLD-BUG" REALLY IS.

Has not this folly gone on long enough? There are many signs that the turning-point has been reached; that the people are realizing the fact that they have been deluded in this matter.

PATHOS OF PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTIONS.

No one can examine the records of presidential conventions, with their personal successes and failures, and easily escape the conviction that there is far more of tragedy than comedy in our national politics.



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"THAT GOLD HILL SWINDLE."

Full Details of the Scheme to Rob the Minority Stockholders. (From the Rossland Miner.) The Miner has just learnt from a reliable quarter full details of the Gold Hill swindle.

It is a precious good thing for the conspirators that they are not residents of British Columbia or they would now be in jail at Kootenay on their way to the penitentiary, and as it is the parties who signed the bill of sale had better keep out of Rossland.

DOUBLE MURDER.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 7.—A horrible double murder has been committed here. The bodies of Mrs. H. R. Richardson, aged 60, and her daughter Ethel were found.

One Honest Man.

If written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter particulars of a genuine, honest home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and many vigor after years of suffering from nervous debility.

that of the board of directors who sold the property, the tunnel was run in over 400 feet, until now it is within 10 to 25 feet of the vein, with every evidence in the face of being close to a good ore chute.

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A bill of sale already prepared was then produced and signed by the president. Secretary Buckler refused to sign and in his indignation made the mistake of his life. Had he only stood "pat" the conspirators would have been foiled, as the bill of sale would have been invalid without the secretary's signature.

AMERICAN RABBIS.

MILWAUKEE, July 8.—The regular morning session of the conference of American Rabbis was preceded by a business meeting at which nearly fifty members of the conference were present.

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