General News Of the Kootenay

THE BOUNDARY.

The Emma mine last week sent out ten cars of ore daily.

Last week the Granby Mines sent out 70 cars of ore daily.

At the Athelstan mine the force of employees has lately been increased, and now numbers nearly 30 men. Ore shipments are also being increased.

Most of the 4800 feet of steel required for the completion of the Brooklyn and Stemwinder spurs has been laid. The work will be finished in a few days.

Last week a 20-horse power Westinghouse electric motor was installed at the Granby mines machine shop, taking the place of the steam engine before used for power at that busy spot.

The second small locomotive is ready for use in the Granby mines. It was manufactured by the Davenport Machine Works, of Davenport, Iowa. This makes five of these small engines that the Granby company has in use, there being three at the smelter, two of which were shipped by the Jenckes Machine company, of Sherbrooke, Que.

Last week a large strike of ore was made on the Dom Pedro, in Providence camp, which is being developed by the Chicago-British Columbia Mining company, in charge of H. H. Shallenberger. This ore was found at a depth of 30 feet in the new shaft, the ore growing more solid and of better grade. If it keeps on improving this property will soon rank among the best mines of the camp. Ten tenders have been put in this week for sinking 100 feet, and have been transmitted to the head office in Chicago.

George Sweetland, an old Cariboolte, 84 years old, and who has been living up the Kettle river for some time, has gone to the old man's home at Kamloops.

EAST KOOTENAY.

W. S. Santo of Canterbury has purchased J. Bulman's ranch at Thunder Hill and will move his family there as soon as good sleighing comes. This is one of the best ranches in the valley and the buildings on it are in excellent condition.

The skating on Windermere lake continues in excellent condition and is greatly enjoyed.

At the North Star mine 30 men are employed, development is progressing, and shipments will be resumed during the present month. It is reported that an ore body of three feet of clean ore has been opened in the 300 foot level The shaft will be extended to a dept of 500 feet. Probably the most economical mining yet done in Southeast Kootenay is now being accomplished at the North Star mine.

The total output of the three Crow's Nest collieries operated by the company for the year, averaging the returns for the latter end of December, is as follows:

Coal.

	Tons.
Coal Creek (Fernie)..	240,000
Michel...	262,000
Morrissey...	150,000
Total...	652,000

Coke.

	Tons.
Fernie plant...	96,000
Michel plant...	70,000
Total.....	166,000

The present daily capacity of the three collieries is as follows:

	Tons.
Coal Creek...	1200
Michel...	1400
Morrissey...	800
Total capacity per day..	3400

The capacity of the three coke oven plants, two of them still incompleted, is estimated at between 1200 and 1400 tons of coke per day.

The following table shows the number of men on the company's payroll at the present time:

	Miners	Ovenmen
Coal Creek....	427	117
Michel...	583	105
Morrissey,..	291	25
Total...	1301	247
Men on general construction.....		250
Management engineering, clerical..		37
Grand total...		1835

THE LARDEAU.

A banquet and meeting of the mining and business men of the Lardeau took place last Saturday night at the Windsor Hotel, Ferguson, in honor of W. B. Pool. G. B. Batho occupied the chair, and A. J. Gordon acted as vice-chairman. The after-dinner speeches were excellent, and serve to indicate the strong feeling existing in the district against the misrepresentations of the Lardeau which have been made recently.

Frank Corlson and Simon F. Pfeff have transferred to W. F. Teetzel the claims Golden West and Crown King for a consideration of $25,000. A good substantial payment was made, the balance being due at short intervals. These claims are situated in the Poplar creek part of the district, and the sale of these claims has a tendency to show that notwithstanding "knockers" the camp is being invested in by good, clear-headed business men who examine and judge for themselves. Frank and Simon are to be congratulated on their success, which is not undeserved, as they have undoubtedly worked hard and faithfully. Mr. Teetzel is also to be congratulated on getting hold of so meritorious a property, and feel assured that with proper development he will meet with success.

The year just closed has been a remarkable one in the annals of the Lardeau. During it the advance of the district has been most marked.

In order to provide their employees with one of the essential factors of a miner's Christmas, the Calumet & B. C. Gold Mines, Limited, disbursed among their workers a sum of money aggregating about $7000; the first named company's portion of this total being about $4250. The bulk of the money was retained in the town and made Christmas in Camborne a very lively and joyful time. In fact, no town in comparison to size can boast of a more successful season, both financially and socially, than the past Christmas has been in Camborne. It is quite likely that from now on these two mining companies will establish a regular monthly pay day, which will give Camborne an enviable position among the most successful business towns of the province, besides proving a stimulous to building operations, and will give an air of permanence to Camborne that otherwise could not be obtained.

POPLAR CREEK.

The tunnel at the Lucky Jack is now in 270 feet.

John Fostell left Wednesday for Halcyon, where he will remain for some time.

D. P. Barsalow left on Monday's train for Ferguson to do assessment work on the property he owns in that vicinity.

John Hambly's new store building on First street will be completed by the first week of the new year.

A contract has been let to run a tunnel on the Bertha K., an easterly extension of the Lucky Jack.

John Keen, on behalf of the Townsite company, offered to the citizens of Poplar a block of land for recreation purposes. At a meeting of the trades committee this kind offer was accepted and three trustees, Edward Baillie, Alfred McQueen and E. L. Masterson, were selected to hold the ground until the town had been incorporated.

THE SLOCAN.

The following are the ore shipments from Sandon for the week:

	Tons.
Ruth...	101
Slocan Star...	52
Last Chance...	21
Reco...	20
Ivanhoe...	17½
Total...	211½

Eighteen inches of high grade galena is reported to have been struck on the Soho in the long crosscut which has been driven for many months past.

A. K. Stewart has resumed operation on the Whitewater Deep. He has seven men employed and has started driving a long crosscut through the property.

It is stated that the Slocan Star will soon start overhauling the concentrator and will install a magnetic zinc separator in addition to other machinery for the treatment of its ores. Work will start sometime in February.

The loss to the American Boy company in the burning of its bunkhouse last week was not heavy, but the loss to the men was severe. It is not known what the company will do as to rebuilding, but it is not believed new quarters will go up before spring.

THE STOCK MARKET

The market has been very quiet during the week, no changes of any moment being made. Transactions have been few in number and generally for small quantities of shares. White Bear was slightly stronger at the close, and there was some demand for Giant at the old price.

	Asked	Bid
American Boy...	3½	2½
Ben Hur	4	
Black Tail	3	2
Canadian G. F...	3¾	3
Cariboo McK. (ex-d)..	4	2½
Centre Star..	23	20
Fairview	4	3
Fisher Maiden....	2½	1¾
Giant...	2½	1½
Granby Consolidated ..	$5 00	$4 00
Morning Glory...	2	1½
Mountain Lion..... ..	17	16
North Star	9	8
Payne...	11½	10
Quilp...	17	
Rambler-Cariboo..	27	26
San Poil...	2½	2¼
Sullivan...	5¼	4
Tom Thumb...	3	2
War Eagle...	13	12
Waterloo...	9¾	8½
White Bear (as. paid)..	4¾	4

SALES.

Rambler-Cariboo, 1000, 26-1-2c; Tom Thumb, 2000, 2 1-2c. Total, 3000 shares.

Fisher Maiden, 2000, 2c; Giant, 1000, 2c. Total, 3000 shares.

STRATTON INDEPENDENCE.

Suit Over Famous Mine Goes Against English Company.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 5.—In the case of the Stratton Independence Mining company of London against the executors of the estate of the late Winifred S. Stratton, the Cripple Creek millionaire, claiming $6,000,000 damages for the alleged salting of the Independence mine before its sale to the English company, Judge Rimter in the U. S. court today decided for the defendants.

The grounds for the defence were that the sale was by Stratton to a company of which he was a member, and hence he could not defraud himself. The mine has produced $10,000,000 in gold since the sale, which is more than the selling price. The present suit was filed against the executors of the estate before they had qualified. The death of Stratton before the filing of the suit, according to the English law under which the company is incorporated, covered all the rights and privileges that the company may have had.

The judge held that any one of the four grounds for the defence was sufficient.

CANNON'S JOKE.

The Speaker's Remarks on a Book Agent's Ability.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—In transmitting a payment by check to a publication house for 60 volumes of American historical works, Speaker Cannon today made this endorsement on the back of the check: "This check is in full payment, both legal and moral, for 60 volumes of books called in the contract with the payee '——' The books are not worth a damn, and are high at that. We are never too old to learn facts, but the way your gentlemanly agent came it over your Uncle Josh is worth the price."

EVENT IN BOUNDARY

ODD FELLOWS' LODGES JOIN IN THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

MEMBERS OF ORDER FROM THE THREE CITIES MEET AT PHOENIX.

PHOENIX, B. C., Jan. 5.—Last evening was a night long to be remembered in the circles of Odd Fellowship in the Boundary, it being the occasion of the joint installation of the newly elected officials of Boundary Valley Lodge No. 38, of Greenwood, Gateway Lodge No. 45, of Grand Forks, and Snowshoe Lodge No. 46, of Phoenix, the installation exercises taking place in Phoenix. Some twenty members of the order came up from Grand Forks, and as many from Greenwood, there being 125 in the room when the installation proper began. The grand officers for the installation were as follows: District Deputy Grand Master David Whiteside, Grand Marshal Marcus Martin, Grand Warden A. L. Fleming, Grand Secretary D. D. Munroe, Grand Permanent Secretary A. L. Clements, and Grand Treasurer H. B. Munroe.

Following are the names of the officials that were inducted into office for the next six months in the three lodges:

Greenwood Boundary Valley Lodge No. 38—N. G., E. F. Smith; V. G., F. Kennedy; R. S., Fred B. Holmes; Per. Sec., G. B. Taylor; Treas., W. G. Harvey; W., J. Saunders; C., D. McCreath; O. G., T. M. Gulley; I. G., W. Ellison; R. S. N. G., F. Spearing; L. S. N. G., H. Coutts; R. S. V. G., A. Johnson; L. S. V. G., J. Hickey; R. S. S., A. Hanson; L. S. S., H. H. Huff.

Grand Forks Gateway Lodge No. 45—N. G., Thomas Powers; V. G., G. R. Naden; R. S., A. B. Hall; Per. Sec., W. B. DeWers; Treasurer, George Whithton; W., J. Donaldson; O. G., R. Freache; I. G., J. McCabe; R. S. N. G., F. Downey; L. S. N. G., D. Monroe; R. S. V. G., C. Chapple; L. S. V. G., H. Lutley; R. S. S., L. Vaughan; L. S. S., George Massey; Chaplain, A. L. Clements.

Phoenix Snowshoe Lodge No. 46—N. G., W. S. Cook; V. G., A. Milkie; R. S., G. R. Mead; Per. Sec., A. B. Williamson; Treasurer, D. Murray; W., R. Silverthorne; C., T. Johnson; O. G., J. McCague; I. G., F. McDougall; R. S. N. W., W. Hannah; L. S. N. G., C. McCague; R. S. V. G., J. Campbell; L. S. V. G., John Kayes; R. S. S., J. Hannah; L. S. S., W. McMillan.

After the exercises of installation the members of the local lodge entertained the visitors at a banquet at the Knob Hill cafe, where covers were laid for 82. David Whiteside, of Grand Forks, was the presiding officer at this function, and many witty speeches, songs, etc., were given before the party broke up at an early hour this morning, to permit the visiting brethren to return to return to their respective homes in time for the day's duties.

IOWA CAPITOL DAMAGED.

Northwest Wing Injured by Fire to Extent of Half a Million.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 5.—Fire gutted the northwestern wing of the state capitol yesterday, causing an approximate loss of half a million dollars. The chamber of the house of representatives is a charred mass of debris and cannot be repaired in time for the approaching session of the legislature. The fire, which started about 10 o'clock, was not extinguished until 6 o'clock.

The supposition is that the fire started either from a lighted candle carelessly left burning, or from an electric light wire. The fire department was unable to fight the flames effectively on account of the height of the building and the elevation of the capitol site. The only thing possible was to cut off the progress of the flames. The valuable volumes of the state library located near the fire were removed and the state offices were hastily emptied. The funds in the state treasurer's office were loaded on a wagon and carried to a downtown bank for safety.

Governor Cummins laid aside gubernatorial dignity and, clad in rubber boots and a rough coat, engaged in the work of fighting the fire.

The Iowa capitol is one of the most beautiful in the country. It was erected at a cost of $3,000,000 and was supposed to be fireproof.

CITY NEWS

From Thursday's Daily.

Another game was played last night at the rink in the President's trophy series with the following result:

A. C. Ridout	H. R. Townsend
J. E. Hooson	T. G. Challoner
R. Lamont	C. M. Oliver
John Dunlop—12	W. McQueen—11

Henry Brackman, president of the Brackman & Ker Milling company died yesterday at Victoria, after a long and useful life in the course of which he assisted materially in building up an immense business throughout British Columbia. The flag on the local warehouse of the company was half-masted yesterday in respect for the deceased's memory.

Sheriff Tuck of Nelson, has notified Walter J. Robinson that he will require his resignation as deputy sheriff for the Rossland district to take effect on the 5th prox. No reason is ascribed for the request, but the matter is made peremptory. Sheriff Tuck will come to Rossland in person to transfer the office to Mr. Robinson's successor, who is said to be R. T. Evans.

The West Kootenay Power & Light company has commenced work on the pole line to connect its main pole lead with the Rossland Power company's new concentrator at Trail. The distance to be spanned is about 1830 feet. The construction of the sub-station for the reception of the transformers at the concentrator will be commenced immediately. John D. Macdonald, general superintendent, is in charge of the work.

The drift from the 200 level station in the Spitzee shaft to tap the ore body at that depth is making excellent progress, and the ore may be picked up in the course of the next day or two. The question as to whether the ore goes down to the second level seems to have been solved by the discovery a couple of feet north of the shaft of a stringer of ore about twelve inches in width, which existed in similar shape on the 100 level. If the stringer goes down to the 200 level the natural inference is that the main ore body is equally continuous.

Fire Chief Guthrie's annual report has been filed at the city hall, but it has not yet been divulged for publication, and Alderman Embleton, chairman of the fire, water and light committee states that certain sections of the report will never be given out for publication. It is understood that the sections complained of refer to the bad effect on the discipline of the department of the numerous changes in the personnel of the brigade, the principal reasons for the frequent changes being the reduction in the pay of the men. The chief is understood, further, to have given his opinion in plain language on other points relating to the conduct of the brigade, the effect of which has ben to impair the efficiency of the corps to some extent.

The Yale-Kootenay Ice company concluded a business deal here yesterday, the effect of which will be to enhance the scope of the concern's operations in Rossland. The ice and fuel business transacted here successfully for some years by Martin Dolan has been taken over by the company, and a subsidiary corporation, to be known as the Rossland Ice & Fuel company, will be formed to conduct the combined business. Colin C. Craddock will be in charge of the company's affairs in the Golden City, as stated in yesterday's Miner, and the offices for the present at least will be in the premises now occupied by Mr. Dolan. The latter retires from the business tomorrow, but remains in Rossland for a month or six weeks closing up the affairs of his business. Mr. Dolan is well known and highly esteemed throughout the city, and it is sincerely hoped that he will not sever his connection with Rossland. The new company's ice house on Second avenue is making rapid headway. It is being constructed by day's labor under the direction of J. Leard, formerly of Nelson.

Stanley H. G. Anthony, assayer and chemist for the Cherry Creek mining company, leaves today for the mines after spending the holidays in the Golden City. The company in question is one of James F. Wardner's last flotations, and promises to be most successful. The two-stamp mill purchased at Sheep Creek station last fall has been placed in position, and two additional stamps are on the ground ready for installation. In the various mill runs it was found that the loss in tailings was excessive, and some experiments are now to be made in cyaniding to ascertain if these losses can be reduced. In event of success attending these efforts a cyanide plant will be added to the mill next spring. The company owns the Morgan group, several miles from the Cherry creek claims, and on these considerable rich ore carrying visible gold has been found. The company will probably place a mill on the Morgan property in the spring.

Neil Cochrane, M. E., returns this morning to Republic camp, where he is in charge of the work on the Mountain Lion. He has been in the city for a few days on business in connection with the company. The Mountain Lion is attracting much attention at the present time owing to the installation there of the first Hendryx electro-cyanide process reduction works yet established in the district. The work of setting up the plant is proceeding rapidly, and the trial runs will probably be made before the end of January.

From Friday's Daily.

The frightful theatre disaster in Chicago on Wednesday brought mourning to one Rossland household at least. Among the names of the killed is that of Miss Abbie Raymer, daughter of Alderman Raymer of Chicago, and niece of H. J. Raymer of Rossland.

On behalf of A. Merta, a foreigner, C. E. Gillan has commenced action in the county court against Robert Adams, proprietor of the Clifton saloon, to recover possession of checks aggregating in value $153, or, alternatively, to recover the value of the documents. It is alleged in the statement of claim that Merta received no consideration for the checks, that the plaintiff did not endorse the checks and that they were wrongfully taken from him.

The officers of the Rossland Civilian Rifle association are preparing the annual reports of the association for submission to the militia department. It is disclosed that during the season the members fired over 10,000 rounds of ball cartridge at the Ferndale ranges. Full statements as to the scores and other information relating to the association's work will be included in the reports. The organization was decidedly successful for a new institution, and winds up the season with all obligations paid and cash in the treasury.

The new year was ushered in at midnight with the usual salvo of whistles and bells. The engineer of a Canadian Pacific engine en route to Trail cut the pace by throwing open the whistle of his locomotive as she was crossing the Spitzee curve. Four or five seconds later the big bell on the fire hall cut in with its solemn boom, and this was immediately followed by more engine and mine whistles blowing a salute to the infant year. Some firecrackers were set off, a few gun shots were fired, and then the city settled down for 1904. Quite a number of people were on the streets at midnight.

The first annual ball under the auspices of Red Mountain Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, eventuated last night at Union hall. About 150 people were in attendance and the function was thoroughly enjoyable from start to finish. Graham's orchestra furnished admirable music, and the floor management was courteously handled by J. A. MacKinnon. The dance was voted one of the pleasantest of the season, and no little of this effect was secured by the indefatigable efforts of the committee in charge to promote the pleasure of the guests.

Two more games were played at the rink in the President's curling trophy series, with the following results:

W. F. McNeill	C. Smith
A. F. Paddon	G. H. Dunn
J. L. Lynch	R. Lamont
Dr. Coulthard—14	W. M. Wood—10
A. L. Ruff	Carl Davis
J. S. Deschamps	A. McMillan
C. V. Jenkins	Principal Bruce
E. A. Rolf—13	Dr. Campbell—12

From Saturday's Daily.

As the outcome of a re-arrangement of the staff at the Le Roi mine George Clothier, recently connected with the assay office, has been promoted to the assistant surveyorship. He is succeeded in the assay office by George F. Robbins, late assayer at the Payne mine.

The department of agriculture is preparing another free distribution of grains for the purpose of assisting Canadian farmers to improve seed. Packages containing four pounds of oats, five of wheat or three pounds of Indian corn or potatoes will be sent free of charge on application to the Experimental Farms, Ottawa. Only one sample of one variety will be sent to any single address.

At the regular meeting of Rossland Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles held last night the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That it is with feelings of deep regret that we have learned of the death of Mrs. Layton, sister of Brothers Frank and George Funk, and hasten to extend to them our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sad bereavement, feeling sure that their irreparable loss is their sister's great gain in that she has laid aside the cares and turmoils of this life to enter eternal rest."

The officers elect for the ensuing term were installed at last night's meeting of Rossland Lodge No. 21, Knights of Pythias, the officiating officer being W. R. Beatty, district deputy grand chancellor. Following the installation supper was served in the banquet hall and felicitations exchanged. The new officers are as follows: Chancellor commander, W. H. Burken; vice chancellor, L. J. Klittredge; prelate, Theodore Kettleson; master of work, George Mellor; K. of R. and S., Paul D. Wilcox; master of finance, W. R. Beatty; master of exchequer, George Knudson; master at arms, Charles Hastings; inner guard, Roland Gosse; outer guard, C. A. Coffin.

The big Le Roi crusher was shut down for a couple of hours yesterday afternoon under rather unusual circumstances. The big machine suddenly stopped dead, and on investigation it was found that a fifteen-pound hammer was jammed in the jaws. The hammer had inadvertently gone into the crusher with the material hoisted from the mine, and considerable labor was required to extricate the obstruction.

From Sunday's Daily.

The full court of the supreme bench sits in Victoria this week. Several Rossland lawyers will attend the sittings.

Duncan McDonell has disposed of the Maple Leaf saloon, the new owners being H. Dimock and G. H. Yorke. Messrs. Dimock and Yorke are well known miners, and will have many friends in their new business venture.

The fire department has a brand new mascot in the shape of a lively pup coyote sent down from Camborne by John Hull as a holiday souvenir. The coyote is full of life, and the firemen hope to make a house pet of the little fellow.

George McKenzie, a miner employed on the 1050-foot level of the Le Roi mine, sustained a painful accident last night. He was struck by a heavy piece of rock, which resulted in the breaking of his left ankle. He was taken to the Sisters' hospital, where he is receiving the kindest attention.

The Bureau of Provincial Information at Victoria has issued a bulletin cataloguing the game of British Columbia, with a list of birds and animals to be found within the boundaries of the province. The bulletin is of value to sportsmen and others, and may be obtained free of charge on application to R. E. Gosnell, secretary of the bureau.

Rev. Hugh R. Grant, of Pincher, presides at St. Andrew's church today, preaching at morning and evening services. This will conclude Mr. Grant's sojourn in the Golden City unless he can be prevailed upon to extend his visit. It is understood that an effort will be made to have Mr. Grant consider a call to the pulpit of St. Andrew's, and his acceptance would gratify a strong element in the congregation.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. George's church last evening, when Miss Helen Isobel, eldest daughter of John Boultbee, became the wife of Francis A. Hewer, managing director of the Spitzee Gold Mines. Rev. John A. Cleland, rector of the church, officiated. The function was quietly conducted owing to the recent bereavement in the bride's family, only a few intimate friends being in attendance. The bride is one of Rossland's most popular daughters, while the groom is well and favorably known. Mr. and Mrs. Hewer will have the hearty good wishes of a wide circle of friends in the Golden City.

The most exciting curling match of the season took place last night between the Veterans and the Colts, with the following result:

Veterans.	Colts.
Ross Thompson	H. G. Oliver
Alfred McMillan	W H. G. Phipps
H. H. Johnstone	H. P. Renwick
E. A. Rolf—15	T. I. Dunn—14

The veterans started off with a six end, but the Colts eventually caught up and passed the older players. Thrice during the match the rinks were tied, and the last shot was required to settle the game. On the conclusion of the match the vanquished entertained the victors at supper in the Hoffman house.

Dr. W. L. Coulthard leaves today for Dubuque, Iowa, where he is to be married next Tuesday week to Miss Jean Robinson, eldest daughter, of Rev. Mr. Robinson, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city. Dr. Coulthard will be absent from his practice about three weeks.

A. Bernard Buckworth, former mining recorder at Ymir, was in the city over night on a flying business trip.

Mrs. John R. Macdonald, Second avenue, is visiting Spokane relatives.

From Wednesday's Daily.

F. F. Busteed, superintendent, and R. A. Bainbridge, district resident engineer, of the Canadian Pacific Kootenay-Boundary division, were in the city yesterday afternoon. Nothing of a special nature developed in connection with their stay in Rossland, and both returned to Nelson last night.

A new hockey trophy is in hand now to replace the cup that went to Nelson for keeps after last Winter Carnival sports. The new trophy is donated by a local firm for competition among British Columbia teams, the conditions being approximately the same as applied to the former cup. The new trophy is twenty-three inches in height over all, about six inches constituting the ebony base. The cup is ornamented with beavers and maple leaves in relief, and the whole is surmounted with a figure in silver of a hockey player.

Cabled reports of operations at the Ymir mine for November were: Ymir—The mine manager reports the return for November: "50 stamps ran 30 days and crushed 3,950 tons (2,000 pounds) of ore, producing 987 ounces of bullion. The estimated realizable value (gross) of the product is $10,250; 287 tons of concentrates shipped, gross estimated value $8,500; cyanide plant treated 2,850 tons (2,000 pounds) of tailings, producing bullion having estimated gross value of $2,250; sundry revenue, $850—$21,850. Working expenses, $22,000. Loss $150. There has been expended during the month on development, $3,500."

A copy of the crown grant issued to the corporation in respect to the land covered by the flume from Rossland to Rock creek has been received. This was issued at the instance of Mayor Dean, and conveys to the city a strip of land sixty-six feet in width and approximately two miles in length. The patent was secured by His Worship to protect the corporation against the possibility of proceedings such as Blue & Deschamps' action, and the outcome of the litigation to date might have been different had the city officials in power during 1902 taken similar steps. The sum awarded Blue & Deschamps in the arbitration with the city has not been paid yet, the firm not having delivered the deed to the land, which is essential to the payment of the award by the corporation.

G. W. Richardson, who is the representative of the owners of the Rossland opera house, is sufficiently impressed with the terrible fatality at the Iroquois theatre, Chicago, to see that no such awful accident shall happen at the local theatre. At his special request the city authorities have made a thorough examination of the premises and reported that all necessary precautions against fire seem to have been taken. Mr. Richardson, however, desires to make certain in the matter, and has ordered the cutting of two additional exits, which will have large double doors opening outward. With these improvements the opera house will be safe beyond all possible doubt. The authorities greatly appreciate Mr. Richardson's thoughtfulness and he deserves the hearty thanks and appreciation of the entire community.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A son was born to the wife of John P. Singer, Second avenue, on New Year's day.

The annual house-cleaning at the city hall at the close of the year disclosed the fact that the corporation has outstanding no less than $2331 in unpaid water rates.

A report is in circulation that John J. Hand, formerly of Rossland, was badly hurt a few days ago at Cripple Creek, sustaining a bullet wound in a fracas incident to the labor troubles in progress there. The report could not be substantiated last night.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly, formerly of Rossland, is now police magistrate of Winnipeg. Mr. Daly assumed office last week and was accorded a warm welcome by the retiring magistrate. On behalf of the Winnipeg bar an address was presented to the new magistrate.

A writ was issued in the supreme court yesterday by the city against the Reddin-Jackson Company, Limited, to recover $1200 claimed to be due the corporation as taxes for the past year. This is the first of a series of similar actions to be taken by the city.

The friends of George W. Urquhart and James H. Young are urging them strongly to accept nominations as aldermen for the east ward. Both gentlemen are understood to have tacitly consented to accept nominations, and both will enlist strong support in the ward.

Application has been made by the managers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to Rev. Dr. Wright of Grand Forks for a congregational meeting here. It is expected that the moderator will comply with the request promptly and that the matter of a call to Rev. Hugh R. Grant of Pincher will be considered.

Sheriff Tuck of Nelson was in the city yesterday to take up the transfer of the deputy sheriff's office to W. J. Robinson's successor. The work was not concluded during the afternoon, and as Sheriff Tuck had an important business engagement in Nelson this morning he was compelled to leave on the night train. He returns on Friday to complete the details of the transfer.

Joseph Zanin, an Italian sectionman, was found dead in his cabin yesterday morning, having passed away during the night. The cause of death not being perceptible from the surroundings, an autopsy was held, which disclosed that Zanin died from an aneurism of the aorta during the night. A burial permit was then issued.

Miss Mary Slater, 405 W. Third street, Grand Island, Nebraska, writes for information respecting Seymour Slater, who was in Rossland up to four months ago. Slater died suddenly in Calgary on December 25, and his people desire some information relating to his circumstances, etc.

Major VanBuskirk will have to worry along on his present salary. Recently he was instructed to do several months' expert work in connection with proposed civic electric lighting works and requested that he be remunerated on a scale commensurate with the nature of the service required. The council declined on the ground that there is no assurance that the work will be carried to completion.

At last night's meeting of the city council a letter was read from McMillan Bros. complaining of the absurdity of a charge of $25 for water rates on the firm's building during the past year. The fire, water and light committee will deal with the protest. It was resolved by resolution to purchase $10 worth of photographs to be forwarded to the agent-general of the province in London.

Chairman McCraney and Trustee Nelson were at the high school yesterday morning when the class assembled. They were accompanied by the new principal of the school, Charles A. Thomson, B. A., who was introduced to the pupils by Mr. McCraney. Trustee Nelson then spoke for fifteen or twenty minutes along the lines of the duty of pupils toward the principal and the advantages afforded by the department of education.

R. C. Morgan, superintendent, and W. T. Sheppard, roadmaster, of the Spokane Falls & Northern, were in the city over night, accompanied by Frank R. Mendenhall, formerly of Rossland. The party will go south on the morning train today. Mr. Morgan states that the idea of constructing a spur from the White Bear headworks to the millsite is practically abandoned in favor of a surface tramway that will permit of the handling of material quickly and economically. Heavy grades to be overcome were the principal reasons for the change of plans.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

J. R. M., Tacoma—So far as we are aware the Commonwealth Mining & Development company is out of existence.

NOTICE.

At an Extra Ordinary General meeting held jointly by the shareholders in the "Keremeos Copper Mines, Limited," and the "Pontiac Copper Mines, Limited," it was unanimously resolved to amalgamate said companies under the name of "Keremeos-Pontiac Mines, Limited," thus making capitalization of the new company $2,500,000.

Said resolution was confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting on the 20th day of July, 1903.

(Signed) A. C. SINCLAIR, President.
W. H. DANBY, Secretary.
Rossland, B. C., July 21st, 1903.

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