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MINES AND MINING

A Favorable Report on the Okanagan Free Gold Mines.

WHAT MR. RITCHIE SAYS

Fred M. Wells Says That the Mountain Lion at Republic is a Great Property—The Porto Rico Cleanup Was More Than Satisfactory.

J. Fred Ritchie has just returned from a visit to the properties of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, which are located south of Camp McKinley. He left here on the 9th inst. in the interest of his friends who have invested largely in the shares of this company. Mr. Ritchie in speaking about his visit said:

"After a careful examination of the properties owned by the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, I can honestly state that the reports of Dr. Langhammer, Ph. D., M. E., and A. S. Edgcombe, M. E., are correct and that the company undoubtedly possess properties of great value. The merits and value of the property are greatly enhanced by the excellent water power running through it which can be utilized for developing a large amount of power at a small expense. The power is derived from the Similkameen falls which are situated three-quarters of a mile above the property and is available at all times of the year. From the amount of ore which I saw on the dump and in sight, I believe the company will be fully warranted in erecting a ten-stamp mill at once, and that the property will be self-sustaining immediately the mill is in running order. There is enough ore in sight to keep the mill running for over a year."

Mr. Ritchie brought back some splendid samples of free-gold quartz, which are certainly well worth inspection by the shareholders and others interested in the company.

Mountain Lion a Great Property.

Fred M. Wells, of the Kamloops Mining & Development company, is in the city from Republic. Mr. Wells is enthusiastic over the prospects of the Republic camp, and says there is no doubt but that a big boom is certain here. The camp was quiet during the summer but with the coming of the cold weather there was a series of strikes, which has caused a rush in there. In the summer there were some idle men there, but now there are none apparently who are not employed. The regular stages are crowded daily, and some times there are two or three extras. It is difficult for a stranger to get a room, as all the hotels are crowded.

He says that a number of companies are being formed, and as soon as they are incorporated they begin the task of opening their properties, and the result is that a large number of men are at work. There have been excellent strikes in the Tom Thumb, Rebate, Morning Glory, Republic, Mountain Lion and other properties. The management of the Mountain Lion expect to have their large compressor plant in by the 1st of January, and will go ahead with the development of the property on a large scale.

"The Mountain Lion is the biggest mine in that section, if not on the Pacific northwest. The ore chutes on the Mountain Lion is 600 feet in length, 25 feet wide and 300 feet deep, as far as known, and is certain to be much larger. This body I have given the dimensions of is practically all pay ore, and there are chutes that will go from \$75 to \$88 to the ton. I know whereof I speak, for I put in about ten days in sampling it, and I did this work thoroughly."

THE PORTO RICO CLEANUP.

The Mill Run Shows Values Around \$40.

Two big chunks of retorted gold, the result of the first ten-day cleanup at the Porto Rico, were brought to town Monday by A. B. Irwin and W. H. Corbould of the Canadian Pacific Exploration company, which owns the now famous property.

The cleanup proved even more successful than was expected. Although a number of inevitable delays attended the first trial of the new mill, due to short water supply, yet in 10 days the works handled over 140 tons of ore. Definite values have not yet been learned, but it is evident that the ore has an approximate value of \$40 per ton. One of the pleasing features of the cleanup is the discovery that the mill has saved 94 per cent of the assay values. Most of the gold is recovered on the plates. About 20 tons of concentrates was saved. The concentrates are more than usually high in the proportion of iron, and on that account an excellent market rate can be secured for their treatment.

The Porto Rico is working about 40 men at the mine and mill, and the employees of the mine form a little colony of their own at the property, six miles from Porto Rico, riding on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. Four machine drills are at work in the tunnels and stopes, and enough ore is already in sight to operate the mill at a capacity of 25 tons daily for the next eight months. Development work will be actively pushed. The ore can be handled very economically, as it is dropped through the chutes of the upraise from No. 2 to the No. 3 level, whence it is carried for a distance of 2,500 feet by a gravity tramway to the mill.

Mr. Irwin returns to the mine. Mr. Corbould, who is managing director of the company, leaves this morning for his home in London.

THE IRON MASK MINE.

Gooderham-Blackstock Syndicate Is Not Trying to Purchase It.

The Iron Mask-Centre Star case is continuing to attract attention before the supreme court at Victoria. The appeal taken by the Centre Star from Justice Walker's ruling forbidding the Centre Star from working in the Iron Mask ground, has been argued, and is now under consideration.

In this connection the Toronto World says:

The recent appreciation in the price of Iron Mask has been accompanied by some talk in the west to the effect that either the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate or that of the Corbin crowd were buying in the stock. In the hearing of The World T. G. Blackstock yesterday stated that he and Mr. Gooderham were making no further move towards securing any further interest in the Iron Mask, in which they already hold a good block of shares. The Corbin people, it is stated, already control 291,000 shares, and there is some 150,000 shares loose on the market, a good deal of it in Toronto and other parts of Ontario.

RUNS INTO MONEY IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

Centre Star-Iron Mask Litigation Will Cost \$50,000.

VICTORY-TRIUMPH WORK

Large New Shaft House on the Property—Iron Mask Looking Well—To Finance the Bathmullen-A Horse Whim for the Evening Star.

In connection with the suits of the Centre Star vs. Iron Mask and Iron Mask vs. Centre Star, now before the supreme court in Victoria, over 100 affidavits, some of them of great length, have been filed with Fred Schofield in the registrar's office here. The costs of these suits will be enormous, as the counsel fees for the affidavits alone will reach to over \$10,000 and the services of the best mining experts have been utilized. Their expenses will far exceed the fees in the affidavits, and may easily be said that the costs in the suits will be over \$50,000 and may run into six figures.

The new buildings on the Victory-Triumph are completed. They include a shaft house, a blacksmith shop, and an addition to the bank house. The shaft house is one of the most substantial structures of its kind in the camp. It is of solid logs, 20 feet wide and 50 feet long, while the walls are 15 feet high, and the roof is nearly 30 feet above the ground. It has been constructed over the shaft recently sunk on the Triumph east vein, which is now down 100 feet. A new horse-whim has been forwarded to the property to be used in continuing work there, and extensive development will be carried on at the 100-foot level. It is expected that the present improvements will all be completed and work will be resumed underground about the first of the year. With the addition to the capacity of the bank house, the accommodations will be ample for from 15 to 20 men.

L. H. Moffatt left yesterday for the east to spend Christmas with his family in Toronto. While away he will be working in the interest of the Rathmullen Mining company, and the Kootenay Land company, in both of which companies he is largely interested together with O. S. Wallis, who lately left for England. Several offers of development money have lately been received on behalf of the Rathmullen company, and Mr. Moffatt on his trip east is satisfied he has a notable proposition to offer to clients in Toronto and Vancouver. Mr. Moffatt expects to return to Rossland the first week in February.

Ernest Kennedy of the Fairmont Gold Mining company, has secured the horse-whim formerly in use at the Giant. It will be forwarded to the Fairmont company's properties, the Morning Star and the Evening Star, near Ymir, and will be used in the development of those claims.

A. D. Coplen, the president of the A. D. Mining company, is up from Spokane and is a guest at the Windsor. Mr. Coplen says that a deal is still pending whereby work may be resumed on the new Iron Mask vein, but he is unable to state any particulars as to the details of the negotiations.

J. F. Herrick, the manager of the Iron Mask, is in the city on one of his regular visits. Mr. Herrick speaks in the highest terms of the recent find in the new Iron Mask vein, recently reported in THE MINER.

WALLACE A CANDIDATE.

The Mayor Will Offer His Services to Municipality for Another Year.

H. S. Wallace announced to THE MINER last night his intention to be a candidate for re-election to the mayoralty at the forthcoming elections.

Discussing the matter further Mr. Wallace stated that at first he did not intend to again run for office, but that recently several delegations had waited on him and persuaded him to change his mind. Additional weight was brought to bear on him by the circulation of a petition requesting that he should again be a candidate. The requisition, Mr. Wallace says, is still in the possession of his friends, for the purpose of securing more signatures, but it will be handed to him within the next few days.

When asked for an outline of his election plans, Mr. Wallace said he was not prepared to announce them just at present, but he proposes calling a meeting of his supporters very soon after the Christmas holidays for the purpose of organizing for the campaign. It is then that he will also be prepared to state for publication, the details with reference to the reasons that prompt him to seek re-election, and indicate what line of policy he favors for the government of the municipality during the ensuing year.

Mr. Wallace was asked to mention an opinion as to who would be in the field against him. In reply he remarked that he supposed the contest would be between Ross Thompson and himself. He does not anticipate the nomination of other mayoralty candidates.

Killed by a Fall From a Train.

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 21.—When about three miles from Windsor, the west-bound Michigan Central train noted a man lying alongside the track. The train was stopped and the man, who was unconscious, was taken aboard and sent to the Hotel Drua. When he recovered he stated that his name was John Ronalds, and while on his way to Essex he had fallen from the train. His arm and leg were broken and he had sustained internal injuries. He died three hours later.

TAMMANY IS ALL RIGHT

Its Owners Have Refused an Offer of \$30,000 For It—A Strike of Rich Ore Made in the Silver Cup Which Has \$1,000,000 in Sight.

BOUNDARY COUNTRY.

On the Morrison mine the shaft is now down 70 feet, all in ore, and samples run from \$30 to \$350 in gold.

Manager Harrison says there are 20,000 tons of high grade ore in sight on the E. C. claim in Summit camp. This is the property recently reported bonded to E. G. Edwards, Leckie, for the Montreal Goldfields syndicate.

The best shafthouse in the Boundary section has been erected on the Brooklyn mine in Greenwood camp. The two large boilers and hoisting engine have been installed and sinking is being carried on. Frank Robbins, the resident manager, has gone to Rossland for a few days to examine some mining properties.

Austin Hammer, a half owner in the Big Copper mine in Copper camp, says that negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Big Copper to an eastern syndicate. J. Moran holds the other half interest. The Big Copper has an enormous showing of high grade copper ore and if the deal is closed it will be a big price.

Messrs. Trethewey and McKenzie, well known mining men and residents of Kaslo, have been in the Burnt Basin along with Mike Shick, examining the Mother Lode group. It seems that Shick and Jackson, who control the property, have made a very satisfactory deal in respect to the report of Trethewey and McKenzie.

J. R. Reid informs the Cascade Record that his Rossland associates in the Tammany group, Burnt Basin, adjoining the Mother Lode, have declined to accept the offer of \$30,000 for a seven-eighths interest in the property, recently made by a Butte, Mont., firm.

SLOCAN DIVISION.

The Mollie Gibson Mining company have made their final payment of \$40,000 on the Mollie Gibson group. The property was bonded for \$110,000.

Ore from the Wakefield is being hauled to Silverton for shipment. Over 2,000 tons are expected to be shipped this winter.

The Black Grouse group is to be floated in London by Major Furlong. During the week W. H. Sandford, manager of the Northwest Mining syndicate, inspected the property and called a satisfactory report, to be followed by written details. The Black Grouse will be taken up on the basis of a prospect, with first class showings.

Everything at the Bosun is in first class shape and the ore showings are most satisfactory. Two carloads of ore have been shipped during the week and another shipment will be made today. Returns have been received from the Aurora and Selby smelters on two carloads of ore, giving net profits of \$1,464 per car.

The Marion has improved a great deal during the past week, and there is now showing in the main workings 10 inches of clean ore on the hanging wall and four inches on the foot wall. The ledge gives signs of becoming fully mineralized.

A. Thompson has disposed of a quarter interest in the Queen City group to P. W. Ellis, the wholesale jeweler of Toronto. The group consists of three claims, the Queen City, Rockingham and Capital, situated one mile east of the town. Good ore has been obtained from the property, though not much work has yet been done.

Shannon, Goettsche and McPherson have a good thing in the Hartney group, on Silver mountain, and every week improves the situation. They are now in over 50 feet under ground, and the ledge is widening. The paystreak has also widened during the week, and they now have close to six inches of clean ore.

The first shipment of the season was made recently from the Comstock mines near Silverton, two carloads of galena being consigned to the smelter at Tacoma. Upwards of 3,000 feet of development has been performed upon the Comstock property, and large amounts of shipping and concentrating ore have been blocked out. The company expects to have its 50-ton concentrator running about the end of January.

The Ruth company have let a contract for a lower tunnel, on which work has been commenced.

The London & British Columbia Gold hide and ship. This will be a steady shipper for the winter. It will send five tons daily.

It is reported that a large body of ore has been encountered in No. 4 tunnel (the lowest one) of the Rath mine. It is significant.

The White Sparrow Mineral group, near the mouth of the first North Fork

THE STOCK MARKET

Toronto Buyers Are Absorbing Republic Shares.

BUSINESS IS VERY LIVELY

Deer Parks Are in Increased Demand—Iron Masks Are Being Picked Up—Prices of Novelties Increasing—Jumbos Are Selling.

The stock market kept up its good tone all through the week, and yesterday was one of the liveliest days that there have yet been among the share investors. One firm sold \$12,000 worth of shares yesterday and the other brokers report a big business. There have been large buying orders from Toronto within the past two weeks. Two hundred thousand shares of Black Tails and San Poles have been purchased in Toronto. The principal purchasers have been David Coulson, general manager of the Bank of Toronto; Mr. Henderson, assistant general manager of the Bank of Toronto, and their associates. There has been a large movement in the local shares, and the feeling is that the flurry is one that will last for some little time.

Among the local shares Deer Parks were the principal movers, and the price ranged from 18 1/2 to 20 cents. It is estimated that fully 100,000 shares changed hands during the week in this market.

Manager Mulholland of the Deer Park is reticent as to his intentions in regard to shipping, and answered queries in relation to the matter in a non-committal manner.

All the Iron Masks that were offered yesterday up to 85 cents were picked up and some sales of these shares were made during the week at a shade over this figure. In one instance a sale was made at 88 cents.

Novelties took a rise yesterday and sold at 4 1/2 cents. Tuesday they were selling at 3 1/2 to 4 cents. The advance was caused by the rumor to the effect that the British America corporation had purchased the control in the Novelty company on the basis of 6 cents per share. It is claimed that 60,000 Novelties changed hands here yesterday.

Iron Horses sold freely at from 16 1/2 to 17 cents. The compressor plant has been started, 23 men are at work and three shifts are pushing the work on the double-compartments shaft. The intention is to push the shaft to the 300-foot level. It is anticipated that the Josie ledge will be encountered at a depth of 150 feet. The ledge dips and it is expected it will come into the shaft at this depth.

There has been quite a lot of trading in Jumbos. This is due to the reported bonding of the control by Senator Cox of Toronto and associates. Jumbos sold from 45 to 48 cents and were in fair demand yesterday at the latter figure.

Monte Christies moved rather slowly and are selling at 10 1/2 cents.

There is considerable demand for White Bears at 7 cents.

Spitzees are being sought for by investors.

For the shares of the Republic group there has been an increased demand during the week. Lone Pines sold at from 21 to 23 1/2 cents. They were firm at the latter price yesterday. Rebates advanced from 17 1/2 to 23 cents during the week. They were firm at the latter figure yesterday. Jim Blaines sold freely at from 50 to 52 cents during the week and the latter figure prevailed yesterday. Black Tails moved some at 28 cents. San Poles are selling for 7 1/2 cents, and there is a general movement all along the Republic line.

There is considerable movement in the Ymir group of shares. Sarah Lees are in demand at 7 1/2 cents. Fairmonts are moving well and the sale of Dandeas during the week has been large. Monarchs are also moving.

In the Toronto board \$1.25 was bid and \$1.27 asked for Cariboes (Camp McKinley).

The sale of the shares of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, continues to be large, and the interest in them is increasing since the recent visit of J. Fred Ritchie to the properties of the company.

THE HOMESTAKE.

Very Creditable Progress is Being Made in the Shaft.

The report on the condition of the Homestake Mines, limited, which was submitted yesterday afternoon at the statutory meeting held in the company's offices on Columbia avenue, showed that some unusually rapid work has been done in connection with the development of the property. With a crew of 13 men, working in three eight-hour shifts, the 6x10-foot shaft has been sunk 37 feet in the last 21 days. The average is over a foot and a half per day. Since work was resumed on November 14 the shaft has been deepened from the 123- to the 180-foot level.

At the meeting yesterday afternoon, which was purely a formal one to fulfill the statutory obligations, over 500,000 shares were represented either personally or by proxy. George H. Bayne presided, and Thomas S. Gilmore, the secretary of the company, was present in his official capacity. The meeting was an open one, and an invitation was extended to THE MINER to be represented. The report of the chairman showed that the indications in the shaft were considered encouraging, and that mineralized rock was met in the shaft's hanging wall. Nothing was done about levelling further assessments, as that matter is in the hands of the board of directors.

The first annual meeting of the Homestake company will be held on the second Tuesday in August next.

Weller & O., Plumbers and Fitters.

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REPUBLIC, Wash., Dec. 13.—[Special.]—The fluctuation in the Palo Alto vicinity continues. Two weeks ago the Ruby claim was bonded. It parallels the Palo Alto on the east and is three claims north of the Republic and about three-quarters of a mile south of the San Poil, and is claimed to be on the air line between these two mines. A few days ago a crew of men under T. J. Hall, started to work on different parts of the claim to discover the ledge and determine its course and value. Today, at a depth of seven feet the ledge was found. Three and a half feet of ore was uncovered, but as yet its width or values are unknown. But the locality was in favor, and a certain amount of stock was allotted to the outside and a certain amount to Republic. Early this afternoon Republic was over subscribed. But in the line of formation the Ruby company have struck a new and altogether unique trail of their own. Their scheme is that no shares will be issued in the claim, but that they will have no merit upon development. The preliminary development will be at the expense of the promoters. If the venture is a failure all subscriptions are to be returned. All mining investors will watch this new departure with keen interest. Vases from the surface will be received tomorrow.

A shaft is being sunk on the Gold Bug, adjoining the Trade Dollar.

Freight teams have been rolling in for the past two days, some of them being nigh and on the road from Marcus.

It was a little chilly last night—16 degrees below in town; 18 below at the mill and nine below at North Republic. Two miles northeast of Republic, under the chilly shadow of Copper mountain, John Martin died, aged 68. Alone he died in his little cabin, his only companions being his dogs. He was a man of means, a prospector and miner, well known through British Columbia and the regions over which the best prospecting ventures. A stalwart man, six feet high, possessed of scientific knowledge regarding minerals, he kept his knowledge to himself, his only companions being his dogs and horses. Nothing is known regarding his former history or relatives. His funeral was well attended.

SCHOOL OF MINES

An Interesting Lecture on Mineral Chemistry by William Burns.

An interesting lecture on Mineral Chemistry was delivered last evening by William Burns, inspector of schools, in the old custom house building to a goodly sized audience. Mr. Lalonde presiding. The lecturer prefaced his remarks as to the importance of a knowledge of chemistry to those engaged in the search for mineral and then concisely explained the rise of the science, and the position it has assumed since the discovery of Lavoisier and other scientists. Going over the former divisions of the subject, and the present divisions into metals, metalloids and non-metals, he explained the characteristics of a metal—opacity, specific gravity, ductility, malleability, etc. He then went into the subject of alloys and amalgams, the methods adopted in analytical chemistry, and the objects attained by the wet tests. The lecture treated in a popular manner and illustrated by the tests for lead, copper, iron, etc., was much appreciated. Mr. Lalonde in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, explained that lectures would be delivered by the following gentlemen: W. A. Carlyle on "Ore Deposits"; G. W. Hopkins, Silica, on the "Oxydation Process"; C. V. Jenkins, War Eagle, on "Mine Accounts," while W. H. Ferrier, War Eagle, R. E. Palmer, B. A. C., and other gentlemen would deliver lectures on subjects to be named by the lecturer. Mr. Burns, in his town next week, will deliver another lecture, notice of which will be given in THE MINER.

YOUNG HOCKEY PLAYERS

The Nelson Boys Desire to Play the Lads of Rossland.

The youngsters who are playing hockey have formed a club which they call the I X L. Jack McQuarry is president and Reynolds Turner is secretary-treasurer. The team is under the captaincy of Al Harris, and the players include Reynolds Turner, Elgin Ferrier, Roy Ferrier, John Donahue, John Lawler and Virgie Powell. The Nelson boys who want to meet the home team during the coming winter carnival have secured a rink that their age limit is 18 years instead of 16, as was named by the carnival committee. Although some of the home boys are considerably under 18 years old they are anxious to meet the seniors from the town, and the lake and arrangements have been made for changing the limit to 18 years to accommodate the Nelson team. The contest will be for a trophy cup donated by Ross Thompson, and seven medals given by the carnival committee.

HAD NUMEROUS FRIENDS

Many Were Present at the Funeral of the Late Dr. Langhammer.

The funeral of the late Dr. Paul Langhammer was held at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Lockhart & Jordan's undertaking parlors. Although Dr. Langhammer had been a resident of the city for only a short time, yet in that time he had made many close friendships among the residents of the city, and a large cortege followed the body to the grave.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Challenge to Mike Burns.

EDITOR MINER—Sir: I hereby challenge Mike Burns to meet me at a single-handed drilling contest, with either three-quarters or seven-eighths inch steel, for \$100 per ride. I enclose \$25 as a forfeit, to be posted with you until 6 o'clock on Thursday evening, December 22. Yours truly, W. F. DORHAM.

[Mr. Durham called at THE MINER office last night with the above challenge, and deposited the forfeit of \$25 named in his letter. Mr. Durham, who is a miner employed at the War Eagle, met Mr. Burns three years ago in a similar contest at Butte, and announces that he defeated him.—Ed.]

THE REPUBLIC CAMP.

Extension of the Mountain Lion Transferred to Rossland Parties.

REPUBLIC, Dec. 15.—[Special.]—The north end of the Republic belt is keeping up her activity in good shape. Yesterday a transfer of the northern extension of the Mountain Lion to Messrs. Woodhouse, Wells and Percy of Rossland was made. The group consists of the Anne, Star, Locust and Contact claims, secured from Mr. Cline, the original owner, the consideration being \$5,000. It is claimed that the Mountain Lion ledge passes through these claims; and they are liable to prove as valuable as their aristocratic neighbors. Favorable offers have been refused for the property, and the new owners are going to push development work as rapidly as possible, as they believe they have a valuable property.

The Princess Maud tunnel progresses steadily, being now within 100 feet of the ledge. Three shifts are straining every nerve to reach it before January 15th.

The Republic No. 2 tunnel is in 160 feet. The quartz comes in the shape of kidneys and assays about \$6. They will have to run about 200 feet more ledge, which will give a depth of 300 feet. They are now averaging two feet per day, but expect to do better.

The Merrimac shaft is now down 85 feet and they are crosscutting the lead. They are also crosscutting the east side of the big ledge, that crops wide and strong on the Mountain Lion, 200 feet away.

A RUSH OF FREIGHT

A Great Increase in the Volume of Incoming Freight.

HAS TREBLED IN A YEAR

About 150 Cars Per Week Are Received at the Two Depots—It Takes Considerable Merchandise to Supply a Lively City Like Rossland.

The rush of freight into Rossland at present is something altogether without a precedent. Day by day and night by night goods are pouring into the city by the train load, and yet the railways cannot begin to handle the volume of freight offered them. During the month just passed the increase over the business done by the Red Mountain railway for the same month of a year ago amounted to 200 per cent. In other words, the volume of traffic over that line had trebled in a single twelve-month. The increase for the present month over the same month of 1897 promises to be equally great.

The incoming volume of freight over both the Red Mountain railway and the Canadian Pacific railway amounts to nearly 150 cars per week. If one calculates that this business were divided into freight trains of 10 cars each, it is evident that 15 solid freight trains destined for Rossland would roll into the stations here every week. If the weight per car be set at the low figure of 13 tons, the weekly freight receipts amount to 1,950 tons, or 3,900,000 pounds. On the estimate that the population of the city is 7,000 people, the average receipts per head weekly amount to 560 pounds. It is doubtful if that ratio can be exceeded any place in the Dominion.

The incoming freight is made up of all classes of merchandise. Much of it is timber for the mines and for building purposes, while much of it is wood for fuel. Heavy machinery for mining purposes is an important factor in the receipts for structural purposes and for mining form a large part of the business.

Not all of the freight brought into the camp is consumed here. Rossland is steadily growing a wholesome point, and a large share of the receipts is for resident jobbers, who wholesale the goods to merchants all over the Kootenays. On the Red Mountain railway alone the daily shipments from resident jobbers amount to 15,000 pounds daily. The Boundary, Ymir, Sheep creek and Gladstone are more and more depending upon Rossland merchants for their supplies.

Accidentally Killed

Jack O'Leary, a well known contractor, who formerly made his headquarters in Rossland, was killed yesterday at Shields' landing on Lower Arrow lake by a derrick which fell upon him. Mr. O'Leary was a contractor who assisted in the building of the Northern Pacific railway, and who also did construction work in the north country. He had a sub-contract on the Robson-Penticton railway.

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Paine's Celery Compound is the marvelous prescription of one of the greatest physicians that ever lived, and has won the hearty endorsement of the noblest medical men of the age. In many cases it has carried life to those almost dying from liver and kidney troubles; it has raised up the rheumatic, neuralgic and those tortured by blood diseases.

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Athletic Club Elects Officers

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Limited Liability, (Foreign). In Liquidation. The Undersigned Official Liquidator Will Sell by Private Treaty Subject to Ratification by the Court IN ONE LOT

HAVE LEFT FOR HOME The American Peace Commissioners Sailed From Southampton.

The Attachés of the Commission the Right Men in the Right Place— Ferguson's Good Memory.

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LORD MINTO DINED

The Governor-General Expresses His Views on the Militia.

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Lord Strathcona Says That the Deputy Minister of Interior Wants More Galicians in the West as They Have Proved to Be a Very Desirable Class.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 15.—At a dinner tendered to Lord Minto tonight at the Toronto Club the following were present as invited guests: Lord Strathcona, the Bishop of Toronto, Justices Moss, Falconbridge and Lister, Premier Hardy, and Senators Cox and MacInnes.

Speaking did not begin until a late hour and the official report was handed to the press at 2 in the morning. Lord Minto's speech contained little of note, save possibly the following reference to the militia department: "I am bound to say, from what I have seen, I feel that there is a great future for the militia force in the Dominion, judging from what I know of the minister of militia and the intentions of the general officer commanding that force. I may say that General Hutton is a very old friend of mine, and if energy and tact and knowledge of the soldier's profession can ensure success he is bound to succeed, but, as I am sure many of you know, the appointment of the general officer commanding the militia is no sinecure.

No Politics in the Militia. "It rests with the people of Canada to insist upon the fact that to obtain military efficiency the military machinery must be entirely unhampered by political influence. (Great applause.) But, gentlemen, I have already told you that I do not as yet feel qualified to express opinions upon the internal affairs of Canada, and perhaps I have said enough."

He contrasted the present conditions of Canada with those existing 15 years ago, when he was previously here, when he was in rebellion and the O. P. R. was building. He congratulated the club on their present prosperity. "I find," he said, "increasing revenue and increasing trade, and in a very few days from now we shall commence to reap the benefit of the new link which Postmaster-General Mulock has forged in the imperial chain by his imperial penny postage."

Central European Immigrants. Lord Strathcona, in the course of a brief reply to the toast of his health, touched on the importance of securing immigration. He did not want to see immigration confined to the mother country or to getting back from across the boundary those who had gone there. He wanted such immigration supplemented by still more of it from the continent of Europe. Though such immigrants might be a little strange to us at the beginning, their children will become good citizens. He continued: "I heard the other day from the deputy minister of the interior (Mr. Smart) that he himself, having gone to our Northwest to find out the result of the emigration of Galicians into our country, felt so convinced they were valuable and would make valuable settlers that he would be very glad to have more of them. Further than that he said young men and women already were so very far advanced, that they could make themselves understood very well indeed in the English language and that they were most anxious to become good Englishmen and good Canadian men and women (applause). Lord Strathcona left the city on a special train for Montreal this morning.

FROM THE GAZETTE.

Sheriff Robinson's Appointment is Announced. The following provincial appointments are gazetted this week: Wm. P. Robinson of Nelson, sheriff in Slokan, Nelson and Rossland ridings and the south riding of East Kootenay, vice S. R. Redgrave; Joseph E. E. Graham, stipendiary magistrate for the county of Nanaimo and gold commissioner for the Bennett Lake and Atlin mining divisions and a notary public of the province; Captain Raint, mining recorder in the Bennett Lake mining division; Harry Rhodes of Vancouver, notary public for the province. The appointment of William P. Robinson of Nelson, as sheriff for the Slokan, Nelson and Rossland ridings, vice S. R. Redgrave, is an excellent one. Mr. Robinson is an able and efficient officer and has done good service as a deputy sheriff.

The Government Sustained. VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—The figures from the government indicate that the present government is sustained in the bye-election by that constituency. Considerable interest attaches to the result, owing to the narrow majority of the government in the legislature. The complete returns are as follows: Neill, 80; Ward, 57; Spaul, 5. The majority for Neill is 23.

LUCKY PROSPECTORS.

They Have Sold One Group of Claims and Have Bonded Another. William Feeny, sometime known as "Canada Bill" and Charles Marshall are in the city from Erie, where they own a number of mining claims. In May of last year they bonded the Armstrong group of three claims to Mr. Davis, a London broker, who was at that time sojourning in Rossland.

These claims are located a mile and a half from Erie. Mr. Davis did not take up the bond at the time it fell due, but obtained an extension at a higher figure than that which he first contracted to pay. Yesterday a large portion of the purchase price was paid and Messrs. Feeny and Marshall were flush with coin and Bob McCann, the veteran prospector, and other friends of the sellers, celebrated the sale with libations at several of the local shrines of Bacchus. The vendors were reticent as to the price which the property brought, but it is said to be between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

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RE THE COLONIST CASE

Mr. Justice Drake Says the Contempt Was Purely Technical.

Each Party Has to Pay Its Own Costs but the Judge Declines to Pass on Validity of Justice Martin's Title.

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—Judgment was handed down this morning, by Mr. Justice Drake, in the matter of the proceedings to commit the manager and the editor of the Colonist for contempt of court in referring to the hearing of election petitions, by a recently appointed judge, who had taken an active part in the political contest. After reviewing the arguments presented, he said: "Lord Justice Cotton in Hunt vs. Clark, 37 law reports, says: 'In my opinion no application to commit. For contempt ought to be made unless the offense was of so serious a nature as to render the exercise of this summary power necessary to prevent interference with the course of justice.' Applying this language to the case before me I do not see anything in the articles read which can be said to fall within the scope of this language. It is true a technical contempt has been committed, but not of such a character as calls for the extreme measure of committing the parties to prison. I think that this case should be fully met by making an order on this motion, the result of which will be that each party will have to pay its own costs."

Dealing with the point raised as to the validity of Mr. Justice Martin's appointment, he not having practiced at the provincial bar for ten years, as required by the supreme court act, Mr. Justice Drake said: "Counsel then contended that Mr. Justice Martin was not properly appointed, as he was not of the standing indicated by section 30 of chapter 56. This subject I do not discuss. The appointment having been made by the governor in council, cannot be reviewed by this court."

THE DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY.

The Conversion of Kootenay Into a Separate Diocese is Assured. The committee appointed to complete the details, and with the bishop of New Westminster's consent, to make application to the provincial house of commons for the formal formation of the diocese of Kootenay, with the 120th meridian as the western and the Rockies to Mount St. Helens as the eastern boundary, met Thursday in Nelson to consider the coast section of the committee's report, with the archdeacon of Columbia as chairman of the joint committee, says the Nelson Miner.

The report was adopted with a few alterations and agreed to; so that all that is now needed is the bishop's consent, to complete what is a most unique proof of the importance of the mining districts of British Columbia. This result may be looked upon as assured, and the appointment of the regular officials will, no doubt, be made early in the spring.

The election of a bishop depends upon the necessary provision being made, and in the Kootenay it will not be long delayed. Until then the new diocese will be in charge of the bishop of New Westminster, who will be bishop of New Westminster and Kootenay.

W. J. ROBINSON APPOINTED DEPUTY SHERIFF.

W. P. Robinson of Nelson, whose appointment as sheriff in the south riding of East Kootenay and in the Nelson, the Roseland and the Slokan ridings of West Kootenay, was gazetted Friday, has appointed as deputy sheriff his son, Walter J. Robinson of Roseland. The commission of the latter covers the entire territory over which Sheriff Robinson is in charge. The appointment of Walter J. Robinson will meet with general satisfaction. He has been a resident of Rossland during the past three years, and has a wide circle of friends all over the Kootenays. Under Stephen Redgrave, the outgoing sheriff, he held the same office as the one to which he has been appointed by the newly gazetted incumbent. Deputy Sheriff Robinson will continue to make Rossland his headquarters.

COLUMBIA ATHLETIC CLUB.

At the meeting of the Columbia Athletic club, held in the Pacific hotel Friday, Dan Thomas was elected president, E. A. Rolf treasurer and A. Lorne Becher secretary. The board of directors as elected consists of Dan Thomas, A. Lorne Becher, E. A. Rolf, F. H. B. Bothwright, J. W. Dando, G. W. M. Bride and W. H. Jones. The president was instructed to collect subscriptions, and it is expected that the gymnasium will be completed in the early part of January. The location of it has not yet been permanently decided upon, but Dominion hall was favorably considered. The membership now is over 80.

AN INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT.

There was an interesting entertainment for the benefit of the Sacred Heart church in Dominion hall Friday night, when a number of ambitious young fellows gave "The Arrival of Bob Fitzsimmons." They managed to get plenty of fun out of the farce and it was well received. The actors were Joe W. Young, jr., who managed the performance, Harry L. Stone and John Lawler. The entertainment also included some good songs by Mrs. Stein and Miss Sinclair, and character imitations by Harry Stone and Joe Young, and buck dancing by Harry Kelton.

THE SOUTHERN BELL DRIFT.

The drift which is being run from the mine in the Southern Bell is now in about 40 feet, and the face of it shows two feet of ore. The drift is being continued westward into the mountain, and from now on it will gain a depth of a foot for every foot driven. Work is being carried on in the main tunnel, where the showing is similar to that in the mine. On the Mascot, another property owned by the Big Three company, which holds the Southern Bell, the tunnel is 430 feet, and the outcrop of ore is 100 feet, which has lasted for 100 feet are being passed through.

Nine of the members of the local lodge Knights of Pythias, were in Trail Thursday night, assisting in the initiation of 14 new members of the Trail fraternity. The Rossland visitors had a very pleasant time.

WAS A WATER FAMINE

Rossland Was Without the Useful Fluid for Many Hours.

THE PIPE LINE FROZEN

The Old Conduit to Be Used and a Supply of Water for Domestic Purposes is Promised This Morning—No Aqueous Fluid for Motors.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The temporary water famine which has prevailed since 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon is likely to be broken. At the office of the waterworks company last night, it was given out that arrangements were being made whereby water would be turned on again early this morning and that in future there will be no discontinuance of water for domestic purposes.

The temporary shut-down was caused by a break in the new stave pipe line connecting the reservoirs with the dam on Stony creek, whence water is now obtained. The new stave pipe line was completed on the 15th of last month, and at that time it was filled with standing water in order to swell the wood and put it in thorough shape. The cold weather which occurred about that time started the water freezing, and since then the continued cold weather has brought about an increase in the amount of ice until in places the entire contents of the pipe were frozen solid. The passage of water was, of course, stopped. The reservoir on the Virginia ground, just north of town, into which the stave pipe empties, was nearly full of water at the time the freeze-up occurred. Superintendent Fellows has been repairing the old pipe line which was in use before the new stave pipe was installed, and last night he had succeeded in getting a moderate stream to travel through it.

As a consequence the announcement was made that water would be turned on for domestic purposes again this morning. Motors, however, will be barred for some time to come. It is uncertain when the ice in the new pipe line can be thawed sufficiently to permit of its use.

MR. NEFF DEPARTS.

He Expressed Astonishment at the Marvellous Development of Rossland. For the past few days J. R. Neff, of Mooseomin, Northwest Territories, has been the guest of Governor Mackintosh, resident director of the British America corporation. For many years Mr. Neff was minister of public works at Regina as an adviser of the then lieutenant-governor. Mr. Neff visited every place of interest in Rossland and expressed astonishment at the marvellous development everywhere observed. He made many friends while here and on his departure for home last evening was greatly regretted. Governor Mackintosh and Edwin Durant, manager of the British America corporation, with other friends, accompanied him to the railway station and wished him a bon voyage.

MADAME DREYFUS ILL.

Proceedings Before the Court of Cassation Drag Wearily Along. PARIS, Dec. 17.—Madame Dreyfus, wife of the political prisoner, is ill with pleurisy. Her condition is serious. Colonel Picquart still refuses to sign an application for his release from imprisonment, but the fact does not prevent the revisionist newspapers from attacking the government for persisting in his detention.

Tomorrow the Figaro says that the court of cassation has cited Captain Le Brun Baud to appear before that tribunal on Tuesday in regard to the confession which Dreyfus is alleged to have made to him. The court of cassation has authorized M. Mormard, who is acting as Dreyfus' counsel in the revision proceedings, to examine all the evidence. The location of it has not yet been permanently decided upon, but Dominion hall was favorably considered. The membership now is over 80.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

J. Dennistoun Sward, representing the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, receiving regular consignments of fuel from the East Kootenay fields. Already six cars of domestic coal and two of blacksmith's coal have reached Rossland. The verdict of the people who have used it thus far is that the coal is of exceptional quality.

James David's tourney at the Allan house billiard rooms for a \$15 cue resulted in a victory for Sidney Hobbs of the Rodega. The final entries were Mr. Hobbs and Edward Seston. The former won the first set 2-1, the second while Mr. Seston got the second, while Mr. Hobbs won the third and decisive game.

The argument in the case of the crown against Eber O. Smith, who is charged with criminal libel, was heard before Magistrate Jordan yesterday. The magistrate is considering the respective arguments made by John A. Macdonald for the crown and A. H. MacNeill for the defendant.

The placing of the Paris Belle property on the market is anxiously awaited. Many intending home builders are impatient at the delay, as this land embraces the best residential district in Rossland. Land speculators are also lying back for an opportunity to reap profits from the price that the company is expected to offer lots.

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A MOST BRILLIANT SCENE

St. George's Fair Was Thrown Open to the Public.

Fair Ladies; Brilliant Booths and Wares Which Tempt the Investor to Purchase.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Charming girls in dainty dresses, selling fancy wares in a myriad novel designs, formed a vivid picture at the opening of the St. George's guild fair in the Miners' hall yesterday evening. The big room was aglow with decorations, formed of evergreen and bunting, while the floor was covered with a dozen miniature kiosks ranging from the Old Glory booth, where the stars and stripes were rampant, to the fairy well where one could get all sorts of elfin creations at so much per creation.

The fair was informally opened yesterday afternoon, and although no large attendance had been expected yet the hall was crowded with Christmas shoppers intent on securing an early selection among the fancy wares offered by the ladies of the guild. In the evening at 9 o'clock the bazaar was formally opened by Hon. O. H. Mackintosh and until midnight the place was thronged until one might hardly get out.

Prominent on the right hand side of the entrance to the fair was the Old Glory booth, where the Americans have their headquarters. There was no mistaking the nationality of the kiosk. The bony stars and stripes were everywhere in evidence around it. A big liberty bell occupied the place of honor in the center. A silver tea service and a gold watch and chain, to be raffled, were among the attractions. The booth was in charge of a bevy of American maids and matrons, including Mesdames G. F. Jackson, H. E. Dunlop, Sol Cameron, N. A. Burritt, Wm. Dunn, E. W. Ruff and Kelly, and Misses Whitney, Ruff and Beardsley.

Mrs. Charles Danerfeld and Mrs. H. E. Findley, assisted by Miss Irene Lockhart, were the custodians of the wheel of fortune, where, if the fate so willed, the speculator might win all sorts of desirable things. The candy booth was under the management of Mrs. Smith Curtis and Miss Whittier, whose confections were all assuredly of home manufacture. Miss Falding and Miss Wilson were the custodians of the attractive Japanese booth in the centre of the room. There one could get all sorts of dainty merchandise from the land of the chrysanthemum, and the booth was liberally patronized.

The papeterie kiosk, in charge of Mesdames O'Hara and McKenzie, was one of the most attractive in the room, and the stock of dainty things exhibited there was nearly exhausted early in the evening.

Mrs. Frank Oliver was the manager of the toyerie, where all sorts of fantastic playthings for the little ones found a ready market. Pretty little Margaret McCreary was the good fairy who ran the alms well, while all sorts of treasures were mysteriously drawn.

Just across the room was the gypete tent, where the seerssers, Mrs. J. V. Bohn and Miss Gladys Townsend, looked into the future, and the future, and assured a degree of success according to the amount contributed by the seeker after light.

The tea tables, where every one gravitated some time during the evening, were in charge of Mesdames Mackintosh, Banbury and Palmer and Miss Ruby De Voin.

The fancy work booth, with all sorts of exquisite hand-made goods in bewildering profusion, was in charge of Mrs. Rolf.

The feature of the fair during the evening was the short musical program. Miss Ruby De Voin gave "The Dance of the Demons" in exhilarating style. Frank Oliver, accompanied by Mrs. R. Dalby Morrell, was heard to fine advantage in "The Song of Hybras the Cretan." E. C. Beaton gave Plunkett F. Green's "Off to Philadelphia," and sang it capably. Mrs. Norman McInnes was enthusiastically received in "Because I Love You so."

The fair will be continued today and tonight.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Messrs. Dabney & Parker, who are agents for the Lethbridge Coal company, are erecting coal bunkers on Second avenue. The bunkers will be 30 feet long, 20 feet wide, seven feet deep and will have a capacity of several hundred tons.

There is a hole at the corner of Washington street and Columbia avenue, in front of the partially constructed building of the Bank of Montreal that should be filled up. Last night William Feeny, a visitor from Erie, fell into this hole and received a severe shaking up.

The Clara Mathes company has been considerably strengthened of late and has added to its reporters and purchased much new scenery. Miss Mathes will be remembered here by all the old theater goers who frequented Harry Lindley's shows. She will shortly appear in Rossland and, doubtless, draw good houses every night.

Orrille D. Fisher, who has engaged in the back business on Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand, is arranging for a sleigh service up the hill to the new skating rink. The sleigh will be in readiness from 7 to 10 o'clock every evening, and the fare from Columbia avenue or Le Roi avenue to the rink will be 15 cents one way, or 25 cents for the round trip. In parties of two or more, the charge will be 10 cents per person each way.

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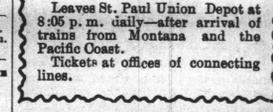
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WORLD'S GOLD OUTPUT IN-CREASING.

Man can adjust himself to almost any condition, but it takes some little time for him to fully adapt himself to any serious change. The change from a double standard of gold and silver to a single gold standard, which has been adopted by most of the civilized nations of the world, has not been made without some protest on the part of those who favored the white metal. Whether the single standard is the best remains to be seen, but that the nations of the world as well as the individuals are adapting themselves to it is certain. In a few years, perhaps, they will cease to protest. One of the results of the almost general adoption of the single standard has been the marked stimulation that it has given to gold mining. This has caused a considerable increase in the output. It is certain now that the world's output of gold will be \$46,000,000 larger than it was last year. The output of 1897 was \$35,000,000 greater than it was in 1896. The aggregate for 1898, it is estimated by the most competent authorities on the subject, will be \$265,000,000. This will be more than double that of 1892. In the last five years over a billion dollars have been produced. When it is considered, according to the report of the director of the United States mint for 1896, that the entire supply of gold in the world was only \$4,068,800,000, a billion dollars is a remarkable addition to the world's supply for so short a time as five years, and shows how the retiring of silver as a money has stimulated the mining for gold.

THE JUMBO DEAL.

A Toronto dispatch published elsewhere in this issue says it is reported that Hon. George A. Cox and a syndicate of Toronto capitalists have secured an option of a controlling interest in the Jumbo Gold Mining company. This is the beginning of a deal which will doubtless lead to the acquisition of the property of the Jumbo company and then it will be probably reorganized and changed from an American into a Canadian corporation. Mr. Cox is one of the leading capitalists of Toronto and has doubtless associated with him in the enterprise a number of other prominent financial men. Such a combination will be able to develop the property of the Jumbo along lines commensurate with its importance. Although the Jumbo company has been organized since May, 1896, and has done considerable work, it has been handicapped more or less by the lack of capital. It is certain that if M. R. Galusha, the treasurer and general manager of the property, had ample funds at his command to properly bring forth the latent resources of the Jumbo it would long ere this have been a shipper of ore and a payer of dividends. As it is, the property has been improved to such an extent that it is now certain that more work will make it a valuable mine. This will be accomplished in short order by the syndicate provided it takes up its bond, which will be done as soon as an examination has been made in its interest by some competent expert.

With the passing of the Jumbo into the hands of Canadian capitalists, there will be left but few properties in the camp in the hands of Americans. Three years since the men from the other side of the line were in control of the more valuable mines here, but the last 18 months has seen a wonderful change in this respect. With the exception of the Iron Mask and a few others all have passed into the hands of Canadian or English capitalists. The two largest purchasers have been the B. A. C. and the War Eagle Consolidated Mining & Development company. The former has invested over \$6,000,000 and the latter about \$3,000,000. The total investments made in purchasing these interests from Americans will foot up close to \$11,000,000. This is a large sum and it will take considerable drilling and blasting to get it back again. It will be returned to the investors, however, within the next few years, and with it a large profit.

When the spectacle is seen like that described in the foregoing there must be some potent reason for the purchasing of these mines by British subjects. They find greater security for their investments under British laws and hence prefer to invest under the Union Jack rather than under any other flag.

THE SCHOOL OF MINES.

The first lecture of the winter course was delivered last evening before the Rossland school of mines. This will be followed by others along the same lines. So far the school has been supported by the subscriptions of those who attend the lectures and it will be carried on as heretofore until help is obtained from the government. This cannot be done till the meeting of the legislature and by that time the appropriation for the present winter's course will not be of a great deal of benefit. The help of the government will be welcome, however, as the intention is to make the school of mines a permanent institution. In the meantime a bylaw is pending before the city council for the appropriation of the sum of \$200 to aid the school and this bylaw should be passed as the object is one which the city should aid all that it can afford. The prospectors and others who attended the lectures of the

school last winter are among the enthusiasts for the continuation of the course now. They say that what they learned last year was of considerable benefit to them in the field during the open season, and they wish to add further to their stock of knowledge in order that they may be still better equipped during the coming year. It shows how useful a real school of mines could be when a course of lectures delivered by different individuals has been of so much benefit. With a more complete and regular faculty and proper equipment in the way of assaying apparatus and specimens, how much greater would be the usefulness of the school? There is no telling to what size such a school may grow. This class of schools is often located in mining centers and it is proper that they should be for the reason that practical knowledge of mining can be intermixed with the scientific theories. The celebrated mining school at Freiberg, Saxony, is located in the midst of one of the richest mining regions of Europe. The Freiberg school has 13 professors, a library of 18,000 volumes and is visited by students from all over Europe. This city, like Freiberg, is in the center of a rich and extensive mining region, and should the legislature show a liberal and proper spirit there could be established here a mining school, which, in a short time, would have such a reputation that students from afar would come hither and take its courses.

The fact that the nucleus of such a school is being sustained, though in a small way, of course, by the individuals who desire this form of instruction, shows the great need of such an institution. It is not a false want, but one that cries out to be supplied. Therefore, in the interest of the future of the mining industry and its proper development, the legislature should do the proper thing. They can add to the solidity of the foundation that has already been laid so that it will be a permanent place of learning and one of which the people of the Province may justly feel proud.

THAWING BLASTING POWDER.

As the cold season has arrived when nitro glycerine powders, in the form of giant powder, dynamite, dualin, etc., are liable to freeze and become hard when the temperature falls below 42 degrees Fahrenheit, and become inactive if used in that condition, it is therefore necessary to resort to the thawing-out process by increasing the heat, says the Mining and Metallurgical Journal. If this is done by the radiation of warm air in front of an open fire, it has the effect of causing the nitroglycerine in the cartridge to collect on the surface or paper covering, and if the heat is allowed to be excessive, to collect in drops, which when overheated either take fire or explode. Every mine manager ought to prohibit this manner of thawing powder, and discharge the man who does it in that way. The proper and safe way of thawing powder is to have a kettle with hot water outside of an inner and smaller kettle, on the plan of a carpenter's glue pot or a farina kettle, with tight closing covers, and place the powder in the inside one, having first placed dried sawdust, or infusorial earth, or fine dry sand in the bottom of it, to absorb any oil from the cartridges. This should never be placed on the fire, but filled with hot water and protected so as to retain the heat as long as possible, and to avoid heating to empty it and refill it too often. The habit of thawing powder in a sack on top of a boiler, or in a blacksmith shop or mine office, is a custom which is fruitful of accidents to life and a great cause of fire. Placing the powder in hot water or in steam is equally dangerous, as it is sure to cause the oil to exude. Many of the powder companies sell proper thawing boxes or kettles made of zinc, and recommend their use to consumers, so that there is no excuse for the mine manager or owner who does not provide such an appliance and see that it is used.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

This is the time of the year when the selection of Christmas presents is made. The custom of giving presents at the time of the year on which Christmas falls antedates the birth of Christ. The Romans had, like other pagan nations, a nature festival and called by them saturnalia and the northern people had Yule; both celebrated at the turn of the year from the death of winter to the life of spring—the winter solstice. With the development of the Christian era this holiday was changed and called Christmas, after the gentle Nazarene. It has ever been the occasion of feasting and gift giving. The custom of giving presents to relatives and friends at this time is a beautiful one. They are given in the spirit of the day which is commemorative of Him who died for mankind. It is full of the manifestation of the spirit of kindness and of love for fellow-men, which is expressed in the tangible form of a keepsake. The day is especially one for joy for the little folks, and while their elders should be remembered, these should not be forgotten when presents are being purchased to be given at home or to be sent over land and water to those that are loved and remembered though far away. The stores of the city are already decked in fantastic and pretty holiday attire, and they offer an alluring sight

to the investor in presents. There is an infinite variety to select from. They range from diamonds for ladies to marbles for the boys, from silk and satin robes to calico and muslin, from pianos to mouth organs. Those who cannot select a suitable Christmas gift out of this large array must be hard, indeed, to please. Presents are being chosen and many have been sent from this city and are now speeding on their way to gladden the residents of distant places. Many more gifts will be purchased between now and the holiday until the stocks held by the merchants have been well cleaned out.

No matter how small or humble the present may be it will play its part in making the Christmas more pleasant to someone. The people here generally have had a prosperous year. Peace and prosperity have abided, and hence we should all feel in the mood to enter into the joyous spirit of the festival and also to do a fair share of the buying of presents. No one should hesitate to remember kindred because he or she cannot afford to purchase that which is expensive. The present is not valued because of its value so much as it is an expression of kindness, and of good will. Looking at a present from this standpoint the smallest gift is often given a very high value by the recipient. Give all that you can afford to and make the day as much as possible a red letter one to others. In this way the occasion will be made doubly happy for you.

THE TAXING OF MINES.

In the state of Washington the people are discussing the question of taxing the mining interests. There is considerable perplexity manifested as to just how this tax should be levied. It is pointed out that the valuation placed on mineral claims varies according to the ideas of the owner, its location, the width of the surface croppings, the value of the ore, and the hundred and one things that give it value in the eyes of those experienced in mining. It is alleged that it would be utterly impossible for an assessor to put a just value on several hundred mineral claims. It is a comparatively easy matter to assess town lots, farms and buildings and live stock, but it must be admitted that it is most difficult to place an equitable valuation on mining property, even if the task is performed by a mining man. In a mining property under development the task would be still harder. Today a property may appear to be worth \$10,000 and in a short time it could not be purchased for ten times this sum, because of a strike of importance. In another instance a mine might appear to be worth \$1,000,000 today and in six months might pinch out and become worthless. In this uncertainty lies the injustice and difficulty of giving a mine or a mining property a fixed valuation such as would be made by an assessor.

A mining property is only a source of expense to its owner until it begins to produce. Then it becomes a source of profit not only to its owners, but also to the community in which it is located. It furnishes employment to labor in many lines and adds to the general wealth. Under the circumstances it should be the policy of the government to foster the mining industry as much as possible. Mining properties should not be taxed until the productive stage is reached. Then a tax should be put on the output, of a certain percentage. This seems to be the most equitable mode of taxation. Washington might copy the mining statutes of British Columbia to advantage. The taxes here on mining property outside of the royalty exacted are merely nominal. Of course after a mining company is incorporated and sells stock to the public there are fees collected by the government, which in the aggregate foot up a considerable sum for each corporation.

CHEAP COKE AND COAL.

The effect of the opening of the Crow's Nest Pass railway has already been felt in this community. Two coal companies are bringing their product into this city and are erecting bunkers so that it may be cheaply handled. The price is to be reasonable, and it is contended by the parties vending the coal that at the price at which it is offered at retail it will be cheaper than wood for household and domestic purposes. Coal has the advantage, too, of not burning out quickly and a fire made before retiring at night and carefully banked will keep a room warm all night. It seems sure, therefore, that coal is certain to come into increased use for domestic purposes and will materially add to the comfort of those residing in Rossland.

Besides the use of the coal for household purposes, it will be consumed to a large extent by the compressor and hoisting plants in the vicinity of the city. They at present use wood for getting up steam, but coal is so superior for this purpose and so much more economical that it is expected that coal will entirely supplant it. This will be particularly the case with those compressor plants and hoisting plants that are located close to the existing railway lines. Most of the more available timber suitable for fuel in the immediate vicinity of Rossland has been cut down, and now a great deal of cord wood that is now consumed here is brought by rail from points remote from this city. This being the case it will tend to increase the demand for the cheaper and better

fuel, and the consumption promises to amount in a very little while to over 1,000 tons per month.

The shipment of coke has already commenced to the Trail smelter and the plant there will soon begin to feel the benefit of this fuel which will cost less than that which it has hitherto been receiving. This benefit the management has promised, if it is material, will be reflected in a reduction of the smelter charges. The smelter at Northport will doubtless also find it economical to use this cheap coke. In time with the extension of the mining industry and the consequent increase in population and the augmentation of the number of smelters the consumption of this cheap coke and the coal will reach large enough proportions so that its production will become one of the more important industries of Kootenay. What is more important, this cheap fuel will reduce the cost of both mining and smelting.

The Crow's Nest Coal company and the Lethbridge company are determined to build up their traffic in this country on proper lines. As an indication of the policy of the Crow's Nest Coal company the following was said at a banquet given at Fernie by Robert Jaffray, a director of the company:

"I speak emphatically on one point and I wish my remarks to be noted. Our company purposes to supply the interior of British Columbia with coal and coke. If present the demand is not very large, we purpose to assist in doing whatever is necessary to make it larger. We are not posing as philanthropists; we expect ultimately to obtain a fair return for our investment, but immediate profit will not be the primary consideration with us. We wish the boards of trade and the commercial and mining men generally in East and West Kootenay to count our company as with them in every movement calculated to develop the latent resources of the Province."

OPENING OF THE RINK.

The Rossland skating rink will be thrown open to the public on Monday evening and the occasion is to be made, as it should be, a sort of a pleasant public function. It is a genuine temple of pleasure for the people of this city and they will turn out and see that it is properly dedicated to their use. In the future at times its walls will ring frequently with their pleased voices as they glide around swiftly on the smooth ice. On other occasions its walls will echo the "ohs" and "ahs" of large audences at some artistic feat in a hockey game or curling bonspiel. The strains of music will be heard there. It will be the scene of active hilarity sport during the cold weather and in the summer it can be turned into a large ballroom and there will be ample room for those who love to dance to step about in. The citizens are to be congratulated on having at their disposal so commodious and convenient a structure wherein to enjoy themselves to the top of their bent. Hence, as the occasion opens up a vista of future enjoyment the opening of the rink should be marked by pleasant ceremonies and a large attendance. Then let the skating and the other sports go bravely on.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Flour and milk trusts have been formed in the United States. The former is supposed to be after the dough and the latter desired the cream.

Colonel W. J. Bryan has resigned from the army and has announced that he is opposed to imperialism or the acquisition of territory in the Philippines and Puerto Rico. It is more than likely that imperialism will be a prominent issue in the forthcoming presidential campaign in the U. S., and it is certain that Mr. Bryan will have numerous followers, who are opposed to the imperial policy.

The Standard Oil company is gradually extending its monopoly to Canada. It has captured all the oil properties in the neighborhood of Petrolia, and the latest announcement is that traffic rates have been arranged with the railway companies which practically drive all competing oil producers out of the market. The worst feature of the matter is that there seems to be no way in which the big company can be stopped from acquiring a coal-oil monopoly in this country.

The ups and downs of the mining man's life is one of the chief elements of its fascination, says the Kootenay Mining World. When a man drops in on a good thing he feels elated over it; but when he drops out of a good thing, through neglect and want of faith the result is discouraging. Those that hold up until the last moment and then sacrifice their interests, feel rather blue when the tidal wave of mining prosperity sets in. It is true of most camps, that the first to enter are the poorest of all who leave, yet there are notable exceptions, but the rule proves true in most cases.

It is announced from Ottawa that the Canadian government is arranging to dispose of the reserve mining rights on the rivers in the Yukon district at public sale, says the Engineering and Mining Journal. The rights are to be divided in sections, with an outside limit of five miles in length on any stream. The taker will be required to spend at least \$5,000 a year in development and other work on each section, and to pay \$150 a mile yearly rent, besides 10 per cent on all gold taken out or \$25,000. Preference is to be given to miners who have already located

claims in the region. The official announcements will shortly be made. It is understood that the leases will contain strict provisions for forfeiture in case of failure to work, so that claims cannot be held for speculative purposes.

Spokane seems to have a plethora of money and most of it came to citizens of that place through selling their mining interests here to British and Canadian capitalists. One of the Spokane papers recently said: "There is about \$5,500,000 in the Spokane banks, and the bankers do not know what to do with all the money they have. There has not been a bank statement for about two months, but when the last was made the banks were carrying about 65 per cent of their deposits, an enormous percentage, indicating that loans were not many. In a few days, by reason of the Le Roi sale, about \$4,000,000 more money will be thrown into the Spokane banks."

MINES AND MINING

Copper Queen Ore Runs as High as \$75 Per Ton.

THE DEVELOPMENT WORK

It Will Be Continued During the Winter—The Management Is Greatly Pleased With the Results Attained in the Property.

Hugh Henderson, president of the Baltimore Gold Mining & Development company, and George H. Green, secretary of the company, have just returned from a trip of inspection of some of the mines controlled by them in the Nelson division. The company has five claims on Toad mountain, near the great Silver King mine, viz.: The Copper Queen, Humming Bird, War Eagle, Center Star and Le Roi, and half interests in three others. They also own eight other claims in other districts.

The Copper Queen, which was visited this week, is, at present, considered the most promising and on it the most development work has been done. The claim lies on the summit of Toad mountain only a mile southeast from the Silver King and a good trail has been constructed to the Silver King road. On this claim an open cut has been made 18 feet long, from which a crosscut of 15 feet runs to the straight tunnel which has been cut in to a distance of 123 feet. At the end of the crosscut and beginning of the straight tunnel, lead No. 1 begins. This is two feet wide and is a white quartz running very high in copper values, assaying as high as \$75. Lead No. 2 was struck about 75 feet from the No. 1 and is from two to four feet wide, consisting of decomposed quartz assaying \$10.40 in gold, but no assay for copper has yet been made. The main lead is from three to four feet in width, of white and gray quartz, and sprinkled through with copper. No assay has yet been made of this rock. The property has been worked steadily since August 19th, and the work of development will be continued through the winter. The management is greatly pleased with the success so far obtained.

New Plant Ordered. The Umatilla Gold Mining company, operating on Sophie mountain, B. Gournsey, president, has contracted with James D. Sword for a hoisting, pumping and drilling plant for its property. The company is about to construct a wagon road from the Red Mountain railway to their property, a distance of about four miles. This wagon road is to be built so that the machinery can be transported over it to the company's property. Mr. Sword is also supplying a large horizontal tubular boiler, sinking pump, etc., to replace the small plant already in use on the Velvet property, on Sophie mountain, owned by the New Gold Fields of British Columbia.

SOME VERY RICH ORE. It is Being Taken From Republic Mines—Grand Forks Is Lively.

F. J. Walker, of the Reddin-Jackson company, returned Saturday from a visit to the Boundary country and the Republic camp. Mr. Walker reports that Republic shows a good many signs of improvement, and that even a better feeling prevails there now than was the case on the occasion of his former visit several months since. There is a great deal of development work in progress there, and Republic is destined, he thinks, to be a mining camp of no small importance. While in the Republic camp Mr. Walker visited the Lone Pine. He says that a sample taken from the front of the drift across a distance of eight feet in the Lone Pine averaged \$13.16 to the ton. In his opinion the Lone Pine will make a mine. In the Republic mine the tunnel on the 420-foot level drifts are being run north and south on the ore body. In the south, drift, toward the Jim Blaine mine, ore is now being extracted that goes \$250 to the ton. This drift is now only 200 feet from the Jim Blaine line. The Jim Blaine is to be opened through this drift, and it will not be long before it will be in the workings of this property. In the north drift ore that runs from \$100 to \$150 per ton is being taken out. When the north drift has been driven a distance of 90 feet it will make connection with a winze. This winze connects with an upper tunnel. Work on this winze is now in progress and the ore from it assays \$500 to the ton. Mr. Walker says he visited several other properties at Republic and that the showing in most of them is very promising.

Grand Forks, he says, is brightening up, and it looks as though there will be many opportunities for making money there in real estate. It now looks as though Grand Forks will, in time, become the metropolis of the Boundary Creek country.

H. E. Merry has returned from the Okanagan country, where he has been in the interest of the British American corporation.

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Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Wide West Mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About 1 1/2 miles south of the city of Rossland. Take notice that I, N. E. Townsend, acting as agent for Ross Thompson, No. 967, A, and D. J. Burke, No. 8,920 A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 4th day of October, 1898. N. E. TOWNSEND.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Ophir Mineral Claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay District. Where located: Between the Gold King and Coxy Mineral Claims on Red Mountain. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for the Jumbo Gold Mining Co. Ltd. (foreign) free miner's certificate No. 13,082A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 1st day of November, 1898. J. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Oakland and Emma Weber mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About two miles west of O. K. mine and adjoining the Cruiser mineral claim. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (acting as agent for Joseph R. Walters, F. M. L. No. 3385, A) free miner's certificate No. 3403 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 17th day of November, 1898. KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. St. Bernard mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: One half mile southwest of the O. K. mill and is a re-location of the St. Bernard, located 14th of April, 1896. Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (as agent for Victor Mounier, 859.) free miner's certificate No. 3403 A, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 17th day of November, 1898. KENNETH L. BURNET.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Big Bend Fraction, Double Fraction, Aetna Fraction and Big Four Fractional mineral claims situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: About one mile west of Rossland, B. C. and adjoining the Mariposa, St. Paul, Rainy Day, Black Rock, Bryan, McIntosh and Sunnyside mineral claims. Take notice that Wm. E. Devereux acting as agent for Margaret Wilkie, Free Miner's Certificate No. 34,042A, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 15th day of December, 1898. WM. E. DEVEREUX, F. L. S.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. James Stanley mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the north side of Rock Creek, south of the Winnie Davis mineral claim. Take notice that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for A. G. Elliott, free miner's certificate No. 3403 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 20th day of November, 1898. J. A. KIRK.

Certificate of Improvements. NOTICE. Douglas mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Sophie mountain. Take notice that I, O. B. N. Wilkie, F. M. C. 3,745A, acting as agent for R. H. Smith, free miner's certificate No. 12,405A, intend 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements. Dated this 10th day of October, 1898. O. B. N. WILKIE, P. L. S.

Application to Purchase. Notice is hereby given that I will, six days after date, apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the crown land hereinafter described, that is to say: Commencing at a post marked "Anthony John McMillan, S. E. Corner," and planted on the west bank of the Columbia river, about two miles north of the international boundary line, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to the west bank of the said river, thence south, following the meandering of the said river to the said post, containing 160 acres, and being situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District, and being the abandoned pre-emption of one Foulton. Dated this 15th day of October, 1898. ANTHONY J. McMILLAN.

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James Wilson, superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph lines, is in the city on a visit. He is making a tour of the several offices, and will leave for Nelson this evening, and from thence goes to Sandon. He reports that the lines in his division are in a very satisfactory condition.

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The Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate is interesting itself in the formation of a big mercantile company to carry on a general commercial business in Roseland. The name of the new corporation will be the Roseland Commercial company, and its capital will be \$100,000. The amount of the capitalization, will, however, be merely nominal, as the company will be in position to secure any amount of money that may be needed to carry out its projects.

The War Eagle and the Centre Star companies, in which the Gooderham-Blackstock interest hold millions of dollars worth of stock, are the largest concerns in the camp. It is natural, therefore, that Mr. Gooderham and Mr. Blackstock should take part in the formation of a company here which would deal in the supplies needed by those companies. At present all goods bought by the two mining companies are, of course, sold at a profit by the dealers from whom they are purchased. The Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate has a large incentive in opening a general store here, for the purpose of furnishing goods to the mining companies which it controls. Besides that, the new enterprise will, of course, reach out for the immense public patronage already divided among the merchants of the city.

The incorporators of the new company are George Gooderham, T. G. Blackstock, Volney D. Williamson and J. L. Pierce. Mr. Pierce is named as manager. It is understood that Harry Lippman, who is now in Toronto, has been instrumental in getting the new company, and messages received from him recently say that he has been successful in securing the money needed. Hon. T. Mayne Daly, F. W. Rolt, T. G. Blackstock and Ross Thompson will probably be the resident directors of the company.

Mr. Pierce, who, according to the dispatches received here, will be the manager of the institution, was formerly connected with the general stores of Henry Gieserick at Kaslo. He is a man of wide experience in commercial lines, and is well known in the trail creek country.

It is not yet decided whether the new corporation will establish an entirely new store here, or whether it will purchase some of the present business houses. Negotiations have been under way for the purchase of the Crescent Dry Goods company's large business, but the deal is not completed. Besides handling dry goods the company will deal in groceries, mining machinery and general camp supplies.

MARTIN PAYS THE COSTS.

Hedley Chapman Granted a Divorce from Mrs. Chapman.

VICTORIA, Dec. 21.—The Chapman divorce case came to an end today with a verdict for the plaintiff, Hedley Chapman. Mrs. Chapman gave evidence admitting that she had been in love with the co-respondent, A. C. Martin, for two years past, but denying that there had been any wrong doing between them except the repeated hugging and kissing. Judge Drake in giving judgment pointed to the probability of adultery between the parties, and said he would decree the divorce asked for, awarding the custody of the child to Hedley Chapman, and ordering that the co-respondent, A. C. Martin, pay the costs.

THE TRAFFIC IS GROWING.

Pacific Mail Company Will Build Two Large Steamers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—The Pacific Mail Steamship company has given orders for the construction of two new steamers to ply between this port and Yokohama and Hongkong. Each vessel will be of immense displacement with proportionate carrying capacity and a speed of 18 knots. They will each have accommodations for 175 first class passengers. The Newport News shipyards of C. P. Huntington will build the boats and experts at that place are now preparing the estimates of the cost. S. P. Schwein, the vice-president of the Pacific Mail, is the authority for the foregoing statement.

A New Mining Camp.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 21.—The latest reports from Dawson City, the new mining camp in the Greenhorn mountains, near Canyon City, indicate that the rich gold ore found on the Copper King claim by the Dawson brothers, came from a small pocket. Experts are of the opinion that a copper mine may be opened on the claim, but do not expect that a gold bonanza will be found there. Other discoveries, however, of free gold in the neighborhood are reported and the town is growing rapidly. The report that the sylvanite ore, rich in gold, had been found in Colorado Springs, under the tunnel that is being driven through Pike's peak, is denied by Delos Durfee, city engineer of Denver, who is on the ground.

New Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The president today nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri, to be secretary of the interior. Hitchcock is at present the ambassador to Russia. He was appointed minister more than a year ago and when the rank was raised to an embassy he was re-appointed.

Hitchcock is a wealthy lawyer and business man of St. Louis for some extensive plate manufacturers. He is a great grandson of Ethan Allen, of revolutionary fame. His ancestors were from Vermont, but his father moved south and Hitchcock was born at Mobile, Alabama.

A Baron Sent to the Pen.

MISHAWAKA, Ind., Dec. 21.—Frederick Von Hartmann, son of Baron Von Hartmann, Cologne, Germany, has been sentenced to five years in the state prison for burglary.

COLLIDED IN THE FOG

Two Trains Crash Together on the Pennsylvania Road.

Two Were Killed, and Four Seriously and Twenty Slightly Injured in the Accident.

New York, Dec. 21.—A rear end collision occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad, three miles from Rahway, which resulted in the loss of two lives, and serious, though not fatal, injuries to four persons. The killed are William C. Dewolf, clerk in the accountant's office of the Ohio River railway, at Parkersburg, Va.; F. Knight, colored, of Jersey City, porter of the sleeping car. The injured are Mrs. Julia Levy of Brooklyn, suffering from the shock, severely, but not fatally; and B. F. Mead, Brooklyn, leg broken; Frank Irish, traveling passenger agent of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, Chicago, collar bone broken.

About 20 persons were cut and bruised and nearly all the occupants of the trains in collision were thrown from their berths. The collision occurred between the Chicago and New York express and the eastern express. When three miles from Rahway, N. J., shortly before 7 o'clock the Chicago and New York express was, according to the engineer's story, stopped by a signal. A dense fog prevailed and the eastern express, coming up from behind at about 20 miles per hour, dashed into the Chicago express, sending the baggage car off the track and crushing through into the Pullman sleeper, which contained 15 passengers. The Pullman conductor and porter, colored, and W. O. De Wolf, a passenger, were caught on the top of the boiler and their bodies twisted by the debris and badly mangled. Beyond smashing the southern express car platform the eastern express sustained no damage and none of its passengers were seriously hurt. John Vanderver, engineer, and his fireman jumped off. Both received scalp wounds. The passengers in the sleeper of the Chicago express were thrown forward amid the broken woodwork, escaping steam and flying glass. The car toppled over on its side and lay slanting against a bank. The unhurt passengers scrambled through the windows. Passengers of both trains were brought to New York on the fog train. The accident was caused by a thick fog.

GENERAL MILES TESTIFIED.

Said That the Army Was Not Properly Supplied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States army, and General Wesley Merritt, commander of the American forces at the capture of Manila, were the principal figures before the war investigating committee today. General Miles responded to the summons of the commission only after several days' consideration. He was accompanied by his own stenographer, and his examination was brief and not sensational. He spoke with some bitterness as to the embalmed beef and the canned beef furnished the army in the field. This he characterized as an experiment for which some one in Washington was responsible. He said that the landing facilities of the Santiago expedition were inadequate and that the men were short of rations and medicines and might have been better protected from exposure to fever contagion.

A Trans-Pacific Cable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Representative Corliss of Michigan, today introduced in the house a bill to secure the construction of a cable connecting the mainland of the United States with Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China. It authorizes the president to cause the cable to be laid and appropriates a sufficient sum to secure a cable that will carry at least fifteen words a minute. When the cable is completed it shall be turned over to the postoffice department and operated as a part of the postal service.

Raised the Price of Brooms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The Broom Manufacturers of the United States met here today and by a unanimous vote decided to advance the price of brooms 25 cents a dozen. The opinion was expressed that an additional advance was certain to be made within the next few weeks. There is said to be a serious shortage in broom corn, and this was given as the reason for the advance.

Anti-Anarchist Conference Fruitless.

ROME, Dec. 21.—The anti-anarchist conference, which has been in session at the Palazzo Corsini for some weeks, under the presidency of Admiral Canavaro, Italian minister of foreign affairs, closed its sittings today. The delegates appended their signatures to a protocol. It is understood that a number of practical resolutions were adopted, but the proceeding having not resulted in a convention binding the states represented.

Dunning Gives His Testimony.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 21.—John P. Dunning, who was arrested for contempt of court for refusing to answer certain questions put to him by the attorneys for Mrs. Botkin, was released from confinement today. He appeared in court and Attorney Smith withdrew the obnoxious questions, thus giving Judge Cook an opportunity to order Dunning's release. Dunning then appeared on the witness stand and gave further testimony pointing to Mrs. Botkin as guilty.

Erne and Hawkins Will Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Frank Erne of Buffalo and Dal Hawkins of San Francisco, were matched today to fight 25 rounds at the lightweight limit of 133 pounds, before the club offering the best inducement and also a side bet of \$2,000. In all probability the bout will take place on the Pacific coast some time in February, as several California clubs have made bids to secure the contest.

Congress Adjourns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Both houses of congress have adjourned until January 4th.

CUBANS FULL OF JOY

They Rejoice Because the Spaniards Are Leaving.

THEY ARE NOT GENTLE

They Compelled Their Late Masters to Shout For Cuban Liberty and Threaten to Kill Them—Five Days' Feast to Be Held After January 1.

HANANA, Dec. 21.—Effigies of General Weyler hang this afternoon in Cerro, a suburb, while processions march and counter march along the streets shouting constantly. Business is virtually suspended in consequence of the rejoicing over the evacuation. In some instances bands of Cubans have visited the Spanish storekeepers and compelled them to shout "viva Cuba libre" and wave Cuban flags. Printed papers insulating to the Spaniards and threatening to kill them after January 1 continue to be circulated in various parts of the island. The alcade of Santiago de las Vegas has seized large quantities of such hand-drawn prints and burned them. The Cuban patriotic committees are planning for a five days' feast after January 1, during which all business will be suspended.

A Flag For Crete.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The four powers interested in the reconstruction of Crete have agreed on the design for the Cretan flag. The ground is blue, traversed by two diagonal bands of white forming a St. Andrew's cross. In the upper quarter, next to the staff, is a red field bearing a white five-pointed star, the red square being the symbol of the sultan's sovereignty. The flag will be submitted to the sultan and Creteans for their approval.

The President Denounced.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 21.—Leading members of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city denounce President McKinley for wearing a confederate badge while in the south. Decisive action will be taken at the next meeting of the posts.

Rev. Johnson Goes to New York.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 21.—Rev. J. L. Baron Johnson, formerly cashier of the Metropolitan bank of this city, who was recently ordained a minister, has been chosen assistant pastor of Grace Episcopal church in New York city.

A Fire Station Collapses.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 21.—A telephone dispatch from Fort Worth tells of the collapse of one of the fire department stations there. Several men and horses were killed and injured.

German Ambassador Arrives in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Dr. Von Holleben, German ambassador to the United States, arrived on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm today.

Three Moonshiners Slain.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., Dec. 21.—Advices from Knox county, Ky., say that three moonshiners, Jacob Lambert, Greer, and an unknown man, were killed, and several of their comrades wounded in a battle with the revenue officers.

PERSONAL.

Daniel Dickinson of Dickinson & Orde, has gone to Spokane on business for the firm.

S. Thornton Langley left yesterday for Spokane, where he will remain until Friday.

F. W. Bauer, mining broker, leaves today for Vancouver, where he will spend the holidays with his mother and sister. He will return early in January.

Louis Garnett, late proprietor of the Lancaster, is in the city from his ranch on Fincher creek. Mr. Garnett returned recently from an expedition into the Peace river country.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, who is in Spokane on business connected with the Le Roi, will probably spend Christmas with his family in Vancouver, and will remain there until after the holidays.

Mrs. W. S. Rugh has returned from a summer's visit with friends in Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Rugh was met at Spokane by Mr. Rugh. Their cosy new cottage on Earl street and First avenue is just being completed.

James Trezona, timberman at the Le Roi, and J. A. Pendray, blacksmith at the same mine, will start in a few days for South Africa. Mrs. Pendray and Mrs. Trezona will leave on Friday for Colorado and Wisconsin, where they will visit friends, and after a few weeks they will start for South Africa to join their husbands there.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The municipal voters' list is in the hands of the printer, who is getting out the published lists. In the First ward there are 258 registered voters. The Second ward includes 333, and the Third about 265.

The curlers expect daily to receive the stones which they have ordered for the winter's sport. As the rink is in fine shape curling can be commenced as soon as the stones arrive.

A general meeting of the Roseland Hockey club will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m., in the rooms over the Bank of British North America. A full attendance is requested. E. Duthie, secretary-treasurer.

A false alarm of fire was turned in last night from the box on the corner of Columbia avenue and St. Paul street. The fire department is interesting itself to secure the arrest and conviction of any one maliciously turning in false alarms. The case last night was the second one of the kind that has occurred lately.

The C. P. R. has announced that round trip tickets at single fare rates will be sold between all Kootenay points south of, and including, Nakusp, from the 20th to the 26th instant, inclusive. Such tickets are good for return until January 4. Round trip tickets will also be sold under the same conditions on December 30 and 31, and January 1, which will be good for return until January 4.

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Stock Market.

There was a good demand for stocks yesterday, Deer Parks, Iron Masks, Dundees and Fairmons being most inquired after. We are in receipt of encouraging letters from London brokers in regard to the English market in British Columbia stocks and expect to see a vast improvement in prices and an increased business after the holidays. We would specially call the attention of intending investors to Fairmont shares. This property is situated at Ymir and is the extension of the Dundee ledge. There are two claims, the Morning Star and the Evening Star. Work is at present being concentrated on the Evening Star in sinking the shaft which has attained a depth of some 60 feet, and recent assays, taken at this level, gave an average of \$28 in gold and silver for a width of six feet. We strongly advise the purchase of shares in this company.

Table of stock prices including Big Three, Commander, Deer Park, Evening Star, Giant, Good Hope, Iron Horse, Iron Mask, Iron Colt, Jumbo, Lily May, Monte Christo, Novelty, R. E. Lee, St. Elmo, Virginia, War Eagle, White Bear, Ymir Stocks, and Industrial shares.

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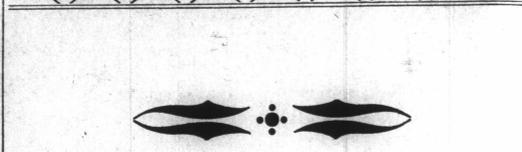
Columbia Avenue. P. O. Box 541. Cable Address: "PAUL, Rossland."

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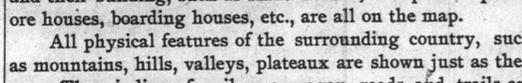
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Iron Colts Went Up a Cent—Are Still—War Eagles Go Up Was a General Advance Shares of the Republic Advance

Notwithstanding the fact that Christmas week business has been in the stock market. The factors in stock found that the market good when the holidays came, not cease to do business as is usual case during the holidays.

was a shade quiet, but still a considerable business transacted. The Christmas week's business much larger than it was during the same period last year, and revealed a fascination stock speculation.

One of the features of the advance in Iron Masks from 10 cents. This advance was caused preliminary decision of the court in the case of the Centre Star. The court refused to allow the Centre Star to renege its contract with the Iron Mask. The court refused to allow the Centre Star to renege its contract with the Iron Mask. The court refused to allow the Centre Star to renege its contract with the Iron Mask.

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