WILL BUY GOODS HERE.

After Three Days Investigation More Americans Decide to Outfit in Victoria.

Messrs. Matthews and Dupras Find by Comparison Victoria Prices Cheaper Than Seattle's.

"After a careful comparison of prices for outfits here and in Seattle, we have come to the conclusion that we can do better by buying all our clothing and provisions in Victoria. We will also purchase a great part of our horse feed here."

The above statement was made by Mr. Joseph Matthews, who arrived in Victoria from Seattle with his partner, Mr. Napoleon Dupras, several days ago, and has since been making a tour of the outfitting houses here. Mr. Matthews is a level headed American, who has spent a season or so in the Yukon country, and who, in fact, just returned from Dawson City a fortnight ago. He returned for the purpose of renewing his outfit, and will, when he goes back, take in with him a large supply of provisions and clothing for trading purposes. It is quite probable that he will leave with Victoria merchants between $10,000 and $15,000.

When Messrs. Matthews and Dupras arrived from the North they went direct to Seattle, where they spent several days looking into prices. According to Mr. Matthews, who is an American of the Americans, they would have purchased their goods in that city had they been able to do so advantageously. As their purchases, however, would run away up in the thousands, they decided to first look into prices here, and the result of their inquiries simply confirms the statements made by many of their countrymen in the COLONIST recently that Victoria is the cheapest and best place at which to outfit for the North. It is a fact of peculiar significance, that Mr. Matthews in his interview in Sunday's COLONIST, stated that he was not sure whether he could purchase groceries and provisions, to advantage here, while last evening he stated in very plain terms that they had decided to get all their supply of these lines in Victoria. In the matter of clothing, it appears he was never undecided after he visited several outfitting stores in this city. The decision reached by these two Americans was only made after several days' careful inquiry and investigation, and the result justifies the oft asserted statement that prices for miners' supplies here cannot be beaten on the Coast.

From a town south of San Francisco Mr. S. Jones, of the Dominion, received a letter yesterday from an old friend, who stated that many Californians would leave that vicinity for the North shortly, and that they were anxious to know the best place at which to outfit. The writer says it only requires a little judicious advertising to bring hundreds of Californians to Victoria to outfit. At the present time the "P.-I." of Seattle, so the writer states, is the chief medium of advertising in that section, and very little is known with regard to Victoria, although many prospective miners are anxious to learn just what the Canadian duty means to them, and in fact are delaying their purchases until they can get this information. Mr. Jones sent to the section in question a large number of COLONISTS, with the views of American miners on the outfitting question, and he expects to see good results from this method of advertising the city.

A GREAT POWER COMPANY,

English Capital Well Invested for the Development of Kootenay Mining Properties.

Sir Charles Ross, the moving spirit of the West Kootenay Electric Light and Power Company, granted a charter by the legislature at the last session, in an interview in Vancouver the other day, said:

"The works of the company are situated at Bennington Falls, about 11 miles below Nelson, on the Kootenay river. The works are all completed and the plant is now being installed. As soon as the machinery is all in place we shall be able to start. We are not going to supply the mines of Rossland camp alone but the whole of the West Kootenay within a radius of about 50 miles from Rossland. That takes in a big mining country. We shall supply most of the leading mines in the camp. The works at Bennington Falls have been done by contract and have not yet been handed over to the company.

"Some idea of the extent of the works may be gathered from the fact that water is conducted to the reservoir at Bennington Falls from the Kootenay river by a canal-way 30 feet deep and 27 feet wide, cut out of the solid rock for a distance of 640 feet. The dam, which is of concrete, is 32 feet high and 18 feet thick at the base. It extends for the full distance across the fore-bay, some 54 feet, and is reinforced on the sides by huge abutments of concrete. The average rise of the Kootenay river is 22 feet, and the highest flood on record was 32 feet above the minimum height of the stream. The dam, therefore, is calculated to withstand the severest floods which it is likely to encounter. From the fore-bay the water is carried to the turbine wheels by three steel pipes, two of which are nine feet in diameter, while the third is a foot larger. At present only the two former tubes will be used. The wheels will develop 1,450 horse-power each, so that their united force is 2,900 horse-power. We can deliver 2,500 horse-power in Rossland continuously.

"The turbine wheels are attached direct to the generators, without the use of gearing, whereby a perfectly noiseless mechanism is secured. The gates for regulating the supply of water are electrically governed. There are two generators, having together a capacity of 2,500 horse power. Some idea of their size can be obtained from the fact that they weigh, when installed, some 65,000 pounds each. The water wheels themselves weigh 40,000 pounds apiece. The generators are of the three-phase revolving field type, wound to generate at a pressure of 1,040 volts. They operate at 180 revolutions per minute. The exciters used in connection with the generators are operated by two special turbine wheels of their own. The generators are connected by heavy cables to a marble switchboard, from which the current is connected to the step-up transformers, which increase the pressure from 1,040 to 20,000 volts. This is the highest voltage ever utilized for the transmission of power. The electrical current is conducted to the sub-station at Rossland over a three-wire line 30½ miles long. The local sub-section, which is situated on the Monte Cristo ground, is equipped with a high potential switchboard, a distributing switchboard and a series of transformers which reduce the pressure from 20,000 to 2,080 volts. From the sub-station power will be conducted to the various mines, and where necessary, still further reduced, which will utilise electricity for motive force. At present it is not intended to use electric drills, but instead it will operate the compressors, and the compressed air will be used throughout the mine as at present."

"It will be the policy of the company to spare no effort to help the local mining and reduction industries as far as lies in its power, and to assist in keeping the treatment of ores on the Canadian side of the line."

THE SKELETON OF THE EARTH.

BY A BANKER.

Deep down in the lower recesses of the solid crust of the earth rest vast masses of a composite rock, farmed of three separate minerals in minutely divided fragments and crystals, mixed together in as regular and methodical an order as if the proper proportion of each mineral had been previously weighed out in balances, and they had been then mingled in conformity with a fixed plan: sometimes a wide district having a predominence of large pieces, with an admixture of differently tinted rock, while in another district the grain will be almost microscopic, the whole being compressed into a homogeneous rock of adamantine consistency, hard, solid and compact. Of course the rock alluded to is granite, which has been well named "the skeleton of the crust of the earth," for it apparently bears upon its solid arches a considerable portion of the superincumbent mass of the entire crust of the earth, 30,000 feet or more in thickness, with all that is thereon.

Had it not been for the great natural convulsions, whether the shrinkage of the earth by cooling, or by terrible volcanic cataclysms, by which the strata from the lower depths were forced through the succeeding upper strata, by which the mountains and hills had been formed, we perhaps should have never seen any granite rocks, and the natural beauty of rocky districts would not have existed for us; the mountain chains would never have been formed, and the grandest and sublimest scenery of all the majestic and stately glories of terrestrial nature would have been lost to us. A striking example of the awful grandeur of a great mass of granite may be observed in the Aiguillo de Dru, near Mont Blanc, a great natural needle of solid rock rising four thousand feet from its elevated plateau, its sharp and tapering point often penetrating the clouds, while from its ponderous base, rugged and jagged, its crags and clefts accessible only to the eagle, the giant needle towers higher and higher, and defies the attempt of the mountaineer to scale its dizzy height. The spectacle presented to the traveller by this solitary shaft of granite as he approaches it from the lower end of the Glacier de Bois is amazing and astonishing. Immediately in front of him flows, at an imperceptible pace, the wonderful ice river, the ever-advancing masses of ice formed into all manner of fantastic shapes, some appearing like the great buttresses of a solid fort, some more like polar bears stealthily advancing upon their prey, while others like Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt, while yet others in the distance can by a stretch of the imagination represent a squadron of cavalry blanched and frozen to the ground. Above the glacier, and somewhat in the rear of a serried line of gigantic cliffs which frown upon the frozen scene, and form the boundaries of the gelid, congealed current, rises the great isolated pinnacle perpendiculaly towards the skies, while the mighty monarch of the Alps, with its never-varying mantle of virgin snow, its dome-shaped summit rising still higher than the lofty needle-point of the towering shaft, fills in the background of a picture of astonishing and sublime grandeur, and overwhelming and imposing magnificence.

If we carefully examine a piece of granite we find that at some time it must have been subjected to some process which must have been very analagous to boiling, for the small particles of mica, quartz and felspar are mingled together with even regularity. But how did this take place? How came the crystals and particles of each mineral to be all formed of the same size? How did it happen that the three minerals were all mixed together, many thousand millions of tons of each being all brought together and commingled into one homogeneous mass? What a mighty caldron was required in which to compound the tremendous admixture, and what a weird spectacle must this immature world have presented, as the seething mass was being incorporated together—a molten granite world!

But all these problems which now appear so difficult will one day be solved, and those of us who choose to accept the prodigious and startling honor of a position in the Great Realm whence the creative edicts are issued, will doubtless have the added pleasure of being able to witness the actual formation of many another world, which science assures us is continuously taking place; for as the various elements appear to be the same throughout the Universe, we may assume that the process of the formation of worlds is also more or less uniform. And the only guide vouchsafed to mankind by the Creator of the worlds informs us that whosoever will may attain to that eternal inheritance if he will but acknowledge and appropriate to himself the Atonement of His Son, and will live up to the rules of that Holy Book.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SMASHED BY BREAKERS

British Bark "Blairlogie" Has a Disasterous Experience in Southern Seas.

No More Cheap Fares on 'Frisco—The "Tees'" Passengers All Booked.

The details of the wreck of the British bark Blairlogie, on an island of the Paumatu group, while on the voyage from Delagoa bay to Astoria, Or., were brought by the steamship Alameda from Auckland on Thursday last, says a press despatch. After sighting Tahiti November 22, the Blairlogie encountered strong northwest gales with hard squalls and much rain. On the night of the 26th, when by dead reckoning she was 40 miles north by west from Mataurira, the chief officer noticed through a mist a long, low line dead ahead. An attempt was made to swing round, but she struck the reef and was swept broadside on the breakers. It being impossible to launch the life boats, owing to the heavy seas that broke over her, Captain Mackay decided to remain on board until daylight, when it was found that she was about 200 yards from the beach. A landing was effected and next day the chief engineer and a crew of several men got through the surf and stood for Tahiti, where they reported the wreck to the British consul. The rest of the crew were rescued by the steamer Croix Du Sud, two days later. Nothing was saved from the wreck, even the ship's papers being lost in the port lifeboat, which was swept away from the bark.

THE LAST CHANCE GONE.

After landing 111 tons of freight, including dogs for several outfitting parties in this city, the Walla Walla crossed over to the Sound early yesterday morning. In the afternoon the City of Puebla arrived and sailed outward at her regular hour for San Francisco. She is the last steamer to sail prior to the advance in rates and in consequence she was crowded with passengers, among those from Victoria being L. F. Green, W. Blank, Mrs. E. Merryfield, G. Obenmauer, L. J. Green, J. Stevens, J. E. Seguens, Mrs. A. Bilthure, A. Bethune, A. J. Michi and wife, Mrs. A. Allan, Miss Baird, J. A. Macrae and wife, John Cunningham, R. T. Robertson, John Love, Mrs. J. Piercy, Miss Doran and Mrs. D. F. Hall.

MARINE NOTES.

The U.S. lighthouse tender Columbine, Captain Richardson, came in from Port Townsend yesterday and spent the day at anchor in James Bay. To-day she leaves for the Sound on a tour of inspection among the lighthouses and buoys. It is now a considerable time since the Columbine was last in port. She looks now as neat and attractive as ever she did.

Tug Czar left for North Saanich last evening with the bark Melrose in tow. Early yesterday morning the Czar brought into the harbor from Departure Bay the dismantled bark Richard III, which vessel, as previously stated, is to be fitted up for the Northern freighting business.

On Friday the steamer Tees will leave the Esquimalt marine ways, and on Monday she will depart for the North. There have already been booked for the steamer all the passengers she can carry.

The C.P.R. steamship Empress of India reached Yokohama from this port yesterday, and the Empress of China sailed from Hongkong en route to British Columbia on the same date.

Steamer Maude returned from her regular trip among the islands of the Gulf last evening. From Texada she crossed to Nanaimo and brought down a full load of coal.

The sealer Hatzic, Capt. Daley, cleared yesterday on her annual spring cruise. She will carry a crew of 9 whites and 30 Indians.

IN AN AGITATED STATE.

Chinese Cannery Employees Cannot Celebrate New Year on Account of Not Being Paid Wages.

Chinatown is in a state of agitation, and to see the hundreds of indignant idle men standing around Fisgard street yesterday afternoon one would imagine that a Chinese war is near at hand. Chinese New Year, the twenty-fourth to be celebrated since Quong Shin, the present Emperor, began his rule, is at hand, and the cannerymen have no money. They protest to the merchants, and the latter, having little money, appear to ignore their petitions, and here the matter lies, some of the poor plebeians being in great misery. New Year's day begins at 12 to-night, but the event is not to be marked this year as in former years by an uproarious burning of fire crackers. For this year's festivity no permit could be obtained from the city council, in view of the fatality last year, and, consequently, the Chinese holiday, the only one appearing in their people's calendar, will go on record as the quietest in the history of Victoria. Five thousand dollars or more which Chinamen generally burn in celebrating will this year be saved, and what little rejoicing will be done will be in a very conventional way, that is with the exchanging of the compliments of the season and the partaking of tea, or something stronger, with one another.

A prominent resident of Chinatown was yesterday asked if the Yukon trade was benefiting Chinatown and he replied in the negative. He said very few Chinamen are now staying in Canada and most of those who come in to the country on the trans-Pacific liners are going South. The merchants of Chinatown, he stated, received little or no support from the white population of Victoria.

The folly of prejudice is frequently show by people who prefer to suffer for years rather than try an advertised remedy. The millions who have no such notions, take Ayer's Sarsaparilla for blood diseases, and are cured. So much for common sense.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of heir worth. They are small and easy to take.

LE ROI ANNUAL MEETING.

Several Changes in the Management—The Product Now Three Millions Annually.

The annual meeting of the Le Roi Mining Company was held on January 13 at Spokane. Nearly 465,000 of a total of 500,000 shares were represented. Little was done except to elect officers for the ensuing year. The board of directors will be: Messrs. W. W. D. Turner, I. N. Peyton, W. M. Ridpath, J. M. Armstrong, W. J. Harris, Valentine Peyton, Frank H. Graves, W. J. C. Wakefield and D. W. Henley. President, W. W. D. Turner; Vice-President, D. W. Henley; Treasurer, J. M. Armstrong; Secretary, L. F. Williams; Manager, I. N. Peyton. The chief changes are that Colonel Peyton becomes manager in place of Senator Turner, while Mr. L. F. Williams becomes secretary in place of Mr. J. M. Armstrong, and Major Armstrong becomes treasurer in place of Colonel Ridpath, who retires from an active part in the management of the property. Mr. Williams retires from the board of directors, and his place is taken by Mr. Valentine Peyton. It was given out that the talked-of sale of the mine was not discussed in a formal manner.

The Le Roi continues to make shipments of about 200 tons per day to the Northport smelter. Recent smelter returns show that the ore is going about 1.54 ounces in gold, four per cent. copper, and three ounces in silver. Its monetary value may be itemized as follows: Gold, 1.54 ounces at $20, $30.80; silver, three ounces at 57c., $1.71; copper, 4 per cent. (80 pounds) at 10¾c., $8.60; total, $41.11. Estimating the product of the mine at 200 tons per day, the gross value of the ore raised daily is $8,222 or $246,660 per month, which in turn makes the gross yearly product of the mine $2,959,920. The Iron Mask has two cars loaded ready for the Northport smelter, and has ordered a lot of empties so that they may be loaded with ore for the smelter. From this it is presumed to be the intention of the Le Roi people to begin doing custom work just as soon as the smelter is blown in.

THE CITY.

THERE will be rehearsal for chorus only in connection with the production of Giorza's Mass in the Pioneer hall to-night at 8 p.m. sharp.

AT a meeting held in the Highland district school, Millstream, on Saturday Mrs. M. A. Maltravers was elected by acclamation as school trustee in place of J. H. Scafe, deceased, and as secretary and treasurer by the board of trustees for Highland district.

AT a meeting of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society held in the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. on Monday evening, it was decided to hold the annual meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, on Tuesday evening, February 1, at 8 o'clock.

THE St. Andrew's and Caledonia Society's annual banquet, which will be held January 25 at the Driard hotel, promises to be as usual the principal social event of the season. Preparations are now being made for the big event, and an unusually large attendance is looked for this year.

SHORTLY after the steamship Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco last night two stewards got fighting, with the result that a knife was drawn and used, inflicting a slight cut in the back. Before the police arrived the excitement had cooled down, and up to the time of going to press no arrests had been made.

"A SAD death," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser, "occurred on Saturday night, when the wife of Captain Charles Johnson passed away. Her husband is on the steamer Joan, and did not learn of the death of his wife until the steamer arrived in port on Sunday. The deceased lady was only 35 years of age."

FOR some days an advertisement has appeared in the COLONIST asking for the address of Arthur Charles Handcock, of St. Agnes, in the county of Cornwall, architect and builder. He was last heard of in Victoria about six and a half years ago. The information is wanted by W. H. Meneer, solicitor at Penzance, Cornwall, Eng. Information was supplied the COLONIST recently to the effect that Mr. Handcock had, for some time, been located at Donald, B. C., and the gentleman who furnished it thought a letter would find him there now.

THE attendance at the delightful at home given in the A. O. U. W. hall last night by the Ladies' Auxiliary, in aid of the Jubilee hospital, was large enough to make a nice little sum over expenses. The arrangements, as they always are when the Ladies' Auxiliary looks after them, were very well looked after, not forgetting the supper. Finn's orchestra played for the dancing and every one enjoyed the evening very much.

R. E. COOPER, of Victoria, Western representative of John Macdonald & Co., Toronto, was married on January 3 in Toronto to Miss Elizabeth B. Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper arrived here on Friday night and are guests at the New England. The wedding is thus described in Toronto Saturday Night: "A pretty wedding was solemnized on Monday afternoon, January 3, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Charles Green, 47 Bernard avenue, when Miss Elizabeth B. Henderson, eldest daughter of Mr. J. D. Henderson, was married to Mr. Richard E. Cooper, of Victoria, B.C. The bride looked charming in a travelling gown of brown cloth trimmed with purple velvet and fur, and carried a large bouquet of violets. Miss Christine Henderson was bridesmaid, Miss Freda Johnson being maid of honor. Mr. B. Allen acted as best man. Rev. Dr. Parsons performed the ceremony, after which a reception was held. The bride was the recipient of many useful and handsome presents, among them a handsome clock from the employees of John Macdonald & Co. A dainty dejeuner was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Cooper left on the 5:30 train for New York, New Orleans and San Francisco."

MR. WILLIS DEAN, of Dean & Hiscocks, has received a letter from Mr. Frank Cryderman, of this city. Mr. Cryderman says he has interests in several claims near Dawson City and hopes to come out in the fall with his pile. The letter, which was received the other day, was dated November 5 from Dawson.

UNIQUE GOLD HUNTERS.

Twenty-One Rich Young Englishmen Start From Liverpool for the Klondyke.

They Carry a Band and Travel in a Private Steam Yacht—Will Outfit Here.

The nucleus of an "upper ten" society will be formed in the Yukon country shortly, if the staunch and speedy steam yacht Irene, which is now on her way out here from England with a party of rich young Englishmen, does not meet with any mishap.

Of all the unique gold hunting parties that will go into the Northern country this spring, perhaps none will attract such widespread attention as this. The members will be conveyed to the land of ice and gold by one of the speediest and handsomest steam yachts of Great Britain, they will be surrounded by every luxury that money can buy; and will dream sweet dreams of the riches awaiting them, which they really don't need, but will seek for the excitement afforded, to the strains of a first class string band they are carrying with them.

A letter was received by Mr. T. S. Bale, of this city, conveying full particulars as to the personnel and intentions of this peculiarly constituted contingent of gold seekers. Several months ago the Klondyke fever struck Liverpool, Eng., and the contagion reached not only the masses, but also the wealthy men of that famous sea port. Mr. Lionel Hart, son of the well know African merchant, was one of the first to take the fever and for several months he has been organizing a party of young men of rich parents to visit, prospect and invest in the Yukon country. He was signally successful, for twenty young men, all with brilliant prospects by right of heritage, will accompany him. Among these are Neil Gossage, son of the millionaire soap manufacturer; Fred. and Arthur Tait, of the Tait Sugar Refining Co.; J. Lever, son of the man who struck a Klondyke when he put the Sunlight soap on the market; and Jack Jones, of the Jones Steamship and Trading Co.

The steel steam yacht Irene, owned by Col. Gamble, commodore of the Mersey Yacht Club, was chartered to convey the party to St. Michael's. The Irene is 1,000 tons burden and draws 21 feet aft and 17 forward. She was built by the designer of the Valkyrie, and became famous on account of her race with Vanderbilt's steam ocean greyhound. She has an average speed of 15 knots an hour. A retired captain of the Allan steamship line will have charge of the vessel while she is under charter.

The letter of Mr. Bale states that the party will sail on January 15. They will touch at some points of interest on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and will, they expect, reach Victoria about the end of March. At this city they will do all of their outfitting and will make their private arrangements before proceeding to St. Michael's, where they will take a river steamer to Dawson City. Mr. Hart intimates in his letter that none of the party will do much hard labor in the north. The various members will, while here, endeavor to get men to represent and work for them in the Yukon country. If the climatic conditions of the country do not suit the young Englishmen, or the pay dirt does not prove as rich or accessible as represented, they will spend only a few months in the country, and will then return to the hum drum business careers mapped out for them by their fathers. It is expected that several weeks will be spent by the party in sight-seeing, and they may possibly also visit the mainland.

A GALAXY OF SUNS.

BY A BANKER.

It appears now to be a definitely established fact that our sun is one of the myriads of stars which compose the milky way, and forms part of that wonderful assemblage of worlds which are collected together in one great band, or encircling belt, completely girdling our solar system as with a luminous cloud. But this apparent cloud of light is a vast multitude of brilliant suns, many probably exceeding our sun in size and brilliancy, for our luminary is but of about the second or third magnitude,—and probably all of them centres of systems, having planets, comets and other great bodies revolving round them. The number of these sums is utterly beyond the reach of our calculation, beyond even the capacity of our finite mind to grasp. Herschel, with the inadequate means at his disposal, estimated the number at about 18,000,000, and a later calculation estimated the number in a space equal to a tenth part of the moon as being 5 000; but with the more modern appliances now at our command, which enable us to penetrate deeper and deeper into space, the numbers must be indefinitely increased; for the greater the magnifying power, the greater the number of stars revealed. But all these stars, though apparently so close to each other, are separated by distances so great that even light, travelling at the rate of 192,000 miles a second would require several years (one astronomer estimates eleven and a half) to perform the journey from one star of the galaxy to another, and in all probability the view of the milky way from any of the other stars composing it would be precisely the same as from our own earth, our sun being to them but a minute telescopic point in the midst of a cloud of other luminosities.

And not our sun only, but the other nearer stars are believed to form part of that great girdle, the more distant stellar bodies probably forming part of other great assemblages of suns, the limits and bounds of which are far beyond the reach of our vision or comprehension.

In order adequately to form some conception of the glories of the midnight sky, it is necessary to ascend a fairly high mountain; for when viewed through a less dense atmosphere the brilliancy of the scene is necessarily vastly enhanced. The great vault of heaven is thence seen in all its splendor and magnificence; the innumerable scintillating worlds burning with unwonted fire, darting their rays in rapid alternations of glittering coruscations of light, now almost azure blue, now a vivid green, a dazzling ruby, or an amethystine violet. Other stars with perhaps less frequent flashes of light, but almost equal beauty, present fewer gradations of vibrating color, the whole star being of a pronounced and distinctive hue bright carmine, as Eta in Perseus; burnished gold, as Gamma in the Lion, with its close companion of a vivid emerald green; cerulean blue, as Delta in the Serpent, this star also having a companion of the same striking tint; or as Kappa in Pegasus, another double star, one being a silvery white, the companion of blood red; with many another of a varied shade of color, all shining out clear and bright from the great overhanging canopy of heaven, and glittering in resplendent lustre of radiating flashes of colored fire. And encircling all this effulgent display is that great band of distant suns, now far brighter and more luminous than when observed through the denser atmosphere of the plains, which though obstructing the more vivid rays of light which have flashed unimpeded through the æther, yet by diffusing the solar light, renders it better adapted to illumine the world.

Now it is quite certain that all these great fiery orbs were not created in order to impart a little more light to our nights, a very small satellite would have given a better illumination. And it is equally certain that they were not formed for nought, for nothing in creation was formed without some purpose. May we not then be sure that, like our own sun, they are all centres of habitable globes, to be the homes of intelligible beings like ourselves, owning the same God as we do, and if, as is to be feared, some have fallen like ourselves, restored to His favor through the mediation of the same Saviour, who so honored this earth as to select it, amongst the countless myriads of worlds, as that on which He, by dying in the stead of sinners, for "Christ having died once dieth no more," conferred the option of an inheritance in those glorious realms, amongst the ecstatic pleasures of which will doubtless be included the permission and ability to visit on angel-wing all these glorious works of the Great Creator.

MR. WILLIAM L. GERSTLE, of San Francisco, one of the directors of the Alaska Commercial Company, is in the city on his annual trip for the purpose of purchasing supplies for the company's stores in the Canadian Yukon. Owing to the duty charged on American goods the company have for several years purchased their goods here. The order this year will probably be a record breaker on account of the rush of miners to the Northern country.

THE meeting in the Y.M.I. rooms last night to consider the formation in this city of a second council of the institute met with such success that nearly forty names were enrolled. Mr. Thomas Deasy was the temporary chairman, and it was decided to hold the organization meeting next Wednesday evening, when, too, the name of the new council will likely be selected. Father Newell, of Portland, and Father Morgan, of Westminster, gave short addresses last night in favor of the scheme, and the new council is looked upon as an accomplished fact.

THE marriage of Mr. Robt. H. Williams, of Kaslo, formerly of Hereford, Eng., to Marion, the seventh daughter of Mr. Frederick Pauline, of Oak Bay, was solemnized in Christ Church cathedral last evening, Rev. Canon Beanlands officiating. The bride was attended by her younger sister, Miss Nettie Pauline and by Miss Rita Gardiner, the bride's little nephew, Master Fred. C. Pauline, acting as page. After the ceremony the young couple repaired to the residence of Mr. C. F. Gardiner, of Labouchere street, where they received the hearty congratulations of their numerous friends and many presents. Mr. and Mrs. Williams left for a tour of the Sound cities before taking up their residence at Kaslo.

A beautiful, soft, and thick head of long hair, of a natural hue, will be produced by using Hall's Hair Renewer, the ladies' favorite hair restorer and beautifier.

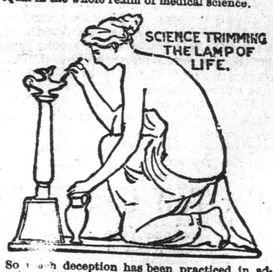
Free Trial To Any Honest Man

The Foremost Medical Company in the World in the Cure of Weak Men Makes this Offer.

HEALTH AND ENERGY ASSURED. HAPPY MARRIAGE, GOOD TEMPER, LONG LIFE.

In all the world to-day—in all the history of the world—no doctor nor institution has treated and restored so many men as has the famed ERIE MEDICAL CO. of Buffalo, N. Y.

This is due to the fact that the company controls some inventions and discoveries which have no equal in the whole realm of medical science.



So much deception has been practiced in advertising that this grand old company now for the first time makes this startling offer:—

The Erie will send their costly and magically effective appliance and a whole month's course of restorative remedies, **positively on trial without expense** to any honest and reliable man!

Not a dollar need be advanced—not a penny paid—till results are known to and acknowledged by the patient.

The Erie Medical Company's appliance and remedies have been talked about and written about all over the world, till every man has heard of them.

They restore or create strength, vigor, healthy tissue and new life.

They quickly stop drains on the system that sap the energy.

They cure nervousness, despondency and all the effects of evil habits, excesses, overwork, etc.

They give full strength, development and tone to every portion and organ of the body.

Failure is impossible and age is no barrier.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

"Kalama" the Latest Addition to B. C. Towns—Death of a Well Known Contractor.

Lumbering Business Changes Hands—Sunset Copper Mine Sold—The Trail Smelter.

Upwards of a ton of specimens that had been accumulating in the office of the Rossland Miner were recently sent to the Trail smelter for assay. It was a conglomeration of minerals from all over Kootenay, and many other mining countries were represented, but the predominating feature of the collection was the many exquisite samples of "iron cap." These weighed close to a ton, and the balance of the shipment comprised some of the prettiest specimens that could be found anywhere. Among these was a slab of Le Roi from the 600-foot level, exhibiting the mine's peculiar calcite streak. There was much interested speculation around the office as to what the shipment would go, and guesses ranged all the way from $8 to $80 per ton. The shipment weighed 2,200 pounds, and the returns were as follows: Gold, .55 ounce per ton; silver, 1.5 ounces per ton; copper, 1.1 ounces per ton; lead, no returns. The gross value of the consignment was $14.93, which, less freight and treatment charges, made the net returns $2.83.

Kalama is the new name for Goat Landing or Armstrong's Landing, the point on Kootenay lake where supplies for construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway are landed, and it now has a population of nearly four hundred people. Mr. F. E. Archer, of Kaslo, has opened up a general merchandise store there, which will be in charge of Charles Wright, recently of Chicago, and a cousin of Mr. Archer. The new town is said to have a fair site, and by spring it is thought will have quite a population.

Dan Dunn, well known throughout the Slocan district as a former contractor on the Nakusp and Slocan railway, died recently at New Denver of acute Bright's disease. He built the extension of the N. & S. from Three Forks to Sandon, and had been a contractor on Rocky Mountain divisions of the C.P.R. When the representative of Harper's Magazine toured the Rockies, he sent with his descriptive article to that periodical a portrait of Dunn as the typical sub-contractor, generous, kind and helpful.

The Columbia River Co. have purchased the business, plant, limits and all proprietary interests of the Golden Lumber Co., and the two businesses will hereafter be run as one concern. The deal has been completed after two months of negotiations. The head office of the company will be at the Beaver in accordance with the Columbia River Co.'s Dominion charter. Mr. M. Carlin, who was formerly manager of the Golden Lumber Co.'s business, and lately manager for the Columbia River Co., will be manager of the combined concern, and W. G. Neilson will be secretary-treasurer. The company intend developing their business extensively, and will have half a dozen lumber camps at work during the winter. S. Barber, who has been secretary of the Golden Lumber Co., will probably go into business in West Kootenay.

The Ashcroft Water Works and Electric Light Company have begun active work at Harper's mill and have all machinery, lumber, etc., ordered for a first-class plant and if the weather is favorable ninety days from now will see this project well along towards completion. Power will be taken from the Bonaparte and a pump with large capacity will fill a reservoir on the hillside, 200 feet above the level of the river. Water will be supplied the residents and business houses of Ashcroft at as cheap rates as can be afforded, and above all a splendid fire protection as well.

The Trail Creek News says: "The Trail smelter is working away at a great rate, and everything on Smelter hill is running smoothly. The Le Roi ore has quit coming to Trail, and is now being treated in the United States, but its place has been taken by other ores, and it is being demonstrated that the Le Roi is not the only mine in British Columbia. There are others. The greater portion of the ores now being treated in Trail come from the Centre Star and Iron Mask, of Rossland, and Porto Rico, of Ymir."

R. A. Brown, of Grand Forks, has concluded a deal whereby the famous Sunset copper property in the Similikameen country will pass into the hands of a Rossland company. He states that he is sacrificing the property in order to procure funds to clear up his title on the Volcanic mine, which is the subject of much litigation. The Sunset is one of the richest copper propositions in the West, assaying as high as 78 per cent. copper.

J. Lawler Woods has captured Rossland for a $600 illustrated write-up in the coming book, "Canada from Ocean to Ocean." There are to be twelve illustrations. It is understood that Rossland is to get a complete conservative write-up of the city and camp, in addition to the illustrations.

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NUMBER 1 and 2 company's teams meet at the drill hall for the first time this season. drill the game will start at 9 o promises to be a good one.

THIS is the month for the an gregational meetings, and t Presbyterian church holds its to-night, the ladies serving coffee at the close of the session.

VICTORIA WEST lodge of the held a special open meeting last when the amusing farce "W Teetotalers" was presented. Brown, Rev. P. C. L. Harris W. H. Truesdale.

ARCHITECTS who are interest obtain from Mayor Redfern at hall a topographical map of the and a copy of the plans govern Phœbe Hearst competition of the University of California buil

A NEW legal firm has been form der the title of Robertson & Ro Mr. Herbert E. A. Robertson is nior member, and his partner brother, Mr. Harold B. Robertso yesterday was called to the bar. are sons of the late Mr. Justice son, who was so well known to th residents of Victoria and the pr

A PRIVATE letter from Ymir, Kootenay, states that search have left there for the Consol Alabama mine, five miles distan are now engaged in digging throu debris of an avalanche, which has erated the mining company's buil Charles Wagner, of Spokane, and Luntz, formerly of Escanaba, Mic missing, and there is every rea suppose that they met their death slide, and that their bodies are ruins. The clothing, watches and belonging to the two men were fo their cabin, which had escaped de tion.

THOSE desiring a place to spe hour or two profitably and plea cannot do better than attend the lar Saturday concert in Temp Hall. These entertainments are c out under the auspices of Persev Lodge, I.O.G.T., by a committe when such well known musical as Mrs. L. Hall and Mr. J. G. Brow on the committee the public n assurance as to the class or merit performance provided. Next Sat evening's performance will be a sp one consisting of songs, duets, tions, and instrumental selections.

A WOMAN who has been making ful study of the conditions of the Yukon country, with the object structing female Klondykers as to they should take with them, ha pared the following memo. of cl required, for the Tacoma Ledger: suits heavy wool underwear; four knitted wool stockings; two pairs stockings; four pairs hose, light we three wool night robes; one suit ch underwear; one suit of corduroy or kinaw cloth (jacket, short skirt bloomers); one fur or heavy wool u one fur or heavy wool cap or hood pairs fur or heavy wool mittens pairs hair seal moccasins or legg two pairs Arctics; one pair long r boots; one pair heavy leather boots pair lighter leather boots; two sweaters; two pairs heavy wool b ets; one rubber blanket; medicine mosquito net, silk muffler, han chiefs, etc. It is perhaps unnece to remark that nearly every item above list can be purchased more a tageously here than in the cities Sound.

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