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become of the plank (in the Liberal Association platform) which stated that no candidate was to be supported by Liberwho would not sign the platform?" In was societed by the convention, and our on each side of said river, the first place that is not a plank, it is general election was to be run without A large number of applications for reference to Dominion affairs." nonsensical to speak of it as a plank reference to Dominion affairs."

No such plank was in the platform; no find the opposition placing itself clear and is such plank is there now. It was and is ly, stating the same thing. Compare the not prenared to support the platform; by taking our platform and refusing to but surely only a professional misrepre- run on party lines. If the Herald wishsenter of facts such as the Vancouver local grounds, it should not mix federal World has unfortunately proved itself and local issues. For years back, Conto be times out of number, or one to- servatives and Liberals have struggled tally ignorant of all the facts in the shoulder to shoulder for the same purcase could think of calling that view a pose without any reference to Dominion plank. The World talks about a "dark politics. Take the declaration of the opplank. The World talks about a "dark position and the expression of the Lib-lantern system," just as those ignorant eral convention against the introduction tentedly of the committee system, and expressions of approval from the electorwant to know why any party of men ate, irrespective of party, I feel assured should dare to go into a room to discuss public business, and not get upon the house-tops where everybody could see of whether they are of are not satisfact with the present administration of pubthem, and converse with one another lic affairs in this province. I beg to rethrough speaking trumpets that all the main yours very truly, "CHAS. A. SEMLIN." public could hear them. That, ludicrous as it may appear, is actually the World's idea of business. Better might be expected from a public newspaper, but we have no authority for looking beyond the facts. The manager of the World, in the same article in which he attempts thus clumsily to insert an extra plank in the platform, says that he did not agree to refrain from publishing the platform or the dehate thereon. All we can say to this astounding declaration is that an overwhelming mass of testimony to the contrary is available to prove that ne did; and more than that to prove that he coolly broke through the agreement in order to achieve the cheap triumph of "scooping" the other newspapers, which honorably kept their word. This is a painful subject and we are sorry for the World's bad plight. We have gone through the World's article most carefully, searching for one valid argument against the platform, but instead we have found what experience has taught us to expect-idle insolence, which we have no intention of meeting with more idle insolence; wilful distortion of plain facts; coarse personalities, to which we have no reply but a smile; reasoning which reveals the mind un- risk life, money and everything else in trained to calm, logical methods; astounding deductions from equally astounding premises. We have no desire to reply to the World after the manner of the World, for then we should be tary of the treasury to leave the port of unjust in blaming the World

### MACHIAVELLIAN TACTICS.

No very keen insight is required to

follow the methods of the provincial gov-

ernment in their attitude towards the opposition. Subtle strategy is scarcely one of the qualities we should expect to find exhibited by that party of not excremely for the Klondike much cheaper than in gent and orderly. One of their strong clever gentlemen in their endeavors to the States." This is satisfactory and traits of character is their intense atcheckmate their political opponents. Nor have we encountered, so far, anything in their various demonstrations towards the enemy's lines which could lead one to believe that these were the meditated, skilfully planned tactics of generals, but rather the spasmodic, aimless wheelings of raw, untrained levies. Some sort of embryonic notion seems to have late they will seize and make the utmost of little folks in the shape of toys, Indian passing, rushed up stairs and held him posite intellect of the government; some one of them has been reading up the history of Napoleon Bonaparte, and has been hugely impressed by his famous formula for demolishing an enemy-"Split him up and smash him in detail by attacks from different quarters." The provincial government has been trying to do this of late, with the aid of such craft as it has been blessed with. The comical thing is that the government seem to have imbibed the wild idea that their campaign has been carried on "all unbeknownst" to their opponents. The issue which the Turner ministry has attempted, clumsily enough, to turn to the destruction of the enemy is the alwoman's life is when she is leged attempt by the latter to introduce Dominion politics into provincial affairs. But their efforts to smash up or split up the opposition have failed already; the whole, pretty little thimble rig game joy has been uncovered and the public can judge for themselves into what a bog the government have got themselves in their dread of the efforts to discredit their opponents. The physical which Revelstoke Herald, until lately a con- ity insistent foe of the wasteful and ruinous policy of the Turner ministry has been miraculously converted and now sees all things through government spectacles. Like all turncoats, it is bitter towards its old friends; nothing too hard to hurl at those it the other day held in friendly hand-grips. The Kootenay Mail, has, however, manfully upheld the Liberal standard and repelled with signal ability the attacks of the unfaithful Herald. In the current issue of the Mail we find the following exposition of the case by Mr. Charles A. Semlin, and we would lit renders the ordeal of motherhood absorber. call attention to the express and emphatic statements therein regarding the no-party character of the Liberal Association's platform and the opposition

It says it has been reluctantly forced to believe that our election will be fought on Dominion party lines, the Dinierals of the province having determined it shall be so, and refers to the action of the Liberal convention to prove its assertion. I wish to say the Herald is sunnecessarily alarmed, for, if it will

compare it with the Liberal platform The Vancouver World asks "What has published months later, it must see that the Liberals adopted the same platform ed, but said nothing

es to oppose the present government on that the good sense of the people will decide the coming contest on the ground of whether they are or are not satisfied

### AMERICAN ENDORSEMENT.

Over in the States several newspapers Klondike traffic highly honorable to themselves and eminently useful as a means of warning thousands who desire County, Cal., News, which takes a very pay through the nose to any impecunious manly stand in warping its readers not to be misled by the efforts of San Fran- through the house? That we have made grasp all the trade. The News is doing Columbia is undeniable, but it is to be a real service to the miners and prospectors, and we quote with pleasure its sensible remarks:

"The merchants of San Francisco and Alaska trade, are making an effort to have the secretary of the treasury close Dyea as a sub-port of entry for the reason that Victoria can outfit miners bound for the Klondike much cheaper than country will have to pay a heavy duty. Being as the people most interested in zens of the United States who intend to the bleak north, they should be allowed to outfit where they can get the goods band of sheep, to wolf-merchants. They should organize and petition the secre-Dyea just as it is. If John Doe makes up his mind to go to Alaska to hunt for gold, Richard Roe has no business to organize to fleece him before he leaves. In this great pow-wow the gold seeker is interested too."

It will be noticed that the fact is reas it should be. That point recognized ing well for Victoria and Vancouver's

## CASSIAR RESERVE.

Hon. George B. Martin, chief commisin an extra of the British Columbia Ga- tlers, who have been happily described zette, published by authority, that the as "the home-builders." undermentioned tracts of land are reserved for government purposes until further notice:

extending back from the shore line of Point Ellice bridge ease. the whole of that portion of Bennett In the Queen's Bench Division of the Lake which lies within the province. 2. A belt of land, five miles in width.

The fondest anticipation in a

looking forward to the com-

der little bundle of humanity that will some day call her mother. It is a pity that this no need ive anxiety if vill avail health sustaining power of Dr. Pierce's Pavorite Prescription taken early during the expectant period. The special organs and erve-centers pertaining to ternity are directly fortified and reinforced by this wonder-ful "Prescription." It gives the mother genuine, perma-

policy generally:

"Editor Kootenay Mail: Dear Sir,—
My attention has been celled to an article in the Revelstoke Herald under the heading "A Liberal Buff." The object of such an article can be easily understood, if we take the Herald to be a supporter of the the present focal government, and auxious to do what it can to uploid its patrons.

Constitutional vigor.

For nearly thirty years Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician to the Invalida Hotel chief consulting physician to the Invalida Hotel man may consult under personally or by man may consult in man the personally or by man may consult in the personal to the Invalidation of charge, and with absolute assurance of receiving sound, practical advice from the interest professional attherity. By enclosing thirty-one, one-cent stamps to pay the cost of customs and matters only the cost of customs and matters of the cost of customs and matters only the cost of customs and matters only the cost of customs and matters on the cost of customs and matters of the cost of customs and matters on the customs and matters of the cost of customs and surface in the customs and surface in the customs and surface in

STUDIED MISREPRESENTATION. read the opposition party platform and extending back from the shore line of the whole of that portion of Teslin Lake which lies within the province. 3. A belt of land commencing at a with a few inconsequential planks add- point five miles below Glenora, on the ed, but said nothing whatever about run-ning our provincial elections on Domin-to a point five miles above Telegraph als in any constituency in the province ion party lines. In fact, such a proposal creek, and having a width of five miles

red to in the foregoing notice are now before the lands and works department the view of the party that no candidate two platforms, and you find the Liberal and we should like to enquire if these 4th. He pleaded guilty to the charge, should be supported by Liberals who is convention paid us a great compliment applications will be granted; and if they are not to be granted what reason the chief commissioner proposes to offer for such refusal. Of course, we would never, never be so rude as to attempt to hurry the government if its pets and cronies have not taken exactly their pick. We and the public can wait until the government's fondlings are served, and hope that they get real, nice, fat of parliamentary procedure talk discon- of party lines, and added to them the little slices of the best the reservation affords Then of course it will be time enough to consider the public and its confounded interest.

#### AN "ABOMINABLE SYSTEM."

The B. C. Mining Record, in an article referring to Mr. Begg's Stickeen-Teslin Lake railway charter, hits the nail squarely on the head. It says:

"Meanwhile, it would be uncommonly interesting if some one would endeavor have adopted a position in regard to the to explain why this abominable system of charter-mongering is tolerated in an enlightened age and more or less civilized country. Why should Mr. Begg or anyone else have the right to dictate terms. to know the truth about outfitting for and if he sees fit, prevent others from the diggings. Among those patriotic turning our mineral resources to profitjournals is the Dunsmuir, Siskiyou able account? Or why should a bona fide railway corporation be compelled to lobbyist that can worry a private bill cisco. Portland and Seattle people to a mess of our railway policy in British sincerely hoped the government will profit by past experiences in dealing with the many applications for charters that will be presented next session. The popular sentiment throughout the province is for Portland, in their efforts to catch the state ownership, but it must be admitted that any legislature attempting to prosecute such a policy would be called upon to face very serious problems. Nevertheless, if at the present juncture state ownership is impracticable, that is no here, because those who outfit in this reason why charters should be granted to irresponsible persons, nor, so far as we are aware, is there anything to prethis matter are the 100,000 or more citi- vent the government owning sufficient shares in projected railroad's to bring such enterprise under state supervision and control."

This is an honest expression of opinthe cheapest, and not be prey, like a liou, and it will apply to the majority of railway charters granted by the fegislature during the last ten years. Mr. Begg is not the only speculator in charters; there are others Col. Baker, for instance. The land of the land of the land

Among the best settlers Canadasnos sesses are the Scandinavians who have chosen Manitoba and the Northwest cognized by every merchant on the coast Territories as their home. They are fine, that "Victoria can outfit miners bound wholesome folk; thrifty, clean, intelliwe don't need to mind much what jeal- to make the trip home to Scandinavia ous competitors do. As for closing Dyea; to spend Christmas with kith and kin, let them do it; Victoria and Vancouver these Northland settlers save with unhave the winning ace securely in hand- wavering assiduity and patience. Over the all-Canadian route via the Stickeen- a hundred of them, men and women, Teslin Lake. Truly all things are shap- passed through Winnipeg a few days ago on their way to Norway, Sweden and benefit, and it is to be devoutly hoped Denmark. All carried presents for the as happy as children themselves at the prospect of seeing again those whom they had left in the old land. Canada sioner of lands and works, gives notice has any amount of room for such set-

The following, taken from the t London, Eng., Times, will be of interest to 1. A belt of land, five miles in width, litigants and others connected with the

> High Court, on Friday, before the Lord Chief Justice, a case was tried in which Thomas Tregellus, an estate agent, claimed damages from the London County Council for the loss of his left eye in consequence of a blow he receive ed from the branch of a tree in Victoria Park which overhung the highway, and struck him while he was travelling on the top of a tramear along Grove Road. The facts were not disputed, but it was contended for the defendants that fhe action would not lie against them. Victoria Park was a Royal Park and the trees ere the property of the Crown, and even assuming that it was the duty of the County Council to lop the trees, they would not be liable for non-feasance. In reply to his Lodrship the jury assessed the damaages, in case the defendants being liable, at £1.250; but His Lordship held, on the point of law, that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover, and gave judgment for the defendants.

EXPLODING A MYSTERY. To the Editor:—I am very sorry to be compelled to disturb the beautiful theory of identification you have established with such evident self-satisfaction, but as it is so obvious to whom your article is intend ed to refer, I may be permitted to state that the science of literary criticism and the higher critics have, in this instance, as in so many others, reached conclusions which are wholly incorrect. I have no knowledge whatsoever of the writer of the letter signed "B. B."; and neither saw it nor knew of its existence prior to its appearance in the Colonist. As to the interview with the Hon. J. H. Turner, it is not necessary for me to affirm or deny a responsibility for statements which attaches solely to the Premier and to the paper in which it was published. Were I to assume, which I do not, that the object of the article was to prejudice my position as a public official, I might be tempted further -nto remark on the questionable fairness of the method adopted. As it is, I only desire to correct an impression which is calculated to injure me if allowed to remain.

to his view that he is the official referred to; we do not doubt the truth of Mr. Gos-nell's denial, and assure him nothing was written or intended in our article to pre-udice his or any other official's position.— Ed. Times.)

# Provincial News.

NEW WESTMINSTER. Adolph Strawmeyer, steward on the steamer Transfer, was charged in the an Indian of Chilliwack, on Dec \$194.500 or six months' hard labor. The

Pat a Nicomen Indian, was charged in the District court yesterday with aggravated assault upon another Inlian named Alec. The prisoner was remanded until Wednesday next. All efforts to recover the body of

Owens, the man who was drowned in Pitt Lake, have so far been futile. "On ing for the body discovered the gum boots belonging to the drowned man. The remains of the late Miss Grace Thornber arrived here by the C. P. R. train on Sunday, and the funeral took place at the time named. The bearers were Messrs. D. N. Shiles, Adams, J. J. Johnston, Thos. Have-lock, J. B. Jardine and Mr. Gulley, he last named being a resident of Greenwood City.

A case of considerable interest to the medical profession came up pesterday before His Honor Judge Bole, when before His Honor Judge Bole, when Dr. Fagan, acting on behalf of the B. C. Medical Society, brought suit against Dr. Clark to recover medical fees. Dr. Clark was here some short time ago as consulting physician to the California School of Medicine, and is now said to be residing in Vancouver. Some years ago he was duly registered as a medical practitioner in British Columbia, but has been away from the province for a considerablelength of time, and the present suit is to collect the fees due in the interval.

All the excitement over the civic elec-tions has passed off and things in the Royal City have resumed their normal

Mr. J. Roy, C.E., resident engineer, has a large gang of men at work on the mattrasses in the Fraser river. The late wet weather interfered considerably with the progress of the work.

Judgment in the case of Rushton vs. the city has been rendered, dismissing the plaintiff's action. This is the case in which the school board employed a teacher and requested the city council to pay him. The city solicitor advised the council that legally they could not do so. This judgment sustains that advice. Mr. W. Myers Gray appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Aulay Morrison, city olicitor, for defendants,

In the police court yesterday morning before Mr. G. E. Carbould, P.M., James Seery, who was on remand, was brought up for trial on a charge of attempting to murder a colored woman named Eva Bradshaw. The magistrate committed him for trial at the next assizes. In the case of Dr. Fagan vs. Dr. Clark his honor Judge Bole has reserved his

Mr. Justice McColl and Mr. A. Hender of the Columbia & Koetensy rai son left yesterday for Vernon.

VANCOUVER. Vancouver, Dec. 15 .- A man named dohrman, employed by the C.P.R. for the past nine years, and whose leg was broken or the Aorangi recently, became suddenly demented in Dr. McPhillips' oom to-day. After frightening Mrs. McPhillips with a hatchet he went to the front of the office and threw a bicycle, surgical instruments, books, office fixtures and all he could lay his hands on, through the windows to Granville beaded work and the like, and all, were until he was quiet and marched him to prevented a ragedy.

> SOUTH SAANICH. On Friday evening, Dec. 10, the South

Saanich Temperance Society gave a concert in aid of the building fund, and it resulted in such a success financially that the balance of the debt that reoff. The progremme was one of the best presented by the society, and was much enjoyed by those in attendance as evidenced by the hearty applause accorded. Songs were sung by Mrs. Roberts, Miss Thomson, Mr. St. Louis, Mr. H. Butler and Mr. S. W. Cutler; instrumental music by Mrs. Butler and Miss Brooks; recitations were rendered by Miss Graham, Mr. W. D. Michell and Mr. Trowsdale, of Strawberry Vale; readings by Mr. J. W. Martindale, and Mr. G. H. Sluggett; glees by the West Saanich Glee Club; and, finally, a temperance drama entitled "A Woman's Love" by Messrs. Tanner, the Misses and Messrs. Butler. The play was written by a local amateur dramatist, and indicated no mean ability in dramatic portraiture. The parts were well sustained throughout. The refreshments formed a pleasant and much appreciated feature of the programme. Mr. H. Gale, the president of the society, occupied the The meeting dispersed after singing the National Anthem.

COWICHAN.

Duncan, Dec. 13 .- A great future is being confidently predicted for the Mount Sicker mineral belt. All the experts, including Mr. Carlyle, the provincial mineralogist, who have seen the claims speak highly of the prospects. The mountain is full of veins of which crop out and can be easily traced on the surface for great distances. The ore assays from fairly selected pieces 19 per cent, in copper, with \$10 in gold and silver in about equal values, and the principal ledge runs to a width exceeding

A horse trail, now half completed, is being made to the Mount Sicker claims by public subscription. It connects with the Victoria and Nanaimo trunk road a short distance to the north of Somenos and Duncan Stations and gives an easy grade and direct route. A horse trail, now half completed, is

ALERT BAY. In west At Christ Church, Alert Bay, on De-cember 6, the marriage took place be-tween Mr. William Clifford Smith, se-cond source Mr. Horace Smith, of Comox, and Miss Edener Jane Ce ond daughter of Mr. John Cook of

The Rev. A. J. Hall, B. D., performed the ceremony, the church being well filled with Indians and whites. After

signing the register the happy pair, amidst a shower of rice, adjourned with amidst a shower of rice, anjourned with friends to the house of Rev. A. J. Hall, in the next election. A report states where breakfact was provided. They afterwards left for their future home at afterwards left for their future home at the charges are he wan't have recommended. Kingcomb nlet, by the steamer Evange-

CEAYOQUOT. of of bo District courts rester ay morning, be Clayoungt, Dec. S.—Development is before Capt. Pittendrigh, S. M., and Mr. log rapidly, pushed on the Iron Cap, a Frank Devlin, Indian agent, with supplying intoxicants to Commodore Dan, the Clayoungt Trading Company. It is situated on the salt water of Disappo ment Inlet in Clayoquot Sound. though a small ledge, the Iron Cap has attracted considerable notice in the imfine and costs were paid. Mr. W. H. mediate vicinity, on account of its rich-Bullock-Webster appeared for deren-it is a small ledge of quartz, about a foot wide, very heavily mineralized with iron pyrites, copper pyrites, quite a little bornite and a little sylvanite. Some samples from the surface have considerable free gold, due, no doubt, to the more or less perfect oxidizing of the other minerals in the quartz. Saturday last the men who are search- ment a shaft is being sunk on this prop-

Under Mr. Charles Benson's manageerty and the Tees takes a ton of rockthe first from this district-for the Tacoma smelter, Mr. Jacobson considering that a smelter test of a ton is better than a number of assays and more profitable. Considerable work is being done on the 'Grey Mare" and "Satonetta" claims on the Bear river with, it is said, good results.

Mr. Bledsoe of Alberni, has negotiated for some property on Trout river for a Vancouver company, and will, it is believed, commence work at once. There is a good deal of honest develop-

ment being done around Deer creek and Kennedy lake districts. There are a number of Celestials and some white men placer washing on Bear river, and a rumor proclaims that they are making fair wages. The gold is fairly coarse, but the boulders are large and plentiful, and it seems doubtful if woshing will pay there.

Messrs. L. Jones and F. Miller are

jubilant over some late locations near Sidney Inlet. They speak of a ledge of solid copper nearly a hundred feet in width, and are about to commence work in order to find out whether their satisfaction is well founded or not. It is said that an offer has been made

by a Seattle party to build a customs stamp mill and concentrating and amalgamating plant in the vicinity, but no satisfactory arrangements have yet been made.

GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 9-An address, pre pared by a committee appointed for the purpose at a public meeting which was held in Greenwood, which it was intended to present to Hewitt Bostock, M.P. for the Yale-Kootenay district upon his visiting Boundary Creek has been forwarded to that gentleman, he having found it impossible to at present carry out his intertion to visit the district. The address sets forth the most urgent needs of the district, these being railway communication and a daily mail this week were 17914 tons; total value, service.

NELSON

Nelson, Dec. 12.-The C.P.R. has commenced laying the track on the extension the use of the C.P.R.'s ferry service on ously until contracts have been made for Slocan Lake, eight carloads of coke a steady supply of lead ores. The comwere landed in Nelson without breeking pletion of the Slocan Lake branch of bulk. The coke was for the Hall Mine smelter.

A number of Nelson's young men and able lead properties it is probably that ladies went up to the Silver King dance contracts will be made that will be adlast Friday night, which was given by vantageous to both the mine owner an Mr. and Mrs. Davey, and the employees | the smelter. The capacity of the fur of the Silver King. The outside guests | nace when it is being operated with copleft for Nelson about three o'clock, and per ore was 100 tons per day, but this the rest of the evening was spent by those present in dancing, etc., until the ores work more readily in the furnace street below. J. A. Fullerton, who was morning. The dances have become feathe probabilties are that the amount will tures of the Silver King mine. be greatly increased. The lead ores nov on hand are being roasted and freed o

CHEMAINUS NEWS. Chemainus, Dec. 13.-The local minstrels held a very successful entertainment in the town hall on the 8th inst. Mr. H. Williams conducted the performance, much to his credit and the enjoyment of those who attended. After the entertainment there was a supper and

dance The bark Colusa, now loading lumber mained on the hall is now nearly wiped for Port Piric, Australia, will have completed her cargo the latter part of this week. Several other ships are expected in during the week. J. S. Gibson has a force of men at work constructing the hull of a steamer. The keel was laid the latter part of last

week and is 124 feet in length. When completed she will be used as a tug-Rev. O. E. Kendell preached here on Sunday last to a good audience. Everyone spoke very highly of his address and expressed the wish that we could have him stationed here. Since Rev. A. J.

the Baptist pulpit has been filled by the local preachers' association of Victoria in a very acceptable manner. Robert Allen, who has been visiting his parents in Glasgaw, returned a few weeks ago, much benefited by his trip. A good many employees of the mill company have recorded their names as

Welch left here to complete his studies.

# HEAD A MASS OF SCABS

COULDN'T GO NEAR THE STOVE.

Treated by Different Doctors.

CURED BY DR. CHASE.

The most intractable and distressing skin diseases which defy all manner of treatment—even the best medical skill are readily cured by Dr. Chase's Oin MRS. JOS. QUERIN, hotels MRS. JOS. QUERIN, hotelkesper's wife, at Ethel, Ont. was troubled with Eczema of the Head and Face for about 9 years, and was so bad at times and could not go near the hot stove to do her cooking. Her head was one mass of snabs, and although she treated with doctors it kept getting worse. On hearing of Dr. Chase's Cintment, she got some, and was delighted to find the first application de dge \$200 for the good it has done

or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto, Ont.

provincial voters; they are evidently ting ready for the government can the chances are he won't have much interest in us after the election.

Mr. Burnes, school anspector, visited the schools in the district last week. B. H. John visited us on Sunday. He was the guest of E. J. Palmer. The ship John A. Briggs, now at Port Angeles, will be here in a few days Captain Ewart, of the bark Colusa, left for San Francisco last week, Mr. P. J. Perrson left last week for the east to place some of his valuable r

ing propositions on the eastern market

On Sunday next the Methodist church of this city will celebrate its first an niversary in this city. The church in a prosperous condition, having a mer bership of 60 adult communicants. addition to this there is a Sundoy s with 100 children and young people There is also a prosperous E worth League, made up of the ac workers of the church. In the ment of the church there is a free ing room, which is well supplied ooks and reading matter, and i of the useful institutions of the to Rev. C. Ladner is the paster of church, and has worked in this since June, 1896. Before that time th

church was supplied by Rev. J. II bins, Rev. Thomas Gee and others. is a custom of the Methodist church chauge pastors every year or so. In cordance with that custom Rev. Ladner will soon go into a new field usefulness. Recently he was unanimou y invited by the official board of Kampops to take the pastorate of the Methodist church at Kamloops. He has ac cepted the invitation. He will go to th new pastorate some time in May. Th matter of his successor in the Rossland church has not yet been decided. Re-C. Ladner during his stay in Rossland has made many friends with his numer ous excellent qualities, and they will

hear of his departure with regret. A preliminary meeting with a view forming a Trades and Labor Council for Rossland was held Saturday, Dec. During last week the various unions and Knights of Labor appointed delegates to represent them in this Trades and Labor Council, and the first meeting was held last night at Beatty's Hall. ficers and committees were elected, and in a few days the council will be in ac tive operation. The Trades and Labor Council intends to take an active interest in all questions respecting labor, and will, no doubt, make its influence felt in the approaching civic and provincial elections.-Rossland Miner.

Nelson, Dec. 11 .- On January 1st the Reco mine will declare a dividend of 10 cents per share. This will be equivalent to \$100,000.

The matte shipments from Kootenay \$137,860.03. Total value of ore and matte exported for the week, \$236,990.03. The lead furnace of the Hall Mines smelter is nearly completed and will be ready for operation shortly before January 15. It may be blown in by that time C.P.R. opens that entire the smelter, and as there are innumer was often run up to 130 tons. As lead

their sulphur and made ready for the smelting furnace.

ROSLAND. The Board of Trade had an important meeting in Dominion Hall last evening. when the Companies Act, 1897, was vig orously assailed. The committee roads and trails recommended the con struction of a road from here to Cas cade City, in line with the Miner's sug-

John M. Smith, manager for the Ross land branch of the Merchants' Bank Halifax, says that his people intend start a similar institution in Nelson about two weeks. The work of structing the vault for the bank is now in progress. It has not yet been decided who will have charge at Nelson.

The appointment of Richard Plewman as liquidator of the O.K. Company ha been gazetted, and he will in a few enter into the custody of the comp assets, consisting of the mine and mill. It is understood that one or parties stand ready to nurchase the perty, and if an advantageous offer is r ceived, it is probably that Mr. Plewma will accept it. There is a large indebt ness, but the property is said valuable one, and it is thought that it will sell for more than enough to pay the obligations.-Rossland Miner.

FORT STEELE. During the past couple of weeks Engineer Burns and staff, of the Crow's Nest railway, have been at work locating line for the railway into Fort Steele Two lines have been run, each of then bringing the track up to the west ba of the Kootenay river, near where bridge crosses. The line will be nearly seven miles long, and the gradient, we

are informed, only a trifle over one pel It is not improbable that the depot when decided upon, will be placed within a hundred yards or so of the western end of the bridge. This location will afford a good site for wharves on the

river front. The line into Fort Steeele will be very easy of construction, no rock or heavy earth work being encountered. The line beyond Fort Steele and up the St. Mary's to be undertaken. Not unlikely the crossing will be made at the high bluff about mile and a half from the city. The route up the St. Mary's river, after the flat is crossed will afford yery easy gradients and comparatively light work of construction. For Steele Prospector.

SEALING SCHOONER PROSPER. San Francisco, Dec. 15.-The sealing schooner Prosper, Capt. Noye, arrived in port yesterday seventy-five days from Weuman Islands, with 224 sealskins,

For the Fourth Time His 1 Is Set-January 7 the Day.

All Objections Overruled by Bahrs The Prisoner Co and Careless.

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San Francisco, Dec. 15 .- W Durrant, the condemned mu Blanche Lamont, was senter morning by Superior Judge the fourth time to suffer the penalty of the law, the date of tion being set for January 7th n attornevs made a desperate effi cure further delay and pave th another appeal to the supreme Judge Bhars was inexorable ruled each and every objection the proceedings. Durrant was and carried himself with his coolness. An immense crowd the court room and filled the co the city hall. In a letter to the Examiner

May 16th last, the Rev. Dr. referring to Attorney Deupr this language "What do I know? Mr. Der not the genius to find out. made a friend of me instead

emy, he would have succeeded Dr. Gibson also added: "Indeed. I have always bee to oblige the gentleman. If he taken me into his confidence, a the other witnesses in the Mis different his case would have l The following letter was cal by the statements made by Dr It was sent from San Quentin that I, an accused prisoner, be to make an effort to enlist you thies and break or make an hor to close the gap of apparent of fween us? If I have been act wrong heretofore, may God for for I am sincerely innocent.

I have hitherto refrained

proaching you to speak for m of the deep, painful wound ceived at the church's hand; because of the just pride I asking of them that which t have offered freely - sympat their support upon their for founded and oft-times express of my good character, etc. You have often asserted had sel treated you differently t have received from you th would have helped their clien Ah, sir, you cannot begin t the things said to me by repo others, presumably repetition pressions from you. Did you had little to wonder at why I aloof? However, be these they may, I now come to head of the church-many of hibited anything but the spiri in their manner and attitude me, both in action, look a

meant to show contempt and ask you to speak for me. I looked to you from the arrest to be aidful, but was disappointed. I am of an extr estive nature. Lam proud and ed little of man. I, however, you now as an honorable En a man who knows the cry and will not fail to do all he In the name of God, Mr. and tell mother that which would have helped me.

the terrible and unmerited fate ces me, would you hold back may yet save by your efforts name of all that men hold dea other; in the name of honor tice. I implore you to tell he you hinted at that would help knows you cannot withhold an vorable, sir, and see me ex mere suspicion. I believe you could never ha

ed a belief in my guilt. I am sense of honor and justice wou any such unjust, sweeping What I have suffered because just actions of the church! true, many false and vindicti emanated from among the men managed to circulate them v help me to forget and forgive for with the terrible experience passed through I feel they derstand the awfulness of th sayings. Again do I implor shake off this passive state. the rabid expression of unjust based upon newspaper conec false stories for sensation's sa for me, a prisoner unjustly co

in your power.

I might say interview after has appeared presumably from none have been authentic, save fore my lawyers under my the latter never bearing on ca and such-for I have been co to be personal in remarks as the reporters tried to make me. ers are not allowed near us. quoted interviews have been Perhaps you have had a simi ience. But aside from these believe you to possess a man' duty and a Christian's sens for a brother under suspici forth now with all your might an honest effort to save my crime of which God knows I cent, and me from an ignomin a punishment which I am enti serving. I beseech you to do

Respectfully.

POOR LITTLE HAY The United States the latest for Damages.

New York, Dec. 15.-The Ha ernment has informed the sta ment at Washington, says respondent of the Herald, of ness to refer the claim of Campbell, an American citizen bitration. This action is the sult of the resolution of in duced in the senate, a few de Senator Kyle, of South Dak Campbell claim is for \$600 grew out of injuries he reco result of he'ng besten by me ms were Haytien claimant, made a contract in