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Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

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THE CITY.

RIGHT REV. BISHOP PARNIS preached to a large assembly of young men in the Y.M.C.A. rooms on Sunday afternoon. The discourse was on "Manly Purity" and furnished good food for thought.

The Single Tax Club will recommence their weekly public meetings to-morrow evening, when a lecture will be delivered by Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, on "The Causes of popular discontent." The meetings will be held as usual in Temperance hall, Pandora avenue, at 8 p.m.

The Victoria Amateur Dramatic Concert Co., under the management of Mrs. E. Lang, will give an entertainment in A.O.U.W. hall on the evening of February 1, when the sparkling little comedietta "The Pink Perfumed Note" will be given, with tableaux, musical selections and a "national drill" by sixteen young ladies in costume.

The Capital Gun Club met last evening for the purpose of considering the game law in so far as bringing about concerted action on the part of all the gun clubs in the city looking toward certain changes, which was an a. U. on the invitation of the Capital. The other clubs will meet jointly some evening this week to consider the matter.

This threatened strike of the district messengers has been abandoned and white-winged peace has again settled down over Manager White and his staff. The boys yesterday came to the conclusion that they would probably lose more than the management in the event of a walk out, and they consequently decided not to act on the principle that it is more blessed to give than to receive. "And so," as the curly-headed English boy of the force expresses it, "everything's hoo."

A very successful service of song and organ recital was given in the Reformed Episcopal church on Sunday evening last. The solos were all very well rendered but more especially that by Mr. Wm. R. Higgins, which was an artistic success. The singing of the choir in the two anthems showed both careful training and proficiency, reflecting credit on the choir and the choir master and organist, Prof. Bradley, whose organ solo proved a real treat, being rendered in a refined, artistic and masterly manner. There was a fairly large congregation considering the weather.

CAPTAIN BROWN, of the tug S. W. Carter, had a peculiar experience with a stranger in town yesterday. On Sunday evening he left a fine rubber coat and a pair of gloves in his room on board the steamer and on going for them yesterday morning found to his astonishment that they were missing. He at once notified the police; but on his return met a stranger, who, enjoying the comfort of his stolen goods, the meeting took place on Store street, and the Captain recognizing the coat and gloves followed his man at a rapid pace. The stranger directed his buoyant step across Rock Bay bridge, and the pace growing quicker and quicker he finally gave in. Throwing down the coat, he said to Captain Brown, "I guess you want your coat, don't you? Well, here it is, but don't you tell me the information had, however, been laid, and it may be that the police will gather in to-day at least one of the many thieves now at large.

LIM GOK, otherwise known as Lim Sing, and Lim Hong were yesterday committed for trial by Police Magistrate Macrae, on the charge of having stabbed Lee Chin Dong as he was passing through Theatre alley a few nights ago, and robbed him of upwards of \$20. The evidence for the prosecution was more direct than is obtained usually in Chinese cases, and contained no reference to the Highlander plot of which Lee Chin Dong is alleged to have been the victim. Mr. Crease, who appeared for the defence, represented that the trouble was simply a Chinese election disagreement, but there was no evidence introduced in this connection and the case was accordingly listed for trial at the spring assizes. Another case arising out of this main one will be opened in the police court this morning, a musician named Wong Quock having been arrested yesterday by Chief Sheppard for intimidation. A witness known as Ah Tan is the complainant, his story being that Wong Quock came to him and endeavored to dissuade him from giving evidence, promising him that if he did he would be killed the first time he appeared in Chinatown at night.

THE LAW COURTS.

Before the Chief Justice and Justices McCreight and Walkem in the Divisional court yesterday, application was made on behalf of the Kaslo & Slocan railway for an injunction to prevent the Nakusp & Slocan railway from opening up a line from Three Forks to Sandon. The ground of the application was that the line therein referred to is not a branch, but an extension of the main line, and as such the Nakusp & Slocan had no power under their charter to build, nor had the railway committee at Ottawa power to grant such an extension. Another ground for the application was that the Nakusp & Slocan had not made any compensation for the right of way over lands owned by applicants.

The court dismissed the application, cost to be defendants' costs in the cause in any event. The court held that the railway committee of the privy council at Ottawa could determine whether the line complained of was an extension or a branch. Mr. W. J. Taylor appeared for the Kaslo & Slocan; Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., and Mr. D. Helmcken, Q.C., for the Nakusp & Slocan. The action of John Clark, jr., v. F. B. Pemberton and Robt. Ward & Co., Ltd., was heard before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday. The action was for the redemption of the schooner Enterprise on the ground that Ward & Co. are not owners of the vessel, but only the mortgagees in possession. The defence was that plain-

TO PREVENT GAMBLING

The Purpose of the First Resolution of the Newly Elected Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Reaven's Choice of Standing Committees—Election Expenses—Ballots Issued.

The city council for 1896 held their first meeting last evening, the Mayor, the Hon. Robert Beaven, presiding, and all the aldermen present, the list being as follows in the order of their seats commencing at the Mayor's right: Ald. Tiarks, Glover, Marchant, Cameron, Partridge, Humphrey, Wilson, Williams and Macmillan.

"Does any alderman desire to have the minutes read," was the brief and business-like inaugural address of His Worship when the newly elected aldermen had taken their places. Such a desire having been expressed the Clerk proceeded with the reading.

The Mayor then announced that in accordance with the provisions of section 21 of the municipal act, 1892, he appointed the following members of the council to be standing committees for the purposes mentioned:

Cemetery—Ald. Humphrey, Glover and Tiarks.

Electric Light—Ald. Glover, Humphrey and Tiarks.

Finance—Ald. Williams, Marchant and Cameron.

Fire Department and Fire Wards—Ald. Wilson, Partridge and Glover.

Hacks—Ald. Tiarks, Macmillan and Humphrey.

Library—Ald. Partridge, Macmillan and Cameron.

Market—Ald. Cameron, Humphrey and Marchant.

Home for Aged and Infirm—Ald. Macmillan, Humphrey and Tiarks.

Parks—Ald. Humphrey, Tiarks and Marchant.

Pound—Ald. Wilson, Partridge and Glover.

Printing—Ald. Williams, Glover and Wilson.

Sewerage—Ald. Marchant, Williams and Cameron.

Streets and Bridges—Ald. Wilson, Macmillan and Williams.

The Mayor expressed the hope that his choice, which had been a matter of some difficulty, would prove satisfactory. "It pleases me remarkably well," responded Ald. Partridge.

Returning officer Bull's report on the recent election was read. Besides the return of successful candidates it announced that the ballots issued were for Mayor 1,971; for aldermen in North ward 1,104, South ward 624, and Central ward 555.

A letter from Mr. E. Crow Baker, manager of the telephone company, was read and referred to the city solicitor for interpretation at the request of an alderman who did not understand it. The letter said: "We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of yesterday's date enclosing the agreement entered into between this company and the corporation of the city of Victoria in respect of the use of telephone and electric light poles in the city (as you express it), or for the reciprocal arrangements entered into on 10th January of this year (and being retroactive to the date of assumption of power by the city, which is really a thing recurring in vicissitude), alternate and mutually interchangeable."

Mr. C. M. Tait wrote accepting the offer of the corporation with respect to his claim for personal injuries. Referred to finance committee.

Mr. Beaumont Boggs asked attention to a drain on the Burnside road. Referred to finance committee.

A report from the finance committee recommending payments for election expenses was adopted. The cost thus shown of the election of mayor and aldermen was \$274.50.

Another report authorizing the payment out of the waterworks loan by-law of \$1,350 for 13½ acres of land at \$100 an acre, was adopted.

TO PREVENT GAMBLING.

ALD. WILLIAMS moved: "That the attention of the police commissioners be called to the necessity of enforcing the law relating to minors gambling. The mover said he wished to remove the temptation to the youths of this city to throw away their dimes and quarters in the Chinatown district, but more in the interest of their moral welfare than on account of the money they spend there."

ALD. WILSON, the second, said he believed most of the youths graduate into first class gamblers in Chinatown, and the thing should be put down. The Chinese lotteries were suppressed for a short time last year after he had brought the matter up, but they are now again running wide open.

A round of applause at the close of Ald. Wilson's remarks caused His Worship to rise and address the audience, asking them to refrain from expressions either of approval or disapproval, so that the aldermen might deliberate without any interruption.

ALD. MACMILLAN moved in amendment to strike out the word "minors" and insert in its place "putting down gambling by any person."

ALD. MARCHANT seconded the amendment. He thought that the whole and general idea of gambling should be struck out by those who have at heart the interests of this city. He had heard it said during the recent campaign that even the police connive at it, and from what he saw he felt convinced that the officers must be cognizant of the existence of places where both men and boys resort for the purpose of gambling. He drew a harrowing picture of the probable future of these thus led into temptation, and implored the Mayor as one of the police commissioners to assist in putting down this evil with a strong hand, and thus remove what is at once a stigma and a blemish on the city.

ALD. GLOVER favored the amendment, as he felt that if it is good to keep minors from gambling it is good also to keep their elders from the same thing. ALD. WILSON referred to the case which came up some years ago before the late Chief Justice, who showed the difficulty of deciding what is gambling and held that "black jack," for instance, is not. He felt that even if this amendment

were carried the gambling would go on to as great an extent as now, but would be behind closed doors where the police cannot keep their eyes upon it. He thought the larger measure of suppression would not be practicable, and therefore preferred his motion instead of the amendment.

Upon being put, the amendment calling attention to the necessity of enforcing the law relating to gambling generally, was carried on the following division:

For—Ald. Macmillan, Humphrey, Cameron, Marchant, Glover and Tiarks—6.

Against—Ald. Wilson, Williams and Partridge—3.

There being no further business the council adjourned.

A TALK ON ROCKS.

The interest aroused by the series of lectures on mining held under the auspices of the provincial government was shown by the large attendance at the first lecture of the course delivered last night by Mr. W. A. Carlyle, M.E., provincial mineralogist. The audience was very attentive and thoroughly appreciated the able manner in which the lecturer handled his subject, for though he necessarily had to deal with geological formations as preliminary to taking up ore deposits and mining generally, he avoided as much as possible technical terms and made himself easily understood by people who had not the advantage of scientific knowledge.

Hon. Col. Baker, as minister of mining, introduced Mr. Carlyle, whose scientific attainments and practical knowledge of the subject were sufficient guarantee of his capacity to give information on mining in an interesting and instructive manner.

Mr. Carlyle in opening said he intended giving a practical talk on "rocks," and as much as possible would avoid using technical terms. In this he succeeded admirably by means of a number of colored charts, which he had succeeded in drawing up in the short time at his disposal since it had been decided that the lectures should be given. First by means of a couple of tables he briefly pointed out the principal chemical elements of rocks, such as oxygen, silicon, etc., telling shortly how they formed different combinations. Next came the classification of rocks and an idea of how they were recognized by their texture, chemical ingredients, etc., explaining their origin and how the igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks were formed.

Coming next to rock masses he showed by a number of diagrams how the pressure by the oceans on the continents bent and crumpled up the various strata and accounted for the manner in which they were changed and twisted. In conclusion, he remarked that the knowledge of the way he would in his succeeding lectures treat of ore deposits and hoped also in his last lecture to tell something about prospecting, the value of assays and the opening up of mining properties.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Carlyle at the conclusion of his lecture. To-morrow evening at the board of aldermen Mr. Herbert Carmichael will give his first lecture on Chemistry, a subject inseparable from the study of mining and of wonderful interest. Mr. Carmichael is well qualified to lecture on chemistry and will illustrate his subject by experiments.

FROM NELSON DISTRICT.

Mr. J. Fred. Hume, M.P.P. for the South Riding of West Kootenai, is at the Oriental, having arrived on Sunday for the approaching session of the legislature. When he left Nelson on Friday the Hall Mines smelter had been in operation for a couple of days and worked so satisfactorily that although the capacity of the stack was only supposed to be a hundred tons a day, a hundred and fifty tons had been put through on the first day. The product is a matte running about fifty per cent. in copper and twenty-three ounces in silver, besides some gold. The tramway from the mines to the smelter is delivering ore at the rate of a hundred tons a day, and already there are 1,700 tons in the ore bins, with some 5,000 on the dump at the mines ready for transportation as fast as the tramway can haul it. There is talk of adding another waterwheel to the smelter in the spring. The company have about a hundred men steadily employed.

At the Poorman mine fifteen men are taking out ore. The free milling ore will be crushed in the stamp mill which will start up again in the spring, and it is likely that the shipments will be sent to the Hall Mines smelter. The "49" hydraulic Co., two miles from the Poorman, have all their ditch and flume work ready to begin work in the spring. At the Fern mine, on Hall creek, 12 miles south of Nelson, a stamp mill is going up. The ledge is a big one and runs \$30 to the ton gold, so that large quantities are expected. A number of other mines are in process of development with good results. The Hall Mines' smelter is getting iron ore from the Iron Hand on the Kaslo & Slocan, and it has been found that under the extensive iron capping there is a fine vein of galena ore which runs 60 ounces in silver.

Business in Nelson is lively and a large quantity of ore is being shipped out every day. The Pilot B. smelter, on the other side of the lake, is shipping one or two cars of bullion every day.

THE LAW COURTS.

Yesterday afternoon the Full court delivered a number of judgments. In Spears v. the Queen the appeal was dismissed without costs.

In Hudson's Bay Co. v. Rowling the decision of the court below was affirmed, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Crease agreeing. Mr. Justice McCreight dissented.

In Manson v. Howison Mr. Justice Crease and Mr. Justice Walkem agreed in affirming Mr. Justice McCreight's decision in the court below and dismissed the appeal with costs. Mr. Justice Drake dissented.

In B.C. Iron Works v. Buse Chief Justice Davie, Mr. Justice Crease and Mr. Justice Walkem gave judgment, dismissing with costs the application for a new trial.

Mr. W. J. Taylor and Mr. R. Cassidy, for plaintiffs (appellants); Mr. A. J. McColl, Q.C., and Mr. E. V. Bodwell, for defendants.

The steam collier Peter Jebeon from California passed up from sea last evening.

CARIBOO THE GOLDEN!!

Big Work Among the Mines—Good Money Being Made in Every Direction.

Marten and Beaver More Plentiful Than for Years—Holidays and Other Festivities.

QUEENELLE FORKS, Jan. 4.—(Special)

Christmas has passed pleasantly and harmoniously, all doing their duty with "plum duff" and the other usual etceteras. We have been having nice, seasonable weather—a few inches of snow with moderate frost. On December 16 the thermometer registered 18° below zero, whilst I am told it reached as low as 23° at the 150-Mile House. With the exception of this cold night the weather has been remarkably mild until the new year put in another cold snap to 35° below zero, and it is now much milder again.

Mr. George Veith had his usual great slaughter of cattle to supply the wants of the district for the winter; he killed 21 head at the Forks and a similar number at his Keithley ranch.

John Metz, better known as Kansas John, is said to have four bears corralled—mother, year old and two cubs—and will shortly invite his neighbors and parties to enjoy the sport of unearthing them, probably when the present supply of beef is somewhat reduced.

Robert Neab and others have strung a boom on the South Fork river and are running down lumber for the manufacture of shacks and shingles in anticipation of the building requirements of next season. John J. Mason has been skidding logs from the hilltop near the town for house building and is also making shingles.

J. E. Hesse and Sam Prior have built a cabin on the hilltop about midway between the North and South Forks, and are running a drift. This is a somewhat elevated position but they have got some good specimens. It may truly be said that gold is where you find it.

The Breckenridge claim owned by Joseph Moore and J. G. Breckenridge, near Queenelle lake, is looking well. They have sunk three shafts about fifty feet deep, and are about to run a drift about one hundred feet. They have good pay so far.

John McTarnah, better known as "Pea Vine," and James Franchette have been ground sluicing at Rose Gulch on the South Fork, and the results have been such as to warrant them vigorously whipping lumber for the flumes and sluices necessary for more extended operations. One remarked of them that they had made some good "clean-ups."

James Meathers has got his supplies in for the winter, and may therefore be expected to push on with his drifting claim near Spanish creek. When a friend who chanced to call upon him tried a pan of dirt taken at random, it yielded several dollars. This is no doubt a good claim.

McGregor, O'Neill and Cummins are still delving away on their Spanish creek ground, and are well satisfied with their prospects.

Mr. Helgesen, who has a claim on Gold creek, left recently for the lower country, but his son and Mr. Hewett are busy preparing lumber for sluices, etc. They have already sunk a shaft 25 or 30 feet deep, which appears to have given favorable indications.

H. Black and Sam Emery are running a drive on Keithley creek looking for a back channel, the existence of which is probable judging from surface appearances.

R. McNab, John Malcolm and Ned Trewhellan, all old timers, are taking out good money on Harvey creek. This creek yields splendid coarse gold, of which they had some beautiful specimens last year, and it is often said that these "old boys" know what they are doing.

Many more old-timers in that upper region—Keithley and Harvey creeks—have been putting in a good time and are in a cheerful mood. Some of them have been erecting a new waterwheel, in which our old townsman, Andy Birrell, has been assisting by his carpentering skill.

John Gordon left a week or two ago for the Clearwater district, bearing the necessary equipments of new picks, shovels, grub, etc., and may soon be heard from, as he expects to make a good strike.

Mr. McAdam, who is at present running a saw mill at the Mission, near Williams lake, paid a dying visit, having in view the idea of shortly bringing his mill to the Forks before the winter's sleighing is over. He is likely to locate on the North Fork river a little above the town.

Rumors are afloat that a new butcher will shortly commence business in anticipation of the coming requirements, in fact business men are all looking this way.

Trappers are bringing in furs in considerable quantity. Marten and beaver are said to be much more plentiful now than they have been for many years. Several bighorns have also been taken in the neighborhood of Queenelle lake.

F. Britton has left for 150-Mile House to take charge of some of the extensive plant being brought up for the Main Queenelle Gold Dredging and Mining Co., of which Mr. Rader is general superintendent. They have acquired leases of several miles of the Queenelle river.

James Bain is away on his well-earned holiday and is taking in the balls and parties all down the main road and at Clinton, Ashcroft, etc., where he is very popular with the fair sex, and reports says he may not return single.

The necessity for a medical officer at the Forks is also the subject of an infrequently signed petition, and the Petitions are being numerous signed addressed to the Chief Commissioner calling attention to the necessity for liberal appropriations for roads, bridges, trails, etc., to meet the growing requirements of the district.

Sleighing is good and the mails so far are regular, but there are great complaints about the new mail contract calling only for a fortnightly service. Some special request should be made to let us have it weekly.

"EVOLUTION"

The Minister of Education Upon Teaching the

Processes Through Life Has Risen

Helmholtz' Hypothesis Earth Began On

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The following is the text of a lecture given by Hon. Col. Baker Teachers' Association meeting in Vancouver.

Colonel Baker spoke now two years since of attending the annual Mainland Teachers' Association meeting on this occasion, as in the capacity of Minister.

My position at this time is analogous to that of a cultivator of field, which from its ability will respond to any labor which may be put into it. I feel that I am a cultivator in the sense that I am aware of how little we know of the world we live in, and how much we have to learn.

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