

MINED A MINE

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is rector and principal.
Coccola was one of the pioneer
of the Roman Catholic
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NO INSURANCE

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R. JEAN.

THE YOUNG MAN TOO ILL

TO DO BUSI-
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Friday's Daily.)

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g Monday.

TRANT DISCOVERY.

N. Y., Feb. 2.—At a meet-
ing of the Electric Society
erick Bedell, of the Physics
of Cornell university, an
new discovery in electrical
emission whereby an alter-
direct current may be sent
the time. Experiments show
one-half.

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The Great English Remedy,
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PRUNED OFF ALL SALARIES

City Fathers Slashed City
Employees' Wages
Last Night.

Everybody Gets a Cut--
Saving \$1,440 An-
nually.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
The city fathers applied the pruning
knife to all civic employees' salaries
last night. From \$7 to \$20 per month
was lopped off individual salaries. The
aggregate saving in the course of the
year as the result of the economies thus
effected will be \$1,440.

Council met pursuant to adjournment,
all members being present save Alder-
man Embleton. At 8:30 the board
convened, but confined its deliberations
to the passage of a resolution providing
that in future all civic salaries shall
be payable on the 15th of each month,
on which date the salaries for the pre-
vious month are to be distributed. It
was resolved that a month's notice be
given to all civic employees in case it
was desired to dispense with their ser-
vices, and that a similar thirty days'
notice be required from city employees
desiring to leave the service.

When this resolution was passed an
adjournment was taken to the star cham-
ber, where the merits of further recom-
mendations regarding the city employ-
ees were gone into. The public is not to be
taken into the confidence of the city
fathers on the merits of the case as of
applied to this matter, but the concrete
results of the deliberations last night
are contained in the following report of
the committee of the whole as present-
ed and passed without a word of explana-
tion:

"That in view of an approximate re-
duction in the revenue of from \$20,000
to \$25,000, all salaries over \$100 per month
be reduced 12 per cent. That all salar-
ies of \$100 and under be reduced 10
per cent, except the auditor, whose sal-
ary shall be reduced 25 per cent, and the
city solicitor, whose salary shall be \$70
per month to cover all legal expenses
required by the city not involving his ab-
sence from the city; all reductions to
take effect on March 1st next. That the
city clerk notify all officials of the re-
ductions proposed to be made in their
respective salaries not later than the
31st inst.

"That, in view of the numerical
strength of the fire department not being
interfered with, notwithstanding the
chief's recommendations in his report
that one or two members under certain
conditions could be dispensed with with-
out materially reducing the department's
efficiency, we recommend that the fire
department be charged with the duty of
hydrant inspection, clearing snow from
hydrants, care of library and ambulance
and do street sprinkling in summer.

"That the police commissioners be re-
quested to inform the council of the sal-
aries paid under their jurisdiction and
for such recommendations as they can
make in the direction of economy."

The officials affected by the foregoing
and the extent to which their monthly
salaries are cut down is as follows:

	Old Rate.	New Rate.
Major VanBaskirk, city engineer	\$166 00	\$146 00
W. McQueen, clerk	125 00	110 00
Donald Guthrie, chief of fire brigade	125 00	110 00
Thomas H. Long, sanitary inspector	100 00	90 00
Charles Collins, assistant chief firemen	90 00	81 00
Firemen	75 00	67 50
John Stussi, sanitary inspector	82 50	74 25
J. L. G. Abbott, city solicitor	100 00	70 00
W. H. Falding, auditor	20 00	15 00

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER.

Former Philippine Official Arrested in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—Alexander W. Waters appeared in the police court here today charged with the embezzlement of \$8000, the property of the United States government. When arrested Waters said that he had no desire to fight extradition proceedings, but was prepared to leave at once for Washington. The Washington authorities who had asked for Waters' arrest were communicated with and as a result he left for the United States capital in custody of Vice-Consul Morgan and a local detective. Waters was the disbursing officer of the bureau of coast-guard and transportation at Manila. When he disappeared from Manila an examination of his accounts was made and it is said that they showed a shortage of \$8000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—It is said at the war department that the man arrested in Montreal is named Wilson, instead of Waters, and that he is charged with being an absconder from Manila in the sum of \$8000. His case is likened at the department in some of its features to the Neely case in Cuba. He was employed in the coast-guard service in the Philippines. The application for his arrest was made by the attorney-general, acting at the request of the insular bureau of the war department.

IT WILL PAY ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE ROSSLAND MINER.

IT GIVES ALL THE NEWS ALL THE TIME.

MANY ARE EXPECTED TO BRING A FAIR CROWD OF VISITORS.

PREPARATIONS FOR SPORTS ARE WELL ADVANCED—THE COMPETITORS.

Many Rosslanders are receiving inquiries from people of neighboring Kootenay towns and from the towns and cities of northern Washington, asking for particulars in regard to the midwinter carnival, which takes place here in two weeks' time. Most of the writers declare that if the transportation rates are low they intend coming to Rossland and will probably stay here while the carnival lasts.

From northern Washington the towns will send their full quota. They have, it is true, but not as abundantly as in the case here. The snowfall there is light, while the cold is not sufficient to bring forth many of the winter sports that will be features of Rossland's carnival. Many of the visitors that will come for the carnival will come solely to see what the winter sports of Rossland are like.

EASTERN VISITORS.

The winter carnival has aroused a surprising amount of interest among the people of the Crow's Nest section of British Columbia and Western Alberta. If the hockey clubs from Pincher Creek, Medicine Hat and Fernie compete they will bring with them quite a number of people from these districts. Joseph Carter, of the Canadian Pacific railway, is and has been doing all in his power to arouse interest along the Crow's Nest branch of the road, and has great hopes of being able to bring quite an excursion into this city from there. From the Boundary and from the Slovan section of British Columbia the people of Rossland may look for quite a number of visitors. The curlers who came here for the fifth annual bonspiel of the Kootenay Curling Association stated that they thought that there would be quite a number of people from their towns here during the carnival. Numbers will undoubtedly come from Revelstoke, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Phoenix, Trail, Northport and other towns, so that the carnival may be looked on as a means of bringing into the city something over a thousand visitors.

THE TOBOGGAN SLIDE.

Arrangements for the various sports that will take place during the carnival have nearly been completed. Yesterday the members of the toboggan committee took a slide or two down Washington street on the toboggans, and concluded that the slide would be speedy enough without building headworks. As the road is today a person on a toboggan will go down at something like 60 miles an hour. With the headworks that were at first proposed the speed to be attained would have been dangerous. The committee thought that if they added anything to bring about what they might increase the danger to the tobogganists. Yesterday afternoon the toboggan committee ordered a number of men out to build the course. They were kept busy all the afternoon shoveling snow and forming a bank on either side of the course. It has been decided to have the start of the toboggan slide at the entrance of the alley that leads to the opera house. From this point there is a straight shoot up to C. R. Hamilton's residence, where it is expected the slide will terminate. The course will probably be built and ready for use by tomorrow. If it can be completed by that time the local tobogganists will be allowed to take a slide down the street.

THE SKI EVENTS.

It is the intention of the ski committee to leave the building of the ski jump on Monte Cristo mountain until the last moment. By doing so the committee expects to have the snow at the bottom of the jump soft, and not hard and trodden down as was the case last year. By not building the jump until the last minute the committee will keep the small boy from experimenting. In the ski jump and also in the ski race, large entry list is expected. During the past few years the youths of the city have taken up the sport as well as a number of the older people, so that it is almost certain that the contest will be better filled out than was the case at any of the previous carnivals.

THE SNOWSHOERS.

The members of the snowshoe brigade have decided to keep up their practice, and have fixed upon Monday night to once more climb the snow-capped summit of Monte Cristo mountain. The parade of the club the other night was a distinct success and will undoubtedly be the means of encouraging others to go into the sport. J. S. Deschamps, who is at the head of the club, believes that he will be able to get at least a hundred snowshoers in line. R. Lyon, who holds the snowshoe championship of B. C., will probably return from the coast to contest once more for the trophy. In this contest there will be the canny McPhail, who won the trophy twice, Williams, Jack Rea, Robert Lamont and possibly several other members of the snowshoe brigade.

The carnival project meeting with the greatest favor around the city is that of the Mardi Gras along the principal streets. It is thought that quite a number of people will be brought out for such an affair.

GENERAL MILES.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Lieutenant General Miles, U. S. A., who returned here from Windsor today, said to a representative of the Associated Press: "The King received me most cordially, recalled pleasant memories of our visit here at the time of the jubilee, and spoke as friendly as ever of America. He showed keen interest in the far east, on which subject I was able to give some information. Altogether it was a most pleasant visit."

BUCKED A CROOKED GAME

Henry Bratnober Went \$30,000 to the Bad in Seattle.

The Wheel Was Controlled By Electricity and Beat Him.

The recent visit to Rossland of Frazzen, a well known Seattle gambler, has brought to light a hitherto unwritten chapter in the life of Henry Bratnober, the eminent mining engineer, who is the practical head of the Exploration Company of London, which is the Rothschild's venture in the mining world.

Frazzen was the lessee of the gambling privileges at the Rainier-Grand hotel in Seattle owned by Colonel Dunbar. When the grand jury got to work in Seattle it indicted both Frazzen and Dunbar, but the gambler jumped the city and came to Spokane, then heading into British Columbia. He was in Rossland, went from here to Nelson and is now understood to be in New Westminster, waiting until the Seattle grand jury ceases its operations among the framers.

THE STORY IS THAT FRAZZEN'S PARAPHRENALIA AT THE RAINIER-GRAND WAS A WHEEL DEVICE WITH AN ELECTRICAL CONTRIVANCE WHEREBY THE WHEEL WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEALER AND COULD BE MANIPULATED TO WIN OR LOSE AS HE DESIRED.

One of the last men to go up against the crooked wheel was Henry Bratnober, well known in Rossland through his connection with the Le Roi company's affairs here about fifteen months ago. Bratnober is a wealthy man, and noted for his tenacity of purpose. His losses at the wheel were not heavy at the start, but he determined to beat the game, and before he closed was \$30,000 behind. As he is several times a millionaire according to all reports, the loss was not as serious as it might otherwise have been the case, but his disgust can be better imagined than described when he learned that the game was crooked and that he never had a chance to break even.

The statement is made that when the case came up to light, the electrician who put in the wheel, or rather the electrical apparatus to place it under the dealer's control, gave up the secret of the game, and that the whole facts will be brought out in open court as soon as the Rainier-Grand's case is reached on the long docket now before the court.

The Bratnober story has not been related up to this time, and probably would never have leaked out in this district had it not been for the recent visit of Frazzen to the Golden City.

NOT MUCH SUCCESS

THE PROVINCIAL MINISTERS MAKING POOR SHOW IN OTTAWA.

CANADA LIKELY TO GET SMALL END OF BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—Messrs. Prior and Eberts will wait on the government again tomorrow on the financial question. They are making a sort of political burlesque of the whole business, and whatever the province may get from Ottawa the business will have to be transacted through some person who puts province before party. Nothing possibly can come out of the political farce which is now being played. There is a feeling that Canada is to get the worst of the arbitration of the Alaskan boundary and the sooner she knows it the better. There is also a strong feeling that as long as it is left as it is the odds against Canada will be growing.

SMASHED THE WINDOWS.

Great Northern's Big Rotary Created Havoc With Window Glass.

The Great Northern has had a big rotary snowplow and a force of a hundred men working on its lines in and about Rossland for two days. The men were brought in from the Nelson & Sheppard, where they have been engaged in a battle with snowbanks for a couple of weeks. The procedure followed here was for the men to precede the plow, throwing the snowbanks into the middle of the track, whenever it was lifted bodily by the rotary and thrown many feet clear of the rails.

Starting on the O. K. grade, the rotary worked into the city, and when the thickly settled section was reached there was trouble. As the rotary passed along the stream of snow from its fan was hurled twenty feet to one side and intervening offered no bar to the passage of the torrent from the big plow, and there was destruction wrought on all sides.

A couple of hundred people were skating in the rink, when there was a crash and a rush of snow at the lower tier of windows was shattered. It was believed that a slide had occurred, but it evinced that the trouble was occasioned by the playful rotary.

At other points along the line similar destruction was done, and the local representatives of the road were besieged yesterday morning by indignant householders all presenting demands for recompense.

AGAIN VICTORIOUS KEEP MONEY AT HOME

GRAND FORKS HOCKEY MEN DEFEATED BY SCORE OF SIX TO ONE.

GOOD TEAM WORK BY THE VICTORIAS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESULT.

(From Sunday's Daily.)
The Rossland Victorias defeated the Grand Forks Hockey club last night at the rink in one of the closest and fastest games of hockey ever played in this city. The score at the end of the contest stood six for the Victorias and one for the visitors. The game drew a large crowd to the rink.

Owing to the fact that the Spokane Falls & Northern train was blocked somewhere near Sillia, it was thought at one time that it would be impossible to pull off the game, but word having been received of the exact location of the missing train it was decided to send sleighs down and bring the Grand Forks boys into town. As a result of the delay the game was not started until an hour after the scheduled time. No contest that has been played here this year has been as hard fought and it brought out the best points of the players. It was a game that belonged to the team that could wear the other out the quickest. Rossland proved the heavier team, and by keeping the puck constantly on the go wore Grand Forks down and scored repeatedly in the first and second halves.

The Rossland team played a better combination game and a better defensive game than they have done at any time during the present season. The combination work was as nearly perfect as circumstances could permit. The work of the visitors in this department was also good, as was amply evidenced whenever they secured possession of the puck. Grand Forks has a good team and may be looked upon as one of Rossland's most dangerous competitors for the cup. They will make a hard bid for the coveted trophy during the carnival.

The game started with a rush and a whirl that soon put the crowd on the anxious seat. The Victorias, however, were out for blood and kept the puck from the very start in the territory of the visitors. Grand Forks played a grand defensive game and managed to send the puck up the ice out of danger.

The Rossland forwards got in some pretty combination work, Felton, McPherson, Clothier and Al. Harris playing well together. By a magnificent spurt down the ice McPherson got the puck near enough to the goal to send it through. The other two goals in this half were scored by Felton, albeit assisted by his team mates. Carmichael, blocking and taking the puck away several times from the visitors when they looked most dangerous. His work with the stick saved Rossland several times. Winn and McCreary also did some great work in this half.

The Victorias went at it hammer and tongs in the second half and again won out. Most of Rossland's play was on the offensive. The great work of the Rossland forwards, brought the crowd up standing time and again. Felton, Clothier and Harris scored the goals for the Rosslanders in this half. Grand Forks scored a lone tally by a quick rush down the ice toward the end of the half.

The two teams lined up as follows:

Victorias. Position. Grand Forks.
McCreary.....goal.....Cochrane
Winn.....point.....Jackson
Carmichael.....cover.....Mitcheil
Felton.....rover.....Nilles
McPherson.....center.....Ferrer
Clothier.....left wing.....Ewing
Harris.....right wing.....McQueen

After the game the visitors were treated to a banquet at the Kootenay by the members of the Rossland Victorias.

THE CURLERS.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Now that the bonspiel of the Kootenay Curling association is officially over, the members of the Rossland Curling club have returned to the club competitions. Of the club competitions, the president vs. vice-president competition has been nearly finished, while for the president's cup, none but two or three games have been played.

These competitions have excited a great deal of interest among the members of the club. In the matches so far played in these competitions, the games have been close in every instance, and have afforded the followers of curling much food for thought. Reversals of form have been numerous. Some of the strong rinks have been beaten by long scores by weaker rinks and vice versa.

Last night a match in the president's competition was played off, as well as a couple of other club matches. A lively curling match also took place when the members of Barker's mess met and vanquished a mixed rink comprising some of the best players of the club. The rinks were tied in the twelfth end, but the Barker team captured the game in the extra end, the score being 13 to 12 in favor of the mess. Following were the players:

J. H. Watson H. Paul Renwick
W. H. Gillard H. G. Oliver
A. B. Mackenzie W. M. Wood
A. B. Barker, skip R. W. Grigor, skip

Yesterday at a meeting of the club, the Drawings in the Consolation competition, the one event in the Kootenay Curling association bonspiel employed, were made. The drawing resulted as follows:

A. H. MacNeill, by.
R. W. Grigor vs. A. W. Strickland.
Judge Boulbee vs. W. H. Gillard.
J. S. C. Fraser vs. W. M. Wood.
Dr. Campbell vs. T. S. Gilmour.
A. H. MacNeill, by.
J. S. C. Fraser or W. M. Wood vs. Dr. Campbell or T. S. Gilmour.
R. W. Grigor, or A. W. Strickland, by.
Judge Boulbee or W. H. Gillard, by.

The matches in this competition will be played off as rapidly as possible.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS GO ANNUALLY TO WASHINGTON FOR WOOD.

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Could Be Kept in Rossland If C. P. R. Would Help Out.

From \$75,000 to \$100,000 annually goes out of Rossland and Canada for timber and firewood. This is a serious loss to the country, and especially deplorable in view of the assertion by those in the business that the leakage could be effectually prevented were certain conditions brought about. The statement is made that the Canadian Pacific has never met the Spokane Falls & Northern's timber and cordwood rates, and that this fact accounts for the anomaly of American wood being marketed in Rossland to the exclusion of Canadian wood that could be cut within a few miles of the city.

In the matter of firewood, of which the importations are about \$2000 per month, it may be said that the American shippers have one advantage over Canadians. The timber lands immediately adjoining the Spokane Falls & Northern road are filled with fir and tamarac, the best quality of firewood, and the timber grows on level ground, expediting the choppers' operations and reducing the cost of production. On this side of the line the timber within practical teaming distance of the city is three-fourths cedar, spruce, hemlock and pine, all of which are graded second-class firewood.

Along the line of the Canadian Pacific in the immediate vicinity of Rossland and elsewhere are great quantities of the fir and tamarac so much desired for firewood and mine timbers. These supplies are known to exist and have been "crushed" carefully so that their dimensions are quite accurately established. The apparent stupidity of the Canadian Pacific in establishing a rate under which this timber could be marketed in Rossland and at other points in the Kootenays is the only bar to their practical exploitation and the resulting conversion of thousands of dollars of loss to the country into equal or greater outlay to Canadian workmen who will distribute their earnings among the business men of Rossland, Trail, Nelson and other points that would be benefited.

For mine timbers there is an inexhaustible supply along the line of the Canadian Pacific, but the cry is that rates on the Canadian road are much higher than on the Spokane Falls & Northern, that the Canadian Pacific has never granted a rate that would enable dealers to use the Canadian articles in preference to the imported, and that no satisfaction can be obtained when freight officials of the home road are approached on the subject. The result is that the Spokane Falls & Northern has built up a splendid carrying trade in firewood and mine timbers, and many thousands of Canadian dollars go annually to build up towns along the line of the American road, all of which is opposed to the best interests of this country and should be amended at the very earliest opportunity.

The question is, why doesn't the Canadian Pacific at least meet the timber rates granted by the Spokane Falls & Northern? The stimulus to business would be immediate and substantial. Many thousands of dollars would be put into circulation on this side of the line, and employment given to scores of men at excellent wages. This is the subject which the barter and trade every in for most applause on account of their brilliant play. At the end of half time neither side had scored, but in the second-half the Winnipeg boys outplayed the home team, and when time was called the score stood 4 to 2 in favor of the Winnipeg team. The next match will be played on Wednesday night. Each team has won a game, with Saturday night's game a draw.

By mutual agreement the Montreals and Victorias decided to call Saturday night's game as not played. In accordance with this agreement the Montreals' victory in the Stanley cup was played off this evening, resulting in a victory for the Victorias by a score of four points to two. This makes the teams tied at one win each. Tonight's game was a splendid exhibition of fine clean hockey. The deciding game will be played Wednesday evening.

WINNIPEG WON.

Another Great Game of Hockey for the Stanley Cup.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—The big Arena rink was crowded to the doors tonight to witness the game between the Montreals and the Winnipeg Victorias for the Stanley Cup series. The game was one of the best ever played for the Stanley Cup. The excitement was intense all the way through. Every good play was cheered by the crowd, who were very fair, but on account of their brilliant play. At the end of half time neither side had scored, but in the second-half the Winnipeg boys outplayed the home team, and when time was called the score stood 4 to 2 in favor of the Winnipeg team. The next match will be played on Wednesday night. Each team has won a game, with Saturday night's game a draw.

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THE SNOOWHOERS.

Another Ascent Made Last Night Up Monte Cristo.

The members of the snowshoe club, to the number of sixty or more, turned out last night for another ascent of Monte Cristo mountain. The procession, armed with torches, foregathered at the intersection of Washington and Columbia avenues at a little after 3 o'clock and in a few minutes were in line by the captain of the club, J. Stephen Deschamps.

Last night's trip was the third made by the club this season. With each ascent the club has gained in numbers until it now has in the neighborhood of 75 on the roll. It is almost certain that the club will ascend the mountain during the carnival over 100 strong.

Last night's procession of snowshoers was led by that redoubtable warrior, J. W. Nelson. Mr. Nelson was dressed as a pirate chief and made quite a striking figure as he slowly trod his weary way along to the fortress erected on the summit of the mountain. The only thing that vexed the judge on his ascent among the "lines from the pines" was the exasperating manner in which some small boys in the party repeatedly became mixed with his snowshoes.

It was originally planned to have the snowshoe procession led off by the Bugle Band, but at the last moment a change was made, which put the buglers at the rear of the procession instead of at the head.

On reaching the foot of the mountain the procession divided into two files formed in Indian style. From the town the sight of the torches moving up the hill was strange and fantastic. The spectacle was stranger still when the leader ordered the men to move in a zig-zag circle in the ascent. The scene of the snowshoers slowly climbing the mountain, if judged from the spectacle last night, is one that will undoubtedly appeal to the outside visitors. It was late when the snowshoers returned to the city.

Fraternal News

Last week has been a quiet one among the local fraternal organizations, the events of importance being the trip of the Masons Friday night to Trail and the banquet given by the Fraternal Order of Eagles to A. W. von Rhein, provincial deputy grand president of the order in British Columbia. The societies are all trying to increase their membership. The growth of the orders during the past year has been surprising. Some of the organizations have more than doubled in point of membership, while other lodges have grown steadily.

The banquet given by the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to the provincial deputy grand president at the Windsor was a most successful affair. In the brief time that the provincial grand president has been here he has made a host of friends, and the banquet was but a fitting testimonial of the respect he has inspired among the members of the local aerie. He has been on a tour of the Boundary country, but is expected back in time to be present at the grand social session of the Eagles on Monday night. On Tuesday night he may try to institute a branch of the Eagles at Trail. He has secured over forty names for charter members and expects to swell the number by the time he reaches the smelter city. The social session Monday will be an event of some importance among the Eagles, as it will be the first public social given by the order for nearly a year. A grand program has been prepared and an excellent time is assured all who may be fortunate enough to be present.

The members of the various Masonic societies in the city spent a very pleasant time as guests of the Trail lodge last Friday night. The party included some of the well known members of the society. A long program had been arranged for the occasion by the members of the Trail lodge.

The Knights of Pythias are arranging for a joint initiation of candidates for their next meeting night. The Trail team will come up and put through one of the candidates, while the Rossland team will put through the other. After the initiation a banquet will be served by the members in honor of the visit of the Trail lodge in the hall above the meeting place. Speeches, songs, musical numbers and other entertaining matter will, it is understood, be arranged for the occasion.

The Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs are doing little in the matter of arranging anything for the entertainment of the members. Both lodges have a number of names of candidates on their list, so that the next meeting should be of interest to the members of the fraternities.

The Woodmen of the World will meet in their hall next Wednesday evening, and may prepare another social program for the evening. The last one was such a distinct success that it is understood that the members are anxious to repeat the affair.

The members of the Sons of St. George will meet in their library rooms next week, when the question of the library will again be brought up. The lodge is in the best of condition and is adding new members constantly.

THE SNOOWHOERS.

Another Ascent Made Last Night Up Monte Cristo.

The members of the snowshoe club, to the number of sixty or more, turned out last night for another ascent of Monte Cristo mountain. The procession, armed with torches, foregathered at the intersection of Washington and Columbia avenues at a little after 3 o'clock and in a few minutes were in line by the captain of the club, J. Stephen Deschamps.

Last night's trip was the third made by the club this season. With each ascent the club has gained in numbers until it now has in the neighborhood of 75 on the roll. It is almost certain that the club will ascend the mountain during the carnival over 100 strong.

Last night's procession of snowshoers was led by that redoubtable warrior, J. W. Nelson. Mr. Nelson was dressed as a pirate chief and made quite a striking figure as he slowly trod his weary way along to the fortress erected on the summit of the mountain. The only thing that vexed the judge on his ascent among the "lines from the pines" was the exasperating manner in which some small boys in the party repeatedly became mixed with his snowshoes.

It was originally planned to have the snowshoe procession led off by the Bugle Band, but at the last moment a change was made, which put the buglers at the rear of the procession instead of at the head.

On reaching the foot of the mountain the procession divided into two files formed in Indian style. From the town the sight of the torches moving up the hill was strange and fantastic. The spectacle was stranger still when the leader ordered the men to move in a zig-zag circle in the ascent. The scene of the snowshoers slowly climbing the mountain, if judged from the spectacle last night, is one that will undoubtedly appeal to the outside visitors. It was late when the snowshoers returned to the city.

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