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MILL AT PORTO RICO

It Has Been in Operation Since December 5.

PLENTY OF ORE IN SIGHT

A Brief Description of the Plant and the Property—When the Clean-up is Made the Ore Should Yield \$50 to the Ton.

HALL SIDING, Dec. 12.—The Porto Rico mill started in fine shape on December 5, and everything is working in the most satisfactory manner. The Porto Rico mine is opened up by three tunnels. No. 3, the lowest at the present time, gives about 480 feet of backs, and it is possible by driving a tunnel on the vein lower down the mountain to get a depth of 1,600 feet on the ore. The No. 3 tunnel has been driven on the course of the vein 500 feet. The No. 2 tunnel has been driven 250 feet and the No. 1 tunnel 80 feet. In all these tunnels the ledge shows up well, varying in width from 12 inches to three feet. An upraise from No. 3 to No. 2 is being made by connecting tunnel No. 3 with No. 2 above, has been completed, which greatly cheapens the handling of the ore stopped from No. 2 tunnel. As the ore comes from the mine it is dumped into the one bin at the No. 3 tunnel and from there conveyed by aerial tramway a distance of 2,500 feet to a lower elevation of 600 feet, where the mill is situated. The tramway buckets dump the ore into an ore bin at the mill, which has a holding capacity of 100 tons. From there it falls onto the grizzly, the fine ore passing into No. 2 ore bin, while the coarse ore is shoveled into a Blake crusher, which crushes it into about one and one-half inch cubes. The crushed ore from No. 2 bin falls into the self-feeders and then into the mortars. The pulp from the stamps passes over the amalgam plates, through the classifiers on to the Frue vanners. The concentrates will be shipped to the smelter. The ore bins are all filled and a large quantity of ore is stored in the tunnels ready to be milled, and in the stopes four machine drills are in full swing stopping ore so, by the time the ore in the bins and that stacked in the tunnels is crushed there will be a large reserve of ore in the stopes. The ore will average from \$16 to \$40 gold per ton and the first clean-up from the 10-stamp mill should be about \$30 in gold per ton. The five-trill compressor is situated in the mill building, the air for the machines being carried by pipe to the mine. There is about six feet of snow on the ground and the water supply is not quite what is desired, but a chinook wind would soon melt the pipes and give all the water required.

BACK FROM BOUNDARY.

Reports that the Brandon and Golden Crown is Looking Well. W. L. Orde, secretary of the Brandon and Golden Crown Mining company, returned yesterday from the Kettle River valley. While there he visited the property of the Brandon and Golden Crown. A vertical shaft has been sunk to a depth of 150 feet. At the 80-foot level there is five feet of ore. Mr. Collins, the managing director of the company, is now prospecting at the 103-foot level to tap the ore body at that depth. The property, he says, is highly thought of in the Boundary Creek country. The adjoining property, the Winnipeg, has a 20-foot ledge on high grade ore exposed. The ore averages \$80 to the ton at the 50-foot level. The Winnipeg is now prospecting at the 300-foot level to tap the lead. Mr. Orde states that there is quite a boom in real estate at Greenwood city, which he thinks will be the metropolis of the Boundary Creek country.

FOUR LEDGES OUT.

On the Columbia & Western Railway Grade by a Contractor. GRAND FORKS, Dec. 10.—[Special.]—A railway sub-contractor, arriving in this city this evening, reports that four ledges of high grade ore have just been cut through on the Bell of Ottawa and Mountain Monarch claims in Seattle camp some ten miles from Grand Forks. While the railway employees were engaged in running a 42-foot open cut through the above named properties no less than four ledges were crossed which aggregated in width over 12 feet. The ore exposed to view is a fine grained copper ore similar to the various ores on Seattle mountain found at great depth. The Bell of Ottawa and Mountain Monarch lie close to the Seattle mine. They are owned by the O'Connor Bros., who also own a controlling interest in the well known Humming Bird property. Shipment From the Golden Gate. D. B. Bogle returned from Arrow lake and Nelson on Saturday night. While away he arranged with the Hall Mines, limited, to ship the ore now piled on the shore of Arrow lake to the smelter. He says a large sample was tested at the Nelson smelter with most satisfactory results. This trial shipment is interesting as the first from the main line of the Columbia & Western, northwest of Robson, the first fruits as it were of the new railway development. A freight and treatment rate has been arranged which is most beneficial to the company, the smelter authorities expressing their desire to get all the ore of that kind possible. The Golden Gate company now seems satisfied that its property is of greater value and is about to start a tunnel with a view to opening the ore deposit at depth. The Sacred Heart concert tomorrow night, with the dance to follow, should draw a large crowd to the Dominion hall.

KILLED IN A SNOWSLIDE.

A. L. McDonald and A. Malcolm Meet Death in Snow Creek.

Alex. L. McDonald and Andrew Malcolm, miners residing in this city, were killed Saturday in a snowslide at the properties of the Silver Queen Mining company, on Snow creek, back of Burton City. Edward Finch, the manager of the corporation, left Sunday night in search of the bodies, and a telegram received from him yesterday, ordering two coffins, indicates that he had been successful in his ghastly quest. The remains are expected to be brought down tonight. The two men were among the best miners at work at the Silver Queen, and Mr. Finch was deeply grieved at the fatality. The country on Snow creek is thickly wooded, and the only point he could suggest that a snowslide might occur was on the pipe line leading from the compressor to the mine. It is conjectured that the two were repairing the line when they were caught in a slide and were carried away. The two men left here on the 17th of last month to work at the Silver Queen. Just before leaving Malcolm expressed a dread of going in the Cariboo district, as he feared slides, but he overcame his timidity and left on the trip that cost him his life. His family, including a wife and a daughter, lives here in town. Mrs. Malcolm is at present ill. Miss Malcolm is employed in the Model bakery on Washington street. The family also numbers three boys. Mr. McDonald was formerly employed at the Sunset No. 2. He has a son at Phillipsburg, and two daughters with his sister in Montana. Both the dead men were Masons. Mr. Malcolm was a member of the local lodge at Idaho Springs, Colo. Mr. McDonald was a member of Ruby lodge in Phillipsburg, Mont., and was one of the charter members of the Rossland chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. He would have been one of the officers of the local lodge, but left for Burton City a day or so before its installation.

VICTIMS OF A SLIDE.

Bodies of A. Malcolm and A. McDonald Brought to This City.

The remains of Andrew Malcolm and Alex. McDonald, who were killed on Saturday afternoon in an avalanche at the Silver Queen group, back of Burton City, were brought down Tuesday by Edward Finch, the general manager of the Silver Queen company. The two men were in the blacksmith shop 50 feet away from the mouth of the tunnel when the slide came which carried them away. It originated about half a mile above them, and roared down the hill for a distance of about two miles. They were buried side by side under three feet of snow close to the smelter, and the bodies were found the next morning by a search party using lamping rods through the snow. The bodies of both men were brought to this city. They were buried in the cemetery at Burton City. The bodies of the two men were brought to this city. They were buried in the cemetery at Burton City. The bodies of the two men were brought to this city. They were buried in the cemetery at Burton City.

SMELTER FOR BOUNDARY.

C. P. R. Will Build a Big Plant There During the Next Year.

The Site Has Not Yet Been Selected—Works Will Have a Capacity of From 600 to 1,000 Tons a Day. The announcement comes officially from Montreal that the Canadian Pacific railway will at once proceed with the construction of a big smelter somewhere in the Boundary country. The capacity of it will be from 600 to 1,000 tons daily, and it will be devoted exclusively to treating the low grade copper ore of the Boundary country. The site has not yet been selected, but there are several possible points in view. Cases in view of two or three good locations, while Greenwood and Grand Forks are equally fortunate. There is a possibility that the reduction works will be located west of any of these towns, near Midway. The machinery is already being ordered. Construction will begin just as soon in the spring as possible, and work will be rushed. If by hard application the smelter can be completed this coming year, it will be running by the first of January, 1909. Wallingford. Good progress is being made in the crosscut tunnel on the Wallingford. It is now in about 170 feet. Forty feet of the new contract has been completed, and the work is progressing at the rate of about 12 feet per week. It is expected that the ledge will be tapped early in February. Seven men are working day and night shifts. At the Salmo Consolidated. James Chambers returned yesterday from the Salmo Consolidated mine, where he was overlooking the starting up of the new hoisting gear. Mr. Chambers reports everything to be now in first class trim, and development is being pushed vigorously ahead, with results entirely satisfactory. MINING NOTES. A. Edgecombe, a mining engineer of many years' experience, who has been in charge of the properties of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, company since October under the direction of Dr. Paul Langhammer, will remain in charge. He will carry out the plans prepared by Dr. Langhammer for the reduction works for the company. The intention is to erect a stamp mill and a cyaniding plant. The new skating rink will be opened on Monday night, under the management of Claus Jeldness.

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Some arrangement for the interment will probably be made today. Provincial Constable Hoosen, after a thorough investigation decided that James' death was accidental, and therefore an inquest was not necessary. PERSONAL. W. H. Fletcher, the discoverer of the Coronado, in East Kootenay, is in the city en route to Republic, where he has large interests. M. Howard Jones of Trail, who has been connected with the Columbia & Western Railway company for the past two years, leaves today for a three-months' visit in the east. Mr. Jones will spend some time in Montreal, Toronto and Grand Rapids, Mich., after which he will devote his time to his old home, Philadelphia, and New York. Fred Yuengling of the Yuengling brewery at Trail, also leaves for the east today. LE ROIS ADVANCING. They Are Selling at a Premium of 15 Shillings Per Share. The British America corporation has lost no time in making good its claims to all the properties that have been bonded, and has already made all the payments on the No. 1 mine, Golden Dawn and Nickel Plate, which are due this month. The flotation of the Le Roi has been an immense success, and the shares are now selling at a premium of 15 shillings per share, or an advance of 15 per cent in less than a week after allotment. The B. A. O. stocks and their other flotations also advanced in sympathy. Send a copy of THE MINER to your friends in the east.

THE SPITZEE SOLD

Floated by the Indian Chief Gold Mining Company.

GOOD FRIDAY UNDER BOND

Ross Thompson Has the Option on the Property—Will Commence Work About New Year—Officers Re-Elected for the Year.

The Spitzee, in the south belt, which has attracted so much interest lately on account of the size of the lead and its excellent surface values, has been incorporated by Kennedy Bros. & Purgold, under the name of the Indian Chief Gold Mining company. The capital of the new incorporation will be \$1,000,000 and a liberal share of it will be set aside for a treasury reserve. The promoters have in the past confined most of their efforts to the development of Ymir properties, but the showing on the Spitzee is so encouraging that they have taken it over and intend to operate it vigorously. Already shares are meeting with a ready demand by people who are familiar with the property and no difficulty is looked for in securing sufficient funds to place the property on a self-supporting basis, if, as the management believes, the Spitzee has the making of a mine. The property lies in the south belt adjoining the Fool Hen and the Derby, and is close to Ross Thompson's residence. The full size and importance of the ledge had never been fully appreciated by the owners until the recent excavation for the standard gauge Columbia & Western railway tracks exposed the ledge and showed a fine body of ore on the surface. Since then there has been much active bidding for the property, and after quieting all adverse claims to the ground the owners, Kenneth L. Burnett and J. A. Webb, sold their interests to Kennedy Bros. & Purgold. The latter are now floating the company which will take over the property. In this connection it may be interesting to recall the statement, frequently made, that the grading for the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway never so much as exposed a single lead of importance through its whole course across the province. In comparison with that, it is noteworthy that the excavation for a short line 14 miles long between here and Trail should disclose so promising a ledge. The find shows in a striking manner the marvelous richness of the Trail creek country. The Spitzee, while containing only 10% of ore, has the ledge for a distance of 200 feet. The vein is from one-half to three feet wide and surface assays have ranged around \$9. The Good Friday Bonded. Ross Thompson has taken a 90-day bond on the Good Friday, owned by the Rossland Good Friday company, and situated on the northwest slope of Red Mountain. Mr. Thompson will begin the development of the property about the first of the year. The Good Friday company held its annual meeting Tuesday night in Trail, when George Pahl of Spokane, was made president and treasurer, and Barney Barnds was elected secretary. Col. E. S. Topping is vice-president, and the directors include the officers and Frank Watson and Frank Hanna. AT THE CITY HALL. Meetings of the License and Police Commissioners were held on Wednesday. Yesterday was a busy day at the local gold hall. The license commissioners held their quarterly meeting, when several applications for liquor permits were considered. The Ottawa saloon license, which has been pending for some time, was granted, and the city is \$300 richer. The Anacosta license was a source of lengthy debate. Hugh Henderson was making application for a transfer of the place's license from the name of J. W. Barker to his own name. The application was vigorously contested by Mr. Barker, who is the present holder of the permit. The commissioners took an adjournment until January 16, when the Anacosta case will be considered further. The police commissioners, including Mayor Wallace, Hon. T. Mayne Daly and Magistrate Jordan, who are identical with the license commissioners, also met yesterday afternoon. They decided that tinhorn gambling must be suppressed, and Chief of Police Ingram was accordingly instructed. The temporary appointment of Duncun McDonald to the police force was confirmed and his services will be retained until January 19. Chief Ingram reported that Officer McDonald had made a very efficient patrolman. The board of health, which also met yesterday under the chairmanship of Alderman Edgren, passed the account of City Health Officer Reddick by the past six months. The bill was \$250. The chairman was authorized to look into the case of S. T. Flint and to provide him with \$50 with which to pay a passage to his old home in the east. Mr. Flint is a charity patient who has been on the hands of the city, and his friends are willing to care for him if he can secure a passage home. Christmas Examinations. The Christmas examinations in the public schools will be held today and tomorrow. Friends of the children and of the teachers are invited to be present. Today the examinations in Miss Frazer's and Miss McFarlane's rooms will commence at 10:30 a. m. and will last until noon. Tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock the examinations will commence in the rooms of Principal Blair, Miss Burns and Miss Walker. Tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock the examinations will commence in the rooms of Miss McQueen, Miss Moffat, Miss Newick and Miss Noble.

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Some arrangement for the interment will probably be made today. Provincial Constable Hoosen, after a thorough investigation decided that James' death was accidental, and therefore an inquest was not necessary. PERSONAL. W. H. Fletcher, the discoverer of the Coronado, in East Kootenay, is in the city en route to Republic, where he has large interests. M. Howard Jones of Trail, who has been connected with the Columbia & Western Railway company for the past two years, leaves today for a three-months' visit in the east. Mr. Jones will spend some time in Montreal, Toronto and Grand Rapids, Mich., after which he will devote his time to his old home, Philadelphia, and New York. Fred Yuengling of the Yuengling brewery at Trail, also leaves for the east today. LE ROIS ADVANCING. They Are Selling at a Premium of 15 Shillings Per Share. The British America corporation has lost no time in making good its claims to all the properties that have been bonded, and has already made all the payments on the No. 1 mine, Golden Dawn and Nickel Plate, which are due this month. The flotation of the Le Roi has been an immense success, and the shares are now selling at a premium of 15 shillings per share, or an advance of 15 per cent in less than a week after allotment. The B. A. O. stocks and their other flotations also advanced in sympathy. Send a copy of THE MINER to your friends in the east.

BACK FROM BOUNDARY.

Reports that the Brandon and Golden Crown is Looking Well. W. L. Orde, secretary of the Brandon and Golden Crown Mining company, returned yesterday from the Kettle River valley. While there he visited the property of the Brandon and Golden Crown. A vertical shaft has been sunk to a depth of 150 feet. At the 80-foot level there is five feet of ore. Mr. Collins, the managing director of the company, is now prospecting at the 103-foot level to tap the ore body at that depth. The property, he says, is highly thought of in the Boundary Creek country. The adjoining property, the Winnipeg, has a 20-foot ledge on high grade ore exposed. The ore averages \$80 to the ton at the 50-foot level. The Winnipeg is now prospecting at the 300-foot level to tap the lead. Mr. Orde states that there is quite a boom in real estate at Greenwood city, which he thinks will be the metropolis of the Boundary Creek country.

FOUR LEDGES OUT.

On the Columbia & Western Railway Grade by a Contractor. GRAND FORKS, Dec. 10.—[Special.]—A railway sub-contractor, arriving in this city this evening, reports that four ledges of high grade ore have just been cut through on the Bell of Ottawa and Mountain Monarch claims in Seattle camp some ten miles from Grand Forks. While the railway employees were engaged in running a 42-foot open cut through the above named properties no less than four ledges were crossed which aggregated in width over 12 feet. The ore exposed to view is a fine grained copper ore similar to the various ores on Seattle mountain found at great depth. The Bell of Ottawa and Mountain Monarch lie close to the Seattle mine. They are owned by the O'Connor Bros., who also own a controlling interest in the well known Humming Bird property. Shipment From the Golden Gate. D. B. Bogle returned from Arrow lake and Nelson on Saturday night. While away he arranged with the Hall Mines, limited, to ship the ore now piled on the shore of Arrow lake to the smelter. He says a large sample was tested at the Nelson smelter with most satisfactory results. This trial shipment is interesting as the first from the main line of the Columbia & Western, northwest of Robson, the first fruits as it were of the new railway development. A freight and treatment rate has been arranged which is most beneficial to the company, the smelter authorities expressing their desire to get all the ore of that kind possible. The Golden Gate company now seems satisfied that its property is of greater value and is about to start a tunnel with a view to opening the ore deposit at depth. The Sacred Heart concert tomorrow night, with the dance to follow, should draw a large crowd to the Dominion hall.

SMELTER FOR BOUNDARY.

C. P. R. Will Build a Big Plant There During the Next Year.

The Site Has Not Yet Been Selected—Works Will Have a Capacity of From 600 to 1,000 Tons a Day. The announcement comes officially from Montreal that the Canadian Pacific railway will at once proceed with the construction of a big smelter somewhere in the Boundary country. The capacity of it will be from 600 to 1,000 tons daily, and it will be devoted exclusively to treating the low grade copper ore of the Boundary country. The site has not yet been selected, but there are several possible points in view. Cases in view of two or three good locations, while Greenwood and Grand Forks are equally fortunate. There is a possibility that the reduction works will be located west of any of these towns, near Midway. The machinery is already being ordered. Construction will begin just as soon in the spring as possible, and work will be rushed. If by hard application the smelter can be completed this coming year, it will be running by the first of January, 1909. Wallingford. Good progress is being made in the crosscut tunnel on the Wallingford. It is now in about 170 feet. Forty feet of the new contract has been completed, and the work is progressing at the rate of about 12 feet per week. It is expected that the ledge will be tapped early in February. Seven men are working day and night shifts. At the Salmo Consolidated. James Chambers returned yesterday from the Salmo Consolidated mine, where he was overlooking the starting up of the new hoisting gear. Mr. Chambers reports everything to be now in first class trim, and development is being pushed vigorously ahead, with results entirely satisfactory. MINING NOTES. A. Edgecombe, a mining engineer of many years' experience, who has been in charge of the properties of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, company since October under the direction of Dr. Paul Langhammer, will remain in charge. He will carry out the plans prepared by Dr. Langhammer for the reduction works for the company. The intention is to erect a stamp mill and a cyaniding plant. The new skating rink will be opened on Monday night, under the management of Claus Jeldness.

THE ANNIE STRIKE IN OUTSIDE CAMPS

The Ore Assays Up to \$200 and Will Average \$50.

IT IS FREE FROM GANGETE

The Find Was Made on the East End of the Annie in the Extension of the Josie Workings—The Tamarac Group Has Been Surveyed.

The recent strike in the Annie, reported lately in THE MINER, is proving to be of more than usual interest on account of the value of the ore which has been met. In appearance it is magnificent rock, some of which is absolutely free from gangete. Samples have ranged as high as 10 ounces, or \$200, in gold, and an average value would be about \$50. The find was made on the east end of the Annie, in the extension of the Josie workings. The Josie drifts in the development of that property have been extended into the Annie ground and these trends nearly northeast and southwest, and is believed to be an extension of the Josie vein. It is from 15 to 18 inches in width and the ore is a mixture of fine grained chalcopryrites and medium grained pyrrhotite. The other vein, which, so far as known, has never been met before, trends nearly east and west at an angle to the Josie ledge. It is from 10 to 18 inches in width and carries almost clean copper pyrites. The Annie is one of the West Le Roi group, which includes the Josie, the Annie fraction, the No. 1, the Rockingham, the Surprise, the Golden Queen and the You Know. The Annie is the only property in the group except the Josie and the No. 1 which has yet been developed by underground workings under the management of the B. A. O. Tamarac Group Surveyed. S. L. Long, P. L. S., has just finished the survey of the Tamarac group of four claims and a fraction. As soon as the water can be pumped from the shaft, which should not take more than four or five days, work under the contract will be commenced. Four hundred feet of drifting is to be run and a winze will be sunk 40 feet. The Salesmen's Ball. The members of the Clerks and Salesmen's union will entertain their friends next Thursday evening at the Miners' Union hall by giving a reception and ball. The union has for some time past been making arrangements for the event. The best music that is afforded has been engaged and a good time is promised. The invitations are already out and are very desirable. The expenses are paid by the union and the dance and reception are free to the friends of the members. All the members are requested to be present at 8 o'clock sharp on Wednesday evening at a meeting to be held at the public hotel. Ore Shipments Over K. & S. The shipments of ore over the Kaslo & Slocan railway for the week ending December 3 were as follows: Mine. Tons. Pounds. Fayne. 12000. Blue Bird. 12000. Ruth. 12000. Ruth. 12000. Whitewater. 12000. Jackson Mines. 12000. Carbonate No. 1. 12000. Total. 473,000 pounds or 296 2/3 tons. ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES. The Okanagan. W. A. WERDEN, Au Sable, Mich.: The par value of shares in the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, is five cents, and no assessments can be levied after that amount per share has been paid. The capital is \$80,000, in 1,600,000 five cent shares. The Carnduff. E. BURGESS, Manitowish, Mich.: The name of the Carnduff Mining & Development Co. has been changed to the Slocan Gold & Silver Mining company, with head offices at Slocan City, B. C. The capital of the company is \$1,000,000, in \$1 shares, with a treasury reserve of \$50,000 shares. Fletcher S. Andrews of Slocan City, B. C., is the secretary of the corporation, and you might write to him for particulars regarding its condition. The company has interests in several groups of properties on Lemon creek. The Great Western. THE MILLIONAIRE, Robeyson, Ont.: It is hard for THE MINER to give you any information regarding the best dividend of the Great Western, for nobody seems to know exactly how the Great Western company stands. At a recent meeting of the directors in Spokane, W. M. Shaw, assistant cashier of the Exchange National bank, was made treasurer to succeed J. B. Jones. Mr. Shaw writes that he has since made several unsuccessful attempts to secure the books of the treasurer, and is thinking of bringing suit to recover them. A final dividend of one and a half cents per share remains unpaid, and Mr. Shaw hopes to disburse it at once. THE MINER will try to keep you posted regarding the position of affairs. Sitings of the Supreme Court. Fred Schofield, registrar of the Rossland sub-registry of the supreme court, has just received word that the sittings of the court in Rossland has been set for the 13th of February, next. All cases must be set down for the first day of the sittings, and a peremptory list of at least three cases per day will be made in order to handle the large number of cases on the docket awaiting a hearing. Only civil cases will be tried at the February term. At Nelson the sittings of the supreme has been set for February 16. The Boundary Country. The Golden Eagle still continues to show up

JIM HILL IN TOWN

Promises An Improved Passenger Service Into Rossland.

NO MORE MIXED TRAINS

Distasteful Party of Great Northern Officials Spent a Half Hour Here Thursday-Why Mr. Hill Calls the Corbin System a Cripple

James J. Hill, somewhat greyer than of old, although still the energetic, keen-eyed business man who built the Great Northern and has since operated it so successfully, was in the city Thursday. He was not here very long and his coming was rather unexpected. Nevertheless, it is safe to say that during his 30 minutes' visit Mr. Hill managed to get a pretty shrewd idea of the railway situation in Rossland.

The most important development in connection with his coming is the promise that the passenger service into Rossland shall be at once bettered. Assurance was given that as soon as possible mixed trains shall be done away with, and that the passenger traffic shall be handled exclusively on passenger trains.

The promise was a result of the board of trade's action in condemning strongly the policy service that has been the rule on the Red Mountain railway ever since the Great Northern took it over. Mr. Hill and his party were seen at once regarding the matter by E. W. Ruff, the Rossland agent for the company. He pointed out to them the vexatious delays that had resulted ever since the road had been running mixed passenger and freight trains from Northport into the city. Mr. Ruff showed them yesterday's MINER, containing the resolution passed on the matter by the board of trade. The officials took much interest in the matter, and promised that as soon as possible the train service into the city shall be completely reorganized, so that in future passengers will be able to reach the city on a regular schedule.

Mr. Hill and his party arrived about 1:20 yesterday afternoon, on a special train from Spokane. The equipment included Mr. Hill's own private car, the private car of C. Shields, general manager of the system north of Spokane, and a baggage car. With the party was C. Shields, of the Red Mountain railway and the Spokane Falls and Northern railway. The Great Northern officials in his train are, Second Vice-President Darius Miller, and Chief Engineer Frank D. Miller. Mr. Hill's son, J. N. Hill, vice-president of the Manitoba and Eastern, is also of the party, formerly of the Baltimore and passenger official of the Baltimore and Ohio, who made the tour of the world's transportation committee. The visitors came up yesterday morning from Spokane after a short visit to the coast. They left here at 1:50 for Nelson, from whence they will return to St. Paul.

In a recent interview in the Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Mr. Hill is credited with stating that the Corbin system is a "cripple." In that connection there is an interesting story in circulation just now regarding Mr. Hill's calculation just now regarding the Corbin system as a "cripple." In that connection there is an interesting story in circulation just now regarding Mr. Hill's calculation just now regarding the Corbin system as a "cripple." In that connection there is an interesting story in circulation just now regarding Mr. Hill's calculation just now regarding the Corbin system as a "cripple."

THE REPUBLIC BUDGET

A Contract Let For a Tunnel on the Golden Goose. REPUBLIC, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A contract has been let for a 50-foot tunnel on the Golden Goose, located near the Tom Thumb; in fact, it adjoins that group. The tunnel will be a crosscut for the granite contact. The outcrop is very large, but they do not know the width of the ledge. Work will be continued during the winter. Frank Ratay purchased the Johnson claim yesterday and started four men to work. He will run a crosscut tunnel to determine the best point to sink a shaft.

At the Monroe claim the winter buildings are completed and occupied, and a crew of men started work today at the point where the best assays have been obtained. The Tom Thumb shaft is down over 90 feet. The intention is to sink to a depth of 100 or 120 feet before crosscutting. The Standard, an adjoining claim, has its buildings up and they are now engaged in sinking a shaft. There is a great deal of activity at the northern end of the Republic belt. Recent sales like the Rebate and others have given a new life to that section; besides, all claim owners are now doing assessment work. W. M. Brennan starts tomorrow for the south. He is one of the owners of a group of five claims, principally among which is the Toronto, on which he has let a contract to sink a 50-foot shaft, and intends to continue the work during the winter. The ore runs from \$1 to \$10, and is considered a good proposition. Yesterday four feet of ore was uncovered on the White Lion claim, lying half a mile south of the Golden Harvest, and adjoining and paralleling the Eclipse, which is showing well.

CITY WINS ITS SUIT

Action of Trust & Guarantee Thrown Out at Osgoode Hall.

COMPANY SAVES COSTS

The Case Was Instituted For \$10,000 Damages For Alleged Breach of Contract in Relation to the Debentures of the City.

The city of Rossland has won an important victory in the high court of justice of Ontario in the suit instituted by the Trust & Guarantee company, limited, against the city for breach of contract. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the matter it may be well to state that bylaws were passed in August and September of last year authorizing the city to borrow \$50,000 on debentures. Contracts were entered into between the city and the Trust & Guarantee company for the raising of the money, the last contract being signed on September 15, 1897. The then mayor, Robert Scott, had negotiated the deal in Toronto. Before, however, the debentures could be issued a certain injunction brought suit for a perpetual injunction to prevent the city from issuing the debentures before the supreme court of Vancouver the injunction was granted. The city was, therefore, restrained from issuing the debentures or receiving the money, and the contract with the Trust & Guarantee company, limited, could not be carried out. As soon as the Trust & Guarantee company found that the contract was voided, suit was brought in the court of justice for \$10,000 for breach of contract. The city's case was placed in the hands of Abbott & Hart, of the city solicitors, who instructed the well-known firm of McCarthy, Oiler, Hoekings & Oresland to appear for the city. The case has now been heard and the result appears in the following letter addressed to City Clerk McQueen: ROSSLAND, Dec. 8, 1898. DEAR SIR:—In the matter of the Trust & Guarantee company of Toronto vs. the city of Rossland, your action against the city of Rossland for damages for breach of an agreement to sell certain Rossland debentures to them, we have pleasure in advising you that we are in receipt of a telegram from our agents in Toronto, who conducted the case, to the effect that the action has been dismissed, but without costs. Yours truly, ABBOTT & HART, Solicitors.

NEW GOLD COMMISSIONER

J. A. Turner Will Succeed O. G. Dennis at Nelson.

YOUNG ATHLETES

They Are Getting Ready For the Mid-winter Carnival.

The youngsters over town are the busiest people in the country just now. Every mother's son of them is hard at work all of his spare time training for the athletic events that will be open to them during the coming winter carnival. Some of them have formed a hockey club, and others have formed a curling club. The youngsters are spending their spare moments in learning a dilapidated puck with some hockey sticks that have seen better days. The ambition has been kindled in the hearts of the youngsters of Nelson, who, in the from the Rossland team off the map when the Rossland comes to playing hockey. The youngsters of the city on the lake cannot play even a respectable game of shinny, much less a scientific game like hockey. They have accepted the challenge for the purpose of showing the Rossland youngsters the rudiments of the coming battle between them with the seal of his approval, and has promised a trophy cup to the winner in participation in the sports, for the success of the carnival in Rossland depends upon training the boys to take an active part in them.

WORKMEN IN THE MILLIE MACK HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE

Driven Out of an Upraise by a Flood of Water, Mud, Boulders and Ore.

C. C. WOODHOUSE, JR., ENGINEER FOR THE KAMLOOPS MINING & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, RETURNED THURSDAY FROM BLUE GROUSE MOUNTAIN.

He Reports that the Workmen in the Upraise at the End of No. 6 Tunnel in the Millie Mack, recently broke through the foot wall into the vein, after rising 50 feet through hard dry rock. After the last shot water began seeping through the crack when a sudden splash of mud and water began picking down the loose rock, when a sudden splash of mud and water began picking down the loose rock, when a sudden splash of mud and water began picking down the loose rock.

Shorey's Ready-to-Wear Rigby Waterproof Freize Ulsters



Made from pure wool, 35 oz. to the yard. Five pockets.—Deep flaps.—Six inch collar, with throat tab.—Double stitched edges.—Raised seams. Length 54 inches. Nine colors. Black, Blue, Mid Brown, Drab, Claret, Heather, Oxford, Blue mixture and Olive mixture. Waterproof, Windproof, Frostproof, Comfortable. Sold by all reputable dealers for \$6.75. Nova Scotia to British Columbia for \$6.75. Shorey's Guarantee Card in the pocket, of course. Insist on seeing it, it is a good square guarantee.

Burlington Route TO CHICAGO MONTANA, IDAHO AND PUGET SOUND

A. C. SHELTON, General Agent, 250 Washington St., PORTLAND, ORE. IN THE SUPREME COURT, IN THE MATTER OF O. K. GOLD MINING COMPANY. Limited Liability, (Foreign), In Liquidation. The Undersigned Official Liquidator Will Sell by Private Treaty Subject to Ratification by the Court IN ONE LOT. The property known as the O. K. Mine and the buildings belonging to the said company, also the entire mining and milling plant of said company, the whole situated on the south slope of O. K. mountain, in the trail creek mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia, K. mountain, in the trail creek mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia, K. mountain, in the trail creek mining division of West Kootenay, Province of British Columbia.

Charles Dangerfield STOCK BROKER

IMPERIAL BLOCK ROSSLAND, B. C. Weekly Market Report with Quotations on Rossland, Slocan and Republic Stocks Furnished on Application.

G. & W. CONSTRUCTION. The Weather Favorable and Excellent Progress Being Made. The weather so far this winter has not been unfavorable for construction on the extension of the Columbia & Western into the Boundary country with excellent progress is being made with the work. The Cascade Record contains the following construction notes: Recently a 350-foot tunnel, it having the west end in the Boundary country and the east end in the Boundary country, was first made, into which the kegs of powder were placed. McLean Bros., the contractors for the 3,000-foot tunnel near Brooklyn, have the biters for the 14-drill compressor plant under roof, and are laying pipes along the hill to get air to the 50 feet portal. The heading is now in 50 feet and the rock is getting dryer as progress is made.

BACK FROM THE CROW'S NEST. The Rossland Tourists Return From a Delightful Outing. The Rossland excursionists who attended the excursion over the newly completed Crow's Nest Pass line, returned home Saturday in charge of Archie B. Mackenzie and F. P. Gutel. The visitors had a delightful outing and to most of them the trip gave an altogether new view of the resources of the East Kootenay country.

THE TREATY IS SIGNED

Americans Struggled For the Historic Pens. The Spanish Were Indifferent as to the Future of the Quills Which They Used. PARIS, Dec. 10.—The treaty of peace was signed at 8:45 this evening. There has been a great contest among the family and friends of the American commission for the possession of the pens with which the signatures to the treaties were written. Some of the Americans were provided with handsome pens purchased for the purpose. The Spaniards appear to be unaffected by the souvenir craze, and contented themselves with the ordinary quill pens strewn on the table. Arthur Ferguson, the interpreter of the American commission, requested Senator Montero Rios to give him his pen, saying: "Have you any desire to possess the pen with which you will sign?" "Not the slightest," said the Spaniard, with a courtly bow.

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Carl Brown called at the Miner office last night to challenge anybody in town to meet him at Cornish style of wrestling.

TO REVISE

Recommendations Present M

MUST DO A

Partners Can't Share of the Annual... The necessity for revising the present laws was vigorously discussed at a public meeting held at a public meeting hall. Half a dozen passed recommending the changes which the most important at the assessment work should be done. It was also agreed to license fee should be one year from the date license should be issued parts of a year. At licenses expire arbitrary June annually, which cured one day or one time. Another recommendation that work on a crowd should count as assessment tenuous prospects held owners of the crown grant. The meeting last night were present, among vepctors, brokers and men. The situation oughtly done here from Wallace presided and J. secretary.

To Compel Assessment James M. Martin, Minister of the Crown, on the mining law which received from constituent district. Mr. Martin, V. Rolt, suggested the change in law be recommendation was a mously: "Upon the failure of several co-owners in a claim his proportion of the estate hereby, the co-owner performed the labor and the payment may at the year, give such delinquent notice in writing at address of the assessment officer's office for 90 days after writing, such delinquent refuse to contribute his the expenditure required his interest in the claim become the property of who have made the requirements."

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For Compelling Crown A change which was suggested for the purpose of the matter, the proprietors of the claim were past many wild claims promoted with no asset crown granted location. The afterwards would collapse, more assessments would prospect was not its title. While the innocent shareholder have not a single asset, I should be floated only with properties, that danger was somewhat unsavory reputation might be gained if that prospect were not taken. The opponents of the measure urged that the public was itself to judge as to the merits of the measure would prevent the measure of meritorious properties owners prospectors. The suggestion adopted.

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TO REVISE THE LAW

Recommendations for Amending the Present Mineral Act.

MUST DO ASSESSMENTS

Partners Can't Shirk Their Proportion of the Annual Representation - Want the Company License Fee Changed - To Protect Locators.

The necessity for amending and revising the present provincial mining laws was vigorously discussed on Friday at a public meeting held in the City hall. Half a dozen resolutions were passed recommending to the legislature the changes which the meeting deemed most important at the present time. It was agreed that a partner in a mineral claim failing to do his portion of the assessment work should forfeit to his partners his interest in the property. It was also agreed that the company license fee should be made to extend for one year from the date of issue, or else a license should be issued for fractional parts of a year. At present company licenses expire arbitrarily on the 30th of June annually, whether they were secured one day or one year before that time. Another recommendation was that work on a crown-granted claim should count as assessment work on contiguous prospects held by the owner or owners of the crown granted property. The meeting last night was a well attended one. Close to 40 mining men were present, among whom were prospectors, brokers and practical mining men. The situation was pretty thoroughly discussed from all sides. May Wallace presided and John McKane was secretary.

To Compel Assessment Work. James M. Martin, M. P., read a number of communications bearing upon the mining law which he had received from constituents all over the district. Mr. Martin, seconded by F. W. Rolt, suggested that the following change in the law be made, and the recommendation was adopted unanimously: "Upon the failure of any one of several co-owners in a claim to contribute his proportion of the expenditures required hereby, the co-owners who have performed the labor or made the improvement may at the expiration of the year, give such delinquent co-owner personal notice in writing at his last known address and file a notice in the recorder's office for 90 days; if at the expiration of 90 days after such notice in writing, such delinquent co-owner refuse to contribute his proportion of the expenditure required by this section his interest in the claim shall become the property of his co-owners, who have made the required expenditures."

Regarding Claim Stealing. Another matter under consideration was an amendment to the law to protect the original locator of a claim. It was pointed out that at present a jumper can stake a claim over a previous location. By rushing the assessment work on his location, the jumper can secure a crown grant to it before the original holder of the claim can perfect his title. The remedy suggested was to make each original location a preferred location, whether or not its title was defective. Any subsequent location covering any of the same ground would be considered merely a protest location, until the gold commissioner could adjudicate on the matter. The proposed remedy was objected to on the ground that it would place too much judicial power in the hands of the gold commissioner. No definite action on the matter was taken.

For Compelling Crown Grants. A change which was suggested was to make it impossible for a company to be floated for the purpose of handling any but crown granted properties. The supporters of the measure urged that in the past many wild cat companies had been promoted with no asset except an uncrown granted location. The company afterwards would collapse, and as no more assessments would be done the prospect would revert to the crown, while the innocent shareholders would have not a single asset. If companies should be floated only with crown granted properties, that danger would be done away with and the camp would avoid a somewhat unsavory reputation that might be gained if that precaution were not taken. The opponents of the measure urged that the public was in position itself to judge as to the merits of any company's title and that the passage of the measure would prevent the flotation of meritorious properties owned by poor prospectors. The suggestion was not adopted.

At the instance of A. H. MacNeill, a motion was unanimously carried recommending that in future company licenses should be valid for a year or should be issued for fractional periods, instead of expiring arbitrarily on the 30th of June as at present. There was a disposition to pass a recommendation to do away with the company license fee altogether, but James Martin, M. P., suggested that as this ruling would ask for a liberal appropriation for trails and roads at the coming session of the legislature, it would not be well to ask for the abolition of one of the large sources of revenue to the government contributed by this district.

Reduced Recording Fees. A recommendation, supported by John McLaren, was also adopted approving the abolition of the tax on working miners. A suggestion to reduce the license to \$2.50 was defeated unanimously.

John S. Clute introduced a motion recommending that no legislation be passed preventing aliens from becoming free miners. The motion was carried vociferously.

F. W. Rolt suggested that there was need for the reduction of recording fees. At present the charge for entering a claim here is \$2.50, while across the line it is only \$1. The suggestion was met with approval.

Mr. MacNeill brought up the question of wholesale claim staking. He recalled the fact that at one time in this camp a prospector claimed to hold 90 prospects, while recently at Golden a staker re-

corded 52 locations in two weeks. Mr. MacNeill pointed out the necessity for some sort of alteration in the laws on that subject. The suggestion was seriously considered.

John Dean suggested that in protection to the legitimate mining brokers the legislature should fix a license for them, and limit the mining brokerage business to the licensed brokers. A motion to that effect was carried.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Carnival Prizes. ROSSLAND, Dec. 9. EDITOR MINER-Sir: The program of the Rossland winter carnival, as printed in Friday morning's paper, includes some figures which might be taken by your readers to show the value of the prizes offered. Such an idea would be erroneous. For instance nine cups valued at nearly \$1,000 are offered for competition, but none of them is included in the figures published. The prizes for curling is merely the sum appropriated by the general carnival committee from the general fund to assist the curling club in purchasing the \$700 or \$800 worth of prizes it intends to give. The aggregate value of the prizes in all the events will total almost \$2,500. Yours very truly, H. W. C. JACKSON, Secretary Carnival Committee.

THE BICYCLE RACERS

Miller Made 2,007.6 Miles and Won the Race.

The Proceedings Were Enlivened by the Marriage of the Champion to Miss Hanson.

New York, Dec. 10.-Champion Miller and Miss Hanson were married in Madison Square Garden at 4:50 p. m. today. The wedding occurred in one of the boxes which surround the bicycle track. Alderman Wentz of this city performed the ceremony. Miller had to be lifted into the box by his trainer, so overcome was he by his hard ride. Mrs. O'Donnell, the mother of the bride, gave Miss Hanson away. Miss Schinner acted as bridesmaid, while Arthur Gardner of Chicago, was best man.

A tremendous cheer went up from the crowd as Miller, now a sure winner, and Miss Hanson were declared man and wife. To cap the climax of enthusiasm, Walter went over and kissed the bride. The race then continued. Previous to the ceremony Miller put on a new orange and white racing suit and enlivened the proceedings by sprinting on various occasions, closely followed by Waller, Nawn, and Aronson. Pierce who had been obliged to give up all hope of catching Miller, maintained his pace. All the competitors left the track shortly after 3 o'clock to dress for the wedding. Harry Elkes then made an exhibition mile in 2:04 2/5. Eddie McDuffie of Boston then started on a five-mile exhibition, paced by a tandem, but fell owing to the front wheel coming off the coming off and spilling all concerned. The accident re-opened the wound McDuffie sustained by his bad spill on Monday.

Harry Caldwell of Manchester, N. H., and Bobby Waldron of Atlanta, Ga., then went a mile. Caldwell won the first mile in 2:26 2/5. The second heat was won by Waldron in 2:29 1/5. The final scores made Miller, 2,007.4 miles; Waller, 1,985.2; Pierce, 1,906.7; Albert, 1,822.6; Gittum, 1,732.2; Lawson, 1,757.6; Aronson, 1,729.5; Nawn, 1,721.7; Forster, 1,668.8; Stevens, 1,519.8; Hale, 1,502.2; Julius, 1,166.7.

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LIONS OF THE HOUR

Chamberlain and Monson Are Big Figures in Political Arena.

LATTER CAUSED A STIR

President McKinley's Message to Congress and Secretary Gage's Reply Have Been Warmly Discussed by the British Weeklies.

LONDON, Dec. 10.-There were two prominent figures in the political arena this week, the secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, and the British ambassador at Paris, Sir Edmund J. Monson. The address of the latter to the British chamber of Commerce at Paris came like a peal of thunder, causing dismay on both sides of the channel where many people had affected to discern an already faint outline of a peace rainbow between France and Great Britain as a sequel of the passing over of the Fashoda storm. It is thought that Sir Edmund Monson got an official warning from the British foreign office to send him the British foreign office to send him the address, however, has served as a reminder to the people of both countries that the fire of the Sudan imbroglio is still smoldering and may burst into flame at any moment. The ambassador's warning, according to those qualified to know, was prompted by the fact that the French government in skulking over the Marchand affair is evading the diplomatic discussion of the pending Anglo-French problems and was intended to intimate that, with the change of French ambassador at London this week, Baron De Courcel being succeeded by M. Paul Cambon, the Marquis of Salisbury desired a more active treatment of the point is dispute.

Sir Edmund Monson's frankness is quite characteristic of the ambassador, and won for him the warm friendship of the Czar Alexander and the Emperor Francis Joseph, both of whom asked the British foreign office to send him their respective capitals when he visited Copenhagen, where he was persona grata at the court. He chose Vienna. Mr. Chamberlain's speech on Thursday, embracing the whole range of domestic and foreign politics, aroused as much interest abroad as at home. His effort to ministerial domestic legislation of the coming session and then held the olive branch out to every foreign country, except France, to which he administered a salutary caution, which has been but little related.

The Police Court. Three Vagrants Directed to Get Out of the City. In the police court yesterday before the police magistrate, G. A. Jordan, Maud Sussie was fined \$20 for being an inmate of a house of ill-fame, and Lillie Johnson, a keeper, was fined \$30. Both paid their fines and were discharged. William White, Patrick Redmond and Michael Bowman, who strayed in from the construction forces on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, were found guilty of vagrancy. They were directed by the court to return from whence they came as rapidly as they could. They were then released on suspended sentence, and lost but little time in getting out of the city.

The Old Glory booth at the Church of England fair will be presided over by the following ladies: Mesdames O. F. Jackson, Dunlop, Cameron, Burritt and Dunn, and Misses Beardsley, Whitney and Ruff. These ladies will be dressed in fancy costume and they are making very extensive preparations for the success of their undertaking.

The Golden City social club held one of its pleasant dances Thursday night in Dominion hall. Fifty couples were present. The clubs dances are among the most popular social events in the city and are rapidly growing more popular.

Sergeant McGowan of the police force, has gone to New Westminster in charge of Wm. McNulty, an insane prisoner, who has been committed to the asylum at that place.

RAISED THE FLAG. Stars and Stripes Floats Over the City Hall at Marsano. HAVANA, Dec. 10.-The United States flag was unfurled over the city hall of Marsano at 12:30 o'clock this p. m. by Colonel Young, commanding the battalion of engineers, of the United States army. A detachment of engineers, drawn up in the square, presented arms and the American and municipal officials stood with bared heads during the ceremony. A crowd of townspeople gathered, greeted the raising of the flag with the cry, "Long live the United States!"

MCKINLEY HOPES THEY WILL. Anglo-American Commission Should Agree on Reciprocity. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-Both sides of the Anglo-American commission held a meeting today to prepare the way for their joint session on Monday, when efforts will be made to get together on some basis of reciprocity. At the meeting the chief of the commission, the latter called upon Colonel Young. A committee representing the officers and men of the guerrillas and the mobilized troops today waited upon Governor-General Castellanos and proposed that the men represented by the committee be given 50 per cent of the pay due them before the end of this month, offering to present the bill to the Spanish government for their benefit of the navy. General Castellanos will forward the offer to Madrid.

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FAVORABLE TO DREYFUS.

A Damaging Blow Dealt to the Military Power. PARIS, Dec. 10.-The latest developments in the Dreyfus affair all tend in favor of Dreyfus, and public opinion in France is undoubtedly veering to his side. The decision of the court of cassation, which postponed the Picquart court martial indefinitely, is a damaging blow to the military party and the attempt to discredit the evidence in Paris was favorably received. The general reception of the decision in Paris was favorable. The military party is being made to secure Colonel Picquart's provision of a case, but the court of cassation has no power to do it. One newspaper puts the novel proposal to force the government to obtain Colonel Picquart's release, suggesting a strike of all the intellectual profession, teachers, students, artists and manufacturers who are preparing for the exhibition of 1900 withdrawing.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

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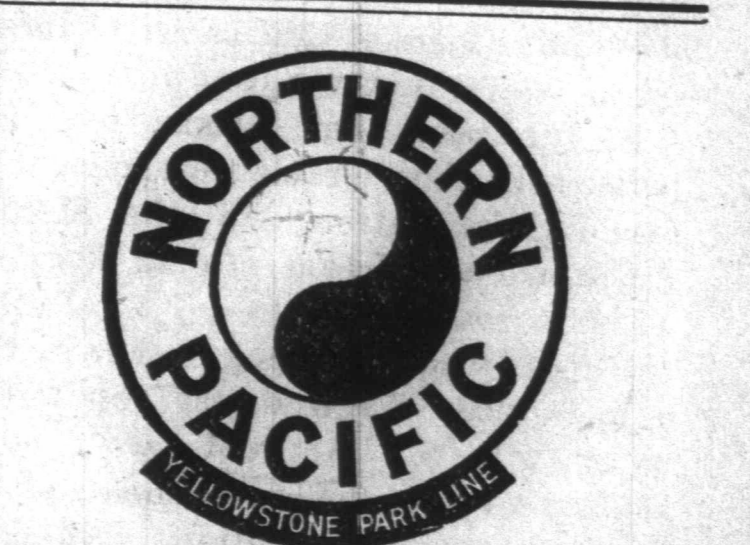
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THE IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE. After many months of waiting the C. P. R. train service from Rossland to Kootenay lake and Sloan points is to be improved to meet the requirements of the traffic.

THE SEWAGE QUESTION. Alderman Goodeve, like everyone else who takes a common sense view of things, favors the idea of draining the sewage of inland towns into large bodies of water such as the Columbia river and Kootenay lake.

EAST KOOTENAY EXCURSION. The C. P. R. excursion to East Kootenay was a great success, and much credit is due to those who planned the trip and arranged the details for the comfort and enjoyment of the excursionists.

DEATH IN DYNAMITE. The accident in the Coxey yesterday, in which an unfortunate miner met a sudden death, should serve as a warning to those who handle dynamite. Properly used, it presents no great danger, but familiarity breeds contempt, and a momentary carelessness in handling the explosive results in death and fearful destruction of property.

THE RINK AS A MODEL. The Rossland skating rink will in a few days be ready for use. It is a fine structure and within its walls will take place a number of the games connected with the annual winter carnival.

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THE NEEDS OF THE CAMP. A well known mining man was asked yesterday what the Rossland camp needed to bring it to the very best state, so that the output of ore and its reduction could be brought to the very highest state.

AN IMPORTANT STRIKE. The recent strike in the Annie is proving an important one, because of the high values obtained from the ore. Assays disclose that it runs as high as \$200 to the ton and that it will average about \$50.

WORDS OF WISDOM. President James J. Hill of the Great Northern railway, is one of the clearest-headed men in the United States, and when he speaks people listen to him, and he utters words of wisdom.

MARKET FEATURES. The market was again active yesterday. Indeed, the plentifulness of business is now an everyday occurrence. There is an increased demand for Jumbos owing to the recent strike in the Jumbo property.

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countries. They in turn will take our breadstuffs, lumber and manufactured products to the countries from whence they came.

As to the first mentioned, cheap power, that is being supplied for a fairly reasonable price by the electric power company, which is already in the field.

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Transfers. Hard Scrabble 1/2 on Lookout mountain, adjoining the Kurragong. W B Townsend to Hewitt Bostock.

YALE'S PRESIDENT RESIGNS. President Dwight Will Leave the University at the Close of the Year. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 14.—Members of the corporation of Yale university held a meeting today and accepted the resignation of President Dwight.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like Cariboo (Camp McKee), Jumbo, Lily May, and various mining stocks.

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A JOYOUS WAS WINED. The Crow's Nest Had a Merry Time.

At Every Stage of the Immense Coal Season—The Coking and Accidents. The Crow's Nest room formally opened with such an important occasion which marks an epoch in the province, is recognizing the greatest mining progress of Kootenay.

Immense Coal Season. Many of the party entered the mine, which is open 1,200 feet in length. According to expert calculation from the immense surface and from the development, this is the greatest coal seam in the province.

Interlarded with the music the West Kootenay club for the occasion. Appropriately given to each speaker or rather a part of it, refreshment was served.

Lunch on the Moyie train left Cranbrook at noon and arrived at Moyie at 1 o'clock, where lunch was a journey home was then on the voyagers arrived at Kootenay where the steamer Moyie was waiting to take them. Dinner was served and from Kootenay Landing the time was spent in elegant surroundings.

\$2,000 IN PRIZES

A Magnificent Trophy List for the Winter Carnival.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM

One Uninterrupted Series of Sports From Wednesday Morning to Saturday Night—A Mask Carnival Ball—The Curlers' Bonspiel.

The complete program for the Rossland winter carnival to be held here, commencing Wednesday, January 25, has been arranged. The total list of prizes amounts in value to about \$2,000, while the cups that will be offered as trophies in the various events are without doubt the finest that have ever been competed for in the western part of the Dominion. The program and prize list is given below. The value of the prize is given in each event. Cash will be paid in two professional events—ski running and jumping and snowshoe races.

Wednesday, January 25. Forenoon and afternoon curlers' bonspiel, whole rink to be at disposal of curlers till 6 p. m. Opening games in following series to be played: Grand challenge cup, Cup and eight medals Rossland vs. all comers. Cup and eight medals Consolation cup, Cup and four medals Point game, Three cups, Four medals, \$200 Total prizes, three cups, \$200.

Grand masquerade at skating rink. Thursday, January 26. Forenoon, coasting races—Girls only, \$100. Boys only, \$100. Large coaster on bobs, \$25. Total, \$425.

Snowshoe races—Novices' race, cash, \$25. Prospectors' race, cash, \$75. Total, \$100.

Afternoon. Ski races on Monte Christo mountain: Novices' jumping race, \$30. Novices' race, \$30. Boys' jumping, \$25. Boys' race, \$25. Ski jumping championship (amateur) cup and medals, \$30. Total, \$140.

First game hockey championship—Cup and seven medals, \$70. Friday, January 27. Forenoon. Toboggan races—Girls only, \$15. Boys only, \$25. Free-for-all, \$50. Total, \$55.

Afternoon. Ski races—Professional ski race down Red Mountain (three to enter or no second prize), cash, \$50. Champion ski race (amateur) same course, \$30. Cup and medals, \$30. Total, \$110.

Skating races in rink, one mile championship of B. C.—Free-for-all, medals, \$30. Three miles, free-for-all, cup and medals, \$30. Boys under 15, \$20. Boys under 16, \$20. Girls only, \$20. Total, \$170.

Second Game Hockey Championship. Grand Carnival Ball. Saturday, January 28. Snowshoe championship of B. C.—Free-for-all amateurs, cup and medals, \$30. Junior hockey match—Open to all teams in Kootenay. No player to be over 16 years old. Cup and medals, \$40. Total, \$70.

Afternoon. Fancy skating championship of B. C.—Free-for-all amateurs. Medals worth, \$30. Total, \$30.

Final game hockey championship. Presentation of prizes at rink. Torchlight procession around town. Curlers' bonspiel continues throughout four days.

THE KHARKI UNIFORM.

It will probably be selected for the Kootenay Rifles. It is probable that despite the delays which have occurred in connection with the selection of uniforms for the Kootenay Rifles the Kharkri garb will be selected. Captain P. McL. Forin, of the Rossland company, has received word from Hewitt Bostock, M. P. for this district, that Mr. Bostock has been bringing the matter to the attention of the military department, and he hopes of securing the adoption of the Kharkri as the dress of the riflemen.

Captain Forin has just received his commission from P. L. Jordan, minister of militia. Kenneth L. Burnett has also received his commission as lieutenant. Both are superscribed by Lord Aberdeen, the retiring governor-general of the Dominion. The commission of J. L. G. Abbott, second lieutenant of the Rossland Rifles, will be issued as soon as he qualifies.

In connection with the Kharkri question the Nelson Miner prints a story to the effect that Major-General Hutton, commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia, has decided in favor of Kharkri for the Kootenay riflemen. For some time he had stood out for the regulation drab coat uniform, and it has not been definitely learned here that he is in favor of giving way for the popular Kharkri, which was the choice of the militiamen themselves.

The rumor is also in circulation that the soldiers are soon to be equipped with rifles as well as with uniforms. It is said that there are 40,000 of the new rifles at Ottawa, and General Hutton means to distribute them at once. It is doubtful, however, whether the South Kootenay regiment will be equipped with Maxim guns, as was originally promised.

CRIMINAL LIBEL CASE.

Crown Submits Its Case Against the Defendant, E. O. Smith. The adjourned hearing of the action brought by the crown, against Eber C. Smith, editor of the Rossland Evening Record, for having criminally libelled C. E. Race, came up on Friday morning before Magistrate Jordan in the police court. The crown represented by S. A. Macdonald, introduced four witnesses

THE MINING REVIEW

Important Strike in the Jumbo and in the Iron Mask.

AVERAGE VALUES OF \$80

The Camp Settling Down to a Period of Continued and Active Mining Development—Shipments for the Week Quadrupled in the Year.

As surely as summer is the period of prospecting and of excitement, so surely is winter the time when the mines of the camp undergo their most thorough and profitable development. Winter has settled down and already there is two feet of snow on the hills. From now until the mountains are green again, five months hence, the Rossland mines will be the busiest spots in British Columbia. It is certain that the present season's work will be the most important since the camp was first heard of, for there are mining properties all over the camp which have reached the stage of development when the result of five or six months' work will be reasonably sure. A steady stream of ore is being shipped from the mines, and the results of actual experience in the Iron Mask.

The past week has brought forth two important strikes. In the new winze on the Iron Mask, at the 250-foot level, a body of ore has been met carrying an average value of \$80, and the value of the ore is \$80. What lends peculiar interest to the find is the fact that in the Iron Mask values and depth have gone hand in hand. The same body of ore, which at a depth of 250 feet gives values of \$80, gives at a depth of 300 feet values of \$100. The declining grade as the surface is neared. One of the mooted questions among mining men of the camp has been whether or not better values could be expected with depth. The supporters of the theory can present with satisfaction the results of actual experience in the Iron Mask.

DR. LANGHAMMER DEAD

End Came Suddenly Last Night—Due to Apoplexy.

Left a Wife and Daughter in Seattle, Who Are Expected This Afternoon.

Dr. Paul Langhammer, M. E., Ph. D., died on Friday at 8:18 o'clock at the International hotel. He had been sick for a week, but on Tuesday had so far recovered that he was able to sit up, and contemplated starting next morning for the properties of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, which are located 12 miles south of Camp McKinley. He took a turn for the worse on Wednesday and it was evident to Dr. W. J. Conliffe, the attending physician, that apoplexy had developed. The infusion of blood into the brain matter was slow and he relapsed into unconsciousness from which he never revived. At 8:18 he died.

Professor Langhammer was a native of Freiberg, Saxony. He attended the Freiberg school of mines, which is one of the best in Europe. After his graduation he followed the profession of metallurgist and mining engineer in Freiberg, and came to the United States along in 1881. He superintended mines and reduction works in the United States, Mexico, Peru and many other mining countries. About six months ago he came to Rossland, and his 100th report on a mining property. The other 99 were in many widely scattered places. About six weeks ago he, in connection with S. Thornton Langley, K. K. Payer and other became interested in the Okanagan Free Gold Mines, limited, and the company was successfully floated. Dr. Langhammer was enthusiastic as to the prospects of this property and overworked himself in preparing the plans for working its properties. This, it is thought, was the cause of his death.

Mrs. Langhammer, his wife, and Miss Langhammer, his daughter, have been telegraphed to and are en route to this city from Seattle. The deceased left a married daughter, who is a resident of Kansas City.

Dr. Langhammer was a very capable mining engineer, and was at one time very wealthy. Hearty by met reserves and came to this section in the hope of mending his shattered affairs. He was a gentle, lovable man, who made friends wherever he went, and many will be sorry to learn of his death.

THE EXCURSIONISTS.

They Are Being Dined and Wined Everywhere.

FORT STEELE, B. C., Dec. 8.—[Delayed in transmission.]—After breakfast at Cranbrook, the excursionists boarded a special to continue the journey. Fernie was reached at noon, where a sumptuous luncheon was served the guests by the Crow's Nest Coal company. The party was welcomed in an address made by W. B. Blakemore, the general superintendent. After lunch the train was again boarded and steamed to the mines, a distance of five miles from Fernie, where they were given a chance to go over the extensive works, being conducted through the mine workings by F. B. Smith, the mine manager. Returning to Fernie, the coke ovens were examined. Fifty ovens have already been built and 50 more are to be added. The first consignment of coke was today sent to the Trail smelter. The return trip was begun and Doris station reached after 8 o'clock. Here sleighs were in waiting to convey the party to Fort Steele, where they arrived hungry and ready to sit at a most bountiful repast prepared by the local board of trade. A long list of toasts were proposed and responded to and at a late hour the visitors retired, all expressing high appreciation of the magnificent reception given. Tomorrow morning the party will leave here for Cranbrook, and from thence return home.

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THE MINING REVIEW

Importance of the Jumbo and in the Iron Mask.

AVERAGE VALUES OF \$80

The Camp Settling Down to a Period of Continued and Active Mining Development—Shipments for the Week Quadrupled in the Year.

As surely as summer is the period of prospecting and of excitement, so surely is winter the time when the mines of the camp undergo their most thorough and profitable development. Winter has settled down and already there is two feet of snow on the hills. From now until the mountains are green again, five months hence, the Rossland mines will be the busiest spots in British Columbia. It is certain that the present season's work will be the most important since the camp was first heard of, for there are mining properties all over the camp which have reached the stage of development when the result of five or six months' work will be reasonably sure. A steady stream of ore is being shipped from the mines, and the results of actual experience in the Iron Mask.

The past week has brought forth two important strikes. In the new winze on the Iron Mask, at the 250-foot level, a body of ore has been met carrying an average value of \$80, and the value of the ore is \$80. What lends peculiar interest to the find is the fact that in the Iron Mask values and depth have gone hand in hand. The same body of ore, which at a depth of 250 feet gives values of \$80, gives at a depth of 300 feet values of \$100. The declining grade as the surface is neared. One of the mooted questions among mining men of the camp has been whether or not better values could be expected with depth. The supporters of the theory can present with satisfaction the results of actual experience in the Iron Mask.

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THOMPSON ACCEPTS

At the Request of Friends He Will Run for Mayor.

A VERY STRONG PETITION

Requisition Was Presented to Him Friday and After He Had Considered the Matter for 24 Hours He Accepted the Nomination.

On Friday Ross Thompson was handed a requisition, signed by 150 ratepayers and residents of Rossland, asking him for permission to nominate him as a candidate for the mayoralty at the next municipal election. Mr. Thompson took 24 hours to consider the matter before giving his answer. Saturday he authorized THE MINER to state that he had decided to accept the nomination.

Mr. Thompson's acceptance is embodied in a letter addressed to the signers of the requisition. The requisition and the letter of acceptance are as follows:

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Your year's experience as an alderman, your large and valuable proprietary interests, your zealous efforts to promote the municipality, and your time ever at the disposal of its interests, eminently qualify you, as the Father of Rossland, to perform the duties of its chief executive officer.

We trust that you will grant our request and permit your name to be placed in nomination, and in such event we pledge ourselves to support your candidature by our votes and influence.

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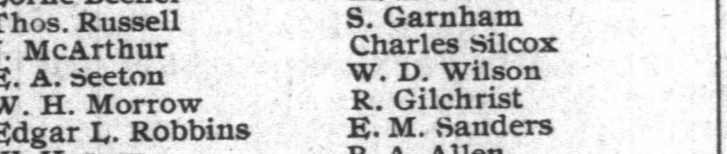
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James J. Hill, the president of the Great Northern railway, a few days since that he "cripple." By this he would inspect the Sp. Northern and Red Mt. Yesterday Mr. Hill inspected and passed a few minutes of time. It might be said for the Mr. Hill that the Sp. Northern and the Red Mt. ways were not crippled that they became a part. Since that time, however, a constant story of delay passenger trains. This much a source of annoyance to the Rossland board of trade the matter and filed a pro further continuance of so affairs. The reason for freight trains are hitche trains until it is impossible make schedule time. The are too large for of the engines and the res are stalled and cannot run. Had Mr. Hill inquired have been informed that crews are on duty for stretch and are so tired, they do not care much come in on time or not. that the company appears get more service out of there is in them. One freight train was called in the manager of the road few days since and asked that he could not make between Spokane and Rossland. He replied: "Give me a white man can make time will be able to get through time, but no one can make with more cars than the to haul."

ALL SORTS OF NEWS

Divers Will Examine the Sunken Steamer Ainsworth.

THE CURLERS OF NELSON

The C. P. B. Has Changed the Name of the Town of Creston to Sirdar-The Halcyon Springs Now Controlled by Governor Mackintosh.

The Columbia River Lumber company has acquired another enterprise, having purchased the sawmill hitherto run by P. Genelle, between Revelstoke and Kamloops.

E. J. Mathews of Nelson, has made arrangements whereby a couple of divers from Vancouver will examine the steamer Ainsworth and ascertain whether she will be worth raising. None of the bodies of those lost in the wrecking of the steamer have been recovered.

Gen. Erickson, track master of the Rocky Mountain section, has been promoted to the charge of the permanent way of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and will in future reside at Cranbrook.

H. C. Killen has been promoted to the position vacated by Mr. Erickson. G. B. Taylor has been appointed deputy sheriff for the southern portion of Yale district.

Mr. Taylor received his appointment from Sheriff Pemberton. During the month of November the collections at the port of Nelson amounted to \$12,089.52. Of this amount \$11,832.62 represents the duty collected.

The value of dutiable goods entered was \$37,228 and free goods \$1,773. The exports aggregated \$143,820, of which amount the mine contributed \$142,866.

J. D. Murray, provincial timber inspector, arrived in Greenwood last week from Penikese. Mr. Murray is there to collect timber royalties from sawmills and also to investigate the charges that railway contractors are cutting timber on mineral claims.

Revelstoke Herald: As the year 1898 draws to its close, the time of grace allowed to A. S. Farwell to close with the offer of the government and take a fresh patent for what is left of his original grant is expiring with it. Un- less he, or rather the syndicate of land speculators of which he forms the figure- head, crawl down from the perch by December 31st, their title will go to the Dominion government.

Paddy Stratford had a narrow escape from a violent death last week. He was working on a raise, when a missed hole he was drilling on exploded and blew him and the scaffold to the floor. Paddy's misfortune was due to the man on the first shift, who did not report the missed hole. His right hand was slightly cut, but his left hand was considerably bruised and gashed. He considers himself the luckiest man in the country.

The contract for the building of the Kootenay Valley and Beedling railway has been let to Foley Bros., Larson & Stevens. The entire distance to be built is 50 miles, and the contract provides for its construction by July 1, 1899. It will require the employment of 3,000 men to complete the work. The secretary will be Ed. Egan, railway contractor of Fort Steele, has in a tender for four miles of construction near Kusko- nook. It is rumored around that the Great Northern has secured the right powers over the Crow's Nest line to the coal areas.

As showing the splendid character of the Columbia valley as a grazing country Mr. Mitchell brought to Golden last week the carcasses of three or four old cattle which he had raised in the valley. These animals have never been fed anywhere but on the open range. This valley has before it a great future as a ranching country.

The curlers at Nelson have organized for the season. The officers of the organization are: Judge Ford, president; W. H. Grant, vice-president; Thomas Little, secretary and treasurer. These, with Messrs. John A. Turner, W. S. McLeod, John Rae of Beedling, and the late C. P. W. Peters, P. J. Russell, G. C. Hodge and P. Lamont will form the executive. The membership fee has been placed at \$10.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has changed the name of the new town at the eighth siding on the Crow's Nest road from Creston to Sirdar. Fred Little, who owns the prospective town- site, did not know where he was for a while, but after consulting his library he found that it was nothing libelous in the name Sirdar, which means supreme, and he preferred it to Creston, which heretofore has meant nothing. Sirdar is a growing town. It is the head- quarters of the Federal government, and the headquarters of the military and naval forces, and everything is in readiness for a first class boom.

At a meeting of the Halcyon Hot Springs company held at Halcyon recently a settlement of all differences between shareholders of the company was effected and ex-Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh now has complete control of the affairs of the company. Expensive additions to the hotel and sanitarium will be made next spring-Nelson Miner.

BONDED FOR \$15,000. The Ruby Property in Skylark Camp in the Hands of a Syndicate. GRAND FORKS, Dec. 12.—[Special.]—A Roseland syndicate, represented by Alexander Dick of Roseland, have just purchased on a bond the well known Ruby claim in Skylark camp. It is learned that the bond is for \$15,000, five per cent of which was paid in cash at the closing of the deal, the balance in payments extending over six months. The Ruby was owned by Messrs. McMyne and Cook of Midway. Considerable development work has been done on this property, there being a six-foot shaft sunk. The Dick syndicate will expend several thousand dollars immediately in opening up this property.

Lexington Bonded for \$40,000. The well known Lexington property in White's camp, 10 miles from Grand Forks, was yesterday bonded to J. F. Graves of Spokane, for \$40,000, of which sum a snug percentage was paid at the time of sale. The Lexington lies close to the City of Paris claim, and is right on the international boundary line. The former owners of this property were Joe Taylor and others.

TWO TRAINS EACH DAY

They Will Run Between Nelson and Roseland.

One Can Leave Roseland in the Morning Spend Six Hours in Nelson and Return the Same Evening.

THE STOCK MARKET

The Week Has Been a Lively and Active One.

IRON COLTS ARE SELLING

Jumbos Are in Demand Owing to the Recent Strike—A Fair Movement in Virginia—A New Company Has Been Formed and Other News.

The week has been an active one in the stock market. It was thought that the lull of a month since would last until after the holidays, but the renewed activity came sooner than was expected and business has been good for the past three weeks. A period of quietude is anticipated during the coming Christmas holidays, but after the new year it is expected that business will go on with its old swing.

There has been some demand for Commanders and one block of 10,000 shares was disposed of in California at 13 cents. Some orders came from Toronto and sales were made there at the same figure through local brokers.

There was considerable movement in Deer Parks at the prevailing rate of 19 1/2 cents. Sales were made in Toronto at 20 cents. The week has been a good one for Deer Parks.

The report that work is to be resumed on the property of the Iron Colt at the beginning of the year has caused an increased demand for the shares of that company. They are selling at 10 1/2 cents.

The fact that the compressor of the Iron Horse will be started some time next week has attracted attention to the shares of that company, and there is some movement in them at 16 1/2 to 17 cents.

It is reported that the control of the shares of the Jumbo Mining company has been bonded by a Toronto syndicate at the rate of 60 cents. This rumor could not be verified, but was general yesterday. The presence of M. R. Galusha and John A. Finch in Toronto, who own the majority of the shares of the company, would tend to bond the control. The shares have sold locally at from 42 to 52 cents, and there was increased demand for them.

This was occasioned by the strike which has been mentioned in previous issues. There is a fair movement in Virginia, and they are selling at from 38 to 40 cents without the assessment being paid, and from 43 to 45 cents with assessment paid.

White Bares are steady and in fair demand at 7 cents. Monte Christos have fallen from 13 1/2 to 12 cents during the week.

Cariboo (Camp McKinney) have been on the active list so far as inquiries are concerned. Numbers of shares have been offered for sale, but as only a little is held here brokers found it difficult to fill them. The price ranged from \$1.22 to \$1.30.

The sale of 60,000 shares of the Okanagan Free Gold Mines is reported during the week. The price of these has been raised from 5 to 7 1/2 cents. This was done by resolution of the board of trustees.

In the Ymir group Dundees are selling from 26 to 27 cents, Saras Lees at 7 1/2 cents, Fairmonts at 10 and Monarchs at 7 cents.

In the Republic group, Republics are being purchased some at 43.25. Black Tails are in demand at and sold as high as 27 cents. Tom Thoms are good today at 25 to 26 cents. San Poles are moving some at 72 cents, and Jim Blaines are slow at 47 cents.

A new company is being launched on the market to be called the Blue Group Gold Mines. The properties consist of the Millie Mack and the Trump on the same lodes and lying side by side on Blue Grouse mountain. It is capitalized with 1,000,000 shares of \$1 each. This property is well known and is now shipping ore.

School of Mines. A course of lectures on "Mineral Chemistry," illustrated by practical experiments, will be given by W. Burns, M. A., inspector of schools, commencing on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Commercial Hotel. The course is free of charge. The place of meeting will be intimated in the issue of Friday morning.

NEW SKATING RINK. It Will Be Thrown Open to the Public on Saturday. The new skating rink will be opened on Saturday or Monday next. The ice has all been made with the exception of the surfacing of it, and by the end of the week it should be in fine shape. The hockey players say it will be the finest rink for their purpose in Canada, for the sides of the rink are all around, so that a puck can be caromed from the sides of it on the same principle as a billiard ball is reflected from a cushion. The galleries of the rink are all completed, and everything should be in shape by the end of the week.

R. Marpole Visits Roseland. R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., is in the city, with C. E. Geddes, his stenographer, and F. P. Gutelius, superintendent of the Roseland division. Mr. Marpole came in Monday. His visit is to inquire into the matter of the new line, which he shall carry work right along on the building of the new spur across Centre Star gulch to the Centre Star mine," said Mr. Marpole, "and it will be completed as soon as possible."

Rolt & Grogan Have Moved. Rolt & Grogan, brokers and insurance agents, have moved their offices to the north side of Columbia avenue in the building occupied by John Dean, just opposite their old location in the Canterbury block. After today they will be at home at their new quarters, which are decidedly more comfortable and commodious than their old ones.

Copper and Lead. New York, Dec. 14.—Copper—quiet; brokers price, \$12.75; exchange price, \$12.75 to \$12.85. Lead—very firm; brokers price, \$3.50; exchange price, \$3.70 to \$3.75.

THE PRINTERS' BANQUET

Their Second Annual Dinner Was a Great Success.

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THE GOVERNMENT ORGAN SPEAKS OUT

In Connection With Commission.

NOTHING FOR NOTHING

The Imperial Government's Best Interests Lie in Preserving the Rights of Canada—Reciprocity Not Necessary and a Treaty May Not Be Made.

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