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#### THE EAST KOOTENAI LICENSES.

The Miner has secured reliable information from Victoria to the effect that a number of coal and petroleum licenses will be granted early next month on locations made in blocks 4653 and 4654, East Kootenai.

This will be good news to those locators who have complied with all the requirements of the law but have, nevertheless, been denied their rights for the past year or two, owing to the rash policy of the McBride government.

It is safe to say that there will be much development in the neighborhood of Lodge Pole creek and the upper Flathead river as soon as the licenses are issued, and it is more than probable that operations there will assume important proportions before the end of the present year. But for the past policy of the government in this matter Southeast Kootenai would now be the scene of great industrial activity, but now that there is reasonable assurance that justice is to be done to all bona fide locators, there is consolation to be found in the old adage, "Better late than never."

The Miner will take considerable satisfaction in seeing the Flathead district opened to the public, for it was this journal that first exposed the deal between the railway company and the government, by which the people were to be robbed of 65,000 acres of the richest public lands in British Columbia. It was The Miner also that forced the matter into such prominence that it became a provincial issue and the talk of Canada from Halifax to Victoria.

#### PREMIER AND BOOSTER.

The government of British Columbia has come to a pretty pass when the premier of the day becomes a tout for an Eastern Tory newspaper, but that is just what "Chum" McBride has done. He is lending the influence and dignity of his high office to boost the circulation of the Montreal Star. The Star, with an eye to the main chance, has declared its intention of making a more or less elaborate write-up of the natural resources of this province. As a preliminary center, the Star has turned loose a smart and pugnacious representative, and he is "working" the provincial press, the several boards of trade and every other kind of beneficial influence for a first class bunch of free advertising. We may rest assured that a corps of ad. canvassers will follow without unnecessary delay, and a systematic campaign will be inaugurated with a view to separating British Columbians from as much of their money as is possible under the circumstances. In return, the Star will give them some illustrations and lots of hot air.

The benefits of all this may be questionable, so far as the people of this province are concerned; but the Star is tolerably certain to finish ahead of the game.

Just why McBride should find it necessary to mix up the premier's office with the government of the province is a mystery, save and except for the fact that it is like him to prostitute his office from time to time. If McBride wants to boost British Columbia he can do it best by giving us an honest and progressive government and indignantly cease his shameful bargaining with the railway companies.

#### ON WITH THE DANCE!

Assuredly the "world do move," and if the conclusions of certain eastern physicians are to be accepted, mankind must move with it in two-step time if health and happiness would be the portion of the race from childhood to extreme age.

In short, dancing is recommended by the physicians in question as an almost universal panacea for the ills that afflict humanity.

It may be said, in passing, however, that the idea is not as yet endorsed by the entire body of the disciples of Esculapius, possibly because it has not been fully demonstrated, and whether they ever will do so is a matter of doubt, for much prejudice will have to be overcome before the world in general can be brought to accept leaves of healing from between the covers of a music book.

Children dance from instinct, and to frisk and gambol is the natural expression of the exuberant spirit of

youth, but to the mind slow to catch old in favor of new ideas the most rhythmic gyrations devoid of the charm of spontaneity, performed by elderly persons in search of health, would take on some of the attributes of the dance of death—but that is neither here nor there.

Dr. G. F. Hall, of the university at Worcester, Mass., is telling the people of Boston that man is nearer his lost paradise when he is dancing than at any other time, and the people of Boston, who are gregarious in the matter of assimilating new ideas, profess to have discovered reason in the rhythm of the new philosophy.

Naturally, time and circumstance may have something to do with a man's conception of paradise, as, for instance, a man with a painful sore would scarcely indulge in dreams of bliss, dance he ever so wildly; but again, that is neither here nor there, and it is not at all in the true spirit of investigation to begin to carp with old, giving the dance a trial.

The prescriptions are varied and pleasing: Tired persons are recommended to dance the waltz, those inclined to drooping shoulders should cultivate the Highland fling and draperies are said to be greatly benefited by the waltz and polka.

It is pointed out that in Bible times, when great age was the rule and not the exception, the dance was indulged in on all occasions of thanksgiving or joy, but it must be acknowledged that in no instance is a record of dancing by the patriarchs given, and the therapeutic qualities of the exercise, recently discovered, were apparently unknown.

The dancing school may follow the bluegrass and dewback fads to oblivion, along with a thousand others, if it fails to come up to expectations, it is more than likely it will, for it presupposes an abundance of time at the disposal of patients, and in a city where the tempo of a vibrating nature will probably continue to take their "biters" in the same old way, instead of resorting to fits and quicksteps before meals, "as ordered."

#### THE LOCAL POLES.

Ever since Russia seized upon Poland after a merciless war in which the Polish nobles and peasants fought side by side with a despairing and almost ferocious bravery that astonished the world, she has been using all her powerful methods to make the Poles loyal and enthusiastic subjects of their "little father," the great white czar.

Just how gradual and wilying these methods have been and how well they have accomplished their purpose may be guessed from a copy of resolutions adopted at a meeting of the representatives of the Polish organizations and the Polish press in America, including all of any importance.

They represent almost entirely Poles who have emigrated to this country since the war has broken out in Russia, and now that trouble has come upon the czar they wish to testify to the loyalty that he has instilled in them.

After referring pleasantly to "the all devouring and insatiable greed of Russia" and declaring "Russia's form of government to be to them 'aborrent and repulsive,' they remark warmly but considerably in terms of terms, 'those who depend on the columns of these journals for their information about the project gain the impression that 75 per cent of the cost of the mountain service will be paid out of the public exchequer, whereas the fact is that it is only a guarantee to that extent the company receives. Al-Almost the same language is employed in speaking of the Winnipeg-Monkton section. The Conservative newspapers are dishonest enough to suppress the highly important circumstance that while that section will be constructed with funds raised on the credit of the Dominion, the company will after the lapse of ten years have to pay three per cent on the whole cost of construction. The only difference between this and a guarantee is that for a term of years the company will have the use of the sum needed to construct the Winnipeg-Monkton section without interest.

This may be regarded as the subsidy which the Government extends to the railway, considering that it is a guarantee of the burdens and risks of conducting and operating the whole line. It is fair to argue on these facts, that to distort and misrepresent them, may be taken as an undesigned tribute to their value.

It is also open to the critics of the bargain to say that in case the railway proves a failure the guarantees would involve the country in the loss. But the railway will only prove a failure if the country through which it runs proves a failure. The Government is backing the project because it believes in the country, and if its belief is well-founded, the railway must be a success. It has all the other conditions for success. Its eastern connections will bring every part of older Canada into communication with the west; it will have the name and prestige of one of the most extensive transportation systems on the continent; it will have from the beginning the advantage of the business relations, connections, rolling stock, and appliances of this great corporation; it will have watching over its destinies one of the few great masters of transportation on this continent. If it were to fail, that would be because the country through which it runs is worthless. This is the virtual meaning of a good deal of what is alleged by the Opposition critics. They should be courageous enough to say what they think, and give an opportunity to the friends of the undertaking to demonstrate how much in error they are.

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#### A TOURIST HOTEL AT SLOCAN JUNCTION.

Both the Kootenay Tourist association and the Rossland board of trade have displayed commendable foresight and enterprise in suggesting to the C. P. R. that the railway company build a commodious and comfortably appointed hotel at Slocan Junction. It is a specialty admitted that there is no better trout fishing in the world than at this favored spot. The natural surroundings are ideal from an angler's point of view, and there is good sport to be had with grouse and other game in the neighboring valleys. It might be argued by some that the establishment of a tourist hotel at Slocan Junction would be quickly followed by a rapid thinning out of fish, but we do not believe there would be any appreciable difference. Even if such were the case, it would be an easy matter to keep the river well stocked by means of hatcheries and a general system of conservation.

The fame of Slocan Junction as a first class place for fishing has gone far and wide. This in itself should be sufficient guarantee that the proposed hotel would be well patronized and therefore a profitable investment. But there is another advantage to the proposal which would be more lasting in its beneficial results. To the rich man from the east in search of complete rest and pleasant natural surroundings a well appointed hotel at Slocan Junction would offer attractions that few places the west could equal. The mere introduction of such a class of people to the Kootenays would be sure to have its advantages in opportunities thus offered to interest more capital in the mineral resources of the district.

It is to be hoped that the people of Rossland and Nelson will keep this matter well to the front until the railway company decides to take favorable action.

The Transcontinental Railway.

The best tribute to the Government's bargain with the Grand Trunk Pacific railway company is the fact that the opposition press find themselves in a somewhat embarrassing position. Those who depend on the columns of these journals for their information about the project gain the impression that 75 per cent of the cost of the mountain service will be paid out of the public exchequer, whereas the fact is that it is only a guarantee to that extent the company receives. Al-Almost the same language is employed in speaking of the Winnipeg-Monkton section. The Conservative newspapers are dishonest enough to suppress the highly important circumstance that while that section will be constructed with funds raised on the credit of the Dominion, the company will after the lapse of ten years have to pay three per cent on the whole cost of construction. The only difference between this and a guarantee is that for a term of years the company will have the use of the sum needed to construct the Winnipeg-Monkton section without interest.

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will continue to rise until it ranges from twelve pounds ten shillings to thirteen pounds. But this is by no means a certainty, and that is where the real value of the bounty comes in.

The Laurier government is displaying genuine statesmanship in its dealing with this important question. The administration seems determined to protect and foster the Canadian lead mining industry to the fullest extent, but at the same time is particularly careful not to indulge in unnecessary expenditures. The present bounty is so arranged that while the price of lead ranges below twelve pounds ten shillings miners get three-fourths of a cent per pound on the lead contained in all shipments, but from that point upward it gradually diminishes until it ceases when the market price reaches fifteen pounds per ton. By this means the silver-lead industry is given reasonable protection against the greed of the American lead trust and unscrupulous market manipulators, while the industry, by virtue of a more or less guaranteed permanency, is encouraged and given stability, thus insuring the steady employment of thousands of miners at high wages and creating a splendid market for farmers and manufacturers east and west.

By its shrewdness and enterprise in this respect the Laurier government is winning golden opinions throughout the length and breadth of the land, but if there is one man more than another who is entitled to particular credit for this happy state of affairs it is W. A. Gallier, M. P. for this district. Mr. Gallier has been unremitting in his efforts to help the silver-lead industry and, consequently, the entire district. He has ever been willing to listen to suggestions on the subject from any public organization in the Kootenays, and has received commendable support from all the political associations, mining or otherwise, and all political bodies, except the Conservatives. The Tories seem absolutely indifferent about the welfare of the district in this respect. The Miner has yet to hear of a single Kootenay Conservative club that has evidenced any desire to help the lead miners in their present desperate efforts to work continuously. It is to be deplored that such is the case, for enlargement by the Conservatives of Kootenay's mineral resources to make the district a better place to live in, and if possible, more certain. However, under the circumstances the fruits of success will be all the sweeter for him.

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NEWS OF THE COAST

From Tuesday's Daily. The Dominion government has just completed the telephone line to Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, thereby giving that district direct communication with the outside world.

All hope of the safety of the five Chinese students who went out in a sail-boat at Vancouver has now been abandoned, and it is almost certain that they are attempting to go out through the Narrows and were upset near Brockton Point on the north shore.

A contract involving considerably over \$50,000 has been signed whereby Patrick Burns of Calgary is to furnish to the Pacific Cold Storage company of this city 2500 head of steers, to be shipped to Chicago during the coming season.

The snow remaining in the mountains on the island so late in the season is attracting the attention of many prospectors who would otherwise be out in the hills in the city awaiting the approach of warm weather.

John Christopher, the Vancouver photographer charged with making obscene pictures, made his escape from the city last night, and his wife has been in the habit of visiting him every day, and on one occasion while they were conversing Grady was called to the telephone and as soon as his back was turned Christopher darted out.

The first fish traps for salmon ever built in British Columbia waters are now under construction at Otter Point for Messrs. Todd & Sons. Fishtraps are being erected in the vicinity of Otter Point.

Capt. Tostler, of the United States revenue cutter Grant, announces that a wireless telegraph system is to be introduced into the waters of the United States revenue department.

B. H. Bikeside, representing the Frontenac Cereal Manufacturing company, of Kingston, Ontario, went to Victoria to establish a large manufacturing branch of the firm's business.

A Victoria municipal scandal was disclosed in the judgment of Justice Macdonnell in his decision regarding the granting of licenses to Chinamen to sell whiskey.

LEAD BOUNTY EXTENSION

The Pacific Coast company will engage in the coal trade with Nome this season on an extensive scale. The company plans to ship from Ladymith, Vancouver Island, to Nome this summer from 15,000 to 20,000 tons of bituminous coal.

The Vancouver customs house has the distinction of receiving the first \$500 paid as a tax on the entrance of a Chinaman to Canada since the head of the federal tax on the importation of goods as much as at the beginning of the present year.

Francis Brossan, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brossan of Delta, was made dead as a result of eating a quantity of wild parsnips by mistake.

The skeleton of a man with a hemlock tree lying across it was found in Stanley park lake, Vancouver by G. C. Mills, who was walking through the park.

At half-past two on Easter morning Detectives Pooton and McLean arrested George White, who lives in the east end of Vancouver. They called on him on Saturday evening and he had been informed by Mrs. White that her husband stayed away from home late.

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The business set forth for the evening executive session is as follows: To consider the status of the proposition for payment of bounty upon exported lead ores.

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Public aid for the producers of Canadian lead is being discussed at the attention, but to date no concerted action has been taken to secure its passage by the Federal government.

The directors of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, which had been elected for the half year ended 31st December, 1909, they met yesterday in increasing the rate of dividend on the deferred ordinary stock to three per cent.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trade held last night, the Board considered the proposition for the extension of the lead bounty.

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A STRONG SPEECH

W. H. Aldridge, general manager of the Trail smelter, was present and, in response to a general request, addressed the board at considerable length on the merits of the resolution and the reasons that have necessitated the recommendations thereon.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

A. C. GALT, BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR, F. O. BUILDING, ROSSLAND, B. C.

Charles R. Hamilton, Barrister, Solicitor, Notary, Solicitor for the Bank of Montreal.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. The regular annual stockholders' meeting of the Lucky Boy Mining and Development Company, Limited, will be held at the store of C. M. Fox & Co., Rossland, B. C., on May 23rd, 1910.

NOTICE. As an Extra Ordinary General meeting held jointly by the shareholders in the "Kootenay Copper Mines, Limited," and the "Pontiac Copper Mines, Limited," it was unanimously resolved to amalgamate said companies under the name of "Kootenay-Pontiac Mines, Limited," thus making capitalization of the new company \$250,000.

NOTICE. To delinquent co-owners: To B. J. Powell, R. J. Baker, A. Tremblay, Emilio Mirogaur or to whomsoever they may have transferred their interests in the Oro Plats mineral claim, situated on Sophie mountain, Trail Creek mining division.

NOTICE. You are hereby notified that I have expended \$100.00 in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice you fail to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned sum which is the cost of the Kootenay river valley annual flooding are suggested, one being the deepening of the outlet of the West Arm at Nelson and the second to divert the upper waters of the Kootenay into the upper stretches of the Columbia, the sources of the two big rivers being separated by a trifling watershed, which was abandoned by a canal when the Kootenay Reclamation concern was in operation.

NOTICE. There ought not to be any sticky, frothy, frothy children there would not be any if mothers gave their little ones an occasional dose of Baby's Own Tablets. The little ones are sickly and fretful and sleepless usually because of stomach, bowel or teething trouble.

NOTICE. Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coals and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2000 pounds shall be collected on gross output.

NOTICE. A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

NOTICE. A free miner, having discovered coal in place, may locate a claim 160x160 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lot or vein.

NOTICE. The claim shall be recorded within 60 days of the location within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.00.

NOTICE. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged beds or bars in the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for, bar diggings on bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan river, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

DR OREO BAKING POWDER

Indispensable in making finest breads, biscuit and cakes. The greatest culinary help of modern times. Young housekeepers find the beginning of their success in cookery in its employment.

NOTE.—Imitation baking powders are lower in price, but they are mostly made from cheap materials and are injurious to health when taken in food.

AROUND THE CITY

From Friday's Daily. A disciple of Christian Science is operating in Rossland. The gentleman is said to be offering his prayers for the cure of the afflicted at the rate of \$5 per week per patient.

A. B. Cranston, formerly storekeeper at the Le Roi mine and a well known courier, died at his mother's residence in Winnipeg last week and was buried on Wednesday last.

D. C. Corbin, plaintiff in the foreclosure proceedings in Corbin vs. Iron Mask Mining Company, will apply in the supreme court at Vancouver on the 12th inst. for a final order of foreclosure.

Seven Devils and Hendrix Cut clay banks on the main line near Mackenzie Falls and Northern road continue to make trouble for the operating department of the road, although the present year has seen less interruption on this score than previous springs.

Various citizens are talking of making the Mount Record ascent on Sunday. The climb is somewhat arduous, but the scenic beauties unfolded to the eye of the spectator on the peak are said to amply repay the effort.

The night train over the Canadian Pacific reached the city on the tick of time last night, a performance worthy of note. It is promised that when the improved conditions incident to settled weather the scheduled train will run promptly on time continuously.

D. Thompson, principal of the Rossland high school, was elected vice-president of the Provincial Teachers' association now in session at Vancouver.

The Masonic grand lodge convened in Rossland on June 23. The local members of the fraternity are looking into the preliminary arrangements for the convention, principally in the direction of arranging finances.

Blue & Deschamps' saw mill is closed down for a month, until the roads get into shape for teaming. The firm has practically abandoned the idea of putting in a pole road between the plant and the city, owing to various drawbacks to such a system.

It has developed that the reason for the delay in starting work on the Rossland government lies with the provincial government. Although the agreement procured over a year ago to convey the lots on court house square to the federal government for drill site purposes has not yet been carried out, the public works department can break ground if it insists upon having the title settled. Stronach's efforts are being made to repair the trouble at the earliest possible moment.

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vice-president of the association for the current year. All four classes resumed work yesterday morning.

John Arthur Bangs, the Calgary lawyer, under arrest for alleged complicity in the Wilcox mail robbery, is known to many Rosslanders. He was solicitor for Harold Foster, the Kamloops capitalist, who has extensive real estate interests in Rossland and mining properties here and elsewhere in Boundary and Republic. Bangs visited Rossland on numerous occasions.

This is the Northport version of the situation at the Le Roi mine and smelter, under date of Sunday: "As a result of a conference between Superintendent H. Morgan of the S. F. & N. railway, Manager Wilson of the Northport Smelting & Refining Company and Acting Manager Wood, the situation at the Le Roi, held at Rossland, B. C. last Thursday night, the ore train and local switching crews will be put to work Tuesday as usual. The Le Roi will start hauling ore tomorrow morning and the crushers will resume work at the same time."

Baseball was formally launched for the season at the Hotel Allan on Sunday night, when a number of enthusiasts met to discuss the outlook for the season. Officers for the club were elected as follows: Max Crow, president; J. F. Linburg, vice-president; Robert Anderson, secretary-treasurer; Al. D. Davis, manager. The last three were appointed a canvassing committee. It was reported that the club didn't owe a pleasure, but assets to a considerable amount and \$5.00 in cash in the bank all of which is unparalleled in the annals of local baseball. The secretary was instructed to correspond with all the clubs in the district relative to forming a league.

An accident was narrowly averted on the Red Mountain road yesterday. Ben Finnell, with Fred Virgon and Fred McHenry, of the War Eagle, were returning to the city on foot after spending the Sunday at Finnell's ranch when they found a heavy slide had covered the track at the incline point where several men were buried some years ago. The debris covered the track for a depth of six feet and for a distance of 100 feet, logs and boulders being intermingled with the mud. The men knew that the Rossland train was about due, and climbed over the slide, the upper end just in time to reach the train around the curve. A trainman walked into Sheep Creek and waded a train to come up from Northport to section passers and baggage. The section crew then started on the removal of the slide.

From Sunday's Daily. An article from the Miner's expose yesterday of operations of local wildcat operators in East Kootenay coal and petroleum lands, several worthy Rosslanders have expressed being unimpressed. The game is now played out so far as Rossland is concerned.

Report has it that J. A. Armstrong, V. E. well known in Rossland, has a large contract for horses, presumably for war service in the east. It is stated he will purchase 30,000 animals for use in the Japanese army.

Eli Mastin, who has conducted the Kootenay restaurant for some months left the city rather hurriedly yesterday. His liabilities were not large, and were partly secured by the stock of groceries in the restaurant and by accounts due the business. Conditions other than those of a purely business nature are understood to have influenced Mastin, who has many friends in the city.

James J. Warren, managing director of the White Bear Consolidated Company, is en route to Rossland from Toronto. It is expected that on his arrival immediate action will be taken in the matter of mill construction.

The Le Roi Two Company paid the March wage roll yesterday, distributing \$13,500 among the employees of the mine and mill. The March wage roll at the Northport smelter was also paid yesterday, aggregating \$22,500.

Bishop Dottenwill, of the Roman Catholic diocese of New Westminster, is on route to the Kootenays on a visit. He is expected in Rossland prior to returning to the Coast.

A pleasant juvenile reunion was held at the home of Master Emmet Gled, West Columbia avenue, the occasion being a surprise party in his honor. Among those present were Misses Florence and Alice Nicholson, Lulu Putnam, Maggie Chisholm, Christina Larsson, Madge Keating, Alice Chisholm and Annie Inches, and Masters Reginald Bradshaw, James Innes, Stanley Northern, Lyle Nicholson, Herman Nicholson, Harold Keating and Joseph Gird.

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday the Le Roi Mining company distributed \$46,000 among the employees of the mine for wages earned in March.

Sidney Hobbs is mourning the loss of his dog, a pointer, which he lost yesterday. The dog was poisoned yesterday. The dog poisoner seems to be in the community continuously.

The bugle band of the Rocky Mountain Rangers will practice in the International music hall hereafter. The band meets tonight at 8 o'clock for practice.

J. B. C. Fraser, president, and A. B. Macdonald, secretary, leave this morning for Nelson to attend the meeting of the executive of the Associated Boards of Trade of Southern British Columbia.

On his return from the Provincial Teachers' convention at Vancouver on Sunday Principal Elroy of the Cook Avenue school found awaiting him a telegram announcing the death at Chicago of his brother, Charles Frederick Elroy.

Word has been received here of the death from fever at Douglas, Arizona, of Capt. Henderson, a mining man who was identified with the White Bear and other Rossland mines some years ago. Many Rosslanders will remember the dead man and learn of his death with regret.

Quite a brisk little freshet poured down Washington street yesterday after the sun commenced to get in its work on the snowbanks. Once or twice the sidewalks were flooded, but by close attention the drains were kept open, and after midnight the flow was never sent to Ottawa, and before the public works department can break ground it insists upon having the title settled. Stronach's efforts are being made to repair the trouble at the earliest possible moment.

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Parish in a greatly improved condition of health. Mr. Parish has had a very severe attack of illness, but is doing the high road to recovery. Mr. Parish inquired about all his Rossland friends.

From Sunday's Daily. C. P. W. Schwengers, of Victoria, manager of the E. G. Prior Company, Limited, was in the city yesterday. D. C. Johnson, ore buyer for the Northport smelter, was in the city on night.

Thomas H. Sears, representing a well known supply house, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. Sears is a prominent figure in Ontario journalism, a newspaper proprietor, reporter, and now being the owner of the Welland Telegraph. He is one of the leading members of the Canadian Press Association, and is one of Ontario's most expert whist players.

E. S. H. Winn, of the legal firm of Winn & Okey, was in the city yesterday on business, returning last night.

From Wednesday's Daily. Fred Curtis, superintendent of the Ore Denoro mine in Boundary, is in the city for a day or two on business.

Mr. H. J. Rayner has returned from a fortnight's absence, which he spent on business. While in the Windy City Mr. Rayner had the satisfaction of seeing his brother, Walter, Rayner, elected an alderman for the twenty-eighth ward for the fourth consecutive time.

R. Finlayson, manager of the Monitor mine at Three Forks, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Dr. Coran and daughter of Park street, are well known in the city. Mrs. Coran is a well known Rosslander who left here four years ago for the Slooan, has returned to the city.

James Warren, managing director of the White Bear Consolidated Company, is in the city on business. He will be here ten days on company business.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the proprietor of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., well known in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and State aforesaid, and that the said firm will publish the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every false statement that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1888. (Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood through the mucous membrane. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sole and exclusive agents for all the new business being introduced in the city.

Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 131, O. O. F., entertained at dancing last night most successfully and enjoyably. Schorner's orchestra supplied admirable music, and the floor management was under the able direction of John H. Mackinnon. The program of dances was well arranged, and the evening passed pleasantly. The attendance at the function was large.

C. R. Hamilton is at Vancouver attending a session of the B. C. Law Benchers and awaiting the opening of the fall court. He appears for the Bank of Montreal in its appeal against the judgment of Judge Leamy in McClelland et al vs. Winnipeg Mining Company, the appellants maintaining that the court's order for seizure under McClelland's Lien act procedure should not have been extended to the machinery and fixtures of the mine, but only to the other assets outside of the real estate.

Bob Pitwilliam, the amateur boxer whose non-appearance at the opera house on Monday night disappointed several hundred spectators, was located yesterday morning in the vicinity of suffering from a cold, and his explanation of his mysterious disappearance was that he knew he was not fit to put up his best fight and felt satisfied if he went to the ring-side his manager would make him go into the ring. He might lose the money, but his friends had wagered on him and therefore he had to go. He will, however, do this fight and be decided to stay and take the money with him. He protests that he is not afraid of Creel and that he will defend him when they come together. Finally Pit is anxious to meet Creel as soon as he is able to put up a strong fight, and will agree to a date in the course of the next day or two, when he is satisfied his slight indisposition will have no further bad effects.

From Friday's Daily. John Kirkup, government agent, is on a ten days' trip to Kamloops in connection with the assessment of his district.

Mrs. Paul Kaufmann left yesterday morning for Valparaiso, Chili, via San Francisco. She will be followed next fall by Herr Kaufmann.

Father Joseph Philanis, S. J., of Spokane, is the guest of Rev. M. W. McKeen, rector of the Sacred Heart church, for a few days.

Rev. John A. Cleland, rector of St. George's church, has gone to Spokane on church business. Rev. M. W. McKeen, of Trail, will occupy the pulpit of St. George's on Sunday morning.

W. Clark of Spokane is in the city. E. Wentworth, Kootenay-Boundary manager of the Hamilton Powder company, is in the city.

R. Coulson of Trail spent yesterday in the city.

From Saturday's Daily. J. M. A. Macdonald, M. L. A., leaves this morning on a business trip to Toronto. He will return to the city on Monday. The trip to Spokane, where he had the pleasure of seeing General Manager

in each, while in the Central the pupils per room range from 12 to 16. The new pupils enrolling for the Easter term are invariably little tots for the primary classes, and it was the greatest disappointment of the winter. The result is that the trustees are compelled to take action at once to remedy matters. It has been found impossible to make any re-arrangement of classes by promotion that will answer the purpose and it is probable that the primary class at the Central will be cut in half and half-day sessions introduced. In this way the instructor is enabled to give the individual pupils some measure of attention, which is utterly impossible under existing circumstances with seventy lively ones under her direction.

Although a little perplexed to deal with the situation, the best advantage and at once, the trustees, nevertheless, rejoice at the increased attendance for it means additional revenue for the city in the shape of increased per capita grant. Recently the trustees inaugurated a campaign to secure regular attendance by pupils, and the results have been excellent. Now that the attendance is increasing rapidly, the situation from the school viewpoint is decidedly bright.

Nothing has developed yet to demonstrate whether the Rossland rail hall site-contract is the result of departmental mismanagement and carelessness at Victoria or part of a well laid plot to delay the construction of the \$25,000 armory here for political and other purposes.

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It is hoped that the outcome of this and other efforts put forth in similar direction will be that the deeds to the lands will be promptly transmitted to the Federal government. At Ottawa the politicians are arranged and the plans for the structure have reached the point where tenders can be called for. A month might be allowed for contractors' figures to come in, after which active construction would be started.

The matter of the appointment of a building inspector was broached in a communication from R. W. Grigor, accepting the appointment to this office and referring to an inspection of the opera house in which he pronounced the premises safe and suggested some improvements, which the owners would effect. It will be remembered that at last week's meeting, no reply having been received from Mr. Grigor as to his acceptance or otherwise of the appointment, Fire Chief Guthrie was appointed. Mr. Grigor will be advised to this effect.

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The new trail to the Le Roi conducted by the Summer Carnival committee was reported as needing repairs. It was stated that a balance sheet of the appropriation remained for this purpose. The board of works was asked to take the question up, and a man will be sent up today to what work is required immediately to prevent serious damage being done by a stream now running down the trail.

A lengthy discussion then ensued in respect to freer water crossing the Canadian Pacific tracks near the intersection of St. Paul street. It was contended that the proper manner in which to dispose of this water was to permit it to run east along the tracks but that the railroad people had opened a culvert in the road and diverted the flow into the premises of Isaac Berg, whose property was likely to be damaged. It was finally resolved that the culvert works should go into the subject.

Tentatively the discussion took a sharp turn when Alderman Bolt protested against the time of the whole council being engrossed with the consideration of topics that should have been brought up at committee meetings, where they could be thrashed out and some recommendation arrived at for the whole council's benefit. As at present conducted the business of the council was without the system that was essential to the intelligent discussion of any subject, with the result that much time was lost and little headway accomplished. Mayor Clute also protested against such matters as were deemed urgent being permitted to drag along until a council meeting took place instead of being handled by the chairman concerned, in consultation with such members of his committee as he was able to consult.

It was also pointed out in connection with the specific matter discussed that the property affected was wholly private, and that the city was apparently not concerned. If anyone was at fault it seemed to be the railway company, against whom the party aggrieved had recourse.

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OSCAR W. DEY—"Much westbound freight was delayed in Ontario by the heavy snowfall that had up many lines and late in the Territories by the great blizzard. Now these consignments are beginning to arrive, and the west-bound freight is moving again. It is occasionally busy in the transportation line."

CAPTAIN H. R. FOWNSBEND—"Arrangements are now being made for the commencement of in-door shooting with miniature ammunition for members of the Rossland Rifle Club. By this means the militiamen will receive useful training in the handling of rifles and sighting, which is not always possible in the out-door long ranges."

FRANK D. PORTIN—"The fourth production of 'Robinson Crusoe' will be a musical event in Rossland. The performance will be elaborate, and the large choruses will materially add to the effect."

PAUL S. COULDRY—"I am afraid the reputation at the Number One mine has been posthumously earned. We can't ship to the smelter unless it is using the product, and will be compelled, therefore, to wait till the plant blows in again."

M. R. McQUARRIE—"The Rod & Gun club is flourishing almost daily. Within a short time the charter roll of the club will be complete, after which the membership will be held by the Nelson Gun club already wants to meet up at the blue rock target, and the Rev. M. W. McKeen, rector of the Sacred Heart church, for a few days."

JAMES H. YOUNG—"The police commissioners will have a meeting next week. At this session it is probable a permanent appointment will be made for the city."

DAN THOMAS—"I have sent Sam and Louis & Co., of London, and Glasgow distillers, a photograph of the Grand Challenge curling trophy and have asked them to send me a trophy of the same style if they have any idea of the style of trophies offered for competition here. Long before the next curling season the trophy should be in Rossland at the disposal of the Kootenay Curling association."

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