

BUILD DRILL HALL

Now Being Prepared at Ottawa For the Armory.

Appropriation of \$10,000 for Structure.

Thursday's Daily.

Drill hall will assuredly spring. Plans are now being at Ottawa by the public architects for the construction is assured. Appropriation of \$10,000 to be made for the public and it is likely that some provision will be provided in ordinary estimates.

Plans adopted for the Nelson and Kaslo will be with some interior alterations suggested by the officers of the companies after having seen of their own armories.

THURSDAY'S DAILY.

Successful and enjoyable function at Masonic hall under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star. Attendance was large, the stars unbowed and sentiment prevailing that good fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred John McSwain, Mr. John Mrs. T. Mellor, Mr. Thos. and Mrs. B. Bridgeford, Mr. Wm. Richmond, McCulloch, Mr. J. McCulloch, Mr. O. Long, Mr. A. C. Dempsey, Mr. J. A. Aswood, Mr. Chas. and Mrs. Thomas Embles, Mrs. Lee, Mr. A. Routh, Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fowler, Mr. Arthur Berry, Mrs. C. Berry, Mr. J. W. Bulmer, Mr. G. A. W. Pratt, Miss Edna May Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Tom Connors, Mr. Myburg and daughter, Mr. Mr. Bonner, Mr. T. J. Chas. Smith of Spokane, Mr. Isaac Jamus, Gram of Grand Forks, B. Mrs. D. Marsh, Miss Lottie and Mrs. J. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fry of Ash, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. daughter, Mr. Val Crockett, Mrs. G. A. Sharm, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Robert and Mrs. Geo. Owens, Mr. Myrpy, Miss M. M. Seed, D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Eva Herling, Mr. O. Herling, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. W. M. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ohren, Parker, Miss Maggie Mary Millan, Mrs. Geo. and Mrs. Schaidt, Mrs. J. Fitzwilliams, Miss Mr. Harry Richardson, Miss Mary Smith, Miss and Mrs. Geo. Knutson, Mr. and Mrs. John T. P. Rogers, Miss and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Miss Maud Bristow, Miss Nellie Murphy, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Urm, and Mrs. Hawley, Mr. G. Paulson, Mrs. Wm. Elly, Prof. Grakam, Mr.

BRIGHTER FOR LEAD

Prices on London Market Climbing Steadily.

American Trust Return to Kootenay Market Significant.

If the Federal government recognizes the just claims of the British Columbia lead producers in a reasonable manner the future is bright with promise for the lead camps of the Kootenays.

In the first place, the price of lead on the world's market is steadily rising. It is now something over £12 in London, and at this figure Canadian lead producers receive, between \$1.70 and \$1.80 per hundred for the lead contents of their ores.

Another important feature is the attitude toward British Columbia, of the American Smelting & Refining company, or the "Trust." The Trust has not bought Canadian ores for two years, but D. C. Johnson, of Butte, is credited with stating that the Trust now wants all the Kootenay ore it can procure.

Deserting Sailors Drowned. HONOLULU, Feb. 21.—Seven sailors deserted from the Victoria sailing schooner Geneva last night and attempted to row ashore in a small boat.

nearly as much as they believed their properties were capable of. Statistics show that last year's production of American lead was 23,000 tons less than the amount actually consumed and it is not surprising therefore that there is a demand for Canadian lead at this juncture.

THE PANAMA CANAL

A German View of the Effect of Its Construction.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—Prof. Ernst von Halle, of Berlin university, in discussing the Panama canal says Germany's interests will be better secured through the present solution than if the canal were built by France or by an international company.

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THE HUMBERTS' CASE.

Verdict Against Banker Cattani in the Libel Suit.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The Humberts scored their first notable success today, when the ninth correctional chamber announced their acquittal in the libel suit brought against them by M. Cattani, the banker. The costs of the prosecution were assessed against M. Cattani.

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NINE BURNED IN HOTEL

Many People Caught in a Fire Trap in Cedar Rapids.

Guests Forced to Jump From Second and Third Stories.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Feb. 20.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Clifton hotel, burned to death nine of the guests, and caused injuries to 42 persons who were scorched or forced to jump to the frozen street from second and third story windows.

The fire originated in the basement, presumably from an electric wire, and spread rapidly through the lower floors. Escape from the lower doors and windows was cut off entirely before the guests could be aroused.

One after another the guests hurried themselves from the windows. The limbs of many were broken and the sidewalks were soon packed with a mass of helpless beings.

BIG DEAL RUMORED.

Lead Trust Said to be After Coeur d'Alene Properties.

SPOKANE, Feb. 20.—A \$26,000,000 mining deal is pending in the Coeur d'Alene silver-lead mining camps of northern Idaho. The contemplating purchaser is the American Smelting & Refining Company.

RAILWAY MEN DINE.

Stuyvesant Fish Talks About Government Ownership.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The second annual dinner of the community of freight interests, consisting of agents of the great shippers and transportation lines of the United States and Canada, was held tonight at the Arkwright club.

CROSS BABIES.

How to Make Them Bright, Good Natured and Well.

A crying baby is an unwell baby. The little chap is not cross for the fun of it. He cries because that is the only way he has of expressing the fact that he is either in pain or discomfort.

SPORTSMEN'S EXPOSITION.

Opened at Madison Square Garden, New York, Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The ninth annual exposition of the Sportsmen's Association opened today at Madison Square Garden and will continue to March 17, inclusive.

MACEDONIAN TROUBLE.

The Porte Preparing to Send Troops to Salonika.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—The Smyrna-Kassaba Railroad company has been instructed to prepare for the transportation of 25,000 Redif to reinforce the third army corps at Salonika.

INDOOR TENNIS.

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