

ALDERMEN DREW SALARIES

All Members of Council Accepted January Checks.

Mining Companies Asked to Abolish Boarding Houses.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

If any citizen of Rossland believed that the members of the city council were disposed to give their services to this sorely embarrassed city without charge, recouping themselves from the honor that ordinarily attaches to an aldermanic position, that citizen is apparently very much mistaken. All the salaries paid by the city to men who work all day in their positions have been cut down, but the aldermen will draw full pay.

Last night the city finance committee presented a report to council recommending the passage of an item of \$238.33 for mayor's and aldermen's salaries for January. The report was passed in toto, no comment was made on the aldermanic salary question, and the members of council will receive their little checks today, while the next checks for the men who do the work will be substantially slimmer.

Report has it that the aldermanic salary question will not be pressed by Mayor Dean, as was his intention when the council took office. The members of the board are said to have intimated to his worship that if he persisted in his idea of saving the city several hundred dollars per annum—almost as much as was saved by the wholesale slashing of the civil list—they would quietly cut off his remuneration, and that this threat has disposed of the whole subject.

Alderman Embleton was to have brought in his resolution to cut \$300 from the mayor's stipend and abolish aldermanic salaries, but he didn't make a move in that direction. The reason alleged will probably be that he failed to get a seconder for the motion.

The only other matter of importance coming up at the session of council last night was the presentation by Mayor Dean of his proposed memorial to the mining companies relative to the abolition of the Red Mountain boarding houses. The document was carefully drawn and of considerable length. It was couched in conciliatory language, and recited in detail the conditions existing as between the mines and the city; that because of the existence of the mining industry the corporation had been evolved, that the corporation had expended \$300,000 in water system, street work, sewers and fire protection, in all of which the mining companies participate equally with citizens generally, that the perpetuation of the boarding house system on the hill had a serious effect upon business conditions in the city and retarded the prosperity of the community, especially because it had the effect of increasing the proportion of unmarried men employed in the mines as against married men who would maintain families here if they were able to secure employment. It was stated that in the opinion of the council the mines would secure a better class of men in many respects if the boarding houses were abolished, and that certainly the community would profit very substantially through being enabled to supply the wants of the men at present residing in these boarding houses and the increase of population incident to the employment of a larger number of married men. All these arguments were given in detail, and the memorial wound up by recommending that council endorse the document, that it be presented to the managers of the local mines and that copies be forwarded to Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general of the province in London, with the request that he place it before the directors of the respective companies owning properties in Rossland.

The members of council unanimously endorsed the memorial, but were divided in opinion as to the means suggested for bringing it to the attention of the mining companies. Aldermen Daniel, Embleton, Dunlop, McKichan and Talbot protested against the memorial being forwarded immediately to the London directors, on the ground that such a move would smack of dictation to the local managers, all of whom were courteous in their dealings with business men and others. They declined to countenance the sending of the memorial to London or Toronto until it had been presented to the managers in Rossland and a refusal of the request made or a suggestion made by the managers interested that it be immediately sent on. In event of this refusal it was agreed that the juncture would be propitious for taking the question to the court of last resource.

Having endorsed the memorial and passed a resolution that no copies be sent out of the city until local representations had been made, the council adjourned.

KILLED BY YAQUIS.

Mexican Soldiers Said to Have Been Caught in a Trap.

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 3.—According to advices received here the Twelfth battalion of Mexican regulars, which was pursuing the Yaquis, after having defeated them in a fight at San Mariel, were caught in a trap by the Indians and a number killed.

HEAVY SNOW EAST.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Snow is generally reported between the great lakes and the Rocky mountains today. In Chicago the heaviest fall of snow of the season was reported.

WHEN CY WAS HERE KILLED BY DEADLY FUMES

CY WARMAN, WELL KNOWN WRITER, AND HIS ROSSLAND TRIP.

REMINISCENCES OF MAXEY CROW'S AND THE SLOT MACHINES.

Two years ago Cy Warman, a well known writer, whose railroad stories have been read with much interest, visited the Golden City, and was shown the sights by Hector McRae. Some of his impressions have just seen the light in a recent issue of Harper's Weekly. The story is as follows:

At Rossland, British Columbia, as in many other parts of this earthy vineyard, the machine is beating the working man out of his job. That well-dressed, retiring, velvet-fingered "gent," the fero dealer, who has spent long days and nights learning to deal from the bottom of the deck, is unknown in a Canadian camp. Just picture in your mind's eye one of these dagger gent's alighting with his layout from the afternoon stage. Follow him to the leading gin, and watch the four card flush fade from his face when he meets that bloodless usurper, the slot machine.

For the next thirty days he will haunt the cafe, flooding his grief with champagne, and going against the machine between drinks. Finally, when his dust has dwindled, we see him in the back yard of a cheap boarding house, halting between a sawbuck and the jail. It is, indeed, a pathetic picture.

I went into a little cigar store with Mr. Hector. The shop is run by one James Crow. On the counter there were two small machines, about the size of a typewriter machine. Hector grasped one of them, and after feeding Yankee nickels into it for a few moments got a cigar.

In the meantime other smokers (I ought to say suckers) came in, and Mr. Crow put up another machine. In less than five minutes four machines were humming away, doing what they could, uncomplainingly, to make Mr. Crow comfortable. To be sure, they were small machines and could not do much. A big one in the Kootenay park, which cost \$180, is said to have paid for itself in two days. You can bet as low as five cents and win as high as five dollars. I saw a man do this. The machine made a show of holding out to the man, but the man punched it under the chin, shook it, kicked it, and cursed it some, and then it coughed up a quart of nickels. The man spilled them upon the bar and got a five-dollar bill.

He told me, confidentially, that he had been up against this machine for about a dollar a day for the past three months. "I was bound to beat the thing," he added, triumphantly, as he called the crowd to the bar, "if I had to stay with it all summer."

But we were in Mr. Crow's mint. In a little while he put up another machine; five of them on a ten-foot counter. It is wonderful how the instinct, or desire, to gamble goes with the airy freedom of a mining camp. Another thing I have observed. The moment you try to suppress out in some other form. Stop the spout and the teakettle will blow the cover off. In ten days' residence in the prohibition capital of Kansas I saw not a single drunken man—not even the reflection of one in my mirror—but I saw such a variety of gamblers of the penny-ante variety as I have not seen elsewhere in all the wide world.

To be sure, there was no poker—none that I saw—but in nearly every drug store, upon every show case where cigars were sold, there was a slot machine or some sort of a chance device, with the chances in favor of the house. Yes, prohibition does prohibit. It tends to decrease drunkenness, but it does seem to provoke men to other, though perhaps less disastrous, pastimes. Man is a strange varmint. As the immortal David would say, a certain amount of vice seems to be good for a civilized man—keeps him from brooding on being civilized.

"But tell me, Mr. Hector," said I, "about how many machines does Mr. Crow keep?"

"Five," he answered, relighting his cigar for the third time. "You see, he opens at six in the morning and closes up at six and a half at night. The other two work from that hour until closing time. The other is an 'extra,' to be ready in case of a breakdown or a hot box."

"But why must he change them?"

"The union," said Hector, glancing about. "The miners would boycott the shop if he worked one of these machines over eight hours straight."

IT COST MONEY.

The Stamping Out of Cattle Disease in New England.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Dr. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, who has returned here from Boston, where he superintended the work against the foot and mouth epidemic, said today that about 900 animals have been slaughtered in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire, and that the indemnity the government paid the owners aggregates over \$100,000. He said that unless new cases develop it is probable that most of the quarantine restrictions now existing will have been removed in about 60 or 90 days.

LOSS OF A SHIP.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Advices from Bay Head say that a large ship has been wrecked off Duraborg reef. She is believed to be the French bark Van Stabel, which sailed from Glasgow January 27 for San Francisco. The body of a boy has been found, but the fate of the remainder of the crew is not known.

Dr. Sinclair, who has been ill in this city for some time, is at Grand Forks trying to regain his health by a change of climate.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

(In this column The Miner will hereafter publish replies to queries from its readers anent mining properties in the Kootenay district.)

Two Miners Asphyxiated at the Kootenay Mine Yesterday.

Many Members of Rescue Party Were Prostrated.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

August Fels and Gus Olson were asphyxiated at the Kootenay mine yesterday. The men started to go to work in the drift at the foot of the winze from the sixth level, and were overcome by the gas accumulated in the lower workings. The bucket in which they were descending ran off the spids and the men died there. It was impossible to render them assistance for many hours, and the bodies were not recovered for six hours. Death had taken place some hours previous, as rigor had set in. Several of the men engaged in rescue work were overcome, but suffered no ill effects. The deceased men were married and lived at the mine. Olson left a widow and three children, while Fels had no children.

About 8:30 yesterday morning Fels and Olson started down to the foot of the winze to look after some caps or other supplies they used in connection with the work under way there. The winze starts on the sixth level at a point 2064 feet from the portal and goes down 200 feet; from its foot drifts have been turned off to the east and west on the vein. Work has been in progress here for some days. It was known to the men that the air was bad, in fact this could hardly be entirely overcome under the circumstances. Various warnings are said to have been issued, and it is said that the men have been more careful than usual since several were overcome in one of the drifts less than a year ago. The last round of holes had been shot in the drift some seven hours previous to the descent of the two men, but apparently the gas developed had not had time to get out.

The bucket in which Fels and Olson were seated went down something over 100 feet, when the gas became too strong, and the men desired to ascend. Before they could be drawn up the bucket slipped from the skids and lodged at a point about 100 feet below the collar of the winze. This had never occurred previously, and the presumption is that in their semi-conscious struggles the men upset the equilibrium of the bucket and dislodged it from the skids.

The serious nature of the accident and situation was immediately recognized, and the men employed about the property were summoned. Andrew G. Larson, general superintendent of the Rossland Kootenay company, took charge of the rescue work, and a call was sent to the city for a physician, Dr. Coulthart, responding soon after the men were caught below. Carlson, a fellow-employee, essayed the task of going down to their rescue. He reached a point in the winze where he could hear one of the occupants of the bucket moaning, but was compelled to ascend. The question that puzzles those familiar with the conditions is as to how these men could go into the winze and come out again without being overcome. Later on after the compressor plant had been driving air into the winze for several hours, John Henniger went down with a rope under his arms. He was drawn out unconscious and completely prostrated. Ultimately the workings were cleared of gas, and the bucket righted. The men were then drawn out, but were past all hope of resuscitation, rigor having set in, as already stated.

The men about the collar of the winze were prostrated by the deadly fumes arising from the workings as the compressed air forced its way down. No serious effects followed, however.

The bodies of the unfortunate men were brought to Jordan's undertaking establishment to be prepared for interment. There is no coroner resident in the city, and as the fatality occurred outside of the city limits, Coroner Arthur of Nelson, plan advised of the fact by John Kirkup, government agent. Application will be made to the attorney-general for the appointment of two coroners in Rossland forthwith.

CORONER COMING.

Dr. Arthur of Nelson, who is a coroner for the province, has replied to Government Agent Kirkup's telegraphic communication anent the Kootenay mine fatality. Dr. Arthur states that he will arrive in Rossland on the noon train today and proceed to inquire into the matter. If he concludes that the case demands an exhaustive inquiry he will have a jury empaneled and conduct an inquest.

BOLIVIA'S POSITION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The minister for foreign affairs of Bolivia, Mr. Villazon, has addressed to the Bolivian legations abroad a cable dispatch in which he says: "The Acre contract is not a lease. Bolivia retains sovereignty in charging only the collections of revenues to the syndicate. This has the purely industrial character, subject to the laws of the republic. Bolivia has always been ready to make arrangements to settle this satisfactorily for both countries, and the syndicate at present maintains the same purpose. The Brazilian population of Acre has been afforded ample protection under the Bolivian administration. President Fando's expedition is to relieve the garrison of Puerto Acre, besieged by the revolutionists, maintain sovereignty and protect Bolivian interests against the depredation of the insurgents. Bolivia does not desire war. She is willing to settle all differences on a fair basis, by direct arrangements or arbitration, for the sake of peace."

CITY NEWS

HAD INSURANCE—

The late Gus Olson, one of the victims of the Kootenay mine fatality, carried a policy for \$2600 in the Equitable Assurance Society.

CUT 'EM DOWN—

The estimates drawn up by the board of school trustees for the current year were presented to the council last night. It was referred to the finance committee, Mayor Dean remarking: "I expect the finance committee will make recommendations after studying the matter carefully that some reductions be made."

RESIGNED—

Robert Marshall, janitor at the Central school, resigned his position yesterday on the ground that the work was too heavy for him to perform. Hiram P. McCraener, of the school board, has appointed Frank Logar to perform the caretaker's duties until the board meets next week and makes a permanent appointment.

PING-PONGERS NOTE—

The ladies' auxiliary to the public library committee has decided that the ping-pong tournament in aid of the funds of the institution will take place about the middle of March. Definite announcements will be made later.

A BANQUET—

The members of No. 1 company, Rocky Mountain Rangers, and friends of Lieutenant Gordon Logan will tender him a banquet prior to his departure for Toronto to re-enter the offices of the Canadian General Electric company.

ADJOURNMENT—

The next sitting of the supreme court in Rossland was set for the 24th inst., but as the full court is still in session at Victoria, it is expected by the local legal profession that an adjournment of the Rossland sitting will be announced shortly. Such adjournment will probably be for a fortnight at least, and likely for an entire month.

MAIL SERVICE—

Rossland will have a daily mail service to Grand Forks via the Spokane Falls & Northern in future. Mail matter will be carried by Marcus, and will close here daily at 9:15 a. m., being received with the regular eastern mail on the 5:10 train, which is five hours earlier than the night mail over the Canadian Pacific. The present service over the Canadian Pacific to Grand Forks will be continued as usual. The postoffice announces that Yukon mails will close here at 9:15 on February 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 25 and 27.

TO ADMIT JESUITS.

A Somewhat Sensational Departure by Germany.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The German government has decided to admit Jesuits, who since July, 1872, have been excluded from Germany. Chancellor von Buelow, in the reichstag today, said he would use his influence to instruct the Prussian members of the bundesrath to support the repeal of the anti-Jesuit law so far as to permit individual German and foreign Jesuits to reside in Germany, but not to allow the founding of Jesuit chapters, which the chancellor believed, and the confederated government would not accept. The chancellor's announcement caused a sensation. It was reported early in December last, that the government had promised the leaders of the Centre party that it would no longer oppose the re-admission of the Jesuits provided that party supported the government's tariff bill.

The majority of the reichstag undoubtedly will support the re-admission when the bundesrath submits the necessary bill.

REMINDER FROM WILLIAM.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—The vice-president of the reichstag, Count von Stolberg-Wernigerode, in calling the reichstag to order today said Emperor William had presented the house with a diagram in his own hand contrasting the British and German navies. The drawing probably will be hung in the lobby of the reichstag as an object lesson to the members.

GIFT FROM MR. PHIPPS.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.—Henry Phipps, a director of the Carnegie steel company, who is traveling in this country, has given Lady Curzon of Kedleston, wife of the viceroy, the sum of \$10,000 in support of her Victorian memorial midwifery fund.

A WINTER SCOURGE.

La Grippe or Influenza Responsible for Hundreds of Untimely Deaths.

La grippe starts with a sneeze—and ends with a complication. It lays a strong man on his back; it tortures him with fevers and chills, headaches and backaches. It leaves him prey to pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption and other deadly diseases. You can avoid la grippe by fortifying your system with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They protect you; they banish all evil after effects. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills ward off all winter ailments. They cure all blood and nerve disorders. They are the greatest blood purifier and nerve tonic that science has yet discovered. We know this to be true because we have tried it, but we do not ask you to take our word alone. Ask your neighbors, no matter where you live, and you will learn of someone who has been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, after other medicines had failed. It is upon the evidence of your neighbors that we ask you to give these pills a fair trial if you are sick or ailing. Mrs. Emma Donnet, St. Eulalie, Que., says: "Words can hardly tell how pleased I am with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had an attack of la grippe, which left me a sufferer from headaches and pains in the stomach. I used several medicines, but nothing helped me until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I began them I was weak and very much run down. The pills have completely cured me and I am not only as strong as ever, but have gained in flesh." The genuine pills always bear the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the label around every box. Substitutes can't cure and to take them is a waste of money and endangering life.

GOING TO ALBERTA—

Morrison & Bryenton intend leaving for Alberta as soon as they can dispose of their stock of groceries. The sale is now on and will continue until all is disposed of.

IN LONDON—

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland Kootenay company, is still in London. He has been detained there longer than expected and will not return to Rossland prior to March 1.

MADE MONEY—

The Ymir mine's cabled December report is as follows: "During last month 50 stamps ran 650 hours (27 days). Estimated profit on operating, \$6711 (\$1590). This is after deducting development, \$2390 (£600) and repairs \$1584 (£320)."

TO MOVE—

It is understood that the city ticks office of the Spokane Falls & Northern railroad, which has long been on the Washington street side of the Bank of Montreal building, will be moved into the office now occupied by the Spokane Falls telegraph line. The move will be made tomorrow.

A BALL AT TRAIL—

A very successful ball was given at Trail on Friday night under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge. Many Masons attended from Rossland, Ymir, Nelson and Northport. Among those who went from this city were Messrs. J. S. Clute, Keith Lackey, T. A. Gray, J. Anderson, J. Dunlop, M. M. Stephens and Harry McIntosh.

ABOUT GAMBLING—

The statement is made in some quarters that gambling is carried on at certain points about the city, fostered by some of the men who were employed about the other games up to a fortnight ago. The report is not confirmed. None of the old club rooms are running openly, and the police assert that no public games are in operation anywhere in the city. The officers are anxious to get track of any illicit gambling outfits now being operated.

LEAVING TOWN—

Gordon Logan, accountant at the West Kootenay Power & Light company's Rossland office, leaves shortly for Toronto, where he will re-enter the offices of the Canada General Electric company. Mr. Logan has been a resident of the Golden City for several years and his numerous friends among the younger business men will learn of his departure with regret. He is junior lieutenant in the Rossland company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers and will be a serious loss to the corps.

THE HOSPITAL—

The week has been a quiet one at the hospital. All the old patients are doing well, and the new ones added during the week are on the high road to recovery. Antoine Urdine, the injured Centre Star miner, is able to get around. Walter Pinnock, who was taken to the hospital from the Nickel Plate addition on Friday, is reported as being very sick. John L. McBride, who was brought to the hospital yesterday, is probably the most dangerous case occupying a ward in the hospital.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT—

Word was received here yesterday by ex-Mayor Clute to the effect that his father, Mr. J. S. Clute of New Westminster, inspector of ports throughout British Columbia, had sustained a painful, if not serious, injury by an accident at Grand Forks. Mr. Clute was at Grand Forks on governmental business, and while walking down the main street slipped and fell heavily, breaking three ribs. He was carried to the Yale hotel, where he is receiving every possible care and attention. It will, however, be impossible for him to move for some days.

TOO MUCH WATER—

Rather an unusual condition of affairs developed recently in connection with the Centre Star mine. Some time ago the Nickel Plate suspended operations and its workings commenced to fill with water. It was found that the workings of the Centre Star mine on the 400 and 600 foot levels east of the shaft and in the proximity of the Nickel Plate workings were making more water than ever before. This was explained by the increased seepage from the column of water standing in the Nickel Plate, and has been overcome by the installation of new and more powerful pumps at the Centre Star.

CHARTER EXPIRES—

The Camborne Miner just to hand directs attention to the fact that the charter for the Arrowhead & Kootenay railroad expires on April 1st, and that no effort has been made to complete the road with the exception of the Lardner Girard section to the foot of Trout lake. The Camborne Miner is opposed to a further renewal for any long period, believing that such action would effectively prevent the section securing the transportation facilities it requires. The Great Northern is equally opposed to the conditions at Camborne and the prospects of the section, from which it is inferred that the American road is under consideration the advisability of building into the district.

DEEP SNOW—

The Canadian Pacific railroad has exerted special efforts to keep the Rossland branch of the system open through the snowfall on this section, owing to the heavy traffic elsewhere. Alexander Munro, roadmaster, has been here for several days in charge of a rotary plow and three extra gangs aggregating fifty men. The men have been engaged in shoveling the snowbanks out of the tracks, from where the snow is thrown high and wide by the rotary. The rotary leaves today for other sections, but the men will remain here for a week at least completing the work. Roadmaster Munro is an experienced snow-fighter from the main line, and the difficulties to be overcome here are trifles as compared to the conditions he has met and overcome in the past on the worst sections of the mountain main line.

John Takola was a passenger over the Spokane Falls & Northern yesterday en route for Butte, Montana. Ernest Bluff and wife departed yesterday for Everett, Wash. Mrs. Plas will visit Eastern Washington cities.

Per Year THE LE AFFAIR

New Manage Next We Out

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(From Friday's Daily.)

The Le Roi mine, affairs generally, are front at the present the new general manager to arrive in Rossland a few days of his John H. Mackenzie, bent of the office, power of attorney a quish his connection Mr. Mackenzie will for a fortnight at Parrish in the prolix to his assuming chief company's important ests at Rossland at The question as to tenants at the mine usually of interest, is expected in this or two at least. It new manager assum big mine to place in man of his own, and be the case in com. Rol. As to the snelly to be any change ager has reduced coe ver achieved a familiarity with ev struction, etc., about him invaluable. In mentioned that und superintendency the hoisting and loading down to dimension reached and, this, reduced production task more difficult, touched upon remain new management to Recent telegraphic to a feeling of dis shareholders of the understand at this. The report which is ated a feeling of be that of the Dee mine and smelter, t in hand being Man port for the last five penny closing on Ju cember the mine sh 13,500 tons and ma in round figures. T derstanding that any could have been ca in view. Manager fied the company seiously that after Ju ship the "run of t must have given ris the ore bodies were Such a construction leading, as need no detail, that the "run of the mine" was smelter, and in the estimated retur able. It will then be pected for the futu One disability und company labors is the coke shortage. In its smelter yards, the ship four or five month mining and shipping paid, and the capita large interest. The a million dollars to grade ore on hand, will not be feasible ally until the coke the three furnaces erected. A six mo furnaces would cu of ore to normal treating approxima the "run of the min present, part of the into the yards that put through the furn tion. The cost of ling the ore totals of which would be able to operate on coke supply is the situation.

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