The Mining Association

Interesting Extracts From Annual Report of California Association.

How Unsatisfactory Conditions Were Overcome--Subscribers to Local Organization.

The report of the proceedings of the sixth annual convention of the California Miners' association held in San Francisco in October, 1897, contains certain remarks made by the speakers on that occasion, which serve to indicate the degree of success which resulted from the organization in California of an association on the lines it is proposed to follow in British Columbia:

Judge Niles is quoted as saying:

"Mining went on for years, agriculture was developed, horticulture, vinculture, and the various other resources of this state were developed, and we marched hand in hand, the happiest people upon the face of God's footstool.

"But after years of experience our interests as miners—because I was originally a miner, and all that I have and am I acquired by working in the mines and for the miners—came in conflict with those of the agriculturists of the valley. What followed? Litigation—a good thing for lawyers, and a blank, blank, bad thing for citizens. (Laughter and applause.)

"Fifteen years of this litigation passed, and we as miners were worse off than when we commenced. Then it was that the intelligent men in the mining population took the sober second thought. They realized that we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us. They realized that a man should "so use his own as not to injure that of his neighbor." This seemed original to some men; it was not original to all. And then, five years ago, this mining organization was formed. Were we lucky? I should say we were. We were the luckiest men on the face of the earth."

The president in his annual address, said:

"Fellow Miners: Another year has passed and another annual gathering brings its pleasures and duties to those to whom has been intrusted the more active work of our association. Again we pause in our industrial march to take another annual account of stock, and ascertain the progress made by the mining industry of California and the needed measures for its future advancement. Again we meet in general conference for mutual consultation and suggestion, that we may the better aid the great industry upon which our state was founded, and upon which its prosperity in great measure yet depends.

"We are happily assembled at a time when the mining industry in California has taken on new life, and when its future outlook is more than ordinarily bright. The steady increase in the annual gold yield of our state is supplemented by renewed activity and increasing yields in other branches of mining to the extent that the eyes of the world are now turned upon California, and legitimate investors are making careful and earnest examination of the advantages here offered.

"This happy condition is in no small degree the result of the united efforts of the miners of California, through the association whose representatives are here assembled. The value of organization and unity of action is thus signally emphasized, and the duty of the California miner made clear and plain. I sometimes question whether the miners of this state have always appreciated, or even realized, the substantial benefits that have resulted from their united efforts. Six years ago the mining industry of this state was in a lamentable condition. The annual gold yield was at a low ebb, and one branch of gold mining was practically destroyed. The yield of other minerals was limited, and the belief generally prevailed in the industrial world that mining in California was rapidly becoming a thing of the past. So general was this belief that capital, in its search for mining investments, scarcely gave California a thought, but passed on to more alluring, if more disappointing, fields.

"Then came the California Miners' association, with its enthusiastic energy and co-operative determination. Our state legislature promptly responded to our appeals, and Congress lent us a willing ear. Public sentiment suddenly turned in our direction, and the people of the valley gave respectful attention to our appeal to reason and justice. Above all, the world once more learned of our marvelous mineral resources, and capital hastened to make investment in California mines. Today the mining industry of California is better known, better understood, and is attracting more favorable attention than for a quarter of a century past."

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Those who have subscribed thus far to the British Columbia Mining Association are as follows:

The Giant Powder Co., Victoria, $100; John B. Hobson, Consolidated Hydraulic Cariboo Mining Co., $50; Colin F. Jackson, Vancouver Engineering Works, $50; Hamilton Powder Co., Victoria, $50; Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Victoria, $25; Turner-Beeton Co., Ltd., Victoria, $25; E. G. Prior & Co., Ltd., Victoria, $25; Redon & Hartnagle, The Driard, $20; J. H. Todd & Son, Victoria, $20; R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., Victoria, $20; James Stables, M. P. P., Victoria, $15; O. F. Jackson & Co., Ltd., Victoria, $10; R. B. Skinner, Vancouver, $10; L. G. McQuade, Victoria, $10; S. J. Pitts, Victoria, $10; Simon Leiser, Victoria, $10; J. H. Brownlee, Seattle, $10; A. Henderson, Victoria Transfer Co., Ltd., $10; Stephen Jones, Dominion hotel, $10; James Anderson, Roberts & Kitchener mine, $10; W. G. Mitchell, Atlin, $10; Fred. Peters, K. C., Dardanelles mine, $10; Henry Croft, Lenora mines, $10; A. M. Jones, stenographer, Victoria, $10; Capt. John Irving, Victoria, $10; Findlay, Durham & Brodie, Victoria, $10; Rowland Machin, Victoria, $5; A. C. Galt, Rossland, $5; M. W. Loveridge, Victoria, $5; Col. Meinecke, Star Exploring & Mining Co., $5; Osmond Ferguson, Victoria, $5; A. E. Radford, Hutton street, Oak Bay, $5; S. S. Taylor, Nelson, $5; F. A. Deveraux, Victoria, $5; W. A. Dier, Mount Sicker & Brenton mines, $5; Henry B. Thomson, Victoria, $5; A. L. Belyea, Victoria, $5; H. Mortimer Lamb, Victoria, $5; A. C. Hirschfeld, Atlin claims, $5; Charles H. Lugrin, Victoria, $5; A. W. More, Victoria, $5; C. Dubois Mason, English Counties Syndicate, $5; C. Dubois Mason, The Societi Miniere, $5; Robert Cassidy, Victoria, $5; E. B. Shaw, Victoria, $5; N. P. Shaw, Victoria, $5; Hamilton Smith, Victoria, $5; Capt. Livingston Thompson, Victoria, $5; Wm. Munsie, Victoria, $5; A. Stuart Robertson, Victoria, $5; H. D. Helmcken, K. C., M. P. P., Victoria, $5; Walter T. Fraser & Co., Ltd., hardware merchants, Victoria, $5; A. B. Fraser, sr., merchant, Victoria, $5; E. B. Marvin & Co., $5; Arthur Crease (Crease & Crease), Victoria, $2.50; Wm. Christie, C. P. R. Telegraph Co., Victoria, $2.50; Herbert Cuthbert, Victoria, $2.50; Thos. Earle, M. P., Victoria, $2.50; A. G. Howard Potts, Esquimalt, $2.50; H. W. Windle, Victoria, $2.50; Thomas Walker, 46 Second street, Victoria, $2; A. W. Huson (care of Frank Campbell), Victoria, $2; A. J. Morley, 148 Government street, $2; H. E. A. Courtney, Victoria, $2; J. J. Shallcross, Shallcross, Macaulay & Co., Victoria, $2; Hon. Abraham Smith, United States consul, Victoria, $1; T. W. Sageman, Victoria, $1.

Smith—"Your wife seems to be angry." Jones—"No wonder. She started out this morning to match a piece of ribbon, and found the exact shade at the first store she visited."—Chicago Daily News.

SKIPPED.

Not Much Use to Have Prosecuted Ballot Stuffers.

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—In the referendum ballot box stuffing case, Walsh was found guilty. All the defendants are reported to have left the country, and no sentences were passed.

CANNERY COMBINE.

Move Is Progressing Towards Arrangement.

Vancouver, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Mr. J. A. Russell has returned from England, and is actively engaged in promoting the second cannery amalgamation. He had a conference with Mr. D. J. Munn, the promoter, today, and says that although nothing definite can be announced for a few days, things are progressing favorably.

ROYAL VISIT.

Duke and Duchess of Orleans at Buckingham Palace.

London, Jan. 20.—The Duke and Duchess of Orleans visited King Edward and Queen Alexandra at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. This was the first time they had met since the rupture arising from the Duke of Orleans' approval of the insulting French caricatures of the late Queen Victoria.

STRAIGHT TALK BY JOHN HOUSTON

Member For West Yale Gives His Views—Business a Politics.

John Houston, M. P. P. for West Kootenay, who is in the city on business, was seen at the Driard yesterday afternoon, and asked to express his views on existing conditions in his part of the province. With regard to the business outlook Mr. Houston said:

"In a general way, business is good in Kootenay and Southeastern Yale. While mining is almost at a standstill in Southeast Kootenay, the lumbering industry was never so flourishing. The Slocan is a trifle depressed, owing to the low prices prevailing for lead and silver; but the people have made united demand for higher protective duties on lead and lead products, and the latest advices from Ottawa indicate that the government will at the next session of the House adjust the tariff so as to give the miners of silver-lead ore as high protective duties as are now given other producers of raw materials, and the manufacturers thereof.

"I said the people of Kootenay were united in demanding such action. Such a statement is not strictly true. Smith Curtis, M. P. P., and what is known as the War Eagle 'outfit' at Rossland, did not come into line, and they have done everything possible in their attempts to prove that the people of Kootenay want a bonus on the lead miner instead of an increase of duties.

"The best evidence that this province is not what it is said to be by the pessimistic 'knockers' is the fact that it has more branches of chartered banks in proportion to its population than any other province in the Dominion. These banks are either doing a legitimate commercial business or conducting mere pawn shops. If they are conducting pawnshops, the people are indeed poor. If they are conducting commercial banks, our people must be thriving, for none of the banks are going out of business, and new branches are being established—two such branches having been established in Kootenay within the last four months.

"What is needed more than anything else in this province is a big blue pencil in the editorial rooms of our daily newspapers. Too much space is devoted to the sayings and doings of men who are attempting to advertise that British Columbia is a bad country in which to make mining investments, and in nine times out of ten, the men who are taking the most active part in this propaganda have proven themselves failures as mine managers and mining company promoters. A few well-managed mines, paying regular dividends, is what British Columbia needs, and not mining associations and changes in our mining laws."

Asked his opinion on the political situation, Mr. Houston said:

"The civic elections in towns like Nelson, Rossland, and Kaslo, may or may not have political significance. The fight in Kaslo was against R. F. Green, M. P. P., and his candidate was defeated by 12 votes. The fight in Nelson was to down the member for Nelson riding, but the candidate he supported was elected by 179 majority in a vote of 651. In Rossland the issue was public gambling, and the anti-gambling ticket won. Both the successful and unsuccessful candidates for mayor were supporters of the Prior government.

"The people of Kootenay are almost to a man opposed to any kind of subsidy being given by the province to either the Grand Trunk or the Canadian Northern. A candidate for the legislature who would favor such subsidies would surely be defeated. They are also almost as solid in favor of conducting the next provincial election on party lines. There may be a few disgruntled politicians, who want to keep up the present hybrid arrangement, but they are without influence. The people have got the bit in their teeth, and all the influence that is supposed to emanate from Ottawa and Victoria will have little effect. In my opinion, the right time to hold a general election in this province is in June this year."

GERMAN REICHSTAG.

President of House Called Miserable Dog by Socialists.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—There was a stormy scene in the Reichstag today following an attempt of Herr Volman, Socialist, to raise a debate on the charges brought against the late Herr Krupp and Emperor William's telegram, and speeches on the subject. The president of the House declined to permit the discussion, and the Socialists violently protested against this ruling, asserting that he was violating the rights of the Reichstag. The ground on which the president refused to allow the debate was that it was out of order to discuss a private person, while debating the budget. The president interposed several times to prevent Herr Volman from continuing his remarks.

The Socialists who interrupted the president frequently, referred to him as a "miserable dog." Herr Volman insisted he had a right to discuss Emperor William's speech on the Krupp affair, but the president resolutely excluded any such comments, deciding that His Majesty's expressions of opinion or sympathy following Herr Krupp's death belong to the Emperor's private life.

SHAMROCK III.

She Has Made Rapid Progress in Construction.

New York, Jan. 20.—Geo. G. Ward, of Denny Bros., of Dumbarton, Scotland, who are building Shamrock III., arrived here from Europe today. Speaking of the new challenger, he said she was being built in secret under the direction of Mr. Fife. Steel, and not bronze or aluminum, he understood, was used in her construction. When he left she was about completed, and the opinion in England was that she stood a good chance of winning the cup. It was possible that Shamrock I. would be brought over to try out the new boat.

AFFAIRS OF THE HOSPITAL

A Brief Business Meeting of the Board of Directors Yesterday Evening.

But a small amount of business was required to be dealt with at yesterday evening's meeting of the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, and it was disposed of very expeditiously. There was a brief reference made to the complaint which had been made that some difficulty was experienced in getting the use of the hospital ambulance at the time of the accident at Spratt's wharf, by which a young man named John Nelson lost his life. Dr. Hasell explained that any delay which occurred was owing to the fact that the nurse at the hospital who had answered the 'phone did not know where the ambulance was kept, and advised the calling up of the police. The doctor explained that since the incident he had taken steps to post up proper information, regarding the use of the ambulance, in the hospital for the guidance of the nurses. The matter was left in the hands of the house committee, who will arrange that the ambulance shall be speedily obtained when it is urgently required.

The president, C. Holland, presided, and there were also present Messrs. Helmcken, Lewis, Braverman, Humphrey, Pemberton, Davies, Day and Dr. Hasell.

The finance committee reported that the salaries for December, $831.99, were paid on due date. They also recommended for payment accounts for the same month, $1,777.69. The total days' stay during December was 1,377, and the average per diem cost on that basis amounts to $1.95½. This average is higher than usual, and is largely accounted for by including a bill for coal, which was delivered at the end of the month.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Hasell reported that the number of patients admitted during the month was 61; number treated, 103. Total days' stay, 1,337; daily average patients, 39.16. Adopted.

The matron reported that donations had been received from the following: Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, books and papers; A Friend, fire screen and books for childrens' ward.

The steward acknowledged the receipt of the following donations:

Mrs. Watson Clark, 12 lbs. goose; Mrs. R. Finlayson, 23 lbs. roast beef; Brown & Cooper, 11½ lbs turkey; Mr. L. Goodacre, 13 lb. goose; Mr. Chungranes, 11 lb. goose; Dr. T. J. Jones, 11 lb. turkey; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, 10 lb. goose; Mrs. F. Barnard, 2 boxes Jap. oranges; Mr. Jno. Tolmie, 1 box apples; Messrs. Hall & Co., druggists, 20 lbs. turkey, 100 lbs. granulated sugar; Messrs. Fell & Co., 4 lbs. table raisins, 5 lbs. mixed nuts; Mr. F. Sere, 1 box pears, 1 box apples; the Daughters of Pity, 14 lbs turkey; Brown & Cooper, 8½ lbs turkey for New Year's Day; Ladies' Auxiliary, 58 lbs turkey, 1 box navel oranges, 3 lbs mixed nuts, 5 lbs. dates, 5 lbs. best raisins, chocolates, candies, 1 small fruit cake, 1 large fruit cake for the nurses; Weller Bros., loan of crockery; Colonist, Christmas advertisement; Times, Christmas advertisement; The Phoenix Brewing Co., 2 dozen quart bottles lager beer.

The house committee reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your house committee beg to report that they held meetings at the Hospital every week on Tuesday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

John Farren—We have considered the application of John Farren, asking for an increase of salary, and recommend that from 1st day of February next he be paid at the rate of $25 per month.

Maternity Home—Your committee have under consideration the question of a home for maternity cases, and have asked Mr. H. D. Helmcken to communicate with Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, asking His Lordship's consent that his donation of $5,000 be appropriated to such a home bearing his name.

Distribution of Stores—The system directed by the Board to assist in keeping better control of the distribution of stores was inaugurated on the 1st of the year, and your committee confidently expect beneficial results will soon be apparent.

The grounds committee were empowered to expend $15 for the work of removing some dead trees.

The board then adjourned.

ANNIE ROONEY'S PROMISE.

Swears Solemnly That She Will Drink No More.

Many Victorians will remember Annie Rooney—the character who has at different times been arrested for drunkenness, and for masquerading in soldiers' and sailors' uniforms. Annie Rooney has just been before a Seattle court, and has pledged herself never to drink strong waters again. She said:

"By the God in heaven, Who is the Judge of all, I solemnly promise never again to touch a drop of strong drink. He and the policemen have had a great deal of trouble with me in the past, but it will never happen more. From this day I am a changed woman. If you will give me my liberty this time, judge, I will not be before you again."

The judge's face wore a confused expression when he was asked for the Bible, that she might swear.

"Don't you know that the oath is just as binding if you hold up your right hand and swear to keep it?" he asked. Then he continued: "Yi know as well as I that you have been here too often and made too many promises for me to take your story of repentance seriously."

"Now, judge, let me tell you my story," she interrupted. "When things took a drop under the orders of Chief Sullivan I went to Bremerton, but that town is on the bum now. They closed up everything over there and I couldn't even get a glass to play, because this is my business, you know. I had no intention of coming back here, but I left some trunks here at a wharf a long while ago, and I wanted to earn enough money to pay the charges on them. But I promise I never, never again will taste another drop of whiskey—I don't like beer."

AUTO-TRAINS.

From Daily Mail.

The auto-cars and petrol engines now building to the order of the Northeastern Railway Company, who hope by their use to combat the increasing competition of electric tramways, will be placed on the line in February.

The points selected for the trial of the new service are Hartlepool and West Hartlepool, between which the tramway competition is exceptionally keen. The present train service consists of forty trains a day in each direction.

With the auto-trains this will be increased to a ten-minute service each way, and the distance of two miles and a half will be covered in five minutes, against the ten minutes now taken by the street cars. These new railway cars will carry 52 passengers, and the engines will store 30 gallons of petrol, equivalent, it is estimated, to a run of five hours. It is claimed for the petrol engine that it can attain a speed of 50 miles an hour in as many seconds, against three minutes required by the steam locomotive for a similar speed.

Autocars will also be used by the company in substitution for special trains. The introduction of this new form of locomotion entails no interference whatever with the permanent way.

A similar experiment is to be tried on certain branch lines of the Paris-Lyons-Mediterannee railway.

Our Vienna correspondent states that the Galician locomotives will be remodeled for the use of petroleum. A contract has been concluded for the period of fifteen years between the Galician railway management and the oil companies, by virtue of which the use of coal for motive power will be entirely discarded for oil.

OBITUARY.

Death on Board the Ship Galgate—Mr. Fairall's Funeral.

William Henry Drewet, aged 42 years, a native of Australia, and late of the ship Galgate, now lying in Royal Roads, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospial. His funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from W. J. Hanna's parlors, to Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral of the late H. S. Fairall will take place this afternoon from his late residence, Esquimalt road, at 2:30 o'clock, to Ross Bay cemetery. Religious services will be conducted by Rev. Percival Jenns. Members of United Service Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will meet at the Masonic lodge this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral, the late Mr. Fairall having been a member of that order.

The funeral of the late H. J. Robertson took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors. There was a large attendance of friends at the St. John's church, where religious services were conducted by Rev. Percival Jenns.

Young Artist (who has had all of his pictures rejected)—"I don't see why they don't hang my work." His Sister—"I guess they thought hanging was too good for it."—Town and Country.

THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Outlines Plans For the Coming Season's Work.

A meeting of the executive of the Tourist Association was held yesterday afternoon at the rooms, Fort street, to deal with a number of matters requiring attention. Nearly every member of the executive was present and ex-Mayor Hayward presided.

A number of letters were read which had been received from almost every part of the world, acknowledging the receipt of the association's artistic little pamphlet, and every one of these correspondents was loud in his praise of the work being done by the association, and of their beautiful book.

A committee was appointed to draw up a memorial to be forwarded to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, asking that body to select this city as its meeting place in the year 1906. As is well known, the British association is formed of all the leading thinkers of the Empire, and includes many of the philosophers of other nations, and should they decide to come here, would confer an honor on this city, which is eagerly sought by even the largest cities of the old world. The association meet at Victoria Falls, on the Zambesi river, South Africa, in 1905, and it would be quite appropriate for Victoria, B. C., to be selected for their meeting place in the following year.

Another subject which was discussed by the Tourist Association yesterday was the continuance of the summer evening concerts. Several propositions were before the executive, and in a very short time a definite announcement will be made. Suffice it to say at the present that next summer will witness even better attractions in this connection than were provided last summer. The programme for this year's missionary work was outlined, and it is understood that the itinerary of the society's agent will include all the large cities of both the Dominion and the United States, from California to Nova Scotia. A canvass will shortly be made of the city for the necessary support to carry on the good work, and it goes without saying that the response should be liberal.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Appeal in Ah Tam v. Robertson Dismissed in the Full Court.

In the Full court yesterday, the appeal in Ah Tam v. Robertson was proceeded with and dismissed with costs. Ah Tam claimed a preference in payment out of the assets of the Clayoquot Fishing & Canning Co. (in liquidation). He contracted with the company to furnish the Chinese labor under the usual cannery contract, but Mr. Justice Irving held against him at the trial on the ground that under this contract he did not occupy the position of a servant to the company, but was an independent contractor, and therefore could establish no preference for wages. From this judgment Ah Tam appealed, A. F. R. Martin and A. F. W. Solomon representing him, and H. B. Robertson acting for the respondent.

Tanaka v. Russell was partially heard and adjourned until this morning. E. P. Davis, K. C., for defendant (appellant); Sir C. H. Tupper, K. C., and F. Peters, K. C., for plaintiff (respondent).

The list for today is as follows:

1. Centre Star v. City of Rossland.
2. Wilson v. Crow's Nest Coal Co.
3. Kingswell v. Crow's Nest Coal Co.

APPLICATIONS IN CHAMBERS.

In Chambers yesterday morning Mr. Justice Walkem decided the following matters:

McLeod et al v. Crow's Nest—S. S. Taylor, K. C., of Nelson, renewed his application to consolidate the 27 actions for damages arising out of the Fernie disaster. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., for defendants, stated that he would not oppose the granting of an order for a test action. The order was granted, minutes of which will be settled in Chambers tomorrow. Costs in the cause.

Re I. O. O. F.—F. B. Gregory obtained an order on petition under the Quieting Titles Act, all parties affected to be served with copies of the order and petition.

The case of Russell, Callow and Stephens vs. Prior—the Victoria election case in which the petitioners object to the return of the Hon. Col. Prior for Victoria, was heard before Mr. Justice Martin yesterday, and some law points in connection with the case were argued, and the case was adjourned until Thursday next. Miller, for the petitioners, A. P. Luxton, contra.

NIAGARA POWER.

To Be Used For Propelling Toronto Trams.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Application made to the Government by Wm. MacKenzie, Frederic Nichols and Col. Pellatt for permission to utilize Niagara Falls power is granted. Inside of two years the Toronto street cars will be operated by power from the Falls. Wm. MacKenzie, President of the Street Railway, was asked if it was the intention to utilize power for this purpose, and replied in the affirmative.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The joint Republican caucus at Albany N. Y., last night, nominated Thomas C. Platt to succeed himself as United States Senator by a vote of 108 to 1 for Elihu Root.

The troops of the Sultan of Morocco have severely defeated the pretender's forces in the Hyana district.

Conservatives have decided to protest the recent elections in North Perth, North Grey and North Norfolk. There was a conference at Toronto yesterday, and the necessary funds were secured.

The rubber manufacturers of Canada met at the Windsor hotel, Montreal yesterday to revise price lists and consider the question of applying for more protection. They complain that the United States trust ships goods into Canada and undersell them.

Senator Wood is reported to be dying tonight at Hamilton.

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING.

Soon it will be time to say farewell to old winter and welcome the incoming spring. Modern retailing knows no better time to close out stock than these between-season days. We have cut our prices on all odd Suits and Trousers—and, HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY. The profit to us is in disposing of goods that while new now, would be "last season's next season." Your profit is the money saved—and where else would you look for such splendid goods as we offer, at such small price? All our odd $22, 20, 18 and 15 Suits to clear at $12 per suit. Don't let this opportunity get away from you.

Allen's Fit-Reform Wardrobe, 73 Government St VICTORIA

SOCIETIES.

The various societies of the city have got into full swing again, and the new officers are showing a keen spirit, which will have its effect both on the membership and increased interest in the fraternal work. The event of the week was the banquet of the Odd Fellows, which was very largely attended, and the speeches made were models of good humor, wit and perspicacity. These social functions bring in their train that sound brotherly feeling that promotes the true sympathetic interest desired amongst the members of friendly societies.

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Bros. Anton Henderson, Joseph Phillips, P. Dempster and A. Sheret went up the E. & N. yesterday afternoon on business connected with the lodges of the I. O. O. F.

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The Fraternal Order of Eagles have arranged to have their ball on the 19th of February. The many friends of the order look forward to this event with pleasure—and the committees who have the arrangements in hand intend to uphold the reputation justly earned for the local lodge as entertainers of the first rank.

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The Sons of St. George met on Monday last and the attendance was exceedingly encouraging for the newly installed officers. During the evening several items of importance was placed before the members, and it was decided that the next meeting should be taken up with the reports of the aims and objects of the order. All the members are requested to endeavor to be present.

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The Ladies' of the Maccabees held a very successful meeting on Tuesday last. The room was inadequate to comfortably seat the large attendance of members and much appreciation was shown of the efforts on the part of the ladies who have by their selfsacrifice done so much to promote the welfare of the order. The social features of the order are such that commends itself to all ladies of entering into the good work.

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District No. 2 of the Loyal Orange association held their annual meeting on Monday last in the Sir William Wallace hall. The proceedings were enthusiastically entered into. P. Grant, Master, Bro. M. Brethour, of Sydney, addressed those present, and congratulated the members on their efforts and the success that attended their work. The elected officers were then installed: W. district master, Captain Thompson; W. district D. master, Captain Brethour; district financial secretary, H. Creech; district treasurer, Bro. Clarke. A sumptuous banquet was sat down to and speeches and songs followed.

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The Native Sons have arranged to hold their annual ball on Friday, the 13th of February. The arrangements are in the hands of a very energetic committee, who are determined that notwithstanding the excellent character of their past efforts, the coming ball will eclipse their previous records. Bro. J. Wilson, who is chairman of the ball committee, and Bro. Haynes, the secretary, have a staff of enthusiasts whose assistance spells success.

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The A. O. F. installed the officers of Court Vancouver and Court Northern Light on Wednesday last. District Chief Ranger, Bro. J. D. Pearson of Vancouver conducted the installation ceremony, and was assisted by a staff from both courts. After the installation excellent speeches were delivered on the work of the order, and at the conclusion the officers were banqueted in splendid style. The reports from the juvenile lodges were presented, and the Chief Ranger complimented the courts on the interest shown in this branch of the order.

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Bro. Jos. York was the recipient of a splendid gold headed cane, at the banquet given by the I. O. O. F. on Monday evening last. Bro. York, who is one of the oldest members of Victoria lodge No. 1, has shown the keenest interest in the work of his society, and this mark of appreciation of his services is richly deserved. The cane was inscribed as follows: Presented to Bro. J. York by Victoria lodge, I. O. O. F., January 12, 1903. Bro. Brayshaw made the presentation. The recipient replying thanked the members for their mark of appreciation, in a feeling manner.

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The installation of the officers of the local lodges of the A. O. U. W., took place on Monday last. The rooms of the Banner lodge were crowded, the whole proceedings being of an enthusiastic character. Grand Master F. W. Welsh of Vancouver, conducted the installation ceremonies, in which he was ably assisted by Grand Foreman Edwards, Grand Recorder McIlmoyl, Past Masters Church, Stewart and E. J. Salmon. The officers installed were: Banner lodge No. 6, P. L. W., S. J. Redgraves; M. W., A. E. Allan; F., W. A. Jamieson; O., J. C. Darling; recorder, W. C. Morrison; F., W. J. Wight; R., F. B. Rivers; G., H. W. Murray; I. W., E. C. Knight; O. W., W. W. Gibson.

Victoria lodge No. 1—P. M. W., C. W. Wrigleswortb; M. W., J. Mallet; F., M. Wynne; O., H. Karl; R., C. Dunn; financial, F. Davey; receiver, R. T. Williams; O., W. D. Banfield.

Vancouver lodge No. 5—P. M. W., W. Scowcroft; M. W., M. M. Myers; F., D. Fulton; O., B. W. Brown; R., H. C. Edwards; financial, W. Jackson; receiver, A. Stewart; G., W. West; I. W., A. D. Connor; O. W., T. L. Silver.

Western Star—P. M. W., H. Stadhagan; M. W., A. W. Mesher; F., J. P. Hancock; O., F. Cochran; R., N. E. Shakespeare; F., A. Clark; R., A. Semple; I. W., P. Blank; O. W., E. Colley.

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On Thursday evening last at Vancouver District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Wallace Law, assisted by Bros. T. F. Neelands, I. Mills, A. Cleland, G. R. Gordon, J. M. McKay and A. J. Laidlaw performed the installation services at the Odd Fellows' hall. The ceremony was made still more notable by an official visit from Grand Master Bro. A. Graham and Grand Patriarch Bro. A. Sherret, of Victoria.

The following are the principal officers installed in the various lodges:

Vancouver Lodge No. 8.—N. G., Bro. W. H. Brown, V. G., Bro. J. H. McMahon; recording secretary, Bro. F. Butterfield; financial secretary, Bro. D. Weatherbee; treasurer, Bro. S. Hollander.

Western Star Lodge No. 10.—H. J. Foote; recording secretary, Bro. Elliott; financial secretary, Bro. J. Moscrop; treasurer, Bro. A. Parke.

Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 19—N. G., Bro. J. Dobson; V. G., Bro. T. McKay; recording secretary, Bro. G. Miller; financial secretary, Bro. R. H. Poole; treasurer, Bro. G. Middlemiss.

Island Lodge No. 24.—N. G., Bro. D. E. McKay; V. G., Bro. Connolly; secretary, Bro. A. J. Caldwell; treasurer, Bro. H. Abercrombie.

Pacific Lodge No. 26.—N. G., Bro. J. O. Fleming; V. G., Bro. I. N. Plowman; recording secretary, Bro. W. C. Revel; financial secretary, Bro. J. Farwick; treasurer, Bro. E. A. Baker.

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Courts Cariboo, No. 743, and Victoria West, No. 4,183, Independent Order of Foresters, will hold a joint public installation in A. O. U. W. hall on Friday evening, January 23. The officers-elect, who will be installed, are the following: C. R. King, court deputy; W. L. J. Prevost, junior past chief ranger; A. E. MacEachern, chief ranger; G. P. Kelley, vice-chief ranger; Jos. Gibbs, physician; Wm. Brunell, orator; T. R. Dee, recording secretary; T. Le Massurier, financial secretary; C. B. Deaville, treasurer; E. Brandson, senior woodward; H. P. Mellish, junior woodward; E. H. Neelands, senior beadle; D. Dewar, junior beadle.

Court Victoria West, No. 4,183—Thos Redding, court deputy; C. W. Kirk, junior post chief ranger; A. R. Colby, chief ranger; F. Kroeger, vice-chief ranger; C. E. Foote, physician; J. Collins, orator; Geo. Andrews, recording secretary; Beaumont Boggs, financial secretary; H. Lawrie, treasurer; W. English, senior woodward; A. H. Minor, junior woodward; A. H. Gray, senior beadle; S. Lawrie, junior beadle.

His Worship the Mayor will preside at the concert, which will follow the installation ceremony, for which an excellent programme has been prepared.

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The Assembly hall will be the place, February 19 the date, and 9 p.m. the hour, that the fourth annual masquerade ball of the Victoria Aerie, No. 12, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will start, and it is anticipated that between five and six hundred competitions will be the mark in the contest for the many valuable prizes that will be offered. The prizes this year will be greater in value and larger in number than was the case last year, as the motto of the Eagles is to always try and beat their last performance, and in regard to prizes, last year's list was both big and valuable, but the prize committee, Messrs. H. W. F. Behnson, D. F. Barnhardt and Jos. Wachter, intend to go one better still. Prizes will, among others, be given to the best historical characters (lady and gentleman), best national characters (lady and gentleman), best sustained characters, best comical character, while every lady, either masker or spectator, will receive a ticket for the tombola prize, which will be a Singer sewing machine, valued at $75, and a full course in fancy work. The Eagles' masquerade is one of the big events of the year to the trippers of the light fantastic, and those who were at the last one are looking forward to another period of fun and jollity on February 19. The general committee, which is held responsible that the ball is a success, is composed of Bros. H. W. F. Behnson (chairman), W. E. Wheeler, G. W. Wood, Jos. Wachter, M. O'Keefe, D. T. Barnhardt and J. W. Sexton (secretary), all of whom have had considerable experience in the entertainment line. The prize sub-committee is Messrs. Behnson, Barnhardt and Wachter; W. E. Wheeler will have charge of the refreshment part and Bros. Wood and Sexton have to see that the inner man is well provided for. It is expected that a large contingent will be present from both Seattle and Nanaimo Aeries.

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A RARE METAL.

Discovery of Osmiridium in the Black Sands of Cariboo.

A sample of black sand from Cariboo was recently sent to W. F. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, for assay, the result of which is contained in the following letter from Mr. Robertson to the parties interested:

"Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, the small vial you sent by same post contained eight-tenths of an ounce troy of mineral, of which I retained as a sample one-tenth of an ounce. The remaining seven-tenths of an ounce I had melted and refined, and got: Gold, 0.05 ounces troy; platinum, 0.50 ounces troy; osmiridium, 0.022 ounces troy.

"This would figure out in percentages: Gold, 7.1 per cent.; platinum, 71.0; osmiridium, 3.1, making a total of 81.2 per cent. of precious minerals.

JULIAN RALPH DEAD.

He Was Famous as a Correspondent and Author.

New York, Jan. 20.—Julian Ralph, author and war correspondent, died tonight at his residence here. Dr. Calvin S. May, who attended Mr. Ralph, gave the cause of death as dropsy, complicated with ulcer in the stomach and enlargement of the liver. Mr. Ralph was stricken with hemorrhage while he was acting as correspondent with the British army during the Boer war. A second hemorrhage occurred at St. Louis immediately after he had received his appointment as Eastern representative at the Louisana Purchase exposition. Mr. Ralph was born in New York, May 27, 1853, and served on the staffs of several of the New York papers. He became attached to the London Daily Mail in 1899. He leaves a widow and five children.

MONASHEE MOUNTAIN.

A Promising Mining District at the Headwaters of the Kettle River.

Everyone who has watched the development of the mining district around Monashee mountain and the headwaters of Kettle river is convinced that there will be a big boom there next spring, and there are those who believe that the free-milling gold ores of that section will yet eclipse the fame of such camps as Rossland. Several bonds have recently been taken on some of the most promising properties, and a good many thousands of dollars have been expended in preliminary work. There is plenty of capital behind some of the companies now operating, and it will not surprise us to see a big rush into the camp as soon as the snow leaves.—Vernon News.

LOCOMOTIVE BURSTS.

Berlin Falls, N. Y., Jan. 20.—By the explosion of a Grand Trunk engine boiler here today, Fireman Monk was killed, Conductor Fitzsimmons and the engineer were badly burned.